



**April 2016 Issue 8**

Hello community members and visitors alike.

I have been thinking this issue could either be an Easter edition or the Folk Fair edition, whichever it is I am sure we will find time to celebrate.

I hope the Easter break gives you all a chance to stop and spend some quality time with family and friends. For those that have travel plans, I hope your travels are safe and trouble free.

Once again the Folk Fair has all community groups busy getting prepared and I thank all volunteers in advance for the considerable effort they put in to make it run smoothly. I hope we have good weather and a big crowd to make it another great event like it has so many times before.

Laura's main street is changing again. With the paving on the west side of the street completed the council are hoping for more grants so the other side can be upgraded to the same standard in the near future.

Also looking forward to seeing how the new Pizza and Chocolate shops look (and taste) on the inside. I have already been hearing good reports and I wish the new business owners all the best as they go forward.

I have found the dust settling rains a welcome relief even if we had to wade through the humidity as well. It seems that we will all be into winter sports before we have a rest from summer.

Congratulations to all who played over summer and to those successful in the grand finals.

From my perspective I hope once mad March is over we can take a breather and catch up just a little ready for what comes our way next.

Until next time, stay safe and well

Regards  
Andrew Zanker  
Chairman LCDTA

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## ***Laura Folk Fair needs YOU!***

We need community volunteers over the Folk Fair weekend and the week preceding to help with the following areas:

- **Marquee Assembly – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Folk Fair Site set up – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**
- **Volunteer rosters for Bar, Soft Drink Van, Folk Fair Administration Site and Sandwich Bar during Folk Fair weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April**
- **Folk Fair Site knock down – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
(Volunteers BBQ after knockdown - come and join us)**
- **Site Clean Up – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

The Folk Fair Committee is very appreciative of all our returning volunteers that turn up every year to make this event possible.

We also encourage anyone that hasn't volunteered before to come and help out, it's a great way to contribute to our community and you might be surprised how much fun you have!

PLUS free Showman's Guild SA Sideshow Alley tickets for the Wednesday/Friday volunteers.

If you are available to help out in any of these areas, please call or text Secretary Amy Simons on 8663 2221 or 0400 624 216



## **LAURA FOLK FAIR INC. Update March 2016**

### **What's happening for event 2016**

- Event Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016
- Stalls: A selection of new craft, produce and food sites
- New Entertainment: The Borderers, Dirty Frank and Emily Smith
- Returning Entertainment: Circus Elements, Royal Caledonian Pipes and Drums, Showman's Guild, Inesheer, David Robinson, Jukebox Boys, Sing Australia, Clare Valley Concert Band, Hip Hop Bounce, Dutch Barrel Carnival Organ, Animals Anonymous, Fireworks.
- Parade Theme: 140 years ago
- Official Opening: 12.30pm with special guest Cosi who will be filming during the morning and afternoon for his show South Aussie with Cosi.
- Commemorative Port Label 2016: 140th Birthday of CJ Dennis. Cartons of 12 can be ordered at \$120 or can be purchased at the Folk Fair stall during the Fair.
- Entry: Gold Coin donation is appreciated
- Facebook: Follow us on [www.facebook.com/laurafolkfair.com](http://www.facebook.com/laurafolkfair.com)
- Website: Updated regularly with all information you need. [www.laurafolkfair.com.au](http://www.laurafolkfair.com.au)
- Working Bee: A big thank you to the 3 ladies who made another 23 hessian walls for the stalls, only a few to go but we will now schedule the next session after the fair.
- Friends of Folk Fair: Please consider being a Friend, your annual financial commitment can assist with the truly huge entertainment budget approx. \$17,000.
- Committee Membership: Allan Woolford, Barry Harvie, Amy Simons, Sue Scarman, Geoff Lange, Joyce Wode, Emily Smith, Jim Lynch, Irene Scott





## Rocky River Historic & Art Society Inc:

### Opening Night of the Art Exhibition:

An Open Invitation is extended to the community to come the opening night of the art exhibition on the Friday evening of the Folk Fair. It's a great way to get into the festive mood for the weekend and has traditionally included the launch of the Gladstone High Shiraz. **\$ 10 admission includes souvenir glass and refreshments.**

### Art Exhibition at the Folk Fair:

For 2016 we proudly welcome the ***Painters of the Flinders Ranges*** as special exhibitors. Formed in 2002 the ***Painters of the Flinders Ranges*** have evolved into a respected and eclectic group of professional artists with varying styles using many different mediums.



