

The Laura Standard



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Hello all,

With the Sun shining brightly we welcome spring and allow those cold achy bones to thaw out.

Congratulations to all teams that not only competed in local sport but also had the chance to play finals, well done.

The LCDTA has completed the new BBQ shelter and hope to lay power, water and cement soon ready for a BBQ along with seating similar to the adjacent shelter.

We welcome any help with our projects and are open to offers to ensure their successful completion.

Our website, www.laurasa.com.au , is being updated and will soon be live.

Please take a look at the War Memorial Competition and enter your ideas, we are looking to present the winning entry to all those people involved with this part of our heritage.

We look forward to trying the Liquorice ice cream from Golden North along with Chocolate and Pizza from our new businesses opening soon. Great to see our shops being filled again and we wish them all the best at this time.

All the best
Andrew Zanker
LCDTA Chairman



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

Laura War Memorial Backdrop Competition

Prize Money - \$200



The Laura War Memorial – pictured above is situated on the corner of Herbert and Hughes Streets, Laura.

The competition is an opportunity to design a backdrop for the War Memorial that enhances the history associated with the Memorial and provides some privacy for the householders in the house as pictured above.

Design criteria:

- Dimensions - 8m wide, minimum 2.2m - maximum 2.5m tall and up to 10cm deep
- Materials - to be constructed from metal

Competition closes on 11th November 2015

Entries to the LCDTA at PO Box 149 Laura 5480

Enquiries to Denise Higgins: 0428 222 610



From a grateful resident...

G'day!

How sad the flagpole looked with much of its paint off and the rope broken.

How glorious it looks now, proudly flying the Aussie flag over brilliant white paint.



Laura Information Centre - Happy 10th Birthday!

The ten years have gone by so quickly and we can truly say the Laura Information Centre has gone from strength to strength.

As volunteers, we continue to increase our background knowledge and expertise in helping people and adding to the holiday enjoyment of visitors both to Laura and of those travelling through.

The brochure display provides a colourful backdrop to our promotion of the region.

The variety of top quality local products, local food products and art and craft works grows with each season.

Visitor numbers from South Australia alone have exceeded 20,000 and from interstate and overseas, almost 9,000 more. Telephone enquiries also number over 800, even in this 'online' age.

We're always on the lookout for something new: this month we have two new cards, one, a selection of Australian Wildflowers, watercolours by 19th century artist Eliza Blyth (1820 – 1894). Her watercolours were awarded a medal in the 1866 Intercolonial Exhibition in Melbourne. These cards are on sale in the centre for \$3.

The other card contains a copy of the poem 'Laura Days' and a short biography of CJ Dennis, again costing just \$3.

As with all our cards, these are beautifully presented and well worth a look – especially with **Christmas** just around the corner – our gift ideas may be just what you need!

With spring and summer visitor seasons coming into full swing, we'd love to welcome new volunteers. If you have some spare time, you like to promote the town and surrounding district and you like meeting new people from new places, please join us.

We offer plenty of 'on-the-job' training and support – and you'd be just in time to join us for our volunteer dinner in November!

Contact Rhonda on 8663 2411 or any of the volunteers whose contacts are available in the centre. Just ask.



Southern Flinders Netball Club:



2015 welcomed a few new players to our club as well the return of past players who have finished their uni courses or were still completing them.

Our teams consisted of 9 to 10 a side except the A Grade. Unfortunately due to a shortage of years 5,6 and 7 we were forced to drop the J grade and filled an I grade side which meant some of our girls had a big step up in ability and height playing I grade. These girls did extremely well with coach Tracey Burns reaching the finals but unfortunately losing in the Elimination final at Jamestown.

Finals came quickly this year with 7 teams involved in the finals. A,D, and I grade unfortunately lost in the Elimination final, F Grade lost in the Preliminary Final, which meant only the G,H, and E grade had a chance for the medallions on Grand final day.

Only one of those team was declared a winner and our talented E graders won the day beating Crystal Brook 37 to 31. Hayley Couzner was named Best on Court.

