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Welcome to the winter 2016 newsletter

Congratulations to all on another successful Folk Fair. The LCDTA Devonshire Tea stall was quite busy and many stall holders had good sales across the weekend. Thank you to all volunteers that help with the stall and to the many people who baked scones and donated goods, it is much appreciated.

I must thank Jenny from De' Cafe Laura for the great food that she and her team have served us over the years, I'm sure many of us have enjoyed Jenny's hospitality during her time here. We wish you well and thank you for the many times you have supported the LCDTA. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

It was great to see two new businesses open around the time of Folk Fair and we wish both Woodfire Pizza and CocoLaura all the best and hope they enjoy success over many years.

There are questions being asked about what is happening in the median strip near IGA? Very soon, a copper sculpture will be placed there. Purchased by the LCDTA from the artist David Griffiths, who also made our CJ Dennis statue, it's exciting to add another feature to the median strip. We thank Denys Cooper for the work he has contributed to making the placement possible.

We also purchased some copper emu statues which are being readied to be placed at the Caravan Park. We extend our thanks to the many locals who work tirelessly to improve the Park and also to Hank Lange from Jamestown Furniture who came to show our helpers how to lay the flooring in the new reception building on his day off, then proceeded to finish the job. All this volunteer help proves our community spirit is alive and thriving.

As the season cools and hopefully the much-needed rains come I hope you manage to stay safe and healthy during this winter.

All the best

Andrew Zanker, Chairman LCDTA

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



Laura Folk Fair 2016:

In April the 37th Laura Folk Fair once again descended upon our little town with all it's regular colour and fanfare, and this year we had some new and very exciting visitors.

Cosi from *South Aussie with Cosi* officially opened the fair, after which he held a 'mock' ice cream eating competition. He also interviewed a couple of local personalities in Jack Wallis and Graham Pech, so we may be seeing some very familiar faces on the TV soon. The segment will be aired on Channel Nine in February next year, and again in February 2018.

Cosi was brought to Laura thanks to our successful grant from the AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Grants scheme. We hope this will provide valuable exposure for the Folk Fair to continue drawing visitors from across South Australia and interstate.



Saturday night was another highlight, with well-known SA band *The Borderers* performing a lively set that got the young (and young at heart) enjoying the music with some toe-tapping and a cold drink from the Folk Fair bar. There was a great turnout which gave the evening a fantastic atmosphere. The traditional fireworks display was as spectacular as ever thanks to Howard & Sons who always put on a brilliant show for us.

Performances from crowd favourites like local band *The Jukebox Boys* were well attended across the weekend, as was the rest of our refreshed entertainment line-up with some new artists among the old favourites.

We celebrated the 140th Birthday of CJ Dennis with the Commemorative Port Label and the parade theme, with the children coming up with some very cute costumes. The parade itself was given a revamp, with a couple of local businesses getting involved, particularly Blackmores Power & Water which entered a pretty snazzy float. There were also a couple of clowns that you may have recognised underneath all the makeup.

As always a big thank you goes to all the volunteers that helped with the mammoth tasks of setup and knockdown, as well as on the rosters for the Folk Fair fundraising stalls.

Our Folk Fair is not possible without a good supply of willing volunteers throughout the year, so please read the Laura Folk Fair AGM article on page 12 and consider how you may be able to get involved and help keep our much loved event running.



Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day:

Tuesday 19th July, 10am start

Ambrose event, \$80 per team which includes morning and afternoon tea, and lunch.

All proceeds distributed locally for Community projects.

• Form a Team, nominate and enjoy a great day whilst supporting your local Community!

Nominations close Tuesday 12th July. Contact Val Thomson: 8663 2472.



Laura Community Caravan Park news:

After many long hours and hard work, lots of bonding and laugher, morning teas on the house verandah, and perhaps even the odd tear, the office at the caravan park is open for business.



There is still quite a bit of setting up to do by way of displays etc. but the word on most people's lips as they enter the office is "Wow". Now that is gratifying! Hats off to all the people involved, and there have been many, who are to be thanked and congratulated on a great effort, well done.



A new flagpole has been erected at the entrance off Victoria Street. The next step will be the installation of a family of emus near the entrance, opposite the office. You may have seen 'father' emu displayed in the Information Centre window recently. He will be joined by a mother and chick shortly. They are all being spruced up with a new patina and will be settled amongst a planting of, what else? emu bushes.

The caravan park income is steadily increasing and it is a great asset to the town of Laura, something all locals can be proud of. A recent comment from a passing tourist "I never expected to see such a great, spacious park in a small country town like this".





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Interesting Facts:



Furphy Water Cart

Many people would have seen the council's water cart around town bearing the name *Furphy* on the side without realising the historical significance of this great Australian icon.