Members of the group have a deep affiliation with the Flinders Ranges and many currently or have previously lived in the Flinders Ranges region.

The ***Painters of the Flinders Ranges*** stage an annual spring exhibition in the Wilpena Woolshed at Old Wilpena Station. It is a special treat to have this group of artists exhibiting at Laura.

Please come and visit the Court House Gallery and enjoy and perhaps purchase the works of:

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| • Alan Behenna      | • Don Gangell      | • John Millard      |
| • David Chalmers    | • Roe Gartelmann   | • Alan Ramachandran |
| • Graham Chapman    | • Trevor Hancox    | • Marion Sheidow    |
| • Elizabeth Collins | • Patricia Houston | • Kevin Waters      |

### Helpers during Folk Fair Weekend:

Members of our community are generally stretched to the limit during the Folk Fair, but we appeal for anyone who can give an hour or more as an attendant at the Courthouse Gallery – taking gold coin admissions and giving out catalogues is not arduous, in fact sited in the midst of the fair opposite the devonshire tea stall it's a pretty good spot to spend some time.

Please contact Greg Slattery if you can assist 0417 877 145.

## Happy Birthday CJ

140 years since birth of CJ Dennis – 1876-1938

Clarence Michael James Dennis was born on 7 September 1876 to James and Catherine Dennis of the Auburn Hotel. A few months later the family moved to the Watervale Hotel, and later to the Gladstone Hotel. From 1892-1908 James Dennis held the licence of the Beetaloo Reservoir Hotel at Laura. As a young man CJ Dennis was active and well known in the town, working for local solicitor WJ Stockdale. He left Laura for pursuits in Broken Hill and Adelaide, returning occasionally including for the celebration of his 21st birthday.

The publication of *The Sentimental Bloke* in 1915 was the greatest success story in the history of Australian publishing with record sales achieved. During the First World War Angus & Robertson published eight small volumes of Australian literature in small Trench Editions designed to fit into a soldier's pocket. Such was Dennis' popularity at the time, that four of the volumes were his writings.

In 1932 CJ Dennis, then an internationally published writer, sent greetings and the poem *Laura Days* to the townspeople for Laura's Jubilee Celebrations, which were printed in the *Laura Standard* newspaper.

*"Back to the town by Beetaloo  
Where the Rocky River strays,  
Back to the old kind folks I knew  
In the dear dead Laura days."*



2016  
Commemorative  
Tawny Port

**Laura celebrates 140 years since the birth of CJ Dennis with the release of the 2016 Commemorative Port Label.**

It seems only fitting as CJ spent his formative years in Laura that we continue to celebrate possibly, our most famous citizen.

CJ obviously held fond memories of Laura as in 1932, the year of Laura's Jubilee Celebrations he sent greetings to the townspeople along with the poem *Laura Days*.

*'Back to the town by Beetaloo  
Where the Rocky River strays,  
Back to the old kind folks I knew  
In the dear dead Laura days.'*



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## Surplus Farm Machinery Auction sale:

Fortunately, mother nature was kind and the sun shone on SFFC farm clearing sale held on Friday 18 March at Derek and Catherine Combe's property.

Approximately three months in the planning by a sub committee made up of Derek Combe, David Henderson, Paul Jones, Tom Humphris and Scott Crawford, with their tireless efforts organising goods to be sold, fielding enquiries, setting up and running the day has reaped a reward for the footy club's fundraising kitty.

