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Welcome to Laura locals and visitors alike.

Many times we as farmers have asked for a wet spring, well this year we have just what we asked for, rain. We have been fortunate to receive plenty. Our thoughts again go out to those now dealing with flooding and the associated damage it causes. May the waters recede quickly and the clean-ups begin.

I recall the recent fires in our hills nearby and those that suffered more recently at Pinery. Time since then proves we can move on and rebuild quickly especially with the community support we enjoy.

Last month we held our AGM and would like to thank Alan Thomson for the many years he has given our committee and the many improvements in our town that he has had a hand in.

We also farewell our Caravan Park managers, Barb & Alex, and thank them for their last five years and welcome our new managers, Stephen & Sharon Pool. The caravan park is a tribute to the whole community.

It's always nice to see an empty shop filled and we welcome the new eatery in town, 'Someplace Nice' and wish Andrew & Cassandra French all the best in their new venture.

We are looking forward 5-10 years and would like the community's input for direction. Refer to the article featured in this edition.

Congratulations to all sporting teams that made finals. It is not something that all people get to be part of and I hope it is an experience that you can enjoy and talk about for many years to come.

We now look forward to some warmer weather as spring continues and I am sure our white legs will soon be out under the sun again.

Stay fit and keep smiling.

Andrew Zanker, LCDTA Chairman

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



Southern Flinders Tigers:

Southern Flinders has wrapped up the 2016 season with its annual presentation night held recently. Koby Millington took home top honours in A Grade football, winning the Damien Harris Memorial Trophy, best and fairest on 158 votes.





Runner-up best and fairest went to Brady Zwar on 133 votes.

Other A Grade awards were presented to Luke O'Connor (most consistent), Keenan Smith (Matt Keeley Memorial Trophy – coaches trophy), Tai Martin-Page (Darren Millington Memorial Trophy – best team man) and Luke O'Connor and

Brady Zwar (joint winners of most valuable player – voted by A Grade players and coaching staff).

Club president, Cazz Nitschke, thanked everyone who has played a part in another successful year for the club. "I was particularly proud of what our club was able to pull off by hosting the NAFA grand final," she said. "It was a huge day and huge effort by all concerned."

In B Grade, best and fairest went to Aiden Malchow and runner-up was Adam Combe.

Other B Grade awards went to Jesse Philps (most improved), Dale Tenney (most consistent) and Jarrod Cunningham (most courageous).

The club is already getting fired up for the 2017 football season with the AGM being held at the Laura clubrooms on Wednesday, October 19 starting at 8pm.



Article first appeared in the Flinders News



Proud Family Moment:

Laura local, Jack Wallis, was very proud to be with his grandson Joel Palmer and son in law Wayne Palmer at the Yorke Peninsula Football Association medal count to witness Joel receive his Mail Medal. He also won GM Gunning A grade Best and Fairest Medal and the medal for the best inter league player for Yorke Peninsula (in the SA State Country, Landmark Cup & Central Zone).

Jack at 92 years, was so pleased to be able get to see Joel play a few games for Kadina and watch him play in the SA State Country side at Adelaide Oval.

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Not sure if the Gym is for you? You are welcome to go along with a Member and pay a casual fee of \$5.00 or alternatively, pick up an access button from the Post Office.





Laura Community Gym AGM:

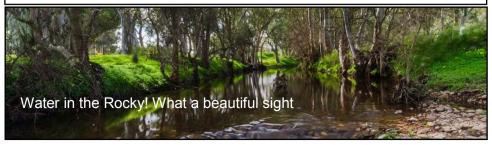
The Laura Community Gym has proven to be very popular and a great asset to our area. The Gym is providing a place for people to go to keep fit and healthy and socially, it is a place for friends to meet and enjoy doing something they are passionate about.

For people new to our area wanting more information about the gym, the membership forms are available at the Laura Post Office, where payments can also be made.

Any people who have access buttons and no longer require them, can you please return them to Deb or the Laura Post Office for your refund as we are desperate to get buttons for new members.

We are holding our AGM Meeting at the Laura Sporting Reserve on Tuesday 25th of October at 7.30, ALL WELCOME.

Enquiries to Deb Palmer: 0408 082 614.



