



December 2018 Issue 24

Busy Laura

On October 22nd Laura was showcased throughout the State when Sonya Feldhoff and her team from Radio 891 came to talk to our Legends and Larrikins.

The town was delightfully decorated with red ribbons and welcome signs. Koffi n Kandi and the Laura Soap Shoppe (who normally close on Mondays) opened for business which gave Laura a busy look as people congregated to support our town. The LCDTA executive and Sonya's team had done a great deal of background negotiation, and finally the ABC picked who they wanted to speak to and it was a wonderful opportunity for locals to tell their story and put Laura on the map. Well done to all who participated and a special mention to Anthony Lines who contacted the ABC and nominated our town for the Legends and Larrikins segment.

The caravan park committee has spent over \$200,000 in the last 10 years (not including volunteer labour!) making the park a delightful place to stay. However, many locals have not ventured within its grounds and so as a starter to the 50th year Civic Centre celebrations the committee decided to hold a sausage sizzle and open day. Many people took the opportunity to share a snag and have a look around the facilities that have made it a popular place and an important asset to Laura's economy.

If the walls of the 50 year old Civic Centre could talk it would tell tales of weddings and funerals, concerts and cabarets and so it was appropriate that November 3rd was a great evening of dancing, meeting old friends sharing memories as we viewed the display of historic photographs and then gathered around the table for a delicious supper. A wonderful night which was followed next day by a country market and games for the children. Congratulations to the Civic Centre committee and volunteers. It was a lovely weekend.

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Meanwhile to the edge of our town Marty and Lorraine Gilbert are in the process of developing their honey facility and next door Daniel Schultz is setting up his earth moving business. We wish them all the best. It is great to see new things happening in our town.

Our annual Christmas in the Park will be happening again. There are still some details to firm up so keep an eye out on the town notice board for full details.

Finally as the year draws to a close and Christmas is coming around, may your Christmas be joyful and your New Year prosperous and happy.

Barry Harvie

LCDTA Committee



Save the Date

Second Annual Laura Long Lunch –

The next Laura Long Lunch will be held on

Sunday 3rd March.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Laura Community Development and Tourism Association (LCDTA) are again conducting the Community Christmas Raffle.

If you are able to support us with items for Christmas Hampers, please leave your donations with volunteers in the Laura Information Centre — labeled “Christmas Raffle” by Friday 14th December. Please accept our thanks for your donation.

Raffle tickets to be sold from the start of December until drawn at the Party in the Park on Friday 21st December 2018

TOWN PARTY IN THE NORTH PARK LAND



FLINDERS MOBILE LIBRARY

Visiting LAURA
For the last time in 2018
Tuesday 4th December
12.45pm to 4.15pm
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First Laura visit for 2019: 8th January

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Scratch@ITCH Woollies

The Scratch@ITCH Woollies (don't even have to like wool!) meets for mainly Spinning or general fibre work on the 3rd Friday of the month from 10:30ish to whenever at Scratch@ITCH in Gladstone Street! Wheels are available for loan and/or sale and usually there is someone to help beginners. On Wool/Fibre day, the 1st Friday of the month, some spin, knit, crochet or felt (wet or dry) and now we weave both wool and fine cotton. The Spinners demonstrate spinning etc. at the Folk Fair or elsewhere as required and are affiliated members of the Handspinners and Weavers Guild of SA. For more information, call at Scratch@ITCH Wed-Fri or phone 0417 849 441

Take every opportunity to be active!





LAURA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER 2018
NORTH PARKLANDS, LAURA
BYO CHAIRS

FREE CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
BBQ, DRINKS, FRUIT & ICE CREAM 6:00PM
FATHER CHRISTMAS 7:45PM
RAFFLE DRAWN: 8:15PM
CAROLS & FAMILY MOVIE TO FOLLOW



Office Closures

Jamestown Administration Office

Closing: 3.00pm Friday 21 December 2018
Reopen: 9.00am Wednesday 2 January 2019
Normal business hours resume **2 January 2019**

Gladstone Administration Office

Closing: 2.00pm Friday 21 December 2018
Reopen: 9.00am Monday 7 January 2019
Reduced business hours during January 2019 and part of February 2019 are outlined below:

Open 2 Days a Week during January 2019

Mon	7	Wed	9
Mon	14	Wed	16
Mon	21	Wed	23

Open 3 Days a Week during February 2019

Mon	Closed PH	Wed	30 Jan	Fri	1
Mon	4	Wed	6	Fri	8
Mon	11	Wed	13	Fri	15
Mon	18	Wed	20	Fri	22
Mon	25	Wed	27	Fri	1 Mar

Gladstone Office will resume normal business hours from **Monday 4th March 2019**.