We had some very good achievements within our club. Hannah Watson and Sophie Millard were both selected in the Northern Academy.

- Country Champs players selected were 13's Jessie Harslett, Hannah Watson. Vanessa Watson was 13's Coach.
- 17's were Jenny Ballantyne, Sharni Chapman, Matilda Zander.
- 300 games Debbie Palmer, Kate Willis, and Petria Stevens.

Association trophies were won by:

- Tahlia Chapman Runner-up H Grade,
- Sophie Millard Runner-up I grade
- Tammie Nettle Best and Fairest for E Grade
- Petria Stevens and Alison Henderson were named in team of the year.

Our annual General meeting will be held at Laura 7:30 p.m. on October 9th. All welcome to attend.



E Grade champions pictured:

Back row,
Robyn Trott, Jacqui Jones, Tammie Nettle, Christie Sargent, Tammy Duke
Front row,
Catherine Combe, Bianca Schultz, Hayley Couzner, Jenny Ballantyne, Kristen Cleggett



Laura Memorial Civic Centre Management Committee AGM 31st August 2015 Chairman's Report:

The Civic Centre continues to be used for many social activities and meetings including three major events; the Laura Folk Fair in April, Bike SA Odyssey stopover dinner in May and the three day Laura Country Music Festival in July.

During the year we purchased an additional six folding tables, bringing the total number to forty: we also have 300 stackable chairs.

Northern Areas Council removed the raised edging around the lawn areas, which had been identified as a safety hazard and throughout the year has kept the grounds tidy with regular mowing.

In October last year Northern Areas Council took responsibility for cleaning the hall and the cleaner, previously engaged as a contractor, became an employee of the council. Our committee pays a fixed monthly amount to council for cleaning.

The need for sufficient public toilets for major events motivated the formation of Laura Cultural Precinct Development Committee comprised of two representatives from the committees of Laura Folk Fair, Laura Community Development & Tourism Association, Laura Events (Country Music), Rocky River Historical & Arts Society and Laura Civic Centre Management Committee.

The initial task of this combined committee is to investigate the options for provision of additional public toilets and currently the feasibility of an additional toilet block to the North East corner of the Civic Centre building is being considered.

Cropping of community land has been our main fund raiser for many years and has enabled many improvements to the Centre. The success of this activity is due to the support of farmers who donate their time and use of machinery and we thank them for their generosity.

This year the amount raised was over \$8,500 and with the wheat crops looking 'magic', prospects for another great harvest are very good.

I'd like to thank the many people who offered their condolences and assistance when my wife Bet passed away. This support was a great comfort.

Ian White - Chairman



LCDTA Golf Day:

The LCDTA wishes to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for their continued support of our community through their sponsorship of the Aus. Condon Memorial golf day:

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2016 Laura Community Calendar:

Attention all Businesses

Have you renewed your advert in the 2016 Laura Community Calendar?

Registrations closed on September 30th but if you get in quick you can still be a part of this great community initiative.

For a very affordable price you can have your business advertised for 365 days of the year.

Registration form is attached to the 2015 calendar or phone Denise Higgins, 0428 222 610 for further information.

FLINDERS HEALTH UNDER 5 IMMUNISATION CLINIC AT LAURA & GLADSTONE:

Upcoming 2015 immunisation dates are as follows:

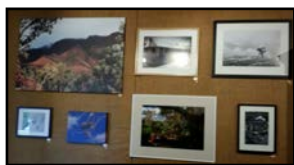
- Tuesday **November 3rd** in **Laura** from 2pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday **December 1st** in **Gladstone** from 10am to 12.30pm





What a busy year we have had! The usual **Laura Art Exhibition** during Folk Fair was followed by History Month and the Laura Primary students and their '**History of our Houses**' display, a great introduction to history for all concerned.

Then in August, **1915 : Centenary of World War 1 : Life in Laura**, a wonderful snapshot of those years with plenty of information and artefacts.