The Laura Standard

Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council Crystal Brook, Gladstone and Laura Health Units

The Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council will hold its

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00 pm on Thursday, 27 October 2016 in the Laura Hospital Activity Room

Presentation by Emma Young Country SA PHN Country SA PHN is the new health network set up to service the country regions of SA

All members of the public are welcome to attend

For further information contact Lynn Hickey on Phone: 8663 3100 or Email: <u>lynn.hickey@sa.gov.au</u>



Government of South Australia Southern Flinders Health Advisory



50th Anniversary – Lutheran Church of Australia

On Reformation Day, 31st Oct 1966 we saw the union of the two Lutheran synods in Australia – United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Australia and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Australia, at Tanunda in South Australia.

The Lutheran Church had its beginnings in May 1839 with a constituting convention under a gum tree at Glen Osmond, South Australia. By 1846 it had fractured into two Synods over theological issues. There were mediocre attempts over the years to amalgamate the two synods.

In the early 1940's small steps were taken towards serious discussions on the disputed issues that had kept the two synods apart for one hundred years. By the early 1950's there was *'substantive consensus'* to allow for union to occur.

It still took another decade before a 'Document of Union' could be drawn up (January 1965). During 1965 the two synods met in convention and by the end of October there was a *'reciprocal declaration of altar and pulpit fellowship.'*

In this region on that occasion a day of worship and celebration was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pine Creek (Appila) on 28th November 1965. There were over 640 people in attendance with four ministers leading the worship.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the official declaration of the union of the two Lutheran Synods in 1966, we are having a **Regional** Celebration Service at 10.30am Sunday, 30th October 2016, at the Laura Civic Centre. There will be a shared lunch to follow.

Invitations have been sent to the congregations of Whyalla, Port Augusta, Wilmington, Port Pirie, Crystal Brook, Clare.

All are welcome to attend, and especially anyone who has been connected to the Lutheran communities of faith over the years.

Contact for further information -: Robin Zadow (Pastor) 0427 881 540



Brush with Art:

The most visible activity of our society in recent times has been our participation in Brush with Art, the art trail through the Flinders Ranges. Members and other helpers have done an amazing task in staffing the Court House Gallery every day for over a month enabling many locals and visitors to see the photographic exhibition.

History Council of SA Lecture:

The history groups of Gladstone and Laura hosted the annual country lecture of the History Council of SA at Gladstone on 25 September. Dr Phil Butterss presented a refreshing and honest look at the life of CJ Dennis, and the influences which his writings have had on several generations of Australians, through times of both war and peace.



An Unsentimental Bloke, by Phil Butterss, (Wakefield Press) is available from RRHAS or the Laura Information Centre for \$ 35.

Property works:

The stump of a former eucalypt tree on the eastern side of the Court House has recently been removed, enabling other landscaping to proceed. A recent Northern Areas Council Community Grant will enable repairs to the drainage and downpipe of the portico of the Court House Gallery to proceed also.

Laura Racing Club Committee:

We are grateful to the Committee of the Laura Racing Club for being included in their donations to local organisations. This support has been especially valuable through the years assisting projects such as the shed, compactus and other shelving to come to fruition.

Friends of Rocky River:

We always appreciate support from residents and many others from outside the town, including former residents, who subscribe to be a Friend of Rocky River for \$10 annually. These donations enable us to maintain our buildings, pay the power bill for the lights in Hughes Street which add to the ambience of the town, as well as our general activity of CPR – collecting, protecting and recording the history of our district for the future.



Southern Flinders Netball Club:

Season 2016 started with new faces to our club which was great to see. It was also great to see some new and young members taking on coaching roles this season.

With all our numbers we seemed to be lacking players in the goalie area, to the players credit they kept trying to keep the ball in our possession. It seems to be when there are a few numbers around suddenly the injuries come and suddenly you become short.

A grade and E grade were the two grades that suffered the most, which gave opportunity to some young players to play in a higher level. With injuries and pregnancies in our club, we managed to have 6 teams making the finals. Only one of our teams was knocked out in the preliminary final the rest playing in a home ground grand final. Unfortunately, they were unable to secure a medal around their necks.

Sophie Millard was the H Grade Runner up in the Association, her trophy was presented to her grand final day. Alison Henderson was named in the 2016 A Grade Team of the Year.

The club had some players who were chosen in the Country Champs team that played in Adelaide on the June Long weekend. These were Jessie Harslett 13's, Hannah Watson 15's, Sharni Chapman and Jenny Ballantyne in the 17's.

SAPSASA Netball also saw our junior players Charlotte Durrant, Casey Cleggett, Jessie Harslett and Georgia Winter representing our club in Adelaide.

Hannah Watson made the Academy Regional's team and will play in October, 4th to the 6th.