Spalding Administration Office

Closing: 12 noon Thursday 13 December 2018
Reopen: 10.00am Tuesday 8 January 2019
Reduced business hours during January 2019 and February 2019 are outlined below:

Open 1 Day a Week during Jan/Feb 2019

Tuesdays	Jan	8	15	22	29
Tuesdays	Feb	5	12	19	26

Spalding Office will return to normal business hours opening two days per week from **Tuesday 5th March 2019**.

Calendar of Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Northern Areas Council are currently held at the Council Chambers 94 Ayr Street Jamestown, on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 2pm. This may change with the first meeting of Council that was held on Tuesday November 27th November.

The general public are always welcome to attend. Please check the Council website for up coming meetings www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au

After Hours Emergency contact number during Christmas Closure period

Call 0488 999 808

Flinders Mobile Library Christmas Closure

Flinders Mobile Library service will be closed over Christmas from 5pm Friday, 14th December 2018.

The library will re-open for business as usual from 8.30am on **Monday 7th January 2019**.

Library staff have done their best to ensure all due dates for loans fall after the Christmas break. If you receive an overdue notice by email during the closure, please email staff via flindersmobile.library@gmail.com and leave a message requesting an extension on the return of your items.

First January 2019 visit within the Northern Areas Council as follows:

Tue 8 January Laura
Wed 9 January Gladstone
Wed 16 January Gulnare, Spalding & Georgetown
Fri 18 January Yacka

For more information, and the 2019 timetable please refer to the website www.flindersmobile.sa.gov.au under the heading of Library Timetable.

Hydrotherapy Pool Christmas Closure

The Jamestown Regional Hydrotherapy Pool will be closed over the Christmas period as per below.

Closing: Friday 14 December 2018

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Armistice day Centenary Laura.

On the Centenary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the WW1 hostilities, the Remembrance Day ceremony at Laura was only lightly attended compared to the population of the district and the number of servicemen who volunteered for their country from this district. The majority of the assembled community consisted mainly of the older generation closer to and raised under the heritage and the ideals that these loyal brave soldiers created.

With the decline in Service membership of the RSL the rural ceremonies (marches) will become smaller but it does not mean the attendance should do the same. These Soldiers especially of WW1 left us a heritage unparalleled in the world of bravery, fairness and a wonderful country to live. The servicemen and women of WW2 and later conflicts fought for the same ideals with the advantage of the heritage left them. We, with a strong military heritage (139 volunteers on our Primary School honour board) should not become complacent in this modern world, for our children's courage may be tested in the future.

Perhaps the RSL motto "Eternal Vigilance" may need to be "Internal Vigilance".

With view to above comments I must report that the Centenary of Armistice ceremony was held with due reverence and the memory of our Service heroes of the time were not forgotten.

The after ceremony refreshments at the Clubrooms was quite enjoyable, good friends and mates, district reminiscence and yarns all came together for a nice morning.

For this success I would like to thank the four students and Ms Robin Staker from the Laura Primary School for their grand effort positioning the bouquet and crosses at the cenotaph of four of our 19 soldiers who did not return to their country and families, Mr. Brian Beyer for the management of audio system at the cenotaph that he does so well, the Women's Aux; Heather, Maureen, Colleen, Tanya, Nicole, and Ally for the refreshment and drinks at the Clubrooms, the members who helped with the memorial decorations and all Sub-branch members who helped throughout the preceding week.

In closing, with thoughts of our heritage, present and future generations, and to keep the RSL viable we are inviting all persons that are inclined to join the RSL as affiliate members to do so. All persons are welcome. Please contact Trevor and Heather McKerlie for application forms and details.