Just in case things were getting too quiet September brought **the Brush with Art Trail** and the Photographic Exhibition '**Focus on the Flinders**' with a wide-ranging display of photographs taken in all corners of our region.

With 10 photographers and over 60 photographs, this continues to be a very successful exhibition.

We hope you were able to see and enjoy them all.

Publishers Wakefield Press has supported us this year with the provision of a \$300 book voucher that we used as a raffle prize during August and September. It was drawn on the last weekend of the Photographic Exhibition.

Our cemetery project continues apace: the shelter is up, the notice board in place and the checking of the cemetery records continues.

Once this is completed, maps will go up on the notice board, making location of particular graves much easier to find.

Just a reminder:

The Laura Archives is open from 2.00 – 4.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

If there's a project you're interested in, or you'd like to talk to us about what we are doing (e.g. in mapping the cemetery, data basing etc.) just call in.

The Rocky River Historic & Art Society meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm.

Again you'd be very welcome to attend!



Rocky River Garden Club Inc.

Garden Club Celebrates 20th Birthday!

The Rocky River Garden Club celebrated its twentieth birthday in September with an all-day party for its members and guests.

This vibrant little club started life in the Gladstone Senior Citizens rooms, meeting once a month on Monday evenings. It began with a substantial membership from its inception, attributing its attraction to the engagement of good speakers, lively meetings and an excellent supper along with a comprehensive library!

Membership ebbed and flowed with a nucleus of loyal members, until in 2012, it was noted that the Gladstone membership had dropped off to just a few members. Other members were travelling from as far away as Melrose, Booleroo Centre and Murray Town as well as Wirrabara and Laura, so it was decided to move to the Institute at Wirrabara.

This is a good hall with catering facilities, and plenty of cupboard space. Its main attraction, however, is its location, fairly central to the small towns from which the Club's membership is drawn.

New members are always welcome. The Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month, usually at 7.30pm in the Wirrabara Institute. Membership fee is \$10 per person per annum and there is a \$2 entrance fee at each meeting.

Contact: PO Box 81 Murray Town SA 5481.

Email: rrgc95@outlook.com. President: Jan Dix 0414 320 494.

Secretary: Barbara Shortis 0438 002 944

Wirrabara Institute 36 High Street Wirrabara

Happy Birthday to the Laura Senior Citizens Club:

Laura Senior Citizens Club celebrated its 48th birthday with a lunch at De Café Laura on Wednesday, 19th August. At 12 noon fourteen members and guests sat down to an excellent meal of roast pork and apple sauce with a variety of vegetables, beautifully cooked, and followed by apple crumble with cream and icecream.

We toasted the health of our Club and enjoyed an hour of fellowship. It was planned to return to the R.S.L. Hall for a DVD and a cuppa, but the feeling was that it would be an anticlimax after our good time in De Café Laura, so we said our goodbyes and went on our way, happy to have caught up with all the news.



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From a concerned resident...

"I have noticed that, particularly the intersection of Herbert Street and Samuel Street, jay walkers frequently travel diagonally across the intersection. I realise that this is not King William Street, but finding one's self in the middle of the intersection with potential traffic from both directions of the two streets could be quite hazardous".

We wish to remind everyone of the following:

Jaywalking:

There is no specific offence of jaywalking but under the Road Traffic Act 1971 and the Australian Road Rules a number of offences exist in relation to walking without regard to other road users or without regard to safety.

Under rules 230 and 234 of the Australian Road Rules *it is an offence for a pedestrian to cross a road diagonally, unless at an intersection where this is allowed.* The maximum penalty for this offences is \$2500.

Please consider your safety at all times when crossing roads!

A reminder with respect to the use of gophers:

Under the Australian Road Rules, a person using a motorised wheelchair is classified as a pedestrian and:

- Cannot travel at a speed greater than 10 km/h on level ground
- Must have an unladen weight of less than 110kg
- Can only travel on the road where a footpath is not available, is being repaired or is unsafe due to damage
- Must observe all the same road rules that apply to pedestrians
- Must only carry one person





The distinctive award winning pectin confections of David & Sharon Medlow Smith are soon to be available in Laura at their new Tourism Interactive Centre located in the old Standard Newspaper Building 36 Herbert Street Laura.

