

The Laura Standard



April 2015 Issue 2

From your LCDTA Chairman:

Firstly, congratulations to the Laura Events committee on the success of their inaugural Twilight Market. Rumour has it food sold out before expected which usually means a good crowd, well done to all involved!



I would like to wish the Folk Fair committee all the best as they make final preparations for the coming event. Volunteers are always required in many different areas, please help out if you can.

I also extend thanks to all the volunteers who continue to put in the hours on building the new reception area at the Caravan Park and look forward to seeing the outstanding new stone entrance being used by park visitors.

It is nice to see the first section of the Streetscape finished with businesses, locals & tourists taking the opportunity to make good use of the newly created alfresco dining area, seating etc.

After a long absence it's good to see the interpretive signs back in the gazebo and new tables and chairs being placed in the median strip.

Thank you to all who contribute articles to the newsletter, many more will mean long term success for this vital Community communication tool.

Andrew Zanker

Chair LCDTA



Your FREE bi-monthly newsletter of Information produced by the Laura Community Development & Tourism Association (LCDTA) Inc.



Laura Folk Fair Inc. Update April 2015

- **Stalls:** A selection of new craft, produce & food sites.
- **Entertainment:** Wonderful New Bush Band, Animals Anonymous.
- **Returning:** Circus Elements, Pipes & Drums, Showman's Guild.
- **Parade Theme:** Ancient History.
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/laurafolkfair.com Visit for regular updates.
- **Website:** www.laurafolkfair.com.au Updated regularly with all information you need.
- **Event Dates:** 11th & 12th April 2015.
- **Diary Dates:**
 1. **Marquee Assembly** Wednesday 8th April (bring a shifter).
 2. **Site Assembly:** Friday 10th April.
 3. **Fireworks Site Clean:** Sunday 12th April.
 4. **Site Dismantle:** Sunday 12th April.
 5. **Site Clean / Equipment return:** Monday 13th April.
- **Commemorative Port Label 2015:** Featuring Laura Agricultural Bureau. Cartons can be ordered at carton (12) price \$120.
- **Entry:** Donation effective from 2015 event.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Contact Heidi McCallum, 8663 2656 or Jan Barbarien, 8663 2221 for a book or purchase from local stores.
- **Friends of Folk Fair:** Please consider being a Friend, your annual financial commitment can assist with the truly huge entertainment budget.
- **Committee Membership:**
Sue Scarman, Geoff Lange,
Julie Nettle, Barry Harvie,
John Barberien, Ian White,
Amy Simons, Jan Barberien,
Joyce Wode.



We welcome new members.



RRHAS

Since the last edition of the Laura Standard, Rocky River Historical & Arts Society has been busy- similar to the rest of the Town- as we prepare for the Folk Fair.

Art Exhibition:

As well as the many entries from artists across the state, we will again have a Guest Artist at the Art Exhibition.

This year it will be Peter Wallfried - a multi award winning artist - who will exhibit some of his works from a city based exhibition, *Following the Line*, depicting paintings relating to agricultural scenes within and beyond Goyder's line of rainfall.

**So do put Friday's Opening Night in your Folk Fair diary –
8pm Friday April 10.**

Repairs:

It is great to see that the painting of the front doors of both buildings and the windows of the Archives has been completed before the Folk Fair.

Achievements:

We were successful in our application for a grant from the Premier's Anzac Commemoration Fund for a cabinet to display the Trench Editions of Australian literature which were produced for the servicemen of WW1. These publications were of a size suitable for a soldier's pack and of the eight volumes published, four were CJ Dennis titles.

It was also good to hear that the National Library of Australia will digitize the *Laura Standard* issues from 1889-1924. Any Trove users will look forward to this and we thank everyone who may have voted for the Trove Project and so helped us to succeed.

www.trove.nla.gov.au

1915 Project:



Our research into the ANZAC commemoration continues and it was good to have a number of representatives of community organisations at our meeting on February 24th. We hope to hear from even more as the preparation for August continues.