LEST WE FORGET

RSL LAURA-SUB BRANCH.

Circuit Classes

by Wingstar Fitness and Weight Management

Wingstar Fitness will be offering circuit classes at the Laura Community Gym. Circuit will run three days a week. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Trainer Marian is also qualified in Boxing and Kick Boxing. Boxing classes will start running in the new year. Please call or message Marian on 0497 819 488 for more information.

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50-YEAR CELEBRATION: Laura Civic Centre committee chair Ian White, left, and deputy chair Deb Palmer were excited to celebrate the facility's 50th anniversary.

THE heart of the Laura community, the Laura Civic Centre, was home to a weekend of celebrations as the building's 50th anniversary was marked.

The Civic Centre has been the focal point for the community since it was officially opened by Premier Sir Thomas Playford in 1968. Chair of the Laura Civic Centre committee, Ian White, a local resident for six decades, said the centre played a special role in the community.

"There is nowhere else in the town where you could cater for 300 people," he said.

Mr White remembers fondly the many events held at the facility over the years. The centre was renowned for its legendary dances.

"I stood at the door many a night," Mr White said.

The centre has seen the highs and lows of the community – celebrations of weddings, birthdays and local events as well as paying tribute to local residents with funerals.

Its history as a meeting point for the town dates back more than 140 years to the original Laura Institute.

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Today, the Civic Centre committee ensures the facility continues to be at the heart of the community. Cropping the town's parklands, almost 30 acres in total, helps raise vital money to keep the centre running, and Mr White thanked farmers for their support.

"It's a big help to the Civic Centre," he said.

These activities help ensure the committee can carry out vital work, like replacing air conditioning which the group has done in recent years. The group now has its sights set on replacing the kitchen in the facility.

THE WEEKEND'S FESTIVITIES

To mark the 50th anniversary, dancing returned to the Civic Centre on the Saturday night where the Billy Goat Hill Band entertained from 8.30pm to 12.30am. Local identity Jack Wallis cut the official cake on the night.

The committee organised a goods and vouchers raffle that was supported by businesses in the Main Street.

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Earlier on Saturday, the Laura Caravan Park held an open day to show future plans of improvements for the park.

On Sunday, the festivities continued with a market and family fun day at the Civic Centre which featured produce stalls and a barbecue lunch. Children's activities included egg and spoon races, three-legged races, throwing competitions and more. Golden North kindly supplied Dixie Cups for kids. Face painting and a bouncy castle added to the fun.

Entertainment was provided by the Mill Street Band and bar facilities were popular.

A great way to kick off the next fifty years!

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VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN MP

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Special mementos for Christmas:

The Centenary of the Armistice of the Great War has been the finale of the centenary of Anzac commemorations.

The past years have seen a proliferation of commemorative coins issued and books published. Amongst these has been the printing of facsimiles of the **Trench Editions**; special wartime pocket editions of eight small volumes which fitted the pockets of the uniforms of the soldiers.

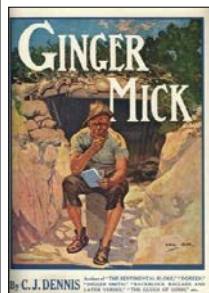
Much has been written about how these books contributed to the morale of the soldiers, with instances of them being torn into chapters, which were then passed along the trenches. Of the eight titles, four were written by CJ Dennis, indicative of his popularity at the time.

Four of the eight Trench Editions were authored by CJ Dennis who spent his boyhood in Laura.

<i>Songs of a Sentimental Bloke</i>	by CJ Dennis
<i>Digger Smith</i>	by CJ Dennis
<i>The Moods of Ginger Mick</i>	by CJ Dennis
<i>Glugs of Gosh</i>	by CJ Dennis

<i>The Australian and Other Verses</i>	by Will Ogilvie
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<i>The Man from Snowy River</i>	by Banjo Paterson
<i>Saltbush Bill</i>	by Banjo Paterson
<i>Rio Grande's Last Race</i>	by Banjo Paterson



The Moods of Ginger Mick, was CJ Dennis's second most successful book; his most successful being *The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke* (1915). *The Moods of Ginger Mick* was first published in 1916 just weeks before the big Conscription Referendum. It has been described as the catalyst of the Digger myth, with 42,350 copies sold in six months, and subsequently over 70,000 copies in its first four years, including the special "pocket version for the troops" which was reprinted four times.

