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Hi readers.

This time last year we were all talking about storms and their damage and had many high-water marks in our creeks and rivers, how a year can change our countryside and our outlook. Call it many things but the contrast again tells us that no two years are the same.

I must be a true farmer, always writing about the weather but I am still amazed how we all still talk about it. Being for the garden, the paddock, the tank or just because "it's been so cold" or "boy, yesterday was hot hey".

The Development board held its AGM and we welcome two new members to the team. To Val Thomson and Gerald Higgins, we look forward to your input and to the outgoing but never forgotten we thank you for your time and input since being involved. Val will assist with the fundraising and Gerald is the new assistant secretary, thank you both for taking on roles from day one. Even if not on the committee many people help us achieve results, we welcome your help if you could assist in some way. There was an interesting display in the Information Centre including a list of jobs we would like to complete, feel free to let us know of any ideas you have for improvement or upkeep of our town and surrounds.

We will again be holding a *Summer Desserts* stall at the upcoming Twilight Market in November and will welcome any help to make this a success and do some more fundraising to help complete tasks.

We hope to have the new shelter and seats in Laura next week and then soon to be erected at the lookout, it is exciting to highlight this view even further with a little bit of shade and comfort.

Please update your details for the 2018 Laura Community Calendar to avoid the last-minute stress to complete, or risk not being included at all (I hope not).

Soon we will put together prizes for the Christmas raffle and you could be approached for a donation or if you have something to donate please let us know.

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Well done to all who have competed in the sporting finals series recently and may you all enjoy your little break before your next sports involvement starts again. I have already seen the cricketers getting the pitch and oval ready to go so I guess summer is just around the corner.

Please stay safe and healthy, and keep smiling

Andrew Zanker, Co-Chair LCDTA.



**Southern Flinders Football Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm at the Laura clubrooms.  
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## 2017 Laura Country Music Festival:

Some of Australia's best country music performers graced the Laura Civic Centre stage as the town hosted the Laura Country Music Festival.

The weekend was action-packed for the Mid North town as acts performed from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.

Australian country music royalty featured on Sunday's entertainment line-up, with Anne Kirkpatrick drawing a huge crowd at the centre.

Anne is the daughter of the late country music legend Slim Dusty.

Her son, Jim Arneman, also performed on the Sunday morning with his wife Flora Smith.

He later joined his mother on the stage where, no doubt, they would have made their father and grandfather proud.

Anne said she had heard that the region was a heartland for Dusty fans.

Speaking to *The Flinders News* before taking to the stage on the Sunday, she said she was looking forward to singing some of her father and mother's songs to the crowd.

Saturday morning featured an abundance of future young stars as the festival's workshop and talent quest was held throughout the day.

Thirty entries were received across all sections and the winners were presented in the evening.

Tyler Paterson, of Port Pirie, and Ella Hebberman, of Jamestown, both featured prominently in the quest and picked up awards for their talents.

Member for Frome, and Minister for Regional Development, Geoff Brock, officially opened the festival on the Saturday night.

Mr Brock paid tribute to the event's hard-working committee which consists of Ian White, Joyce Wode, Marie Johnson, Anne Cowin, Irene Scott and Allan Woolford.

After the official opening, Peter Coad and the Coad Sisters hit the stage.

The Coads are familiar with country South Australia, originally hailing from the Far North. Their family lived at Martins Well Station near Hawker. Peter recalled a previous visit to Laura where he performed at the North Laura Hotel.

Crowd numbers were strong across the event, from the Golden Oldies concert on the Friday afternoon through to Sunday's star-studded line-up of entertainment.



Paul Costa & Anne Kirkpatrick

Article originally appeared in the Flinders News



## REMINDER!

### 2018 Laura Community Calendar:

Many thanks to those who have completed their application for the Community Calendar. Please keep the applications coming.

The insert in your current calendar remains the easiest way to apply to be part of the calendar. The final date for entries and payment is November 15th.

If you have yet to complete the application and Denise Higgins (bridenhi@bigpond.com) has your email address you will get another copy of the form by email in early October.