At our Presentation night held at the Laura Institute, Leanne Opperman and Sara Keeley were presented with a goblet for playing 200 games for the club.

Our AGM will be held at Laura Tennis Shed on Tuesday 8th November at 7:30 p.m.

All new and past members, players, and coaches are welcome to attend to start the 2017 season.



On left Ness Watson presenting Alison Henderson A Grade Runner-up B & F award.

> On right 200 game award recipients Leanne Opperman & Sara Keeley



The Laura Standard

Thinking about our town:

At a recent LCDTA meeting and again at the AGM the topic of our town in the next 5 or 10 years has been discussed.

As a result, the LCDTA would like to propose that as a community we adopt the vision statement:

'Laura – a friendly community, valuing our past, influencing our future'.

Whilst brainstorming, we looked at two perspectives – Facilities and Projects plus Events, recognising that our community caters to both local community members and tourists of all ages.

Our community will be 150 years old in 2022. What could this mean for us as a community?

Our town currently has a number of attractions including; the Laura Information Centre, accommodation for visitors, parklands, median strip with its history boards, cycling trail, all supported by the infrastructure of local businesses and services, community and sporting groups. Visitors say "Laura has a nice feel". When asked what a nice feel is it's everything from our picturesque entrances, median strip, quaint old world buildings, the Rocky River, the Flinders, the playground, statues.

Also noted were possible improvements that would add to our appeal. These included more toilets, centralised facilities or signs to all facilities and attractions, making the most of Beetaloo Valley as a tourist attraction including upgrading the Lookout, seating and planter boxes at the War Memorial, outdoor fitness equipment and a nature park at the Parklands and upgrading the west Laura bridge parking area.

When considering current events in the community we recognised that there were a number of organisations running events – from the Laura Folk Fair and the Country Music weekend to sporting groups and service organisations. A range of other events were mentioned individually and these included:

- Tourist attractions such as Golden North and their Entrance upgrade
- Twilight Market
- Quiz night
- Party in the park
- Damper nights in the caravan park
- Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day
- Brush with Art

And new suggestions being:

- Outdoor movie evening
- Car rally / ute muster

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The LCDTA relies on fundraising and grants to continue to improve the town infrastructure. We see the suggestions above as possible extra fund raisers.

With the 150-year celebration of the town in 2022 there is a need for a group of interested community people to gather and begin to plan if we are to have a successful celebration.

A 10-year plan for the town could be a useful starting place for us as a community to influence our future.

People interested in being part of the '10-year plan group' are asked to contact the LCDTA on lcdta5480@gmail.com



Country SA PHN (Primary Health Network) - Regional Strategies:

An Australian Government Initiative

Country SA PHN recently finalised recruitment for its Regional Strategies team for the Yorke, Mid North,

Lower North and Gawler region.



Emma Young lives and is based in Clare and will be the contact person for the Mid North, Lower North and Gawler region. Emma can be contacted via email eyoung@countrysaphn.com.au

Linda McCabe lives in Port Vincent and is based in Kadina and will be the contact person for the Port Pirie and Yorke

Peninsula region. Linda can be contacted via email Imccbe@countrysaphn.com.au

The Regional Strategies team aims to strengthen the rural voice in all Country SA PHN planning and activities. We look forward to supporting our communities and all primary health care service providers in our region, while developing strong relationships.

Over the coming weeks, Linda and Emma will be creating opportunities to introduce themselves and gather understanding of current local needs and activities in the region.

We encourage people to get in touch with us and we look forward to working together to support the facilitation of local community solutions for health improvements throughout our region.

Country SA PHN is responsible for commissioning Commonwealth directed funding for primary health services throughout regional South Australia.

For more information please visit www.countrysaphn.com.au



Laura Twilight Market

Hosted by Laura Events Committee at Laura Civic Centre

Friday 11th November 2016 4.30pm to 8pm

To be opened by NA Council Mayor, Denis Clark

Entertainment, Food, Plants, Produce & more! BBQ, Golden North Ice-cream

Enquiries for stallholder to:

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Regional Council Meetings:

COUNCIL

• Tuesday 20th December 2016, Laura Civic Centre 2pm

Members of the public are still most welcome to attend meetings and are able to participate in public question time at the meeting. Questions can be in writing prior to the meeting so that a researched answer may be provided. Alternatively, a question may be asked from the public gallery.