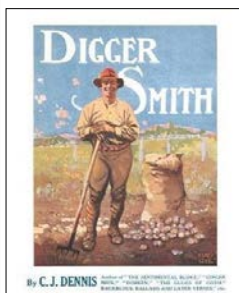
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Ginger Mick was a minor character in *The Sentimental Bloke* – Bill's best mate, and best man at his wedding to Doreen. After expressing some ambivalence about those involved in the war effort, he answered the call to arms for King and Country, leaving behind his love, Rose, and heads off to Egypt for training, and then on to the battlefields of Gallipoli. There he is killed in action after a brief period of feeling he has finally found his calling, and being promoted to Lance Corporal.

*An' they're singin', still they're singin', to the sound uv guns an' drums.
As they sung one golden Springtime underneath the wavin' gums.
(The Singing Soldiers)*

*An' we're 'opin' as we 'ear 'em, that, when the next Springtime comes,
You'll be wiv us 'ere to listen to that bird tork in the gums
(A Letter to the Front)*



One of CJ Dennis's most poignant books of verse, ***Digger Smith*** recalls a singing soldier from *The Moods of Ginger Mick*, who returns from Gallipoli to become the country neighbour of Doreen and the Bloke (*The Sentimental Bloke*). In true Dennis style it is told with wisdom, humour and pathos. The Laura Archives holds a collection of what have been described as rare extant original editions of the original wartime productions.

***Copies of the complete series of 2018 commemorative facsimiles are available at the Laura Information Centre for \$20 each
– one or more would be a very appropriate Christmas gift.***



*The Sentimental Bloke Silent Film
– 100 years ago*

26 November 1918 was the first screening of the silent film *The Sentimental Bloke* held at the Adelaide Wondergraph in Hindley Street.

As it was not screened in theatres until 1919 it is generally classified as a 1919 film.

Wind-farm issue raised in state parliament

An Upper House MP wants to ban the controversial proposed Crystal Brook Energy Park pending an independent review of projects and better noise and pollution controls.

In state parliament, SA-BEST MLC Connie Bonaros demanded the state government put a moratorium on all wind farm developments on the back of new World Health Organisation warnings.

This could affect what she said was the “ugly” proposed multi-million-dollar Neoen wind farm at Crystal Brook.

“We would never build a wind farm on Mount Lofty so why are we even considering one on the doorstep of our internationally-renowned Flinders Ranges and other treasured areas of the state?” she said.

“When the world’s pre-eminent health authority – the World Health Organisation – airs a warning, the world should rightly heed that advice.

“The renowned Geneva-based organisation found that wind power turbines have the potential to cause serious health problems – including hearing loss, tinnitus, high blood pressure and even heart problems – to people exposed to excessive noise levels they emit.”

Ms Bonaros said the organisation had listed recommendations to protect the community from noise including that:

*Exposure to wind turbines should not exceed 45 decibels in a 24-hour period.

*There be a limit at night of 36.3 dB(A) as a measured background level.”

Ms Bonaros said soft radio music, by comparison, had 50 decibels, according to the organisation.

“We need to ensure that the implications of the report are now taken into account in our own wind farm noise guidelines to prevent serious adverse health impacts on rural residents living near wind farms – noting background noise, atmospheric and house construction conditions are quite different in Australia, compared with much of Europe, and that, as a result, even lower noise levels may be required,” she said.

“Wind farms are increasing in size – in terms of both the capacity of energy generated and the size of the turbines.”

“The wind farm being proposed by French company, Neoen, at the gateway of our pristine Flinders Ranges, near Crystal Brook, is just one example.

“Currently the subject of a State Commission Assessment Panel for approval, each of the project’s 26 wind turbines will stand 240 metres high – the highest ever built in the state and double that of many of the existing turbines in SA.

