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Hello all

Thanks for picking up our early winter newsletter, I hope it is an enjoyable read throughout. It will, I am sure, highlight many of the things happening in and around our lovely town.

Like many farmers this time of year I am looking for some rain to get the crop in. I acknowledge and congratulate all those that have done their long hours and have their seed in already and I wish you the best for the coming season. I know myself and many others have long hours in the paddock yet to come and we're always optimistic that rains will follow and I think of all areas as they also feed livestock during this long spell without rains.

The Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day will again be held in the July school holidays, this time on Thursday, July 19th. Planning is well underway so get your teams in early for a fun day that is well catered for by our locals and I am sure the course will again be in top shape as the Laura Golf Club always has it.

Plans are well underway to enhance the War Memorial with some new features to be added, including planter boxes and some artwork to compliment the area that I hope all will like and appreciate. It will be nice to see the east side of our main street upgraded to match the paving already completed, with the council now having plans and funding to do so.

Please enjoy the colour pictures from the Folk Fair and the Laura Long

Lunch, both held with success recently. It's always great to have these highlights throughout the year and is enjoyable for locals and visitors alike.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy winter with the chance to get some mud on the boots and/or jump in a puddle or two.

Cheers, Andrew Zanker

Co-Chair LCDTA



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JUNE 25™

Meet 10am at Joan McDonald's (Laura).

Morning Tea and Entry \$5. Then back to

Hall @ Wirrabara for quick meeting. Bring own lunch.

JULY 9TH All Day Meeting-Club Get Together Hostess: All Members

Hostess: BOOLEROO

1st Speaker: Pat Toolan - Heritage roses

2nd Speaker: Terry Scroop- Succulents

JULY 23RD

Day Meeting @ 1:30pm. Nadine Thomas from Clare Valley's The Edible Garden

Hostess: LAURA

AUGUST 20™

Bus Trip to Holowalina Station.

Herbs will be available to purchase

Morning Tea and Lunch will be supplied.

AUGUST 27[™]

A.G.M.

Hostess: WIRRABARA

Hostess: MELROSE/

MURRAY TOWN

SEPTEMBER 24[™]

Members invited to have input into 2019 Programme. Where would You

Like to Go and Do; and Xmas Dinner Ideas!

OCTOBER (TBA)

Government House Tour. Entry is Free

OCTOBER 22ND

Members' opportunity to bring any plants they wish to sell.

Hostess: BOOLEROO

NOVEMBER 26™

CHRISTMAS DINNER Evening Meeting: 7:30pm





Seeking expressions of interest!

The Lions Club of Rocky River will be holding a **Boat** Licencing night at the Laura Sporting Reserve Wednesday 27th June.

The cost will be \$40.00 per person, and the evening will be conducted by an SA Safety Trainer from the licencing branch of the Department of Transport and Infrastructure.

Upon attending the course you will be qualified to:

- Obtain the boating license certificate entitling your to your SA Boat License
- Relax knowing you have superior knowledge of boating
- Get your license as soon as possible and hassle free



Upon successful course completion, you will receive a certificate. Present this certificate to an office of Service SA and you will be issued with your boating licence. **No further testing is required. You are now qualified!**

Expressions of interest and bookings - contact Greg Wheeler: 0418 756 676



Quiz Vight

When: Friday 29th June, 7.30pm

Where: Laura Memorial Civic Centre

Teams of 6

Contact: 86632187, 0418 844 935

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Laura Folk Fair AGM

When: Monday 2nd July 7.30pm

Where: Laura Memorial Civic Centre

Come along and make your voice heard

All welcome. Supper provided

Not all attendees are expected to join the committee. Your support would be appreciated.



\mathcal{LSR} Laura Sporting Reserve Schnitzel Nights

Come along and support the Football and Netball clubs on the following training nights and enjoy delicious schnitzels and great company:

- Thursday 5th July
- Thursday 19th July
- Thursday 26th July





Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day:

Thursday 19th July at Laura Golf Club, 10 am start.

Ambrose competition (fours) \$80 per team which includes morning and afternoon tea, and lunch.