There are still payments outstanding from previous calendars and it would be appreciated if these could be attended to. Payments can be made by cash, cheque made out to the LCDTA or by **direct debit BSB 015-580, Account No. 2812 69451.**



### Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council report:

#### Accreditation Surveyors Visit:

During the week of the 14th August the Crystal Brook and Laura Health Units received visits from Surveyors for a periodic review as part of the accreditation process. The surveyors met with staff, HAC Members and volunteers. They were very impressed with the operation of the units.

#### Laura Kitchen Open Afternoon:

Refurbishment work on the Laura Kitchen progressed smoothly and was completed on July 28th. There will be an Open Afternoon on Monday 4th December with afternoon tea from 2:30-3:30pm. Community members are most welcome with a special invitation to past staff members. The kitchen will be dedicated to the memory of Ada Hincks whose foresight and generosity made this project possible.

#### AGM Reminder:

***The SFHAC AGM is to be held on Thursday 26th October at 7pm in the Crystal Brook Hospital Activity Room. Everybody welcome.***

#### Piano Donation:

Pictured is a beautifully restored piano that has been generously donated to the Laura Hospital from Creative Treasures.

The piano was originally owned by Moira Kleinig (née Slattery) with the seat covering still being the original tapestry by Moira.



# LAURA FOLK FAIR FUN(D)RAISER

2 to 5pm  
Sunday 22 October  
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## **Lions Club of Rocky River news:**

### **Hughes Street/Rocky River Cleanup:**

At a Rocky River Lions Club meeting earlier this year it was suggested that Lions could initiate and organise a cleanup of an area of public land on the south side of the west bridge on the Hughes Street/Pirie road.

Following approval from Northern Areas Council, local residents were invited to attend a community working bee to clean up ash trees, pepper trees, weeds and timber that was untidy and likely to restrict the flow of the river in times of flooding. The response was good with various community members keen to help.

The first working bee was held on September 6<sup>th</sup> with Lions Simon Huckwell with his chainsaw and log splitter, Bevan Smith with his loader and John Kitto with his forklift tractor. With lots of helpers, by the end of the first day 68 hours of voluntary work had been expended. A track was reinstated to enable mowing equipment to access both sides of the dry creek bed without the need to cross the bridge.

More working bees were held on 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September to clean up old logs and ash and olive trees and general tidying up of the area.

Further working bees will be needed to finish the tree trimming, establish small walking/bike tracks, aware that this area is prone to flooding.

Lions thank everyone who has helped so far. By this time next year this area will be an attractive place in our community and bring benefits we can all share. As they say, 'Watch this space!'



## **500th Anniversary of the REFORMATION**

**Regional Celebration Service**

**Sunday 29th October 2017**

**10.00am - Morning Tea & Singing**

**10.30am HC - Worship Service**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Appila (Pine Creek)**

**Shared Lunch to follow**

**Contact: Pastor Robin Zadow 0427 881 540**



## Laura and Districts Probus Club news:

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August Hanley's Bus took our Club and a few members from Crystal Brook and Port Pirie to Holowiliena Station, via Craddock, for the day. It was a wonderful day, sun shining, roos by hundreds and emus and chicks of all sizes.

Our hosts, the Warwick/Frahn families, met us with a cuppa and shared their history and showed us their recently renovated 150-year-old store, blacksmith, cellar and accommodation block. The family settled at Holowiliena in 1852 and have kept a lot of the equipment – sulkies, motorbikes, jars, holsters etc. After a pleasant lunch in the sun, we headed home disturbing the roos and emus again.

At the August Meeting, Len Cooper spoke of his trip to Africa with his wife and 3 family members. They travelled/camped 11,000kms through 9 countries from Cape Town to Nairobi in 6 weeks seeing zebras, elephants, baboons, monkeys, hippos, lions etc., also the Zambesi River, Victoria Falls, villages and of course country side. Looked a good trip.