“Each turbine will have an output of just under 5MW – again about double that of most existing wind farm developments.

“The proposed wind farm is only three kilometres from Crystal Brook township and a lot closer to nearby rural living properties – an issue that has concerned local residents, many of whom have contacted SA-BEST.

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“Laws permit a wind farm to be built one kilometre from a property without the owner’s consent and two kilometres from a town.”

She said that in Opposition, the Liberal Party had a longstanding policy to better protect residents by banning new wind turbines from being built closer than two kilometres from an existing dwelling without the home-owner’s consent and five kilometres from any town or settlement.

“The revelations by the World Health Organisation that wind farms have the potential to cause significant health dangers is damning,” she said.

“The new guidelines by the universally-respected organisation should send a shiver through us all – especially those who live close to wind farms.

“The guidelines highlight the fact our state’s own noise guidelines – which are already complex to decipher - are grossly inadequate.

“The Environmental Protection Authority’s wind farm noise guidelines for SA exclude noise characteristics specifically identified by the organisation as being of concern, including low-frequency noise and amplitude modulation.

“It is no secret that wind farms are getting increasingly bigger in physical size and greater in output capacity.

“In light of the report and the sheer magnitude of the wind farm being proposed by Neoen, SA-BEST implores the Marshall Government to take decisive and immediate action.

“At the very least, we call on it to place an urgent moratorium on approval or construction of any new windfarms until an independent, full and thorough review is undertaken and an updated, evidence-based, planning and noise pollution compliance regime is implemented that is transparent, effective in protecting health, and relevant for much larger, more powerful wind turbines.

“We must ensure that both operating and future wind farms in South Australia are not allowed to emit noise that causes sleep disturbance or otherwise harms human health.

“We must also review all legislation surrounding wind farm developments to ensure that SA residents are adequately protected from harm over the lifetime of each project, and that SA taxpayers will not foot the bill in future for noise nuisance litigation because inadequate planning and noise pollution regulations have failed to protect SA residents from harm.

“SA-BEST is concerned that wind farm proposals are starting to encroach on some of our state’s most scenic landscapes, including the Flinders Ranges and the Barossa and Clare Valleys.

“If Neoen’s project is given approval to be constructed on the cusp of the world-famed Flinders Ranges, an ugly and irreversible precedent will have been set.

“At present, development assessment for windfarms assumes - but completely discounts - their substantial visual impact on the landscape.”

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Then and Now:

Street Lighting for Laura

Laura was one of the first northern towns to have street lighting – firstly with an acetylene lighting plant and later by a privately owned electric lighting plant.

As virtually everyone is interested and concerned about their power bills these days, it is timely to look back to the early 1900s at street lighting in Laura. Although a relatively new invention in the USA, two locals, George Weste and Bill Lowe vied for prominence in the production of acetylene gas generators.

In May 1902 Weste was reported to have been using acetylene gas for two weeks from a plant of his own design. Meanwhile Lowe, who had manufactured and repaired bicycles at his *Bicycle Hospital* since 1897, was also busy, installing a system in the Methodist Church in November 1902. It was said that the new lights would give “*cooler atmospheric conditions for worship*” during the summer evenings.

In June 1903 a concert was held at the Town Hall at which 26 lights were lit for the first time. Lowe’s Star Generator was reported to be “absolutely automatic and self-regulating”.

Street lighting was introduced in 1906 after Bill Lowe had erected two lights on trial for two months. Seven lamps, with generators in each base, were erected. He donated one lamp which was erected at the end of Walter Street in North Laura. Attendance, lighting and supply of carbide was to be 12/6 (\$1.25) per lamp per month. George Hanley was appointed as lamp lighter in 1909 for one shilling and three pence per night (with the exception of moonlight nights!). Later a central gas generator near the Town Hall supplied gas through pipes to the lamps. In 1908 gas from the Town Hall plant was laid onto the Masonic Temple at a cost of £3.3.0 per year.

Success came to George Weste who gained a contract in 1909 for the supply of his Meteor Generators to the South Australian Railways, on a state wide basis.

Next issue – Electricity for Laura....