Championship Handicap Events
Long Drive Nearest Pin comp.

Entries close 15th July. Contact Val Thomson: 86632472
All proceeds to LCDTA for Community Projects

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LAURA COUNTRY MUSIC Festival 2018 July 27th to 29th at the Memorial Civic Centre Laura

FRIDAY 27th July

- Golden Oldies 1pm to 3.30pm
- Dance with the Jukebox Boys 7.30pm to 11pm

SATURDAY 28th July

- Poets Corner 8am to 9am
- Talent quest 12.30pm to 3.30pm
- Country Music Show 7.30pm to 11pm

SUNDAY 29th July

- Gospel Music10am to 11am
- Country Music Show
 11am to 4pm

Tickets & Enquiries: Joyce 08 86632660, 0437 345 211

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Weekend Pass available: \$55.00



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Laura Hospital News:

The kitchen at Laura Hospital has received a well-deserved upgrade, the first of its kind since the hospital opened in 1938.

The Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council contributed \$470,000 towards the project which saw the entire kitchen refurbished, a new cool room and new freezer room.

Since the project's completion in 2017, staff have noticed an improved flow in the kitchen, something highly valued by the kitchen staff.

Yet the large scale renovation was not an overnight project, for several years the HAC saved the money which was bequeathed from a local farmer in quarterly payments and once an appropriate plan had been drawn up, they went ahead with the project.

Presiding member for the HAC Brian Higgins said, "It has been a work in progress, in 2015 we got serious about it and then we didn't have enough money and as it turned out, we had a major water leak, that held us up for quite a few months, it flooded half of the building and gave us a bit more time to build up our funds."

"Then we thought lets have another go at doing things properly. It was a blessing in disguise that we got held up."

The planning process for the kitchen was lengthy and involved the staff visiting several other industrial kitchens, in addition to receiving professional advice from successful kitchens in the region.

All parties are pleased with the end result and Julie Arthur the executive officer and director of nursing for Laura and Booleroo Hospitals says that the kitchen staff are satisfied and all standards have been passed.

"The flow is exceptional, you have to have a proper flow when you have an industrial kitchen. It passes all food safety standards and takes us well into the future. It will be meeting standards right into the foreseeable future, so an excellent result for Laura."

The kitchen is being successfully used on a full-time basis, and staff are overcoming any present teething issues. "I want to thank the HAC

because they have also had many community donations. We are very mindful of making sure those funds are spent wisely and directly on the hospital. We are very thankful", Julie said.

Pictured: Tanya Dwyer, Hayley Smart-Foster, Brian Higgins, Geoff Dickin and Julie Arthur in the new kitchen at Laura Hospital

Article first appeared in the Flinders News

Laura RSL News:



A dozen marchers and a lone horse-rider appeared in the still morning air of the Laura Anzac Day Dawn Service.

The horse, Jack, was ridden by Lisa Lloyd who displayed her grandfather Jack Lloyd and father David Lloyd's military medals.

The marchers, some holding wreaths, halted on the footpath opposite the war memorial as the service began at 7am.

About 200 people gathered for the remembrance as a recording of the bagpipe skirl of Amazing Grace played over the loudspeakers.

President of the Laura Returned Services League Trevor McKerlie performed a roll call of servicemen from the district who died as a result of war.

The first name was that of A.W. Acott who died in France in World War I at the age of 27 years.

Others followed at such places as Polygon Wood, Gallipoli and Passchendaele and, in World War II, Sandokan.

"We remember those who still sleep where they were left," Mr McKerlie said.

"And, those gallant men whose grave is the unending sea," he said.

He paid tribute to the "sisters" of the fighting men as well as those who took up arms in Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Last Post rang out, there was a minute's silence to the twittering of birds and then the national anthem was played.

Wreaths were laid by Mr McKerlie, associate RSL member and former parliamentarian Dorothy Kotz, Allan Woolford and visiting Immanuel College prefect Henry Yelland, 17, of Naracoorte, whose mother Heidi Yelland lives at Laura.