Quilters:

Folk Fair Weekend

Laura/Appila Lutheran Women's fellowship charity quilter's group will be holding a display of children's clothing and quilts in the Lutheran Church Hall, 10 am – 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.



Tea and coffee available. Gold coin donation.



Probus News:

The Laura & Districts Probus Club serves the residents of Booleroo Centre, Wirrabara, Murraytown, Laura, Gladstone, Georgetown and Yacka. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month, except January. Meetings are scheduled at different towns.

Probus is running a bus trip to the Virginia Nursery, a guided tour of Adelaide Oval and lunch at the Whitehorse Inn on 9th of April. There are still vacancies and anyone can come along. Please phone Hanleys on 86622203 to book.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th April at the Laura Civic Centre at 10.30am. On 12th May there will be a Birthday bus trip to Port Pirie.

Details of future Probus meetings will be posted in the Laura Standard.



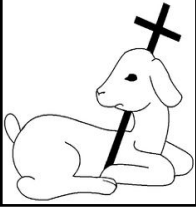
Anzac Day Ceremony Saturday 25th April 2015:

RSL members and the community are invited to attend the commemoration of Anzac Day.

Please assemble at the Laura Soap & Gift Shoppe at 6.50am for a short march to the War Memorial for the Anzac Day service.

Following the service you are invited to the RSL clubrooms for breakfast and fellowship.

For further information please phone Trevor McKerlie: 0408 635 054



Easter Laura Church Times:

Lutheran	Friday	3rd	11 am Holy Communion
	Sunday	5 th	9.30 am Lay Reader.
Anglican	Sunday	5 th	7pm Holy Communion
Baptist	Sunday	5 th	10am
Catholic	Sunday	5 th	10 am Mass

Laura Information Centre (LIC):



The Information Centre continues to be a hive of activity and as the weather continues to cool down, we know it will get even busier! So, once again, if you'd like to join us as a volunteer, you'd be very welcome.

Have you noticed the window displays? We always try to have items of interest and if possible include information about the town or the local area. The present theme is the Folk Fair, which is the town's biggest event where we see many visitors to the town and the region. The second window is Easter and what it means to Laura and its visitors.

A main part of the Information Centre's role is to promote tourism within the Southern Flinders region and we are always on the lookout for new chances to do this.

One way was to host a regional meeting of the Southern Flinders Visitor Information Provider Group in January here in Laura. Representatives of Information Centres from around the region met in the Courthouse Gallery, had lunch in Dé Cafe Laura and then went on a bus trip around the town, hosted by two of the Information Centre guides. It was a great way to share ideas between local centres and also to showcase the town.

We were also involved in Regional tourism promotions at the SA Caravan & Camping show at the Wayville Showgrounds and the Cellar Door Wine Festival at the Adelaide Convention Centre in February. These were very good opportunities for talking to people who were already planning to travel and to encourage them to spend time in this part of our State.

Easter opening times: Open from 10.00am - 4.00pm each day of the Easter break, thanks to our willing volunteers.

Folk Fair opening times: Open all day Sat & Sun during the Folk Fair.



Laura Main Street Upgrade:

Pictured are Colin Byles Northern Areas Council CEO with LCDTA Chairman Andrew Zanker

Multiple stages of the Laura Streetscape project have now been completed at a cost of \$400,000.

As part of the project Council were fortunate enough to secure \$200,000 from the South Australian Government through the Local Government Stimulus Program, with Council contributing the remaining \$200,000.

The project included the establishment of protuberances around the existing trees and intersections, an upgrade of the local war memorial, a new sealed car parking area and improved levels of the streetscape where existing trip hazards have been removed.

The improved standard of the area is not only good for locals but has added greater appeal for the numerous tourists travelling to the Flinders Ranges.

Plans have been undertaken for a further upgrade of additional areas of the streetscape, which will be subject to Council's upcoming budget planning process.

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Community Project Grants

Northern Areas Council recently allocated Community Project Grant funding.