Welcome to Dennis McDeed:

Laura resident Dennis McDeed commenced at Council on Monday the 26th of September in the position of construction supervisor. Dennis comes to Northern Areas having previously worked in the mining industry as well as more recently with SA Water. We welcome Dennis to the team and look forward to working with him.



Laura and Districts Probus Club news:

There have been 2 further Probus Meetings since the last Newsletter and it has been great to see some new faces – anyone over the age of 60 are welcomed.

Guest Speakers have spoken on the Booleroo Men's Shed and Drugs in our Community.

Spring is coming and hopefully more conducive weather for being out of doors. As a result, we were able to enjoy a 1-day trip in September to Hallett to visit the home of and hear about Sir Hubert Wilkins (Arctic/Antarctic Explorer).

Taking further advantage of the Spring weather, our next meeting will be held in the Park at Wirrabara on Tuesday 11th October at 10am, followed by a BBQ lunch.



The Management Committee of the Laura Memorial Civic Centre is proud to announce that a contract has been let to Scott Watson of Mid North Airconditioning, Electrical and Construction, for a comprehensive heating and cooling installation covering the main hall as well as meeting rooms.

The work will be carried out over the next month.

lan White President



Laura Country Music Festival:

The fifth annual Laura Country Music Festival started at 1pm, Friday 29th July and commenced with the Golden Oldies.

The festival was held at the Laura Memorial Civic Centre and was well attended by many locals and country music fans from as far away as Mt Gambier, Murray Bridge, Adelaide, Quorn, Pt Augusta and surrounding districts in

the mid-north and Southern Flinders Ranges.

The talent was exceptional, with Jimmy and the Boys, Ian List, Chooka Williams, Reg Dodd, Ernest Schultz, Bill Bedford and local girl Isabella Allen providing the audience with great entertainment.

Friday night was a Cabaret with The Black Hats Band working with Chooka Williams, local girl Emily Smith and Ernest Schultz to get people up and dancing. Even though the numbers were down slightly, those that came enjoyed themselves immensely.

Saturday morning began with a Performance Workshop managed by Alison Hams and Mark Tempany from Whyalla. They had a good enrolment of artists learning how to boost their performances on the stage in whatever field they had chosen. The Talent Quest followed in the afternoon and a record number of entrants applied to take part with well over fifty being entered. The Talent Quest had nine categories those being: U12 vocal, 13-16 vocal, 17 and up vocal, open Motown, open Instrumental, open Country, open Duo, open Songwiting and open Comedy. The Judges for the talent quest were Paul Marner, Alison Hams and Mark Tempany. They did a terrific job of picking the winners from such a large number of contestants. The talent quest took us right up to 6pm when a roast and dessert meal was available, so many of the audience and acts availed themselves of the meal and enjoyed the home style cooking.

Saturday night was Presentation Night for the talent quest and our patron, the Hon. Geoff Brock M.P. was going to open the show but a bomb scare at his office kept him detained in Port Pirie. The sound and music was provided by The Black Hats Band, they provided a fantastic multi-talented performance. Marceau Camille started the entertainment and our judges Alison Hams and Mark Tempany showed their considerable skill at performing as did Tyler Patterson, a young performer that is changing the country music scene. Marceau Camille was the star of the show interacting with the audience, with a big proportion of the crowd getting up and dancing.

Sunday morning started with Ian List, Bill Bedford and Reg Dunn entertaining us while we munched on bacon and egg sandwiches and tea & coffee provided by the Laura Primary School as a fundraiser.

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Following breakfast, at 10am, we saw the Gospel show kick off at the Civic Centre with the well-known Craig Giles, Bill Bedford, Ernest Shultz, Taylor Pfeiffer and local girl Emily Smith providing a moving morning of entertainment.

The Afternoon Concert on Sunday was dedicated to Craig Giles and Taylor Pfeiffer and we were wowed by the performance of both. The audience came from a wide area; the South East, Broken Hill, Peterborough, Murray Bridge and all the surrounding areas, some especially to see Craig Giles perform. Taylor Pfeiffer, an up and coming artist, had a film crew doing a special about her career that hampered the proceedings somewhat, but we

got through OK. The whole day wound up with The Black Hats doing some solos, which pleased many. It was one of the most successful country music events, and that is thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time freely to make the event happen. Thank you, Laura!





Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (HAC) Report – September 2016

Community Forum

Southern Flinders HAC conducted a community forum on 21st September to address concerns raised by community members relating to changes to Home Care Services for aged and disabled clients in our area. More than 50 people attended, with many issues raised. These services are now provided by Mid North Community Health based in Port Pirie, with two of their representatives attending. Mid North Community Health will be contacting all clients to fully explain the changes and provide their direct contact details.