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B. LOWE, Acetylene Gas Engine, HERBERT STREET, LAURA, AUSTRALIA

Laura Community Caravan Park news:



Hi to all.

Our powered sites have been busier than expected for this time of year but we will see a slowing up as we move into Summer and it gets hotter while the cabins seem to be more consistent with steady occupation rates.

The preparation to move the On-site Van 1 has taken the next step with the plumbing for taps now completed and just waiting on the electrical work to be done so I can move Van 1 to its new location away from the centre of the park.

The dangerous trees near the amenities block have now been removed and we are just waiting for the stump grinder to complete that job.

Once again I would like to thank our volunteers for their help.

The open day on Saturday 3rd November, was well attended. We had approximately 50 people attend and the sausage sizzle was a success.

Hoping all stay safe.

Trish & Peter.







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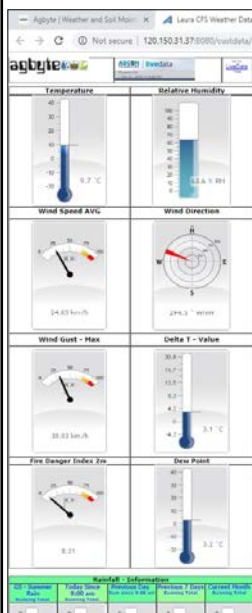
The Laura CFS brigade decided this year, that we would like to install a weather station near the township of Laura, to provide our local farmers better weather information, especially during harvest, when the Fire Danger Index becomes very important. Our brigade has seen how neighbouring towns such as Gladstone, Georgetown and Booleroo, who have a local weather station available, and how valuable this information has become for spraying, harvest, frost data and also keeping rainfall records.

We also saw the value to the local community, and to outsiders, to be able to access the website with our local information, to be better informed about not only the current weather conditions, but also able to access the archives for past information.

The cost of the installation of the weather station through Leighton Wilksch at Agbyte has been \$6000, but with kind donations by other local community groups, the cost to our brigade has been greatly reduced, which will help us pay the ongoing annual fee for the data transfer through the mobile phone system.

The community groups contributing \$3500 were;

- \$1000 from Bundaleer CFS Group
- \$500 from Laura Community Caravan Park
- \$500 from Laura Community Development & Tourism Association Inc.
- \$500 from Laura Racing Club
- \$500 from the Laura Ag Bureau
- \$500 from the Rocky River Lions Club



The station was up and running in early September, located near the old Laura Dump site, and hopefully the website address has been spread far and wide. For anyone that doesn't have the address yet, it can be found on;

www.toip-server.net.au:8080/custdata/agbyte/lauracfs/weather.html

To access the other local weather stations, visit the Agbyte website, and these are located on the map on the home page;

www.agbyte.com.au

Contacts:

- **Council Office** Jamestown 8664 1139, 1300 664 108
(Please Note: The 1300 number 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
- **Manager, 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 Denise Higgins** 0428 222 610 or Denise.Higgins@NACouncil.sa.gov.au



Merry Christmas



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Deadline dates for the Laura Standard Newsletter:

The Newsletter team, together with the LCDTA wish to thank all contributors for their newsletter articles and advertising over the past year.

The continued success of this publication relies on contributions from community/service groups, sporting clubs, and local residents and businesses.

In 2019 please continue to forward your articles, along with a logo to lcdta5480@gmail.com by 5pm on the following dates:

- Jan 25th
- Mar 22nd
- May 24th
- July 26th
- Sept 27th
- Nov 22nd

Wishing you all a joyous Festive Season and Happy New year.



Laura Folk Fair news:

Laura Folk Fair Committee wish to thank all the lovely ladies who baked cakes and other treats for our stall at the Laura Market on the 4th of November we appreciate your hard work and donations for our committee.

A big thank you to Ruth Combe and Jenny Filemon who worked on our stall for the entire market

During the market we held a raffle and our lucky winners for the day were:

- 1st Prize – Antonietta Pilmore
- 2nd Prize – Amanda Todd
- 3rd Prize – Ruth Combe
- 4th Prize – Kerri Reid

The Committee plan to have a silent action in the coming months so if you have any goods or services that you would like to donate we would be grateful for any donation, anything great or small home-made or from your business.