Mary Ellen Kelly of Helping Hand was our Guest Speaker in September. Mary spoke of the changes to My Aged Care and getting services in the home as everything has changed since Feb 2017. When you need Care she suggested getting your Medicare card and a cuppa and ring My Aged Care and tell them your story as it is. It is hard to admit you need help but tell them what you can do and what you need help with. They will send out a Regional Assessment Carer who will assess your needs - it is often a good idea to have a family member or good friend with you for this visit. Later, My Age Care will offer either Basic Care or a Package with levels 1 to 4 and give you a list of Providers who can provide this Care (e.g. Helping Hand, Country Connect, Silver Chain etc.) – you then decide whom you prefer – you then have 56 days to accept, otherwise the opportunity for Care goes back to My Age Care to be used elsewhere. Costs depend on the amount of Care you receive and your income – there is also a hardship clause. Besides a Will, people need to think of having a Power of Attorney and an Advanced Care Directive. The future sounds so much fun (!!!) But it's good to hear and understand the current system.

We meet at 10am each month – all retirees welcomed. The October meeting is at the Laura Civic Centre and the Guest Speaker will be from the RAA talking about road rules.

November's meeting will be at the Wirrabara Sporting Reserve, the Guest Speakers will be Julie Arthur (Director of Nursing Booleroo/Laura) and Melissa Koch (Country Connect Carers from Port Pirie).



## **Laura Senior Citizens Club news:**

The Club's financial year ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September and we will have our Annual General Meeting in October. As Secretary/Treasurer, I expect to publish a good Report which will take the Club safely into the New Year. The attendance at our weekly BINGO sessions has been consistently well supported and has proved successful in giving the Club the funding needed to keep it solvent.

If you fancy an afternoon of fun and fellowship, join us at 1.30pm every Thursday afternoon in the Laura R.S.L. Hall. You will find a hearty welcome to the two sessions of six Bingo games with tea and snacks at the halfway point. Cost is just \$10 for the afternoon. You won't win much but you won't lose much either.

The Club meets bi-monthly commencing in February each year. Dates and times are advertised in the local calendar. We hold regular lunches, afternoon teas; play table games and generally enjoy each other's company. We were pleased to welcome three new members this year but there is always room for more!

This year marks the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we intend to celebrate at a special Lunch in Wirrabara Hotel on 15<sup>th</sup> November, combining it with our annual Christmas meal. Tell you all about it next issue.



Mid North Local  
Health Cluster

## **News from the Mid North Local Health Cluster**

The Mid North Local Health Cluster (MNLHC) is now on Facebook, have you liked their page yet?

The MNLHC has created a Facebook page to keep the residents of the Mid North up to date of its activities, and a place for sharing health related activities in the Mid North Region.

The MNLHC is a Community Advisory Committee for the Country SA Primary Health Network (CSAPHN), covering the communities of Crystal Brook, Gladstone, Laura, Booleroo Centre, Orroroo, Jamestown, Peterborough and Yunta. CSAPHN provide out of hospital services in the region.

Any resident of the above region or who provides a health related or medical service to the above region can become a member of the MNLHC, membership forms have been added to the Facebook page. Annually elections are held at the MNLHC AGM to elect the MNLHC Management Committee. You can find the current list of MNLHC Management Committee members on the Facebook Page. Please contact them if you have any questions or suggestions or alternatively send them an email on [mnlhc@outlook.com](mailto:mnlhc@outlook.com).



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**Laura Streetscape Upgrade:**

Council has been successful in obtaining funding for the redevelopment of the streetscape for the Eastern side of Herbert Street. The state government through its places for people program awarded Council \$230,000, which Council has matched with an allocation of \$230,000 to complete the works across the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years. Detailed designs are currently being developed with the works tentatively programmed for early 2018.

**Laura Flood Mitigation Project:**

These works are now complete insofar as the works subject to the grant and the scope identified under that project are complete. There are clearly a range of additional works required to connect and solve associated storm water management issues and a scope for these is being developed to implement and resolve.

**Northern Areas Council Community Project Grants:**

At the September Council meeting, Community Project Grants were allocated to groups from within the Laura District. The Laura Memorial Civic Centre were allocated \$2,300 toward a new stove and a range hood in the kitchen, the Rocky River Historic and Art Society was awarded \$935 toward the preservation of current art collections and to provide an honour roll, the Laura Folk Fair was allocated \$530 toward directional signage and the Rocky River Garden Club were allocated \$600 toward providing a guest speaker at a garden club event.