These water carts are made from a cylinder of sheet galvanised iron with cast iron ends and hold approximately 950 litres.

 ot They were a common sight in outback

Australia in years gone by. The cast iron models were made by John Furphy & Sons of Shepparton from at least 1880 to 1947.

Apart from a list of his products, they were adorned with the following advice – 'Good - Better - Best, never let it rest, till your good is better and your better best'. Also, written in shorthand is the moral, I am told, "Water is the gift of God, but beer is a concoction of the Devil, don't drink beer".

Many a yarn has been told by men sitting around a camp fire adjacent to a Furphy. Some of these yarns were a little long on the imagination, but a little short on the truth. As a result, those yarns least trusted were dubbed "Furphys", so as not to confuse them with the truth.

The photo was taken at Darwin's East Point War Museum.



LAURA COUNTRY

TALENT QUEST

30TH JULY 1pm-4pm 2016

All ages and Music Genres welcome <u>9 Talent Quest Categories \$5 Entry Fee</u>

12 yrs and under vocal M/F 13-16yrs vocal M/F 17yrs and over vocal M/F OPEN Motown (60's & 7o's song) M/F OPEN Instrumental OPEN Comedy M/F OPEN Duo M/F OPEN Country M/F

OPEN Songwriting M/F All entrants will need to bring their own music backup on a cd or usb stick, no backing vocals.

Song writing ; Provide 3 copies of words/lyrics only for judges, and please send in with entries.

PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

Workshop Presenters

ALISON HAMS AND MARK TEMPANY

Registration for Attendances at 8am- 9am Workshop Fees- \$5 per person Money can be paid on the day.

Please note;- If you are bringing an under 16yr old to the workshop, but not participating, then no entry fee for guardian is asked. Guardians of people under the age of 16 must stay at the venue for the duration of the workshop.

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The Little Woodfire Pizza Shop opens:

"There's only four new things in this entire restaurant," Chris O'Neill said. "The stools, the two preparation benches in the kitchen and the oven."

Everything else in the restaurant has been built, purchased second-hand, donated, recycled or found. "Everything we made ourselves. It's been a real labour of love," Chris said. Even one of the

kitchen cabinets was found at a dump.

A builder by trade, Chris was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease and retired. He's been a stay-at-home dad for last five/six years, but with the couple's youngest child now at school, they decided now was the time to build their little dream.

"The whole family will be involved, even our little Paddy who is only fiveyears-old, he'll be out here charming the customers," Chris said.

"You wouldn't have paid \$1 for that cabinet, but I refurbished it and Stevens Motors spray-painted it that fire-engine red for me," he said. "Nothing was wasted, we rescued everything, the floor tiles were leftovers and even the sink in the bathroom was found at an old house lot."

The wallpaper was found at a second-hand store in Wilmington and although everything has come from somewhere different, the design of the tiny restaurant is incredibly cohesive, which Chris credits to his wife Melissa. "She's incredible, she can see a design and when she's finished it's exactly what she imagined," he said.

The building itself has a long history in Laura. It was once part of the old bank building next door, a bookstore and Debbie Palmer did her hairdressing apprenticeship there.

Chris and Melissa will also be growing their own herbs in the back garden, which doubles as an outdoor dining and performing area where their daughter Isabella will be able to sing.

Opening times: Thursday 11am - 2pm Friday 11am - 2pm then 5.30 - 8pm Saturday 5 - 8pm

Shop phone number: 0475 675 450

Brand SA website article - http://insidesouthaustralia.com.au/old-is-newat-recycled-laura-pizza-house/

Article first appeared in the Flinders News.

2016 Laura Folk Fair highlights



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IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NOTICE – PLEASE READ

Laura Folk Fair

Annual General Meeting

8:00pm 4th July 2016 @ Laura Memorial Civic Centre

The committee invites and encourages all community members to attend.

The Laura Folk Fair is a hugely important event for our town and the broader region economically and socially, and it is a year-round undertaking to run. To do this successfully we need a full committee as well as additional volunteers to help with various aspects of the event.

It is *essential* that new members join the committee at this AGM, as we currently have 9 members which is the absolute minimum number according to our constitution, and a number of current members are looking to retire from the committee this year.

If we do not have sufficient committee numbers, the Folk Fair cannot continue. In particular we need a new Secretary and Treasurer, both of which are essential to the running of Folk Fair. Both roles will be reduced workloads from what they have entailed in previous years, to be more in line with the regular definition of these roles.

The position of Secretary will be reduced from what has traditionally been an extremely full on and time consuming job, allowing for more involvement from the whole Committee on all aspects of the event. The current Secretary is stepping down from this position but will remain on the Committee and provide support as Assistant Secretary. The Secretary will be provided with a laptop and reimbursement for any costs incurred for stationery, etc.