The football club sincerely thanks those who donated goods and vendors who had items for sale on the day. We had 108 registrations and approximately 200 turn out for the sale. Of course an auction could not happen without the talented, entertaining and persuasive auctioneers, Simon Harding from Elders and Pirate Reichstein from Quality Livestock and the club thanks them both for their time.

With this major event tucked under our belts, we move closer to the start of the season on 16<sup>th</sup> April. The club will be having a season opening night on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Gladstone stadium. The afternoon - night will start with netball training followed by senior and junior colts training with the A and B grade and then finish off with a trial match against Solomontown.

It is a chance for our members and supporters to check out our new recruits and the rest of the lads who have been hard at it on the track, since early January. The season will kick off on 16<sup>th</sup> April at Gladstone against BMW.



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### Preparation for Laura Folk Fair:

Some tidying up of the candle pines in Hughes Street was carried out by dedicated community members Graham Pech, Ray Cummings and Barry Harvie.





## LAURA COMMUNITY GYM

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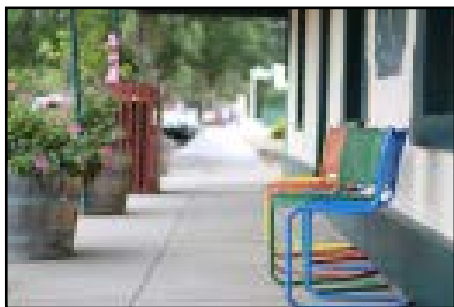
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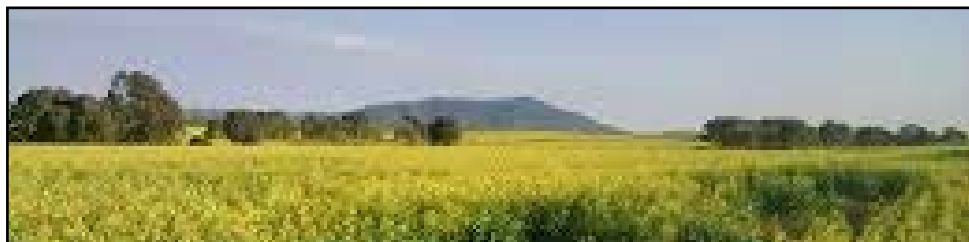
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## **Easter Church times in and around Laura:**

### **Anglican:**

Easter Sunday: Laura 11am

### **Baptist:**

Easter Sunday: Laura 10am

### **Catholic:**

Good Friday: Booleroo Centre 3pm

Gladstone 3pm

Easter Sunday: Wirrabara 8.30am

### **Lutheran:**

Good Friday: Laura 11am

Easter Sunday: Laura 9am



## **Flinders Embroiderers Guild Exhibition reminder:**

This year the Flinders Embroiderers are holding their bi-annual exhibition on the weekend of the Laura Folk Fair, in the Laura RSL Hall. The exhibition will consist of each member's work, plus a suitcase display of various stitching and embroidery techniques that will be on loan from our Head Office.

The members of Flinders Embroiderers Guild extend an invitation to all members of the community to come and view our Exhibition which will be open on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April from 10am each day.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 the Flinders Embroiderers Guild will be the host branch for the State Conference of The Embroiderers Guild of South Australia. This annual event will see country and city branch members come together, this year, in the Laura Civic Centre.



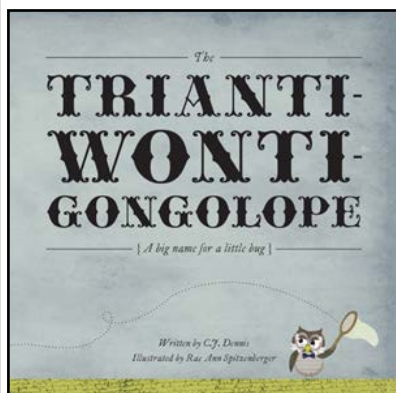
## Laura Information Centre News:

Along with the rest of Laura, the Information Centre is busy stocking up for the Folk Fair.