Projects within Laura to be awarded funding included \$2,624 to the Laura Sporting Reserve Management Committee toward a minor kitchen upgrade including a hot water service, \$2,500 to the Rocky River Historic and Art Society toward repairs and a refit to the Gallery and Archive Buildings and \$1,500 toward entertainment for the Laura Folk Fair.

The Northern Areas History Groups which encompass all of the history organisations within the Council area were also awarded \$1,229 in funding toward the purchase of promotional material and the printing of new pamphlets.



ABNS1 50th Anniversary:

In 1964 the Postmaster General's Department (PMG) recruited 8 staff for the TV transmitter at The Bluff. These staff members were involved initially in the installation of the transmitting equipment and later, the operation of the transmitter.

Operating with the call sign ABNS1 it obtained program from ABS2 at Collinswood, Adelaide, via microwave link. Some test pattern and music were generated at The Bluff.

The staff were Brian Roberts (dec.), Brian Beyer, Wes Graham, Murray Penniford, Graham Ward (dec.), Ross Faggotter, Richard Kruger and Arthur Steele. Most of these men lived at or near Laura.

April 10th will mark 50 years since the first official transmission from The Bluff.

Southern Flinders Tigers Football Club:

A refurbished grandstand awaits the beginning of football season which officially starts on April 18th at Laura against Crystal Brook.



Scott Brand is again our A Grade coach, Michael Gaunt B Grade coach, Brett Murdock Senior colts coach and Mark Amey Junior colts coach.

Last year we had our B grade, Senior colts and Junior colts all play off in the grand final with the Junior colts winning their third premiership in a row. We are looking forward to another successful season!

Numbers have been good on the training track with a very positive attitude. While we have lost a few players from last year there are a number of new players coming to our club which is exciting for our season ahead.

As has been the norm the last couple of seasons, Teas will be available after all home games as well as after trainings on a Thursday night. Thursday night is schnitzel night with the occasional curry at Laura. Laura training dates are: 9th April, 16th April, 21st May, 28th May, 23rd July and 30th July.

Everybody is welcome! We encourage people from the community to come and enjoy our meals and hospitality.

Southern Flinders Netball Club:



Preseason Training commenced on 18th February with a few new faces to our club, with the warm weather at the start a pool session was a great fitness workout without getting to hot.

Most teams made the finals in season 2014 with only one premiership this was our talented G Grade coached by Kerry Blackwell.



G Grade Pictured: Back row, Natasha Harper, Stephanie Northcott, Renae Krestchmer, Kerri Blackwell (Coach). Front row, Jenny Ballantyne, Millicent Smart, Sharni Chapman, Abbie Clark, Chelsea Higgins

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A 10 week program called Fun Net for the ages 5 to 8 years (school age) will be taken by Kelly Zwar from the 30th April at Wirrabara. This is a fun way of learning ball skills and the game of netball.

For more information please phone Kelly Zwar on 0412189883.

Our first game on April 18th will be played at Laura against Crystal Brook. Wishing all netballers, footballers the best for 2015 season.

Our games cannot be a success without the dedication of our committee, coaches, umpires, players and supporters.

Michelle Malchow is A Grade coach, Bern Schmidt B Grade coach, Vanessa Watson, Kelly Zwar C Grade coaches, Tara Baron D Grade coach, Bianca Schultz & Jacqui Jones E Grade coaches, Tracey Burns F Grade coach, Kaitlin Ballantyne G Grade coach, Kim Pitman & Tamara Schmidt H Grade coaches, Tracey Burns I Grade coach, Karyn Durrant Minis coach, Jacqui Jones Subbies coach.

Southern Flinders Tennis Club:

Season 2014/15 was an interesting one, wet and hot Saturdays meant not a lot of tennis was played. The senior team finished the minor round 7th. We then played off for the 2nd division Final and lost to Port Germein Saturday 14th March. We struggled for women players all year. Thank you to everyone who played for us.