The past Treasurer is willing to assist the incoming treasurer and if there is someone younger (high school age or school leaver) out there who is good with numbers and would like some practical experience with basic book keeping here is your opportunity to get a foot in the door. Imagine it on your resume!

All Committee members will have the opportunity to be Team Leaders for various areas such as; Promotion & Publicity, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Stallholders, Entertainment and more.

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By having a full, functioning and involved Committee, the workload can be more evenly spread which reduces the pressure on just a few members. Many hands make light work, as they say.

Please consider becoming a Committee member. All new members will be given plenty of support, this is a great way to get involved and make a positive contribution to our community.

If committees are not your thing but you have an interest in an aspect of the Fair e.g. Entertainment or Sponsorship; teams will be formed and you can become involved that way without the monthly meetings.

Please feel free to approach any of the current Committee Members. Secretary Amy Simons can be contacted on 8663 2221 or secretary@laurafolkfair.com.au







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Rocky River Historic & Art Society Inc:

Art Exhibition at the Folk Fair:

Our major annual fundraiser, the art exhibition held over the Folk Fair weekend was again successful. A tradition established three years ago in having a guest artist was continued, but this year with a difference.

Instead of a single artist, a group was invited to exhibit. The **Painters of the Flinders Ranges**, a group established in 2002 enhanced our exhibition considerably. Special thanks to those from the general community who supported us by helping as gallery attendants over the weekend.

Keep an eye open for the annual spring exhibition of the **Painters of the Flinders Ranges** in the Wilpena Woolshed at Old Wilpena Station.



Pictured are Graham Chapman, President of Painters of the Flinders Ranges, and Greg Slattery, President of RRHAS

Archives at the Folk Fair:

The Laura Archives was open through most of the Folk Fair, thanks to the assistance of members of the Northern Areas History Group. The group embraces historical groups of the ten towns of the Northern Areas Council, and representatives were on hand to offer assistance regarding their local collections.

Past Member:

Members of RRHAS acknowledge the recent passing of past member Val Northeast. Val had been a loyal member of our society, having a keen interest in our local history, particularly of the families of Stone Hut. She had also compiled a history of anecdotes about the Land Army girls and the Laura Flax Mill.

RRHAS building maintenance:

Our two buildings, the Court House Gallery and the Laura Archives, seem to need continual maintenance. It is important to keep them looking nice in their high profile position in the cultural precinct of the town.

Recent grants from the **Northern Areas Council Community Project Grant Fund** and the **AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund** have enabled some repainting to both buildings, and downpipe repairs. These grants have assisted with about half of the total \$5,000 expenditure and are much appreciated.



Laura celebrates local Lawn Bowls Champion, Karin Lynch:

Karin was born in Ninove, Belgium and arrived in Australia with her family in 1972. She grew up in Whyalla and entered the nursing profession in the Whyalla Hospital.

During her time in Whyalla Karin met Jim Lynch, they were married in 1983. They moved to Laura in 1985 where she still resides on the family farm and nurses at Laura and District Hospital. Mother of 5 and grandmother of 6, Karin took up the sport of lawn bowls without any previous sporting involvement, having been more interested in ballet and arts and crafts in her youth.

Karin commenced her lawn bowls career in the 2006-07 season; a career which has seen many achievements. From being Laura Ladies Bowling Club Champion on seven occasions since the 2007-08 season to representing the club in many successful North Western Bowling Association regional events, she has gone from strength to strength.

Since 2007-08 Karin has been selected in the Upper North Region 3 Round Robin Team. The event, played in Adelaide each year, consists of eight country regions competing for a shield. This year the team finished runner-up with 5 wins and 2 draws.



In the 2016 State Event-Prestige Medley, consisting of all country regions as well as four Adelaide teams, Karin played in Pairs with Kathy Bowman (Orroroo). Upper North Region 3 won this event for the first time defeating Metro West by 4 shots.

Since 2014 Karin has been part of the State Development Squad, this involves training in Adelaide every second week. She was selected in the SA State Team which played against all States in Canberra from 29th March to 1st April this year and finished third.



Congratulations Karin on your wonderful achievements in Lawn Bowls over such a short career.

The community of Laura and Districts is proud of you.



Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council report - May 2016:

Health Minister Visits Laura:

South Australian Health Minister, Jack Snelling, visited the Laura Hospital accompanied by Maree Geraghty, the Chief Executive of Country Health SA. The visit was part of a tour of regional health units. After a tour of the facility the official party enjoyed afternoon tea and met with staff members and HAC Representatives.



Pictured above are, from L to R, Susanne Becker, Jack Snelling, Brian Higgins, Maree Geraghty and Roger Kirchner.

Laura Hospital Open:

Community members are reminded the Laura Hospital is back in full service with completion of repairs to water damaged sections.