All our Laura souvenirs are there, including those that have been in short supply lately. Our local produce is on prominent display.

We make sure there is an ample supply of our local *What to do ....* leaflets for those who would like to see more of the surrounding area while they are here. Do keep these in mind if you have visitors during Folk Fair time.

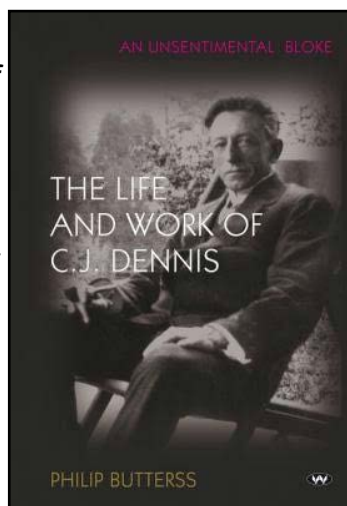
CJ Dennis is also an important part of our display, with copies of his work, particularly his popular children's books, being of interest to many visitors.



Coloured 'Triantiwantigongolope' mugs are also fun presents for younger visitors.

You can also find important biographies, such as the recent book by Phillip Butterss *An Unsentimental Bloke, The Life and World of CJ Dennis*, which won the National Biography Award in 2015. CJ's presence this year on the Folk Fair Commemorative Port emphasises this importance.

When we plan the roster for the Folk Fair weekend we try to have 2 people for each hour, especially during the busiest times. Thank you to all who have volunteered so readily and hopefully it will again be a successful time for everyone.





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## Crystal Brook Regional **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup>

### Project Update:

The Crystal Brook Regional Community Bank steering committee has just received confirmation from Bendigo Bank that they will support the opening of an agency in Crystal Brook. This news has come just at the right time, following the closure of the Crystal Brook

branch of Bank SA.

The opening of an agency will enable clients from Crystal Brook and the neighbouring towns to carry out their day to day banking in the town. The steering committee are currently working on finding a suitable location for the agency and are hoping it will be up and running within a couple of months.

We are currently sitting at almost \$10 million worth of banking on the books (loans, investments, savings accounts etc.) with \$12 million being the target to enable us to move to the next stage, being the feasibility study. We then need to meet the target of \$18 million of banking business to open a branch.

The steering committee believe the presence of an agency in the town will encourage people to move their banking over to Bendigo Bank which will help us to reach our target for a fully operational Crystal Brook Regional Community Bank in the foreseeable future.

Karl Goode, the Gawler branch manager, has been visiting Crystal Brook for some months now, to meet with our community to discuss their banking needs and providing very competitive banking options. Karl has been very supportive of our campaign and will continue to travel up from Gawler for appointments.

These appointments are conducted in Crystal Brook on designated banking days.

*'Our Bank believes  
successful customers and  
successful communities  
create a successful bank  
– in that order'*

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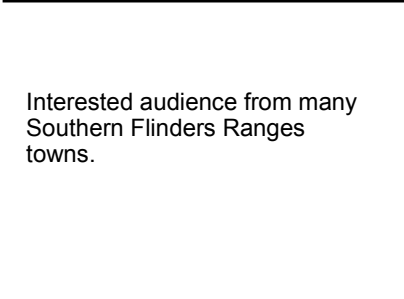
Appointments can be made by phoning the Gawler branch and requesting an appointment with Karl at Crystal Brook. Contact telephone no. 08 8521 4100.

Our rural community members can also contact Tom Kennedy on 0409 012 248 for all their rural banking needs.

Photos below are from a recent Crystal Brook Regional Community Bank information night held in Gladstone:



Karl Goode, Bendigo Bank  
Gawler Branch Manager  
addressing the audience



Interested audience from many  
Southern Flinders Ranges  
towns.



Some serious note taking from  
one member of the audience!



