



June 2015 Issue 3

Welcome to the June newsletter:

Firstly nice to see some rain to settle dust, fill rainwater tanks, help all our gardens and allow farmers to get the crop in, very welcome after the long dry.

Congratulations to the Folk Fair committee for another successful weekend, well done. Thanks to all volunteers and workers who help this great town event succeed.

Another big event was Graham and Lee Pech's clearing sale, a great day with near perfect weather. The LCDTA catered for this with BBQ and tea, coffee and cakes. The big crowd kept us busy and I would like to thank them for the chance to cater for the bargain hunters.

Along with the Folk Fair devonshire tea stall we have held two very good fundraisers. I would like to thank the volunteers that ran the stalls and for all the donations of cakes and slices plus the scones.

We now look forward to the annual golf day on July 14th. It is the second Tuesday during the school holidays and we hope for another opportunity to have a relaxed hit of golf on the ever challenging course. A reminder to get teams to Val Thomson early to avoid missing out.

Hope we can all enjoy the warmth of a cosy fire and keep the colds and flu at bay.

Keep safe

Andrew Zanker
Chairman LCDTA



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



Local footballer on the big stage:

Southern Flinders Tigers footballer Joel Palmer has represented his state in the South Australian State Country football side (last year on the 26th of July at Alberton Oval winning against Western Australia State Country side) then this year on April 11th at Adelaide Oval winning against the top Metropolitan side, a curtain raiser before a Port Power v Sydney Swans match.

This is an amazing experience to play on Adelaide Oval at that standard of football and Joel was named in the best players in both matches.

Joel coaches Southern Flinders Tigers Sub Minis and is a great role model to young players.



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'Laura Country' Music Festival - 24th to 26th July 2015

Planning for the event is coming together well, it promises to be a great weekend.

Due to a serious illness in the family, Craig Giles is unable to attend the event this year. We wish Roz and Craig all the best and hope to see them next year.



Reg Poole from Kyabram Victoria will now appear on Sunday at the *Open House Country* afternoon. Reg is known as the 'gentle giant' of country music. With 3 Golden Guitars and 25 albums, Reg's style is unmistakably Australian. He is one of the most decorated artists in the business, earning an OAM for services to Country Music. I know all who attend *Open House Country* will have a very enjoyable afternoon.

I managed to have a few words with Bill Chambers recently which was quite a feat as he is always on the move around this great Country of ours and overseas. Bill is really looking forward to 'Laura Country' and together with his old mates *Wildcard*, has promised us a unique show at the Awards Presentation Concert on Saturday night.

That's it for now and remember, tickets will be available from mid May phone: 86632367. Book early!

Country Gospel Session - Sunday 26th July, 10.00 am

The Country Gospel Session is a non-denominational event showcasing different styles of Country Gospel music. This is the spiritual side of Country Music!

This year's session will include a wide variety of artists ably backed by the Wildcard Band. You can look forward to hearing some great music from Bill Chambers, Reg Poole, Kiera Smith, The Irishman, Big Jim, Emily Smith, Caltowie Harmony Choir, Ian List, Trevor Philbey, Ernie Schulz and more as the program is finalised.

A special guest, Pastor Robin Zadow, has offered to come along and say a few enlightening words.

This very popular form of Country Music will be well attended so again, book your tickets early.

Phone: 86632367 for tickets.

Can you help?

The Rocky River Historic & Art Society has this photo of a wedding, at what was then the Laura Methodist Church, in their collection, but it is not know whose wedding it is. It must be 1905 or later as that was the year that the ornamental fence was erected and the two young boys are using the gate posts too advantage to view the celebration.



If you recognize this family, please contact Rhonda Pech at 8663 2411.

Laura Art Exhibition:

The Laura Art Exhibition was again very successful. Starting with the official opening on Friday night through to Sunday afternoon we achieved a very positive sales rate above 17%.

It was a great pleasure to have guest artist, Peter Wallfried, at the opening and to talk with him about his career as an artist and in particular about his interest in the local countryside around the historical 'Goyder's Line'.
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About Time – May has been History Festival month and the RRHAS has celebrated with the Laura Agricultural Bureau display for the Bureau's centenary, with an addition of a table of historical household articles of the time.