Laura Hospital Kitchen Update:

After several months delay due to the repairs to the water damaged sections of the hospital, kitchen renovations will recommence with installation of a new freezer being the first priority.

Laura EO/DON Academic Achievement:

Susanne Becker, EO/DON of the Laura Health Unit recently achieved her Doctorate in Philosophy. Congratulations Susanne.



Laura Information Centre news:

Folk Fair weekend was again a busy time for the Laura Information Centre with 159 recorded visitors and good sales.

We will undoubtedly notice the closure of De' Cafe Laura due to the numbers of people who wandered past enjoying an icecream and then came in to view the DVD about the manufacture of Golden North's products. Jenny's co-operation with LIC was much appreciated and we wish her well for the future.

Recently the Adelaide Visitor Centre and the Victor Harbor Visitor Centre requested more of our Laura pamphlets and this can only be seen as helping to put Laura on the map.

As members of Southern Flinders Tourism 'n' Tastes, Laura Information Centre was able to place our Laura brochures in the pop-up stall at Tasting Australia from May 1 to 8. Just a small amount of exposure but it was a huge event in the middle of Victoria Square for 8 days with thousands of people coming through daily.

SFTnT would like to thank the 5 volunteers from LIC who gave up their time to assist on the very successful food stall at this event. An incredible amount of Golden North ice-cream was sold, with Laura being mentioned often.





NA Council news:

NA Council Community Projects Grants:

Prior to the Council meeting held on Tuesday the 17th of May, Council presented \$26,262 in grant funding via Round Two of its Community project Grants.

Funding was allocated to eleven different projects, events or initiatives across the Council area. Successful Laura & Stone Hut applicants for the current round of funding are:

- Laura Memorial Civic Centre, \$3,000 toward an air conditioning upgrade
- Rocky River Historic and Art Society, \$1,600 toward guttering and downpipe upgrade at the heritage listed Art Gallery
- Stone Hut Development Committee, \$935 toward interpretive tourism signage

Laura Flood Mitigation Project Update:



In recent times, Council staff have completed the concrete headwall where the flood water will enter the Rocky River.

Flood water is fed through piping which has also been installed, connecting the headwall to the

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- 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
- NAC Fire Prevention Officer, Jennie Window, 8664 1139
- Manger Environmental Services, Alan Thomson 0409 286 542
- **Councillor Sue Scarman**, can be seen personally at Laura Visitor Information Centre (check the LIC roster for times when she is there) or 0418 844 935 or Sue.Scarman@NACouncil.sa.gov.au
- Councillor Geoff Lange, 0427 632 334

....continued from page 18 floodway adjacent to Sawley Close which has recently undergone an upgrade.

With this difficult stage of the project complete, Council will continue to work toward the establishment of side entry pits, kerbing and further drainage.

Finding a Justice of the Peace:

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Reports, articles and advertising for the August Newsletter can be submitted by email to **lcdta5480@gmail.com** or delivered to The Laura Soap & Gift Shoppe no later than 5pm Friday 22nd July 2016. 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	Latest time to submit articles	
Fees: Full page - \$40.00 Half page - \$25.00 Third page - \$15.00	for inclusion in the <u>August</u> edition of The Laura Standard is 5 pm Friday 22 nd July 2016	
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Lions Club of Rocky River news:

The Lions Club of Rocky River has recently given support to a very adventurous 90-year-old.

Mr Keith Hendry has lived in S.A., W.A., N.T. and Qld., been a farmer, a pilot and is an ex-serviceman. Keith turned 90 in 2015 and to celebrate this milestone decided to cross the country from Hervey Bay Qld, where he now lives, to Bunbury in south-west W.A., stopping in 90 towns along the way to raise awareness and funds for the Royal Society for the Blind.

Keith's grandfather Andrew Whyte Hendry, himself a blind man, founded the organisation in 1884 www.rsb.org.au

You may have seen Keith in Laura or Gladstone the day following Anzac Day - out and about on his gopher, supported by one of his sons and a cheery friend wearing a top hat.



Seen here is Keith, receiving a cheque from Lions Club president Bevan Smith, and Keith's niece Wendy, trying out the gopher.





Laura and Districts Probus Club news:

Our Probus Club turned 24 this month and to celebrate we enjoyed a day visiting the Barossa Valley.

We cut the birthday cake and had a cuppa at Marrabel before moving on to Maggie Beer's for tastings etc., shopping at Tanunda and then lunch. Later we went on to Seppeltsfield, before heading north again.

It was great trip in the comfort of a Hanley's Bus and we were lucky to have mild weather during such a wild, windy week.

Our next Meeting is in the Yangya Room at the rear of the Gladstone Hall at 10am Tuesday 14th June.

If you're a retiree we would love you to join us. The morning consists of a cuppa and chat, a half hour meeting, a guest speaker and then lunch at a low cost.