# Laura Post Office



***Check out the new stock. Cook up a storm from the selection of cook-books, keep the kids occupied with books, puzzles, craft kits and more from tiny tots up.***

***Don't forget we also have a selection of Darrell Lea confectionery.***

***Remember to shop locally to keep our town vibrant***



## **The Laura and Districts Probus Club news:**

The first meeting of Probus for this year was held at the Laura Memorial Hall on March 8th.

After a cuppa and chat we had a very brief General Meeting followed by the AGM. Gladstone members hold the Executive positions this year and Laura the Assistant positions with Wirrabara, Murraytown, Booleroo Centre and Stone Hut the remaining positions.

The Committee then held a Planning meeting while other members enjoyed a talk by Peter Smallacombe. Peter spoke about the devastating water burst at the Hospital prior to Christmas and the major disruption to operations it caused. The meeting concluded with an excellent meal at De Café Laura.

Next meeting is at the Laura Civic Centre 10am Tuesday 12th April, with lunch at the North Laura Hotel.

May's get together is a planned bus trip to the Barossa.

All retiree's are welcome to attend three meetings before joining.

So come along and 'trial' us!



## Laura Twilight Market:

Laura Twilight Market was an enjoyable evening for all who attended, with a jumping castle and face painting for the children and free entertainment with the Jukebox Boys entertaining the appreciative crowd.

There were plenty of food stalls so the whole family came and had something to eat and stayed to enjoy the atmosphere. There were a variety of different stalls ranging from produce, plants, stationery, hand-made face and hand cream, olive oil, garden statues, art, bakes, pickles and jam, wrought iron works, bric a brac, jewellery and Golden North Ice-Cream just to name a few.



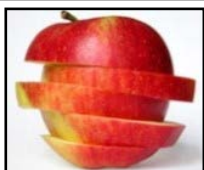
A young Laura girl, Isabella Allen delighted the crowd with her performance during the evening and we look forward to hearing her again at the Laura Country Music Festival.

The Laura Events chairman Mr. Ian White said it was a big success and would like to thank the M.C. Mr. Paul Cotter and all the other volunteers who helped make the evening such a relaxing family night out.



## 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**, Garry 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](mailto:sue.scarman@icloud.com)
- **Councillor Geoff Lange**, 0427 632 334
- **NAC Fire Prevention Office Jennie Window**, 8664 1139



## **Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (HAC) Report:**

### **Laura Hospital Repairs Update:**

Repairs to the water damaged section of the Laura Hospital have been completed. Full services at the Health Unit have resumed. The hospital staff are to be commended on their extra efforts over the last few months.



The above photos of the nurse's station and the Accident and Emergency section are indicative of work completed.

### **Crystal Brook Hospital Guild:**

The Crystal Brook Hospital Guild has been fund raising for many years to provide improved equipment for the benefit of staff and patients.

However the Guild is now struggling to have enough people to continue these fundraising activities. Hospital Guild meets on the first Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October and December at 2pm in the Hospital Meeting Room.

Everyone is welcome and for more information please ring 8636 2094 or 8636 2289.

### **Enrolled Nurse (EN) Cadets:**

We currently have two EN cadets at the Laura Hospital and one at Crystal Brook Hospital. The EN Cadetship is a partnership between the Hospital and TAFE SA where students complete modules and attend on-campus workshops in Port Pirie as well as work at the hospital two days per week.

Country Health SA allocates funding to make these positions available to selected hospitals to help grow-our-own nursing staff and provides a pathway to becoming a registered nurse.

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## **Aged Care Traineeship:**

We also have a Year 11 Gladstone High School student working at Laura Hospital as an Aged Care Trainee one day per week until the end of 2017. This is a partnership between the hospital, Gladstone High School, Trade Schools for the Future, TAFE SA and Apprenticeship Support Australia.

During this time the trainee will also be completing TAFE SA modules as well as Year 11 and 12.



## **Laura Community Caravan Park News:**

The north-west corner of the caravan park has been closed off to vehicular traffic, the entrance is now off Victoria Street, and exit via North Terrace.