Henry said his great-great-uncle Brian Jenkins had served in the Royal Australian Air Force "so I remembered him during the service".

Inspired by his ancestor, the student hopes to become a RAAF pilot himself. Another of his relatives, the late Ralph Nettle, survived World War II duties.

Horse-rider Lisa Lloyd said her steed was a Morgan breed of the kind used by soldiers in the American Civil War.

The first to lay a wreath was Dorothy Kotz who played a key role in saving the

soldiers' memorial hall at Stone Hut from demolition about 1990.

She was a member of the Olsen and Kerin Liberal governments. Her farmer husband Brian spent 29 years in the military and was born and bred in Stone Hut.

Article and photo first appeared in the Flinders News.







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LUTHERAN Cold! – But when will it rain?

It always seems when we think back to "when I was young..." things were invariably much better, or bigger, or cleaner, or simpler, or...... It often seems

that our memory is most times selective though. We can remember those years that were hot and dry, 1967, 1982, and then the recent spell of drought years of the early 2000's the 'Millennial Drought'. Contrast this with the memory of the 'wet' years, such as 1974, 1992 (maybe you can think of some others).

We seem to intrinsically hope for a good year in relation to weather and rainfall. We expect, or hope for good seasons especially in relation to the land. But it just does not always go that way.

Yet what is all this trying to teach us? – Just resilience in life? Or is there no answer to it all other than fate – the season will be what it will be?

A couple of thousand years ago a bloke who was intimately connected to the land told lots of stories which had a good earthy connection. Talking to one of the wise people of his time he said; "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life." The gist of the story is that there will always be the things of this life that will challenge us, could be a financial loss, a difficult relationship, a medical diagnosis, the loss of a loved one, an accident, or the lack of rain to nurture the seed in the soil and all plants and creatures. The picture is always bigger than you or I. What it comes down to ultimately is what you hold onto in those times of uncertainty.

For many people it is the reality that there is an ultimate being who holds all this together – most people call that being God. Without this certainty of God being a presence, there is little that life has to offer, it is a fleeting moment from cradle to grave.

One young man put it this way "We need a God because we need a sense of place and purpose and a sense of something beyond." Fahad Ali, a Muslim geneticist.

When will it rain – that is in God's hands.

Robin Zadow (Pastor) Southern Flinders Lutheran Parish. 0427 881 540





Laura Community Caravan Park news:

II Hi to all.

The Park did extremely well for Easter and the Folk Fair and we are getting back to normal if there is such a thing.

With the little rain we've had, the park is slowly getting greener and the flowers are starting to bloom, adding beautiful colours to the view.

Bookings are down slightly but the drive-ins from the road have increased quite considerably which is great for the community. The cabin bookings are holding up very well.

Trish has increased traffic through the park by presenting most, if not all, new arrivals with beautiful tasty hot scones, jam and freshly whipped cream which seem to be greatly appreciated by our guests.

We are looking forward to a prosperous few weeks for the community of Laura with the re-opening of Koffi n Kandi in a newly renovated premises.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped make the Caravan Park a comfortable and quiet place to stay for our visitors.



Hoping all stay safe.

Trish & Peter.







New Council website and My Local Services app:

Council has launched a new and updated website. Go to,

http://www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au.

All community organisations including sporting clubs, are urged to register their details on the Community Organisations Contacts Register.



www.lga.sa.gov.au/mylocalservices:

The LGA of SA has developed the My Local Services App, a state-wide application which delivers local information about local services.

Spotlight:

Deliver key messages to the community using the Home screen of the App. Spotlights can link to web pages on the Council website to further inform the community of upcoming events etc.

Download:

Search my local services on Google Play or Apple App stores.

Events:

Showcase Council events that are coming up and are relative to the user's location.

Near me:

Easily discover nearby Council facilities such as parks, playgrounds and libraries. The inbuilt mapping application on the device can then guide the citizen to their nearest Council park or event.

Kerbside collection services:

A handy reference for which bin to put out and when. This feature also provides 'push notifications' to the user the night before collection.

And more.....