Services could include gardening services, babysitting, car detailing, manicures. Home potted plants or baked goods, or handicrafts. We would love any ideas.

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*Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe
and happy New Year*



Lions Club News.....

Lions operated their van at the Laura Market on Sunday 4th November in conjunction with the weekend's celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of the Memorial Hall.

Keep an eye out for the date of the public defibrillator training session to be held in Laura in the new year. The session will be convened by Lions and run by ActFast Training. The three units for use by the public are located at the Laura IGA, the Gladstone IGA and Georgetown Store. The training night held at Gladstone Ambulance Centre on 23rd October, run by SA Ambulance officers, was extremely well-attended, with a strong contingent of Laura residents.

Rocky River Lions are again supporting the Gladstone High School Presentation Night on 10th December in the school hall with the student Citizenship Award. The Club is also supporting the Design and Technology Award for the second time with the presentation of \$100 gift vouchers to a junior and senior student. These awards will be presented by Lions President Tim Zander.

The Lions Christmas Raffle, valued at over \$400 is again on sale at various points around town. Tickets are \$2 each and the winning ticket will be drawn on Thursday 20th December at 2pm at the Discovery Centre in Gladstone, just in time for Christmas. Lions cakes are also on sale around Laura, costing \$17 for a 1.5kg cake and \$13 for 1kg. All proceeds from these activities go towards community projects.



Laura and Districts Probus Club news:

The Club is looking forward to the Christmas trip in December. We will be visiting Chateau Barossa near Lyndoch to their rose garden, winery, museum and also to have lunch.

Our next meeting will be at Laura on February 12th (Tuesday) at 10am at the Civic Centre – the beginning of the year is a good time to join Probus – all retirees welcomed.

Recent Guest Speakers have included Quentin Van de Werf and Alan Clarke who spoke of their fledging new tourist venture to show people the Flinders. Their love of hiking through and exploring the Ranges was apparent and they hope to enable others to enjoy what they love and we have at our back door. To assist them in this they recently received funding for a 'trail blazer' (a hiking wheel chair) for people with disabilities.

We also enjoyed a talk by Merv Robinson of Whyte Yarcowie who spoke of his love of 'mechanical things' which he collects and restores. His collection started with a Lewis motorbike, then a Fordson Tractor . . . and in 1986 an Auburn car which he and his wife have driven to Interstate Rallies. More tractors, cars, then a few WW2 aircraft a 1942 General Grant Tank, a steam roller and recently another shed! He now has 120 tractors and a son and grandson interested in the collection. His collecting has seen he and his wife visit the US and the Auburn Car Club and a Tri-State Tractor Fair and WW1 & 2 Battlegrounds in France and the Solomon Is.



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Contact Hans Simons **0439 093 100** for details.

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

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The fascination of stories ...

Have you a favourite story from your childhood?

Most people do.

It seems that we have a fascination with stories right from when we are young. The story draws us into another place and time.

Stories are a powerful way of communicating much about life. A story can instil morals and values, culture and how community functions. Stories tell us about our identity of who we are both historically and in the present. A story can entertain us or challenge us. Stories can be used to explain the believable and the unbelievable. We have wonderful examples of all of these from our past bush poets such as C.J.Dennis, 'Banjo' Patterson and the like.

If you have a heart and mind to believe it, there is another story that includes all the above as well– it is called the Christmas story.

It comes from a historical point in time. There is much from the story that is believable yet also goes to the edge of the unbelievable. It is a story that entertains us yet challenges our construct of what is life all about. If we choose to accept it – it is life altering.

At a pivotal point in human history a baby was born in a place called Bethlehem some two thousand years ago. It was an event that the Creator was reaching out to the created to let them know He was still concerned about them. He sent his son in the form and shape of a human baby. So began the story of 'God-in-human-shoes' walking on the earth.

Humankind is searching out there in space, to the Moon and Mars and beyond for all the answers – but He is right here amongst us. He is right here where He left us – all we need to do is open up our hearts and minds and become part of the story.

Blessings as you get together over the Christmas/New Year period with family and friends, and share your stories along with His-story.

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