**Laura Folk Fair 2018 - Update:****Stallholders:**

Applications now open **until 15 November 2017.**

**Entertainment:**

Applications are now open. The Entertainment team is on the lookout for local talent. If you have any suggestions, please pass them on.

**Fundraising:**

The Fashion Parade has been set for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the Laura Civic Centre.

Book early as tickets are limited. Table of 7 \$160 or \$25ea.

***Call for items needed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>:*** tiered cake plates, teapots, coffee plungers. If you have any of these items to lend, please contact Sue on 0418 844 935.

## LCDTA update:

Following on from our article in the August Laura Standard, we highlight further LCDTA improvements throughout the town.

**Part 2** - Travellers heading north are greeted by the old-style shop façade at the information bay at the southern entrance of the town, which also features posts with hitching rings in reference to the days when the Kurrajong trees were used to hitch the horses. This project was completed in 2010 (with an incredible amount of volunteer hours) at a cost in excess of \$10,000.

The other three town entrances have more modern style signs featuring our iconic buildings. Designed and manufactured by a local resident, these unique signs can also be seen at night with the more recent addition of solar lighting. Solar lighting has also been installed at the Caravan Park.



Our wide median strip is always mentioned in a positive light, the addition of the Gazebo with history boards and tables with seating see the area used frequently by tourists and locals alike. The relocation of the CJ Dennis statue and construction of the Pioneer Family add further interest to the median strip. Tourists can often be seen having their photo taken with the statues!

To coincide with the new main street footpath paving, all street furniture was painted prior to reinstallation and together with the al-fresco dining areas, protuberances to protect the historical Kurrajong trees, wine barrel planters and bin surrounds, this side of the street has undergone a wonderful transformation. We look forward to the upgrade on the eastern side in the near future.

One area of great beauty is the old Courthouse/Archives Historical Precinct. The installation of heritage Furphy lighting, paving and fencing in 2010 amounting to \$12,000 along with the lace-work seating have highlighted these wonderful heritage buildings. Historians and locals alike are pleased to see the buildings so well preserved. This area has also hosted a local wedding, special celebrations and many photo opportunities.



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Another fairly major project from LCDTA is the Laura Information Centre, opened in November 2005 with 36,830 recorded visitors since opening. Over the years the variety of stock has increased as has the number of brochures for planning your next holiday. The window display is always changing and often highlights current town happenings. The LIC is now self-funded but appreciates occasional donations from the Laura Racecourse Management committee.

Many changes have taken place in the Laura Caravan Park. Most notable is the new reception building which now affords the Park managers privacy in their own home. The camp kitchen is very popular and the rock wall entrances are a magnificent display of an almost lost skill in stonemasonry. More recently the showers and laundry have been upgraded. We have a resident family of Emus, sculpted by David Griffiths from Adelaide, who also created CJ Dennis and the Pioneer Family.

Looking forward, our future projects include; the War Memorial backdrop, the rejuvenation of the median strip plantings and a new shelter with table and seating at the Beetaloo Valley Lookout. The rest area at the western bridge entrance will be receiving a makeover with the assistance of the Lions Club of Rocky River.

If you have an interest in helping with any of the above projects or indeed have some great ideas of your own that you wish to share please contact Joyce: 0437 345 211 or Darren: 0429 705 520. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Congratulations:

Recently, a group of fun-loving Aussie blokes on motorbikes travelled around Australia in search of Australia's Best Egg & Bacon Roll.

On Day 5 they arrived in Laura at Koffi & Kandi. They were impressed firstly with the friendly service and then even more so with the tasty egg and bacon roll, which even had a 'double yolker'.

Many km's later and after 35 days tasting egg and bacon rolls, the results were announced and Koffi & Kandi were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 9/10, only ½ a point away from the eventual winner.

Congratulations to Suzy, Tony and staff at Koffi & Kandi on their *prestigious* award.

If you're on Facebook you can catch up with the escapades here: <https://www.facebook.com/Australias-Best-Egg-Bacon-Roll278615242549290/> and watch their video from the day.