From **1 July 2018**, new laws will make it compulsory for:

All dogs and cats over a certain age to be microchipped.

- All new generations of dogs and cats (born after 1 July 2018) to be desexed (exemptions apply for working dogs, registered breeders etc.)
- Microchipping is a safe and permanent way to identify your dog and cat.
 The procedure is quick, with no ongoing discomfort and can only be carried out by a trained, authorised implanter.
- Discount microchipping days are being offered, visit chipblitz.com for more details and to make a booking. A microchipping day is planned for Gladstone on Sat. 14th July, attendance is by booking only.



The Laura Bowling Club has won the 2017-18 North Western Bowling Association First Division Boucher Grand Final defeating BHAS by 2 shots. Finals Scores Laura 83 BHAS 81.

After trailing all day by over 20 shots at one stage, Laura fought back to win on the very final end of the game. With one end to play Laura was 2 shots down and with the final in the balance, Anthony Kleinig's rink scored the magical 4 shots required to secure victory for Laura by the 2 shot margin.

The whole finals series was a cliff hanger. In the knockout final Laura defeated Crystal Brook overall by 2 shots, coming from behind on the final end to win. In the Preliminary Final Laura defeated Jamestown by the barest of margins,1 shot, again coming from well behind and winning on the last end. Laura had won 3 finals games by just 5 shots in total. A great performance and all should be congratulated, particularly the young players Laura have in their top division side.

To continue the great success Laura has had in 2018, they played the winners of the Spencer Gulf Association Premiers - ETSA in the Region 3 Championships at Wilmington. As expected Laura was once again well behind, however, at the completion of the 21 ends scores were tied. This resulted in each rink playing one addition end to decide the winner. Each of the three rinks won the extra end picking up a total of 5 shots to win the Region 3 Championship. An amazing performance and a thrilling end to a very successful season.

Added to this success, our Division 3 Mahood side played off against Gulnare in the Grand Final but unfortunately not winning, however, it was a great effort and achievement by all the players. In the Ladies competition both sides Bullock and Bookmakers made the final. Bullock lost in the Preliminary Final while Bookmaker made the Grand Final but was not successful. Another great achievement and performance by the Ladies.

From a Club view point it has been a hugely successful year with one premiership, a Regional Championship, two sides making the grand final and one the preliminary final. Not a bad effort from a small club with a lot of very young players.

If you are interested in playing bowls, now is the time, don't wait until you are too old to start. All new players are very welcome, come join a young, progressive and successful club. Let's keep the winning habit on a roll and repeat the success in 2018-19.

Pictured:

Front row, Graham Blake (Reserve) Alex Drosdow, Phil Hyde, Jake Prior, Jim Lynch, Todd Brand, Joel Palmer, Karin Lynch.

Middle row, Josh Brown, Ben Hopgood.

Back row, Garry Smith, Daniel Kerr, Anthony Kleinig, Geoff Brand, Steven Brown, Shane Woolford, Archie Prior



2018, a year of interesting anniversaries for Laura:

- The recent 39th annual Laura Folk Fair was opened by descendants of the Hughes family who established Booyoolee Station 175 years ago in 1843. Our town bears the name of Mrs Laura Hughes and street names reflect other family names of the Hughes and White families.
- 140 years ago in 1878 Court House built
- **140 years ago** in 1878 Masonic Lodge consecrated having held its first meeting in the Laura Hotel in 1877
- 110 years ago in 1908 new Masonic Temple building dedicated, now Laura Archives
- 100 years ago in 1918 eating of peanuts in the Town Hall was prohibited
- 90 years ago in 1928 a golf course established on parklands opposite Catholic church
- 80 years ago in 1938 opening of the hospital on 31 March 1938
- 80 years ago in 1938 death of CJ Dennis on 22 June 1938
- **80 years ago** in 1938 reconstruction of the wide Herbert Street to include the median strip gardens
- 60 years ago in 1958 golf course established on present site having gone into recession during the war
- 50 years ago in 1968 police station closed
- 50 years ago in 1968 opening of new Laura Memorial Civic Centre on 6 December 1968



80 years ago in 1938 opening of the Laura Hospital:

Proposals in 1923 for a community cottage hospital resulted in a wise and far sighted decision in 1929 to build a new hospital rather than convert an existing building.