Our junior teams had more success. We combined with Wirrabara and are called the Peckers. We filled 3 x C1, 1 x C2, and 1 x C3. Our teams competing in the C1 all made the finals with 2 teams playing off in the Grand final and the Winners were Peckers Yellow. The team was Scott

Combe, Tyson Amey, Nigel Kleinig, and Will Smart. Tyson Amey won the association most consistent C1 player for the year and Scott Combe was runner up.

Tyler Davenport, Connor Hoskin, Tait Nettle all played their first season of C3.

We have a good number of beginner champs at practice and we look forward to seeing them progress.



Pictured: Tyson, Scott, Nigel & Will



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PLASMA DEMAND DRIVES REVAMP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MOBILE NETWORK:

An increasing patient need for plasma-based products has prompted the Blood Service to make an important change to South Australia's mobile collection network.

Under the change, the Blood Service will expand its busiest mobile sites to accommodate lengthier plasma donations.

As a result the Mobile can no longer visit Laura to collect donations. State Donor Services Manager, Lawry Sancilio, thanked Laura donors for their contributions and said the change – the first major mobile overhaul in more than 50 years - was in response to increasing demand for plasma.

Australia is experiencing a declining need for red cells, a key component of traditional blood donations, because clinical advancements have reduced the need for red blood cell transfusions, Mr Sancilio said.

At the same time, the nation is experiencing an increased need for plasma based medicines.

Plasma helps to make 18 lifesaving products. A single donation collects more plasma from a single donor but takes slightly longer to give than a traditional donation.

Expanding visits at larger sites allows us the extra time required to collect more plasma donations, and ensures our staff spend less time, setting up, packing up and transporting mobile services.

Mr Sancilio said the revamped network could collect 30 per cent more plasma donations than before.

Under this new model we can now collect as many as 15 plasma donations per day, he said. This is a great outcome for patients, as we will still be able to collect a sufficient supply of whole blood donations, too.

This change is consistent with the Blood Service's five-year strategic plan, At the Leading Edge, which outlines how it plans to improve its service to the Australian community.

To learn more about what we're doing to become a leading edge blood service, visit www.donateblood.com.au/corporate



Laura Community Caravan Park News:

Have you ever wondered what brings people to Laura?

The caravan parks' cabins and onsite vans are frequently being used by trades and professional people.

The cabins also provide quality accommodation for people looking for a few days getaway, family gatherings, and travellers. Our sites, both powered and unpowered, are used by travellers, whether for overnight or longer stays...people even come from Port Pirie and Jamestown! We accommodate holiday makers, workers, cyclists and walkers, both individual and groups, and overseas travellers as well.

Update on our new Reception Office:

As will be seen from the photo, the ceiling is now in place, the electrician has installed the wiring, and the plumber should be here shortly. A recent working bee saw the sliding glass doors and fixed panel installed, along with the internal wall panels.



Rock Wall Entry:



The grand rock wall front entrance has been completed by Ian from Wally's Walling and looks fantastic.



Golden North and Zoos SA are pleased to announce that a new agreement has been signed, which will see Golden North products on sale at Adelaide and Monarto Zoos for the next three years.

The agreement will see Golden North ice cream hold 50% of the available freezer space within both Adelaide and Monarto Zoos for the first year and one ice cream scoop location at Adelaide Zoo. This will give each brand sold at the zoo equal opportunities, allowing visitors to purchase whichever ice cream they decide.

In years two and three of the agreement the freezer share will be based on the sales results determined at the end of the first year. Zoos SA will reallocate the percentage of freezer space for each company to reflect this share.

As a result, visitors will determine how much space each brand gets in the final two years of the agreement.

Golden North and Zoos SA look forward to working together in the coming years, and hope that visitors to both zoos continue to enjoy their experience.

Come on all you South Aussies, you know Golden North Ice Cream is the best!

<http://www.theflindersnews.com.au/story/2940460/golden-north-signs-three-year-deal-with-zoos-sa/?cs=1269>





Edward Vincent, artist:

Miniatures by award winning South Australian artist Edward Vincent, brother-in-law of Laura local Marie Kruger, are now for sale in Laura at Creative Treasures and the Laura Information Centre.

