

# 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.

## Laurieton Men's Shed is OPEN -

COVID Awareness. You probably know that COVID-19 is still spreading in the community. It is still as bad as it was a year ago, and probably worse. It is just not getting the same level of media attention. If you're unwell, please stay away from the shed. Continuation of distancing and hand hygiene measures is encouraged.

## Happenings Around Your Shed.

### 2022 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 20th September.

Attendance was encouraging with around 60 members, and it was good to see some of our newer members getting involved. The President's position was not contested, with incumbent Brian Wood being the only nomination. Declan Power was the only nomination for the vacant Ordinary Committee Member position. Disappointingly there were no nominations or volunteers for the Secretary role. This position will remain vacant, with other committee members performing required tasks.

In recognition of past contributions to the Shed, John Denyer and Barry Hume were awarded life memberships.



### **Laurieton Men's Shed Constitution.**

NSW Fair Trading has released a new Model Constitution for incorporated associations, which includes LMS. The LMS management committee is considering potential for changes to the LMS constitution (available on LMS website) which may be of benefit to the LMS. Further information, including a copy of the model constitution, is available at... <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/associations-and-co-operatives/associations/starting-an-association/model-constitution>

### **The Old Bedford Truck.**

After several years of sporadic progress on the restoration work, and decline of member interest, the truck is being cleaned up with the intention to offer it for sale - as a work in progress - at an upcoming historic vehicle show. Talk to Peter Atkins if you are able to help.

### **Fund Raising.**

Following discussion at the AGM, Barry Heginbotham and Ian Robertson have volunteered to explore new fund raising initiatives for the shed. These include additional raffles, and seeking donations from local businesses. If you have any ideas, or can volunteer to assist in these activities, please contact Barry.

### **AMSA website.**

The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) has recently upgraded their website. If you haven't seen the site before you could be surprised by the resources they provide. Definitely worth a look at <https://mensshed.org>

Of course our own LMS website provides information specific to your shed.

### **Monthly Social Event (AKA P&C)**



A good turnout of about 18 men, on Friday 23rd September, enjoyed Focaccia, Fresh Pizzas, a few drinks, and a rowdy game of UNO.



**Beekeeping** Honey available at \$10 per 1kg tub. Bee quick, it won't last long.

Varroa Mite remains a concern, and regular testing of hives is necessary. Don Dixon is coordinating the beekeeping team activities while Mike is away.

### **Discounted Haircuts.**

TLC Barber/Hairdresser (next door to the Chicken Shop in the Coles complex) is still offering haircuts for \$15 to shed members if you wear your Men's Shed Shirt or your Men's Shed Badge when you visit.

## Coming Events

### Breakfast or Lunch at The Shed

Meals at the shed have been somewhat erratic recently. Watch your email and the shed noticeboard for announcements. Remember to put your name on the whiteboard list if you want to partake of an announced meal.

### Choir Rehearsals

9:00am Tuesday mornings. New members needed. Contact Graham King if you're interested.

### Computer Group.

Meets on Thursdays (9am-12noon). Topics are variable. Having trouble with your PC, tablet, or mobile phone, come along and discuss your issue.

### Writing Group.

Thursday mornings 10:00am - 12:00noon. Tony Robinson provides assistance to members wishing to document their memoirs.

### Raffles.

Outside Coles Laurieton - 9:00am-3:00pm. See the roster for your assigned shift/s.

### Riverwalk Market Sunday 16th October 8:00am-1:00pm.

Your opportunity to promote the Laurieton Men's Shed to the community.

### October General Meeting

Tuesday 18th October 10:30am at the **Laurieton Men's Shed**, 164 Diamond Head Rd.

### LMS Monthly Social Afternoon (formerly P&C).

Friday 21st October 12:00 midday until around 3:00pm. Nibbles, pizza and a drink for \$5. Additional drinks \$2 each. Please ensure your name is on the whiteboard, or email Scotty at [mensshedlaurieton@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedlaurieton@gmail.com) by Thursday 20th October, to ensure there is enough food to go around.

### Kendall Community Preschool Spring Fete on Saturday the 29th October.

LMS members manning the BBQ 8:30am - 1:00pm. Ask Barry Poynting if he needs helpers

### The Generation Gap...

Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, 'I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?' 'Just use paper from the photocopier', the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five blank copies.

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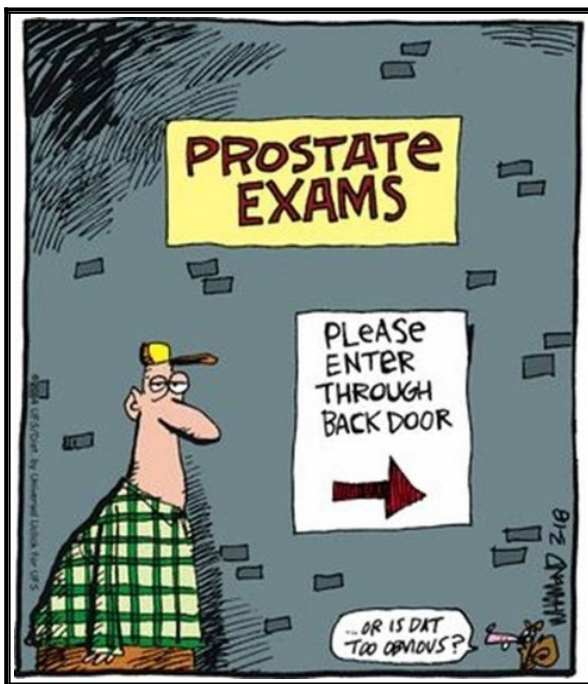
### Quotes from phone enquiries to the UK Pensioner Help Line.

- I want to find out about a widow's pension for my mother. My father had an operation yesterday and it was very unsuccessful.
- Hello - is old age there?
- Would you mind saying yes after everything I say, otherwise I'll think you've gone.
- I'll bring in everything applicable to the substantiation of my entry.

For a Laugh.



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I hate it when you can't figure out how to operate the iPad and the resident expert is asleep ... because he's 5 ... and it's past his bedtime.