CocoLaura is “resetting the Standard” drawing on the history of the region and the building to establish an iconic quality destination for visitors and tourists.

Featuring David’s Internationally Award Winning “Pecktons” confections and Belgium chocolates, manufacture is soon to commence in readiness for an opening mid-November 2015.

As a Chocolatier David’s products have won International respect in the confectionery world especially his ability to work with pectin. His delicate range of quality Pecktons will feature in their Chocolate Store to compliment a range of over 30 different selections.

In collaboration with Golden North Ice Cream, a dedicated ice cream bar will offer indulgent and traditional ice cream treats in 27 different flavours, that will tempt the young and the old alike.

Stage one of their extensive renovations to the building will soon be completed. It must be recognised that the enthusiasm and support provided by Joel Palmer of JP Build has made this project a reality.

CocoLaura will be calling for staff in the coming weeks and it is intended that the positions being offered will be fully supported with training and product knowledge for the business.

David & Sharon are looking forward to working with the community, supporting the region and making a contribution to the economy. They will draw on their professional and academic qualifications to showcase Laura, and the Southern Flinders Ranges.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CocoLaura is calling for expressions of interest for the purpose of staffing and training in the operations of this new business in Laura South Australia.

Experience in food handling would be beneficial however not essential as training will be provided under the regimen of HACCAP Food Handling Practices.

Opportunities also exist for sales assistants in the sale of Chocolates, Pectin Jellies and other products exclusive to the business.

Training in product knowledge will be provided and maintained to ensure quality customer service at all times.

This will be a seven day per week business and as such work hours will vary to accommodate demand.

We welcome the opportunity to provide employment to the community whilst at the same time promoting the town and the region through our Tourism Interactive Centre.

Applications should be made by email to cocolaura@bigpond.com

Applications will close on Friday 30 October 2015.

For more information please:

Contact Sharon Medlow Smith on 0411 760 236



Golden North Ice Cream Laura:

If you've been in Adelaide or followed the press lately our major local employer Golden North Icecream has been making some waves and bringing readers' attention to both Laura and the Southern Flinders region.

In the Business Journal of Saturday's Advertiser, 19th September, Nigel McBride the Chief Executive of Business SA drew attention to this innovative company which provides employment to many people in a region with high unemployment and urges all South Australian's to support this company.

In another coup for Golden North they are featured in the magazine CityMag, in their Issue Ten / Spring '15' available for free across the city.

A three page spread highlights this important South Australian regional company and how it has grown in the last six year from a turnover of \$9 million to over \$23 million, no mean feat in a market dominated by huge multinational companies.

From a time in 2009 when things looked pretty bleak to now when the business is thriving has mainly come about from making some pretty courageous decisions in accessing overseas markets.

For a company that has been making ice cream since 1923, Golden North's social media personality is surprisingly young and sprightly. This is likely because it's a voice that has been devised and built by Tania Debono – a thirty-something publicist, artist and social media consultant originally from Adelaide, now living in New York.

For more go to:

<http://citymag.com.au/commerce/business-profile/golden-opportunity/>

Well done Golden North!

**There's a new kid in town! for a limited time only.
Introducing the Liquorice Giant Twin!**

It appears to be quite the tight knit community of LIQUORICE LOVERS here, so we did the only thing we thought was right. We can't wait to hear what you think!

Available until stocks last and for purchase only from our Adelaide Cavan office and our Laura Factory.

Cavan address: 2 Bradford Way, Cavan.

Please call the Laura Factory prior to pick up 86633000, available in single bars, multipacks of 5 or a carton of 24.

Also available at Koffi n Kandi.



FIRE DANGER SEASON

Northern Areas Council wishes to remind all residents that the 2015/16 Fire Danger Season for the Mid North/Southern Flinders **commences on November 1st 2015** (brought forward from November 15th) **finishing at midnight April 30th 2015** (unless extended by the CFS).