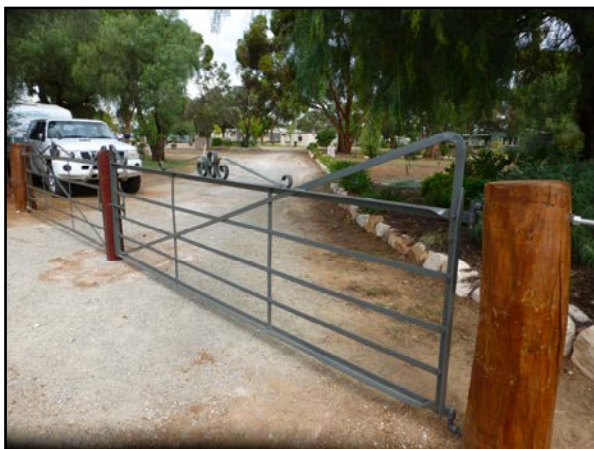


Graham Pech and his band of merry men, Barry Harvey, Geoff Lange and Ray Cummings, have put a lot of grunt into working on farm gates which were sourced from Hinks property opposite the Laura Golf Club and donated by Ashley and Janet Harvie of Wirrabara, plus the heavy red gum posts (see picture below).

It must be stressed that this roadway is **not** a public thoroughfare for locals to use a short cut. It is especially dangerous when the offenders are disobeying the 5km speed limit.

Look out for the new entrance sign which will be erected prior to Folk Fair.

Although business has been relatively slow over summer, bookings are coming in thick and fast now. The park is fully booked for the Folk Fair, bookings are strong for the Easter period, and the Wanderers Caravan Club will be returning mid-April.

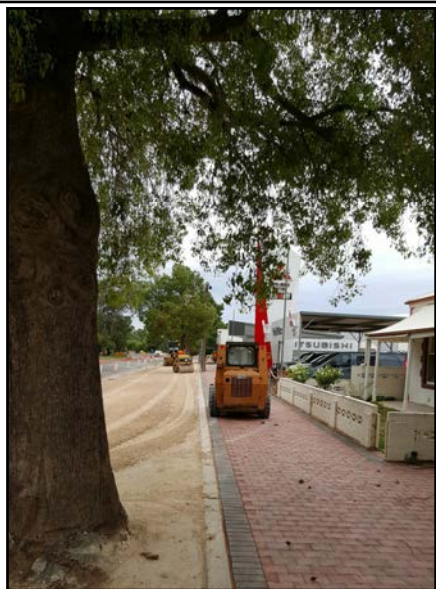






## NAC News:

Work on the paving along the western side of Herbert Street toward Stevens Motors is on track to be completed by the Folk Fair weekend.



Preliminary work has also begun on the Laura Stormwater Mitigation Scheme with various infrastructure items arriving in Laura as well as drainage trenching begun west toward the Rocky river.

Repair work to kerbing damaged during harvest, opposite the Post Office







## **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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## **Please Note:**

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### **Latest time to submit articles**

for inclusion in the **June**  
 edition of The Laura Standard is  
**5 pm Friday 20th May 2016**



## Rocky River Lions:

Lions Club members will again be selling their popular donuts at the Laura Folk Fair, as they have been since the early days of the Fair.

This year, Lions have sponsored the Fair to the tune of \$1500 in recognition of the important role this event plays in promoting Laura and the Southern Flinders region. May it continue to grow from strength to strength.

The Lions donut van will be in attendance at Laura and Gladstone home games for netball and football this season.

A total of \$7800 was raised from the sale of sample grain at the Gladstone Silo Complex this harvest. Most of this funding will be targeted towards community projects for the benefit of residents within the Rocky River district.

Examples from previous harvest's include, \$4,000 towards the cost of the new BBQ's in the Laura parklands and \$1,000 for the new external blinds for aged care residents at the Hospital.

Recent donations have also been made to the Laura Community Gym, \$750 and the Lions Pinery Fire Appeal, \$500.



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