

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. It's still around, but now has similar status to the Flu we have been living with all our lives.

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

Happenings Around Your Shed.

OPEN HOURS

The trial social mornings on Fridays have not been popular with members. Consequently, the management committee has decided to close the shed on Fridays - EXCEPT FOR THE MONTHLY P&C DAYS.

JULY P&C

The July P&C day will be on 26th July to avoid conflict with setup for the Garage Sale.

RFS Storage Lockers.

Brian, Richard, and a few helpers have moved on to another major project - The construction of steel mesh storage lockers for the Rural Fire Service.



These provide the necessary ventilation for protective fire fighting clothing while maintaining their security. Talk to Brian or Richard if you would like to help.



LMS MONSTER GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 20TH AND SUNDAY 21ST JULY **Note change of dates.**

Help needed to:

Deliver publicity leaflets a week before the sale.

Prepare items for sale.

Put items out for display - a couple of days before the sale.

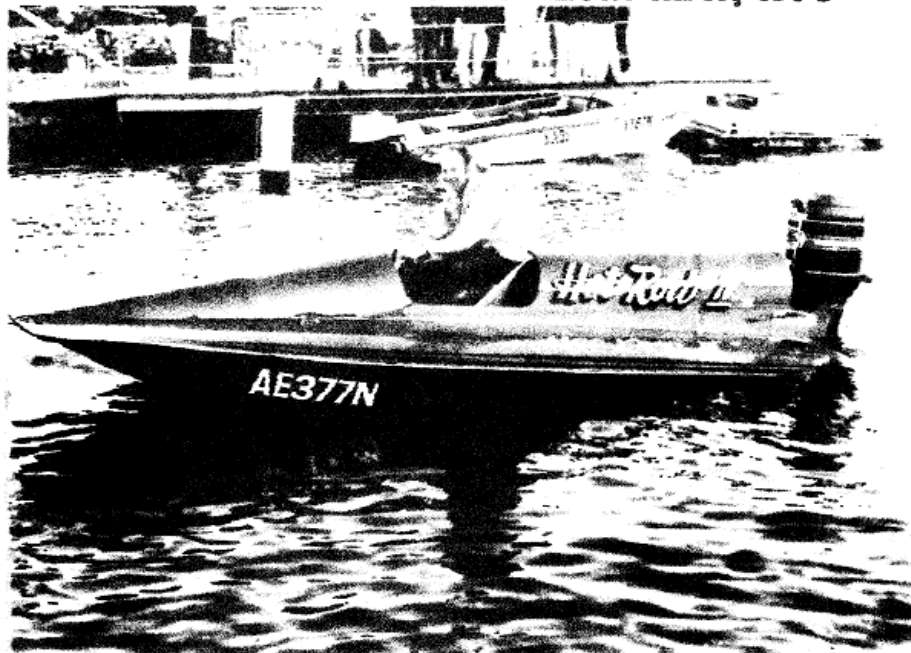
Various roles on the sale days.

Pack away unsold items after the sale.

Contact the committee if you're available.

Member Profile - Russell Vincent

POWER BOAT RACING 25th MAY, 1975



Russell Vincent - Power Boat Racing experience.

I was a member of the Cooks River Motor Boat Club for about 20 years and won the annual pointscore about 4 times. I graduated to racing hotrod boats, of course wanting to always go faster. I decided to build my own boat in the backyard of my semi-detached home in the Sydney suburb of Naremburn. After looking at other tunnel hull boats I took to the task of building hotrod 4 with no plans and hoping for the best as it evolved. A 140hp Evinrude engine was fitted, with an open exhaust which sounded great to a revhead like me. I was off and ready to race at all the local circuits including St George, Port Hacking, and Silverwater motor boat clubs, as well as country NSW. Silverwater was badly named, as getting out of the boat you were covered in sludge. Fifty years ago petrol costs were manageable, so filling the 60 litre tank for a long race was not a problem.

The quest for speed got the end result of coming to a sticky end. Doing 100mph on the Cooks River course when a gust of wind sent the boat skyward. It came down not far from me, a little bloody, but very lucky. I had done a Donald Campbell and survived. Fast forward, I put the boat back together and did another couple of races but I worked out there was no future in it. That's why I'm here now (lucky you).

If you have a story to share with shed members, please send it the Shavings editor.

Coming Events

June Monthly Meeting - 10:30am

Tuesday 18th June.

At the shed - 164 Diamond Head Road Dunbogan.

P&C Friday 21st June from 12:30pm

What is LMS P&C?

It is a monthly social afternoon where a bunch of friendly shed members get together to enjoy a good feed, a drink or two, and good company for a few hours. It is traditionally held on the Friday after the monthly members meeting, but preparation starts a day or two before with the making of the pizza dough. A small team then starts early on the Friday morning getting the pizza oven fire going and preparing topping ingredients. By midday the fire, dough and toppings are ready and the cooking begins and pizzas are ready for the hungry hoards by 12:30. After everyone is well fed (see note below), cleanup begins with a few volunteer diners doing the washing up (much appreciated by the cooks who have already been working for 4-5 hours). The rest of the crowd dissipates except for a bunch of high rollers who hang around for a few games of UNO.

Cost is \$5 for food plus your first drink, with additional drinks at \$2.50 each.

Note: To ensure that everyone is well fed, attendee numbers are required a day or two before. Make sure you get your name on the white board list.

P&C = Pizza and Cards, in case you haven't worked it out.

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.

Computer and Mobile Phone help is now available on Wednesdays with John, and Thursdays with Mike, (9am-12noon). Help is available with technology issues in mobile phones, tablets, laptop and desktop PCs.

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.

GARAGE SALE Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July.

A major fund raiser for the shed.



For a Laugh.

WARNING - Items on this page might offend some readers.