Shower Chairs

Two Corendo shower chairs have been purchased from HAC funds at the cost of \$10,000 each. These chairs will greatly enhance the comfort and

safety of patients and staff in our health units.

Pictured: Corendo Shower chair with SFHAC Committee members



Laura Folk Fair needs YOU!

Organisation is starting to kick into gear for next year's Folk Fair and we are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers for our Teams:

Stallholders

Jobs include; input on acceptance/rejection of applications, site allocation, admin work in sending out stallholder packs, etc.

Sponsorship & Promotion

Jobs include; Facebook and other social media, website, development of advertisement for print, radio, television, etc. Grant applications, seeking local and corporate sponsorship.

Entertainment

Jobs include; input on development of entertainment line-up, seek new entertainment options, development of programme, entertainer packages to be send out.

Fundraising

Jobs include; organisation of fundraising events and activities, development of new fundraising avenues.

Team members will also be needed for the areas listed below; the majority of input not being required until early 2017:

**Bar and/or Soft Drink Van **Parade **Folk Fair Stall **Raffle and more



If you have some ideas and a little bit of spare time, please get in touch with a Committee member or via secretary@laurafolkfair.com.au, or Sue Scarman 0418 809 920



State Embroiderers Conference 2016 – Report from the Flinders Branch:

The Conference was held in Laura, this year. With lots of planning the event ran very smoothly. Many thanks to all the helpers who helped make this event possible and immensely successful.

The ladies had a very enjoyable time stitching, catching up with old friends and making new friends along the way, the project task was to make a pimp. This is an elongated egg shaped, three sided hold all.

The embroidery, pictures drawn on the three face sides, could be completed in various ways, very much a sewers' choice – colour in the pictures (again choice of medium), stitch components, a combination of both or stitch only. It was also up to the stitcher if they used various mediums to stitch the embroidery. Some of the ladies were well on the way to completion by the end of the conference; some only had bits to do when they return home. Well done to all the ladies.

The partners of some of the ladies attending did not miss out. The men had been organised to do a cook's tour of the area, including visiting the Southern Flinders Discovery Centre in Gladstone and sampling some locally made FC Grubbs soft drink. From discussions at the dinner table that evening the men had had a very enjoyable day. They travelled around 100 kilometres sightseeing etc. Thanks to Don Hucks, Rod Taylor and Roy Watkins for organising and taking the men on their trip.

The Flinders Branch ladies also had a display of completed works on display for attendees to view and comment on. There was also a display of the Flinders 'challenge', where members were encouraged to do their choice of embroidery depicting the Flinders Ranges. These covered various scenes including a beautifully stitched galah. Thanks to the ladies who provided their interpretation of the challenge.

Many thanks to the Laura Hospital Auxiliary for providing and serving the dinner. The assistance of these ladies took a great strain from the Flinders Branch members. Many thanks also to the businesses that provided goodies for our 'show bags', special thanks to Gwen Arthur, our 96-year young member who had made all the tatted book marks for the bags.

Overall this was a fantastic event and the weather was lovely.



The Laura Standard

South Australian Regional History Award:



The Governor of SA, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO recently presented the annual awards of the History Council of SA.

The South Australian Life-long History Achievement Award was jointly awarded to Brian Samuels and Emeritus Professor Wilfrid Prest.

SA Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO presenting the award to Greg Slattery,

The South Australian Regional History Award was made to Greg Slattery, whose citation stated in part, "Greg has an incredibly strong sense of place which is indistinguishable from his passion for regional history.

For some forty years he has promoted regional history and heritage in every possible forum. His involvement with regional history began with Laura's centenary celebrations in 1972 as the joint author of the history book, Laura Days. He was later a foundation member of the Rocky River Historic and Art Society, embracing the district of Laura, Stone Hut and Beetaloo – C.J Dennis country of which he is an avid supporter and promoter.

His contribution to history goes beyond his regional interests. Amongst other activities he is a member of the History Council of South Australia, vice-president of West Torrens Historical Society and archivist at Immanuel College. Greg's love of history permeates everything in which he is involved. He has a passion for community heritage. He is a bridgebuilder par excellence, taking every opportunity to promote our history and heritage in his own quiet, self-effacing but firmly focussed way."





Laura Information Centre news:

This is always a busy time for the Laura Information Centre, with so many people travelling in the region.