We are also well into our research and preparation for the **Laura - 1915** display and are looking forward to hearing from community members and organizations who may have memorabilia of this era that we can use during August in the Courthouse Gallery for our exhibition.

Laura Primary School students are looking at present at the houses they live in and the stories and history attached to them. A display of the research work they have done as well as photographs will be held in the Courthouse Gallery in the week beginning June 15th 2015 – you are invited to attend during the week, especially with students. Keep an eye on the school newsletter and the town notice board for opening times.



Probus News:

Probus members celebrated with a May birthday trip to Port Pirie Airport, recycling depot, RS&L with the Iroquois helicopter, and the Museum at the old Railway Station.

The meeting on 9th June will gather for coffee at 10 am for a 10.30 meeting at the Yangya Room, Gladstone Council Chambers. The guest speaker, will, as usual, be a surprise. The lunch to follow will be the usually excellent fare provided by St. Joseph's School.

The meeting on 14th July will be at the Wirrabara Institute, also starting at 10.30 after 10 am coffee. After the guest speaker lunch will follow at the Wirrabara Hotel.

Some Probus members are taking advantage of cheap winter rates for 2 night weekend cruises on the Proud Mary, from Murray Bridge. These are also available to members of the public.

LAURA COMMUNITY GYM

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

Join the Gym now as a casual or permanent member

Membership fees casual visit ~ \$5.00

1 month ~ \$30.00 - 3 months ~ \$70.00 - 6 months ~ \$120.00

12 months ~ \$200.00



Laura Information Centre (LIC):

The Laura Information Centre is back into its routine after the fantastic Folk Fair weekend. Our volunteers are busy encouraging the many autumn holiday-makers and travelers to spend perhaps a little more time than they'd planned in the town and surrounding area. And of course to come back again!

During April and May we have had visitors in the Information Centre from all parts of South Australia, Western Australia, Victoria, NSW and Queensland and from Germany, England, Canada, New Caledonia, USA, Austria and Scotland!

Our stock is also back to its usual great variety, with biscuits, jams, marmalades, relishes (both spicy and mild), capers, dried fruit and local olive oils, soaps and balms, all locally made. High-quality art and craft and locally –significant books are also on our shelves.

In the windows this month we highlighted Mothers' Day and, as it was also History Month, the historic Beetaloo Valley Reservoir. The photographs of the settlement as the reservoir was being built come from the Laura Archives.



Laura Folk Fair 2015 Chairman's Report:

Another successful Folk Fair has been and gone, with many stall holders being pleased with the response from patrons. The weather treated us well again so those who came were able to enjoy the fair.

As always a great big thank you to all the volunteers who came to help set up, pack up, provide plant and machinery. An extra big thank you to all of the committee who worked especially hard over the week leading up to and after the event as well as the work that goes on throughout the whole year.

We acknowledge the continued support and commitment of the Northern Areas Council and its administration and outdoor staff.

Volunteers and sponsors are most valued Folk Fair Team members, thanks to all.

Sue Scarman Chairman



LCDTA Golf Day Tuesday 14th July 2015, 10am start:

Ambrose competition, \$80 per team includes morning & afternoon tea and lunch. All proceeds to the North Parklands
• Playground.

Contact Val Thomson 8663 2472. Nominations close Tuesday 7th July



Laura Folk Fair Helpers Needed:

Year after year the Folk Fair seems to appear and disappear as if by magic. But in actual fact it is brought about by a dedicated team of volunteers who work year round to ensure this important local event goes ahead, as well as many who help setup and then dismantle the multitude of infrastructure needed for Laura to be ready to meet the enormous crowds generated by Folk Fair.

Throughout the year, particularly in the few months leading up to the event, as well as on Folk Fair weekend itself, there are numerous short-term projects that need completing.

These jobs are varied, and there is something to suit practically anyone, regardless of what your skillset is or how much time you have to offer.

There are also several vacancies on the Committee that need to be filled. To ensure that Folk Fair is held next year it is vital that we have a fully functioning committee, and new ideas are essential for the continued success of this much loved local event.

Anyone interested in taking on this very rewarding role is encouraged to contact the Committee before the AGM in July.