Costing £2,400 (\$4,800) and built entirely from local donations the eight bed hospital was opened by TA Kleinig. Prior to this various private nursing homes operated, mainly for births.



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LMCC Laura Memorial Civic Centre Management Committee:

This year, the Civic Centre celebrates it's 50 year Anniversary. The Committee proposes to use the weekend of 3rd & 4th November 2018 to celebrate.

We are asking for help regarding a photographic display. Do you have photographs (or copies), invitations, booklets of an event held at the Civic Centre during the past 50 years - Weddings, 21st, Concerts, Receptions, Dances etc. that we may borrow for display? We shall take great care with them.

Please contact Co-ordinators Val Thomson 8663 2472 or Lorraine Griffin 8663 2412



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New honey trial starts at Wirrabara:

BUZZING OPPORTUNITY: Spring Gully Foods managing director Kevin Webb is excited for the company's Manuka honey trial, which will start this year.

Iconic South Australian brand, Spring Gully Foods will trial the production of premium Manuka honey in the Mid North.

A licence agreement between Forestry SA and Spring Gully Foods will allow the company to establish a 10-hectare plantation of *Leptospermum scoparium* (Manuka) shrubs in the Wirrabara State Forest.

The project has also been given a \$150,000 grant from the state government's Regional Development Fund for irrigation works, fencing, spraying equipment, tree supply and planting.

Spring Gully Foods managing director Kevin Webb said the trial infrastructure, including fencing and irrigation, will be built before June. Plantings of the Manuka shrubs will start after the winter rains with establishment complete by the end of August.

"The forest has an average annual rainfall well above 500 millimetres and workable soil types, both of which are required by the Manuka shrub," he said.

"The region has also been looking for alternative uses for the burnt forest, and based on the trial results, we hope to be part of that change."

Article first appeared in the Stock Journal



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 Visitor Information Centre (check the LIC roster for times when she
 is there) or 0418 844 935 or Sue.Scarman@NACouncil.sa.gov.au
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Reports, articles and advertising for the **August** Newsletter can be submitted by email to **Icdta5480@gmail.com** or delivered to The Laura Soap and Gift Shoppe no later than 5pm Friday 27th July 2018. Receiving articles, photos and logos electronically assists in the production of the newsletter.

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

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for inclusion in the **August**

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5 pm Friday 27th July 2018



Laura's Long Lunch – a Laura Community Development and Tourism Association (LCDTA) Fund Raiser

The first Laura Long Lunch was held in the Laura Civic Centre on Sunday 18th March 2018, from 11am until 5pm. One hundred and twenty nine people attended with all having a most enjoyable time. Tables of six were encouraged, with each table asked to bring salads and sweets for pooling plus nibbles for their table. Participants brought their own drinks. With meat and entertainment included in the price of \$150 per table (\$25 per head), it was a fun and cost-effective way to spend time with friends and meet new people.

Local 'talent' supplied the music, with Isabella Allen, Emily Smith and Paul Marner performing admirably. Paul Cotter was MC for the day. Other entertainment included Spinning Wheels, plus prizes for Music and Droodle guizzes and brightest coloured clothing for men and women. Silent Auctions were also fun activities.

Val Thomson was the energy and driving force behind this event, thanks Val for all your work, including the placemats, (many of which were souvenired!) Table decorations were the work of Joy Lange and her team of Eleanor Harvie, Julie Nettle and Sue Scarman. BBQ cooks were Barry Harvie, Gerald Higgins, Geoff Lange, Richard Stott and Clive Thomson. To others who helped in any way - our thanks. The profit of \$2300 was a fantastic addition to the LCDTA funds. All funds raised by the LCDTA are spent back in our community, examples being seating in the median strip, lighting of the copper statues and BBQ facilities in the Parklands.

Denise Higgins