Vincent has won 3 awards by the Royal SA Society of the Arts, of which he is an associate member. He also won the People's Choice Award in the Swarovski Juried Exhibition at Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, and is a finalist in the Solar Exhibition.



Laura Community Gymnasium Inc:

'Providing an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to live a healthier lifestyle'

Laura Community Gym will be ready to open once the locking system is installed.

People are encouraged to join this well-equipped 24 hour gym situated at the Laura Sporting Reserve.



Membership forms are available at the Laura Post Office.

It's a credit to the very hard working committee that has made this all happen. Many hours have been put into building, electrical, painting, installing rubber flooring and assembling equipment but it will be a great asset to our town and will encourage fit and healthy living for all members.

Pictured: at rear, Archie Prior, Nigel Kleinig, at front, Joel Palmer, Jake Prior & Tai Martin-Page



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Laura Twilight Market:

The first Twilight Market-organised by Laura Events as a fundraiser for the staging of the three day Laura Country Music Festival in July-was held on March 6th in the grounds of Laura Civic Centre and Laura Archives in perfect weather conditions.

Twenty two stalls presented a wide range of produce, hot foods including a barbecue, clothing, jewellery, and bric-a-brac all of which were well patronised by a large crowd. Entertainment provided by popular country music artist, Des Will & friends, was enjoyed by everyone.



The support of Folk Fair and RRHAS committees in supplying electrical equipment, seating and electricity was invaluable in holding this event.

It is planned to hold the next Twilight Market in November with date to be confirmed. The market was a resounding success. Well done to all.



Contacts:

- **Council Office** Jamestown 8664 1139, 1300 664 108
(Please Note: The 1300 number listed in Laura Community Calendar is only available for landlines)
- **Council Office Gladstone** 8662 2018
- **Dog Control**, Gary Harris 0419 858 375
- **Manger Environmental Services**, Alan Thomson 0409 286 542
- **Councillor Sue Scarman**, can be seen personally at the Laura Visitor Information Centre (check roster for times when she is there) or 0418 844 935 or sue.scarman@icloud.com
- **Councillor Geoff Lange**, 0427 632 334

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One Line	-	\$2.00

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for inclusion in the **June**
edition of The Laura Standard is
5 pm Friday 22nd May 2015

NBN Fixed Wireless Facility in Laura:

A Community Information Session was held in the Laura Civic Centre on Wednesday 18th March:

What's proposed?

NBN Co and its project partners at Ericsson Australia and Aurecon are proposing to establish a fixed wireless facility via a lease of land on the north-western corner of the intersection of Booyoolie Street and Hughes Street, Laura. The facility has been proposed as part of the NBN rollout, which is designed to provide access to fast and reliable broadband services to people living in Laura.

The facility comprises the establishment of a 30m high monopole with antennas at the top and associated equipment at the base. A range of options to site the facility were examined, including the potential to co-locate the NBN antennas onto the existing Telstra pole in Laura. However, space on the Telstra pole at the height NBN Co requires to achieve "line-of-sight" to premises in Laura was unavailable. Therefore NBN Co needs to proceed with a stand-alone pole.

The location of the facility needs to be central to the premises to be serviced. The NBN Fixed Wireless network is designed to deliver significant improvements into these premises in Laura with wholesale access speeds of up to 25Mbps for downloads and 5Mbps for uploads.

Next Steps

In due course, once the proposal is finalised, a Development Application will be lodged with Northern Areas Council to establish a facility. When the Application is lodged, formal, or statutory consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's requirements, and submissions can be made to Council when the proposal formally goes on public notification.

Further Information or Questions

Should anyone in Laura have any further questions or inquiries regarding the NBN proposal, these can be directed to Matt Evans, of NBN Co's project partner at Ericsson on 0425 702 007, or alternatively email adam.pfitzner@aurecongroup.com For all other general information call the NBN Co Solutions Centre on 1800 687 626 or visit the NBN Co website at www.nbnco.com.au.