# Then and Now:

## Banking in Laura

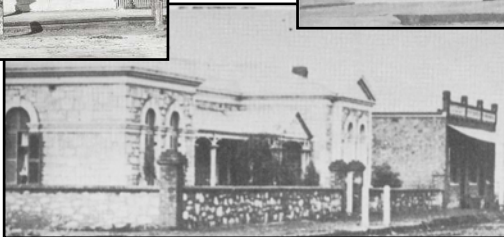
In recent times rural communities across Australia have bemoaned the loss of onsite banking services as the banks ride the technology wave to its full extent. But it is not just rural Australia that is feeling the effects of the disappearance of face-to-face banking; other countries including the Philippines and Canada are facing the same dilemma.

Although we don't like it, this could be termed 'just another transition' comparable to other industries. Remember that Laura used to have a flour mill, a brewery, a railway connection and several machinery manufacturers. Losing any of these was dramatic at the time.

In 1874 agencies of the National Bank of Australasia Ltd (Georgetown Branch) and the Bank of South Australia (Gladstone Branch) opened in Laura on the same day. This reflected the vitality of commerce at the time, somewhat similar to the private railway companies which were springing up across Britain and America.

A few years later the Bank of SA purchased a residence and commissioned their architect Edmund Wright (also responsible for Edmund Wright House in King William Street) to prepare specifications for alterations. The banking chamber of what has until recently been known as Creative Treasures was added in 1922. The Bank of SA was absorbed into the Union Bank in 1892. Another corporate merger with the Bank of Australasia saw the formation of the ANZ Bank in 1951.

During the 1890s The National Bank erected new premises (now owned by Marius Venz) and in the early 1900s the ES&A Bank opened on the other side of the street, until taking over the National Bank premises until closing the branch in 1941. After this the ES&A maintained an agency of their Appila Branch in the former office of solicitor WJ Stockdale, now part of the Little Woodfired Pizza Shop.



## An unsung son of our district

Not really unsung, but not well known in our district, Associate Professor Jack Cross grew up on the family farm on the Appila Plain, near Stone Hut. Born in 1930 Jack attended the Stone Hut school and the Pine Creek Lutheran Day School prior to boarding at Immanuel College in Adelaide.

In 2013 Jack was recognized in the Australia Day Honours list, as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia. The citation stated, "*for significant service to tertiary education in South Australia, particularly in the field of art and design, and to Indigenous education*".

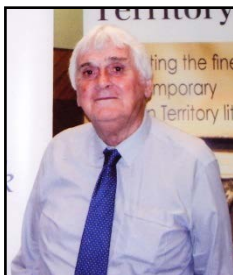
That really was a very brief summary of the life of Jack, who although 'retired' still lectures at the Adelaide School of Art. Having studied for his Masters at Stanford University in USA, Jack played a major role in the establishment of the Adelaide School of Aboriginal Education, during the 1970s, and trained Indigenous teachers in the Anangu communities. He published the book, ***Schooling, The Conflict of Belief***.

As Head of School of Education, at Underdale Campus, University of SA, 1969-1989, and as Adjunct Associate Professor, Schools of Education and Art, Architecture and Design, University of South Australia, Jack has been an inspiration to many a student teacher, resulting in receiving a Distinguished Teaching Award in 2015.

As President of Friends of South Australia's Archives, a Member of the Consultative Forum of National Archives, and a Life Member of U3A Adelaide, Jack keeps a keen eye on activities in these areas of interest. He was awarded Life Membership of the Workers' Educational Association of South Australia, for his service as a tutor and board member. He also compiled the history of the WEA.

He received the Chief Minister's Award, 2012, for his book, ***Great Central State: the foundation of the Northern Territory***. This treatise on the early days of the Northern Territory was the product of virtually a lifetime of research; being the result of forty years of sustained effort (five years fulltime) and is hailed as the largest research project on a South Australian history topic since Douglas Pike's, *Paradise of Dissent*.

Jack has recently added to his published works with the launch of ***Two Crosses***, a family story reflecting the social history of life when the Cross family lived around the Armagh and Bungaree Station area near Clare in the 1880s. Jack recently received a Highly Commended Award in the Genealogy SA Family History Book Awards for ***Two Crosses***. His brother Trevor (now in WA) was also involved in the production of ***Two Crosses***.





The Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council will hold its

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 26 October 2017 at 7:00 pm**

**in the Crystal Brook and District Hospital Activity Room**

**All members of the public are welcome to attend**

As provided by the Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council Rules, five (5) Community Representative positions fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting.

Following conclusion of the Annual General Meeting a process will occur to determine the representative appointments and this will be up to a maximum of three (3) years.

Each nomination shall be in writing and be signed by two (2) community consumers in addition to the candidate.

Nomination forms are available from Lynn Hickey, Administrative Assistant, Laura Hospital, which can be requested by email [lynn.hickey@sa.gov.au](mailto:lynn.hickey@sa.gov.au) or collected from the Administration of either Laura or Crystal Brook Hospitals.

Nomination forms, along with a current Curriculum Vitae, are to be forwarded in an envelope marked 'confidential' and addressed to:

Ms Julie Arthur

Executive Officer/Director of Nursing

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**Friday October 27th** Oktoberfest German Style

**Friday November 24th** Taste of Morocco

*Make sure you call to book 8663 2657*

**\*\*\*remember to book early for your Christmas Party\*\*\***





## Laura Community Caravan Park news:



Congratulations to Sharon and Steve who are proud grandparents to Eleanor Margaret who was born on September 11. They have taken time off to carry out their grandparent duties, and during that time Norm and Joy Colquist (who were our managers some time ago) have been relief managers.

Figures from the managers' August Report indicate that the park's occupancy rates are improving over time.

	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017
Cabins	73%	61%	88%
Onsite Vans	18%	5%	70%
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- **Council Office Gladstone** 8662 2018
- **Dog Control** Garry Harris 0419 858 375
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- **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](mailto:Sue.Scarman@NACouncil.sa.gov.au)
- **Councillor Geoff Lange** 0427 632 334





## Here is the final wrap for the 2017 season:

Our annual Senior presentation dinner was held Friday night and for the benefit of those who attended the Crows game here were the results:

### **B Grade:**

**Most consistent:** Q Janz

**Most courageous:** Jarrod Cunningham

**Best Team man:** Nathan May

**Runner up best & fairest:** Andrew Henderson

**Best & fairest:** Brett Ballantyne

### **A Grade:**

**Matt Keeley Memorial trophy:** Tim Woolford

**Darren Millington Memorial trophy:** Rhys Millington

**Most valuable player:** Shane Ballantyne

**Most consistent:** Lachlan Pole

**Runner up best & fairest:** Ziek Kay

**Damien Harris Memorial trophy (Best & Fairest):** Shane Ballantyne

**Service award recipient:** Ted Amey

**Thanks everyone for the season.**



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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, and please remember that Gym memberships make great gifts!*



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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. Newsletters in colour can also be emailed to you by providing us with your email address.

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### Laura Standard Advertising Fees:

Full page	- \$40.00
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Third page	- \$15.00

### Latest time to submit articles

for inclusion in the December  
edition of The Laura Standard is  
**5 pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**



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## Spring is here!

Children are in the playground again, the evenings are getting longer, the birds seem to have a new enthusiasm in their call, hay has just begun to come down in some paddocks, the bees are buzzing, the flowers are just beginning their show of colour, the possums are getting excited, and the pollen is on the pools of water and coats every other surface as well.

The touch of spring is an amazing thing – it affects even us humanly. There is an air of hope and expectation. Spring is able to colour how we view life and how we can cope with what is going on around us. That touch of spring can pervade just not our own individual lives but even a whole community. It is a time to get out and be involved in touching the lives of other people.

Then there are those who have lives that are touched by a failed Spring. That touch goes just as deep and impacts in a whole different way. Hopes and expectations have been dashed. Colour goes out of life and its replacement is dry and bare. If there is no one there to support, life can look pretty grim and lonely. It can become a downward spiral – I touch no one and no one touches me.

In Jesus' day touch conveyed something meaningful. Touch gave healing and hope. One was connected to others. Life suddenly became larger and more meaningful. To some extent it was a renewal of life – just like a touch of Spring.

Walk alongside someone for a bit; rest your hand gently on their shoulder. The human touch shows that you care and maybe something of the touch of Spring in you will rub off.

*Today reach out and touch someone else's life – they might need you.*

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