Burning off grass, stubble or vegetation in the open is prohibited during the Fire Danger Season. A permit may be issued (conditions apply).

Further information is available from:

Northern Areas Council Fire Prevention Officer,
Michael Lambert on 8664 1139
or from the CFS Hotline on 1300 362 361.



NORTHERN AREAS COUNCIL

Northern Areas Council meetings hit-the-road

Council has voted to take their regular meetings on the road to better engage the Community.

Meetings for the remainder of 2015 are as follows:

Tuesday October 20th - 1pm at Gladstone in the Yanga Room
Tuesday November 17th - 1pm at Jamestown in the Council Chambers
Tuesday December 15th - 1pm at Laura in the Civic centre

All residents are welcome to attend.



Laura RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony Wednesday 11-11-15:

RSL Members will meet at the RSL club rooms at 10.50am before making their way to the Cenotaph where they will gather with the Laura Primary School children and members of the public for a special Ceremony at 11am.

Following the Ceremony you are invited back to the Clubrooms for a BBQ lunch and refreshments.

Poppies will be available for a small donation at the Newsagency and the Clubrooms – please show your support for our Diggers.

Further enquiries to Trevor McKerlie: 0408 635 054

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

Application forms at Laura Post Office or call Deb Palmer on 0408 082 614





Laura Community Caravan Park News:

You may have noticed our Caravan Park featured in an very positive article in SA Weekend Saturday 12th September under the heading of '*Just one night to fall for a park that banishes preconceptions*'.

Michael McGuire wrote 'We only stayed one night in Laura but it left me with an emotion I had never previously experience after staying in a caravan park I wanted to go back.

For more go to:

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/lifestyle/sa-lifestyle/just-one-night-to-fall-for-a-park-that-banishes-preconceptions/story-fnizi7vf-1227552506420>

Congratulations to all concerned with our lovely caravan park!



Laura Country Fire Service:

Siren Testing to begin again in Laura

During 2014, the siren on the tower at the CFS station required replacement, as the ex-World War 2 air raid siren which had been there since the 1950's, stopped working.

Lack of regular use was identified as to why the original siren failed and could not be repaired, and as many brigades still operate a siren when needing to crew the fire truck, the Laura brigade needs to ensure that the new one is operational.

Our brigade will begin regular testing once again as of the 3rd November (Start of the fire danger season) at 8pm, and will test every training night (fortnightly over summer), as per marked in the community calendar.

We trust that the Laura Township supports our testing to keep the local community safe.

Our brigade is always looking for new members to come on board, so if you are interested in challenging yourself and serving our community, come along to one of the training nights, and become an emergency services volunteer.



Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) Report September 2015

Annual General Meeting - Reminder

The SFHAC Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in the Crystal Brook Hospital Activity Room. Community members are both welcome and encouraged to attend.

Country Health SA Scholarships

Country Health SA Scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students studying in 2016 are now open and close on Friday 16th October.

If you would like further information about these scholarships please visit: www.countryhealthsa.sa.gov.au

Information is also available by emailing the scholarship coordinator at: countriescholarships@health.sa.gov.au

Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have more than 100 volunteers who support and enhance Southern Flinders Health. Volunteering takes many forms, is invaluable and indicative of the excellent community spirit in our area.

The SFHAC and our hospitals thank all of our volunteers for the work they do and support they give over the year. If you are interested in becoming a hospital volunteer please contact your nearest hospital for further information.

Gladstone Health Centre

In an effort to consolidate and improve community health services across the Mid North all community health staff now report to Mid North Community Health. Although community members may not notice this change in practice, work continues to improve the community health services operating out of the Gladstone Health Centre.

We are currently liaising office space at Gladstone with community health professionals in order to extend the number of services offered locally. Reception staff will continue to support the Medical Officers in the mornings and will provide further support to the Community Health Team in the afternoons ensuring team members are well supported to provide these services.

