

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 increasing again. 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.

Maintenance Activities.

The shed has been relatively quiet during recent weeks. While most members have been enjoying the Christmas Holiday period, a few members have been busy performing necessary maintenance of machines and other shed equipment and facilities to ensure the shed remains a safe and healthy place for members. A few more obvious changes include a new coat of paint on the car hoist, clean carpet in the recreation/meeting room, electrical safety testing and tagging of most power tools and other appliances.

Christmas Party Friday 8th December.

For the first time since the shed was formed, the Christmas Party was held off site at LUSC. This change is primarily due to the limited facilities at the shed to seat and cater for around 80 people. Declan Power did a fine job organising it all, and the format will be repeated in future following favourable feedback from members.

LMS Monthly Social Afternoon (aka P&C) from 12:30pm Friday 15th December.

Judging from the expressions on the UNO players' faces you could think they were playing for sheep stations. Nothing could be further from the truth. The mood at these events is all about fun and laughter.



If you haven't been to a P&C afternoon, you don't know what you're missing. The next P&C is on Friday 19th January.

Rotary Book Sale.

If you've travelled through the Camden Haven recently you will be aware that the sale started on 6th January and will end on ??? January. A small group of shed members helped move several hundred boxes of books from storage at the shed to the Laurieton United Services Club on Thursday 4th January. Help will also be needed on ??? after the sale to return unsold books to the storage shed.

Shed Open Hours. IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2024.

From Tuesday 9th January 2024 the shed will be open for normal activities from 8:30am - 2:30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Mondays will be dedicated to **maintenance work only**, and the workshops will not be available for usual project work.

Fridays will be dedicated to **social activities** - games, morning tea, lunch etc. depending on members' preferences. Monthly social afternoons (P&C) will be on the Friday following the Monthly Members' Meeting.

Maintaining the Shed Facilities.

The Management Committee has prepared a list of tasks required to keep the shed and surrounds in a safe and comfortable condition. You should have recently received an email detailing the jobs to be done. Some are recurring, and others are one off. If you have some spare time, and the ability to contribute on a regular basis, or only occasionally, please talk to the Committee, or drop a note in the Suggestions Box.

Coming Events

January Monthly Meeting - 10:30am Tuesday 16th January.

Back to the usual third Tuesday of the month.

At the shed - 164 Diamond Head Road Dunbogan.

After the meeting the usual sausage sangas will be available.

LMS Monthly Social Afternoon (aka P&C) from 12:30pm Friday 19th January.

A good feed, a drink or two, and good company for a relaxing afternoon with shed mates. The January P&C will be a bit different - Scotty is still away, and since he make the pizza dough, an alternative meal will be provided - details should be available at the meeting on Tuesday. Price is still \$5 for food plus your first drink, with additional drinks at \$2.50 each.

Riverwalk Market Sunday 21st January 8:00am-1:00pm.

Raffles.

Christmas Raffles outside Coles Laurieton and Woolworths Lakewood - 9:00am-3:00pm.

Please contact Barry Heginbotham on 0400 968 250 or barryheginbotham@gmail.com if you're available to help.

Choir.

Currently performing a Christmas Carol repertoire at local aged care providers. New members needed - contact Graham King if you're interested.

Computer Group.

Meets on Thursdays (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.

For a Laugh.



My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

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Weather Wise.

While my two grandsons were visiting during the Christmas holidays, the seven year old asked why I had three clocks on the wall. I explained that they were not clocks, but devices to help predict the weather. A thermometer measures the temperature, a barometer measures the air pressure, and a hygrometer measures the humidity. Watching changes on the dials can help predict the weather.

His eleven year old brother then claimed that they had more than twenty devices at home for predicting the weather. They call them windows.