Quality local produce is always popular with visitors and

our sales reflect this - it is not unusual for people to spend \$50 or more on the variety of goods we have on display.

When we add this to what is spent in other places around the town, we see how important the promotional work (done by so many volunteers) is for the whole region.

A 'good news' story from the Information Centre also came to our ears this week – a young High School student looking for an after school job included her volunteer work in the Information Centre in her résumé and found prospective employers very interested.

We would also like to welcome our new neighbours at 'Someplace Nice' and wish them every success.



Andrew and Cassandra would like to announce the opening of their Cafe / Restaurant 'Someplace Nice'.

Located in the beautiful regional town of Laura. Just 30 minutes from Port Pirie, Melrose and Jamestown.

Andrew and Cassandra have had family ties to the Flinders region for almost a hundred years.

Cassandra's family hails from the Peterborough, Tumby Bay and Booberowie area, whilst Andrew's family have held sheep stations in the Port Augusta region since the 1900's.

Their love for the area led them to buying a home nestled at the base of the Southern Flinders Ranges overlooking Spencer Gulf.

With regular visits to the area from their previous business in Adelaide, they finally decided to move here permanently, however employment prospects in the region were slim.

They decided to create their own, and in the process give opportunities for others in the community. Thus 'Someplace Nice' was born.

A small, family oriented Cafe/restaurant. Their goal is that people feel like it's a second home. A place to relax and have that long lost family dinner you remember growing up.

A mixture of pub style favourites, European cuisine and good old comfort food, Dine in or takeaway, Someplace Nice will have something to fill the spot. We look forward to meeting you.

Currently Open: Mon—Sun 8am to 8pm (to be adjusted after Dec' 16, depending on trade).

Ph 08 8663 2657



Laura Community Caravan Park news:



After five interesting and enjoyable years, Alex & Barb Drosdow have decided to leave the caravan park to take up residence in their bed & breakfast, Cherry Tree Lodge.

They have seen a number of improvements in the park during this time including:

- the BBQ shelter converted to a camp kitchen which has been very well received by park guests
- formalisation of garden beds
- the new entrance from Victoria Street with it's beautiful rock wall
- a new office which presents the park in a more professional light. Gone are the days of picking up the key from a caretaker!

We are sure that everyone in Laura will give the new managers, Stephen and Sharon Pool, a warm welcome into the community.



Emu family, the official Caravan Park greeting committee, though the baby is more intent on finding some breakfast!





Finding a Justice of the Peace:

 Barry Harvie
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 Geoff Lange
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 Jon Hawkins-Clarke
 8663 2172

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Reports, articles and advertising for the December Newsletter can be submitted by email to **Icdta5480@gmail.com** or delivered to The Laura Soap & Gift Shoppe no later than 5pm Friday 18th November 2016. Receiving articles electronically assists in the production of the newsletter.

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

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As an incentive for supporting the Laura Standard with your advertisements you will receive your 6th advertisement **free of charge.**

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.

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	edition of The Laura Standard is
Third page - \$15.00	<u>5 pm Friday 18th Nov 2016</u>



Lions Club of Rocky River news:

Rocky River Lions Club is pleased to again be a major sponsor of the Laura Folk Fair in April 2017 to the tune of \$1500. We will again be

selling our donuts as a major fundraiser for the Club. The Folk Fair is an important tourist attraction supporting the community of Laura and surrounding district. Everybody wins.

Lions sold donuts at the Northern Areas football/netball grand final at Gladstone on September 10th. This proved to be our biggest sales day ever, with perfect weather, great donuts, a big crowd and a good mix of teams competing.

2017 is the Centenary year of the formation of Lions Clubs International. To celebrate, Rocky River Lions are planning to erect special park benches in Laura, Gladstone and Georgetown. We will be seeking support from each community and Council as to the location of each seat.

We will again be collecting sample grain for sale at the Gladstone Silo Complex. Geoff Reynolds is our volunteer managing the moving of the two grain trailers. Money raised is distributed within the Rocky River region for the most benefit to the community. We thank our farmers for their contribution in this project and pray for favourable weather for the harvest.

Our condolences are conveyed to Jean Cobb and family at the passing of our 'elder statesman', Privileged Lion Rex on September 11th. Rex was our longest-serving Lion of 44 years, having served in Whyalla, Africa, Adelaide and spending over 20 years in our club. He will be missed.



NORTHERN AREAS

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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, Regulatory 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