The Laura Folk Fair simply would not go ahead without the volunteer work of our community members. If anyone would like to assist in anyway, no matter how small, they will be very much welcomed by the Committee.

For more information please contact:

- Chairman Sue Scarman on 0418 844 935 or
- Secretary Amy Simons on 0400 624 214 or
- Email secretary@laurafolkfair.com.au



2015 Laura Folk Fair highlights





CHANGES TO THE SOUTHERN FLINDERS HEALTH UNDER 5 IMMUNISATION CLINIC AT LAURA & GLADSTONE:



The under 5 year old immunisation clinic will continue to be provided at the Laura Hospital and Gladstone Health Centre by Dymph Catford (Registered Nurse, Immunisation Provider).

Immunisation day will be on the first **Tuesday** of the month (not Wednesday).

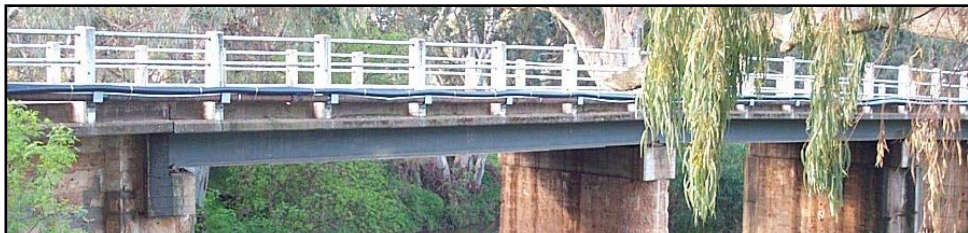
Immunisation clinics will **alternate** between the Laura Hospital (86633124) one month and Gladstone Health Centre (86622180) the next.

Bookings will be arranged via GP surgery as it is coordinated by Rocky River Medical Practice (not Northern Areas Council).

This means you will see the GP (Dr Anantheswaran Tharmalingam) who will then authorise the RN to administer the vaccine/s.

Upcoming 2015 immunisation dates are as follows:

- Tuesday **July 7th at Laura** from 2pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday **August 4th at Gladstone** from 10am to 12.30pm
- Tuesday **September 1st at Laura** from 2pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday **October 6th at Gladstone** from 10am to 12.30pm
- Tuesday **November 3rd at Laura** from 2pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday **December 1st at Gladstone** from 10am to 12.30pm





Laura Community Caravan Park News:

Reception Office:



Work has been progressing on our new office building, and we are pleased to report that construction is at *lock up* stage. Yay! The next step is to finish off the interior wall lining and plastering.

Visitors:



You may have noticed a large number of cyclists in town on 16 May. Bike SA once again stopped over at Laura (their favourite place to stay, we are told) on their biennial **Outback Odyssey**.

This trip starts in Adelaide following the Mawson Trail, finishing 16 days later in Blinman, a distance of over 900km. Cyclists come from all over Australia and from overseas to join this ride.



Cabin occupation has been at a premium during May, many of the guests are here to walk the Heyesen Trail. There has been a smattering of caravanners staying for one or two nights, and sometimes more when they find out how interesting and peaceful it is here.



Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council Report– May 2015

The Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) has been established to represent the views of their communities. They are the FACE of health in their communities.

Their role is to:

- Facilitate discussions around health issues
- Advise and advocate on behalf of their communities
- Communicate and consult with their communities and Country Health SA
- Engage with their communities.

AGED CARE REFORMS

At the SFHAC meeting held on 23 April 2015 Sharon Jeffries, in her role as Aged Care Liaison Officer for our region, presented information on aged care reforms.

Key information was provided on the formulae used to calculate residential aged care fees. With means testing of assets and income, these formulae may appear complicated; however Sharon is available on the telephone 8638 4402 to assist community members in need of aged care information. The Commonwealth Government has developed a new website www.myagedcare.gov.au on which all aged care facilities are required to advertise their amenities and fees.

SERVICE DIRECTORY

A Southern Flinders Health Service Directory has been developed. This document is a comprehensive guide to the range of services available to our community. Copies of the Directory will be placed in several locations including Doctor's waiting rooms, Council Offices and Community Information Centres.

