

Shavings

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Vision Statement: The Laurieton Men's Shed aims to be the venue of choice for men of all ages in the local community; to share their interests, skills and ideals in a spirit of mateship and a place to benefit their health through participation in a variety of activities with a sense of belonging.

COVID Awareness. News is that COVID infections are declining, nationally, but have increased in our local area in recent months. If it is six months or more since your last jab, consider getting a boost.

If you're unwell, please stay away from the shed.

Happenings Around Your Shed.

Aussie Battlers Trailer.

Brian has been busy refurbishing this trailer.



Shed Wireless.

<https://mensshed.org/the-shed-wireless/>

LMS features in the latest episode with Noel Tighe interviewed about the vintage tool collection. The show covers a wide range of topics, with episodes running for an hour or more. Worth a listen if you have some spare time.

Shavings Content.

Thanks to Don Dixon for spotting my mistake in the April Shavings. If you notice any error in Shavings, please let me know ASAP so I can fix it.

Mike Barrow, Shavings Editor.

Laurieton Lakeside Aged Care Mother's Day Lunch.

Residents and Carers were treated to Focaccia and pizza on Thursday 9th May.



Very favourable feedback was received from guests, the Laurieton Lakeside operations manager, and community posts on the Heads up in Camden Haven Facebook group. Thanks to all the LMS members who contributed to the success of the event.

Woodwork Workshop.

Members are advised that projects in progress must not be left in the workshop. All items and materials should be stored in the allocated shipping container.

Workplace Safety.

You may be aware of a few injuries to shed members in recent months. Fortunately, fellow shed members were on-site and able to administer first-aid and organise medical attention. The result could have been far more serious if nobody else was around. For safety reasons, a **shed committee member must be on-site during all shed activities.**

Safety Assessment.

Members are requested to look in filing cabinet at rear of meeting room to check if they have safety accreditation. If not, please talk to Alan Scott, Richard Curry, Brian Wood, David Wells or Doug Jones for "indoctrination".

You need to be assessed for safe operation of each machine you intend to use. If your assessment has not been recorded, you might not be covered in the case of an accident at the shed. Your inaction places future shed insurance at risk.

Coming Events

Laurieton Riverwalk Markets - Sunday 19th May.

Due to limited space because of waterlogged grounds LMS will not attend.

May Monthly Meeting - 10:30am Tuesday 21st May.

At the shed - 164 Diamond Head Road Dunbogan.

LMS Monthly Social Afternoon (aka P&C) from 12:30pm Friday 24th May.

A good feed, a drink or two, and good company for a relaxing afternoon with shed mates - usually including a few games of UNO. Price is still \$5 for food plus your first drink, with additional drinks at \$2.50 each.

Choir - Tuesdays 9:00am.

With a few extra rehearsals, performance with the karaoke system continues to improve. The search for a new accompanist continues. Contact Graham King for details.

Computer Group.

Meets on Thursdays (9am-12noon). Help is available with technology issues in mobile phones, tablets, laptop and desktop PCs.

Help is also available for setup of new mobile phones for those affected by the **shutdown of the Telstra 3G mobile network** at the end of June. If buying a new phone for the Telstra network, be sure to get one with 4G and VoLTE support.

Writing Group.

Thursday mornings 10:00am - 12:00noon. Tony Robinson provides assistance to members wishing to document their memoirs, or need help with other literary works.

An Interesting and Disturbing Read. *Shared by a shed member. SOURCE UNKNOWN.*

The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil.

Ten years ago Australia had five car manufacturers

Ford, GMH, Toyota, Nissan and Mitsubishi. Now we have none.

All gone overseas and the reason given? Costs were too high.

Funny in that the cars we are now importing (Malaysia etc) are no cheaper.

I remember back in 1968 living in Brisbane, when the 3 major cities back then were Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide and Adelaide was the Industrial City.

Adelaide - South Australia, was where you went to work in the Iron Ore Industry, or where you could get a job making railway tracks for B.H.P.

You could get a job building ships, submarines, cars, washing machines, fridges, TV's, Hills hoists, Victa Lawn Mowers or make tyres at Bridgestone tyres.

Lightburn Washing Machine Company even made a car called a Zeta.

It was not much of a car, and we built it.

I worked at Stanvac where we made our own Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene and Oil.

We had Oil Rigs in Bass Straight, North West Shelf and the Timor Sea.

We even had Australian owned Service Stations like (H.C. Sleight) Golden Fleece and many of us young wanna-be mechanics back then worked as a driveway attendant. (Just like Stanley).

I remember catching a train from the city to Gawler and then on to Freeling, Hamley Bridge, Stockport, Riverton, up to Clare, Gladstone, Laura etc. And all these towns were bustling with activity, and on the weekends they were all open for business.

Our shops were filled on every shelf with food and products all proudly made or grown, in Australia.

Our fridge was full of Lamb Chops and Steaks because it was cheap as we were a huge Lamb and Beef growing Nation.

And once a month Mum would make us all a delicacy! It was called a Sunday Roast Chicken.

I remember when we all had trade skills and high-quality tools that would last and last.
But most of all we had Mates.

We as Australians watched each other's backs even if we had not met yet, and we all said
G'Day to everyone with a smile.

Our kids could go anywhere they liked on their bikes, just as long as they were home before
dark.

Australia was pretty safe back then.

Yes, Australia was once a self-supporting nation that had it all.

It had Farms that produced our dairy, fruit & vegies and meats etc.

And Politicians back then were known as Statesmen and they were voted by the people, for
the people, on behalf of the people and did what the people wanted.

We had public utilities owned by us the people, that guaranteed our Electricity, Water and
Sewage forever.

No one knew how much the Snowy Mountain Scheme cost, we just built it.

No one knew how much the Sydney Harbour Bridge or the Indian-Pacific railway cost!

WE JUST BUILT IT!

Then came CORPORATE GREED.

Now everything above has GONE.

Now we don't watch each other's backs anymore but watch each other through security bars,
burglar alarms, and security screens.

Now we dob each other in.

Now we import poor quality processed food.

Now we import cheap tools that break just by taking them out of the packet they come in.

Now we rely on ships to bring in our fuels.

Now we can't afford our own Lamb or Beef anymore.

Now we eat steroid-pumped chicken just about every day.

Now we import trade skill workers on 457 Visa's.

Now we have high unemployment as nearly all of our Industry and Manufacturing has gone
offshore.

Now we have that many Laws that we have just about outlawed ourselves.

We now pay for water that falls out of the sky at \$3.80 a litre.

Now we have taxes for everything.

Taxes for carbon, taxes for the sake of having taxes, (They call them Levy's).

Now here in South Australia in our towns we have Railway Stations and railway tracks, but no
trains.

We have Public Bus Stops in our Towns but no buses.

We have Hospitals and Clinics but very few Doctors or Nurses.

We all have Mobile Phones, and have little to no reception.

We have Digital TV's with Bigger all Signal in the country.

And the worst of all, is our once great nation is being sold off,
piece by piece to every other country on earth, except us.

'Tis very sad, but very true!

Enjoy what's left while you can?

Maybe a bit depressing, but goes to show that the only constant in our world is change. Ed.

For a Laugh.

I can't afford an Ancestry DNA Kit to learn about my relatives. So instead, I posted online that I had won the lottery.



Cupid strikes again ❤️🕶️😏

Maria - 29 years old
Anthony - 29 million