We look forward to continuing to provide the Gladstone community with services and support into the future.

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Rocky River Lions Club News:

Rocky River Lions are pleased to support the Laura Community Development and Tourism Association with a \$4,000.00 donation towards the cost of the new shelter and BBQ in the Laura Parklands.

Money was raised through the sale of sample grain at the Gladstone Silo Complex and the sale of donuts at Laura and Gladstone home football/netball matches.

Lions are proud to be one of the major sponsors of the Laura Folk Fair next April. Our \$1500 sponsorship is the anticipated net profit from the sale of donuts over the two-day event.

Would you like to become a Lions Club member?

Rocky River Lions cover the area from Stone Hut to Yacka and we do our best to distribute the proceeds of our fundraising to the benefit of our Rocky River community.

Simply contact a Lions Club member for an invitation to attend a Club meeting.

Our current president is Bevan Smith (86632576) and secretary Greg Wheeler (86622240).



Council News:

- Due to the wet conditions, work has been delayed on the commencement of the Laura Flood Mitigation Project, however you will have seen that a large amount of infrastructure items have made their way in to Laura, ready for the work to commence.
- Council is also looking to undertake the next stage of the upgrade of the Laura Streetscape, with work envisaged to commence prior to Christmas.
- The AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund opened on Wednesday the 23rd of September. AGL have allocated \$25,000 for community not for profit organisations, for projects and/or initiatives throughout the Northern Areas Council, with applications due to close on Wednesday the 21st of October at 5pm. Full details are available at the Council Offices in Gladstone, Jamestown and Spalding or via Council's website www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au.
- Round One of the Northern Areas Council Community Project Grants have been awarded, with the LCDTA amongst the funding recipients. Council awarded \$2,000 toward the establishment of a flagpole to be illuminated at the Laura Community Caravan Park. Round Two of the fund is anticipated to open in February 2016.

Contact James Lang

Manager Community Development, for further details on the above:

08 8664 1139

james.lang@nacouncil.sa.gov.au.



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



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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Secretary: Lorraine Griffin 8663 2412
Newsletter Editor: Newsletter Committee

Reports, articles and advertising for the December Newsletter can be submitted by email to lcdta5480@gmail.com or delivered to The Laura Soap & Gift Shoppe no later than 5pm Friday November 20th 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 **December**
edition of The Laura Standard is
5 pm Friday 20th Nov 2015



Update on the nbn™ fixed wireless service for Laura:

The Laura facility remains on track for a first quarter 2016 go-live. Please note that go-live for this facility is determined not only by its construction, testing and activation but also that of adjacent facilities.

The Laura tower is part of a network of linked towers; their completion, testing and activation will impact Laura go-live too.

If you have any questions please contact either **nbn™ co** or your preferred telephone and/or internet service provider.

nbn™ co can be reached on:
1800 687 626

Did you know?

Moves to establish a community hospital for Laura were first made in 1923 when the *Laura Standard* newspaper reported that a public meeting had resolved, 'it is desirable a cottage hospital be established at Laura'.

In 1929 a far sighted decision was made that rather than convert an existing building a new building suitable for a cottage hospital would be erected. Fundraising began in earnest and by February 1930 over £550 (\$1,100) had been raised despite the economic depression of the time. Finally, in 1937 the tender of EA Gale & Sons of Gladstone was accepted when £1,800 (\$3,600) was in hand.

On 31 March 1938 TA Kleinig opened the new fully equipped eight bed hospital which had cost over £2,400 (\$4,800). The money had been raised entirely by public subscription, with no government or council assistance at all.

Major extensions in 1957, 1962, 1972, 1997 and 2006 have seen the hospital develop into the first class facility that we know today. State government attempts to rationalise country hospitals in 1988 saw country people from across the state take the unprecedented action of marching down King William Street to Parliament House in support of their hard won local hospitals.

Through all of the additions over the years the sandstone of the original section has been progressively matched as closely as possible by the use of Mount Gambier stone, resulting in a complex with an appealing cohesive and co-ordinated appearance.