LAURA HOSPITAL KITCHEN UPGRADE

Plans are being drawn up to refurbish the kitchen area at Laura Hospital. Funding for this project is being provided from the SFHAC Capital Account.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS

SFHAC is a group established by the Minister for Health SA to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community and to provide advice in relation to health matters, amongst other functions.

This group meets bi-monthly and monitors finances that are generated through the HAC which includes bequests and donations.

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The HAC would like to convey to the community that any monies or donations received that are nominated to a specific health unit remains at a local level and is allocated to that specific health unit.

Southern Flinders Health is grateful for all bequests and donations that are received and would like to thank all those who have made a contribution.

Brian Higgins Presiding Member



**NORTHERN AREAS
COUNCIL**

Laura Flood Mitigation Project Update:

The South Australian Government through Regions SA has now formally signed off on the funding agreement for the Laura Flood Mitigation Project, in partnership with the Northern Areas Council.

The project, to be undertaken by Council, will take place across three financial years. Council's Engineering Services Department has now commenced the project with the initial purchase of piping and other materials underway. Earthworks are likely to commence in the next financial year, with the winter weather meaning that this portion of the project is best suited to be undertaken once the weather is more accommodating.

Council was fortunate enough to be allocated \$333,869 toward the total project cost of \$1,001,629. The remaining balance of \$667,760 will be funded by Council across the three financial years of the project.

Funding was achieved by Council through the Regions SA Community Infrastructure Program, an initiative of the Minister for Regional Development, Member for Frome Geoff Brock.



Another Bank Agency:

It's great to see another service available in our town. The Westpac Bank's agency is now available to customers through the Laura Post Office. Get along and say hi to Peter & Felicity.

Laura Community Gymnasium Inc:

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

The Laura Community Gym held its opening day on Sunday 3rd of May. It's exciting to be open for people to access the gym on a 24 hour basis. The gym is a credit to the dedication and hard work of a very small committee that have worked tirelessly to get it up and running. The project would never have happened without countless hours of voluntary work from JP Build and Mid North Air Conditioning and Electrical.

President Deb Palmer said the generosity of sponsorship and donations to make it all happen has been overwhelming and to think that the area under the grandstand at the Laura Sporting Reserve could be turned into the most modern up to date gym area it has to be seen to be believed.

Deb would like to thank the committee and every one involved in making this a reality and invite people in the area to join in as a permanent or casual member to live a fitter and healthier lifestyle.



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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



Finding a Justice of the Peace:

Barry Harvie 8663 2187 or 0409 698 009
 Geoff Lange 0427 632 334
 Jon Hawkins-Clarke 8663 2172
 John Stevens 8663 2303

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Chairman: Andrew Zanker 0438 118 227
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 Newsletter Editor: Newsletter Committee

Reports, articles and advertising for the August Newsletter can be submitted by email to lcdta5480@gmail.com or placed in boxes at the Post Office and IGA no later than 5pm Friday July 24th 2015. Receiving articles electronically assists in the production of the newsletter.

Advertising:

Contact Hans Simons 8663 2170 or 0439 093 100 for details.

This is a community publication. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Association. The Editor reserves the right to edit or refuse articles.

Please Note:

If you know of someone who unfortunately hasn't received a copy of the Laura Standard, extra copies are available from the Laura Information Centre.

Laura Standard Advertising Fees:

Full page	-	\$40.00
Half page	-	\$25.00
Quarter page	-	\$15.00
One Line	-	\$2.00

Latest time to submit articles

for inclusion in the August
 edition of The Laura Standard is
5 pm Friday 24th July 2015



Laura Rural Care

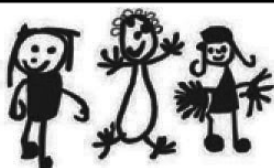
Laura Rural Care is a new and fantastic service for the area. Laura Rural Care takes pride in building strong relationships

with the families and children in their care.

Personalised play based learning is used to create an educational and fun environment. Nutrition and sleep are approached in the same way, by finding out what the child's needs and interests are, and making sure they are met.

Parents and caregivers will find a caring, nurturing and personal day care, after school care and holiday care at Laura Rural Care.

The centre is looking to expand its Tuesday and Thursday groups, so contact them today at 8663 2252 to find out more.



Laura Rural Care

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**Please call June, Penny or Kelli
for more information on: (08) 8663 2252**

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