



April 2019 Issue 26

Hi to everyone,

On February 27th 17 citizens from various community organisations gathered to brainstorm ideas for Laura's **150th birthday in 2022**. Below are the butcher paper notes made at that meeting.

- Bust of Laura Hughes including a commemorative plaque with date and reason. Situated between the Archive and Gallery.
- Residential Street Tree Planting. Tree planting in the Caravan Park new section to be completed in the same time frame.
- Back to school.
- Invite Service Clubs.
- Chrysler Club (on the Saturday and then perhaps onto the Jamestown Show after)
- Point of interest maps including Stone Hut.
- 4WD around the Beetaloo Catchment culminating in a picnic at the Beetaloo picnic ground.
- Picnic hampers to be pre-purchased.
- Golden North walk and video. Giant Twins and ice cream to be labelled to commemorate the 150th.
- Coffee van in place near busy areas throughout the weekend.
- Ag. Bureau – Historical display, a new permanent display, like plough near the Civic Centre.
- RSL display.
- Contact old families. RRHAS supply names, others to chase up. Encourage a short family story from each including photos.

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- Regatta.
- Expand 'Golden Secrets' self-guided tour in LIC.
- Keipert's blacksmith.
- Story in the book re street names heritage.
- Souvenirs.
- Utilise the logo from 1972.
- Caps, badges (both pin and patch), mugs, port labelled like the Folk Fair (although the Folk Fair will have a commemorative port that year which will have a label to suit the 150th so maybe just sell that labelled port.
- Victor Harbor brass band.

At this stage nothing is set in concrete and we are inviting ideas and input from the wider community to add to the list.

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- Merrilyn Smith 0427632354 merrilynsmith50@gmail.com or
- Barry Harvie 0409698009 b.e.harvie@bigpond.com

If you think of a good idea, down the track a community meeting will be held to get the wheels in motion for a great 150th.

Meanwhile, in spite of the hot weather the town is buzzing with activity starting early in the new year when a group of willing workers built the fence at the RSL Hall. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Commonwealth Drought Communities Program to proceed with the Civic Centre building project and with money from pledges and council (from the sale of council land at Laura) there was sufficient funding to complete the job, however, it has to happen in this financial year.

The Twilight Market on March 15th was held on a beautiful balmy evening and although stall holder numbers were down, they were happy; the music was great and a good time was had by all. Of course the BIG ticket item is the 40th anniversary of the Laura Folk Fair. The marathon effort of committees and volunteers over that length of time is enormous and the contribution to the economy of Laura is mind boggling. Let us all do our bit to make the big 40th a success.

Plans are well in hand for the Long Lunch on Sunday 28th April. It was good fun last year and looks to be better than ever this year.

Finally, congratulations to the lady bowlers. Commiserations to the cricketers, good luck to the Boucher bowlers who will be playing in the grand final as this goes to print and GO THE CROWS!

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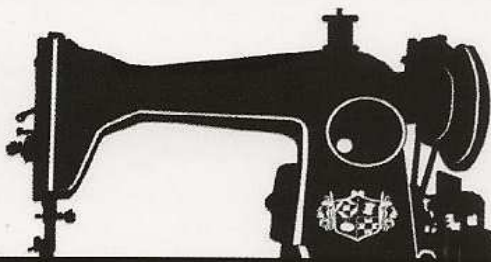
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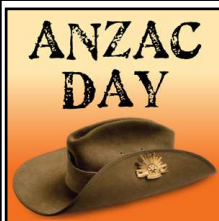
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Anzac Day Thursday 25th April 2019:

RSL members and the community are invited to attend the commemoration of Anzac Day.

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Following the service, you are invited to the RSL clubrooms for breakfast and fellowship.

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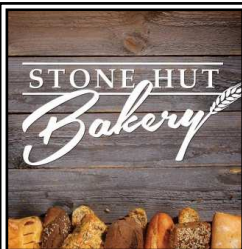


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Laura Bowling Club report:

Laura Women's Bowls won the Division 2 Bookmaker Grand Final on Thursday 14th March 2019.

The final was a thriller with a one shot margin to Laura. Congratulations to Helen Brand, Gay Blake, Liz Tommasini and Alex Drosdow, Delma Noonan, Di Phillips, Bev Marron and Mandy Hamilton and a great team effort.



The Laura Bowling Club played and won the Division One Boucher Grand Final on Saturday 23rd March 2019. Details and photos next edition.



Gladstone Health Centre update:

In the past 12 months Gladstone Health Centre has undergone some significant changes.

These changes include:

- New carpet
- Trees removed from rear of premises
- New roof and gutters (old tiles replaced)
- Front garden, including bark chips, new plants and watering system replaced
- New waiting room chairs
- New television (kindly donated by the Gladstone Op Shop)
- New signage
- New Flags

Community Health services are provided regularly through, Country Health Connect, Gladstone Health Centre, these include:

- Nurse led clinic (fasting bloods, etc..) Wednesday mornings, bookings 86622158
- Physiotherapist
- Social worker
- Podiatry
- Dietician
- Respiratory Registered nurse
- Diabetes educator
- Community Nursing service

Bookings for and referrals for these services are done via GP+ Port Pirie, phone 86381100.

The Medical Practice is now managed and bookings taken at either Crystal Brook and Laura Practice sites, with Dr Robertson continuing to consult at Gladstone Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Official hours of the Gladstone Health Centre are from 10am- 2pm unless a booking for an appointment is made however staff are often available and contactable on 86622158 out of these times.

If you require any further information in relation to Community Health services or referrals please phone 86622158 and staff will be more than happy to assist and direct you.

The staff would like to acknowledge the support of Health Advisory Council that the facilities are well maintained to ensure services are continued to be provided to the community from this site.

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The Courthouse Gallery:

People often wonder about the significance of the gallery and can be excused for 'not really knowing much about it'.

Historically, it is a significant building, being listed on the State Heritage Register. It is used for our art exhibitions and at other times usually has The Laura Collection of paintings on display.

It is visited by many who stay at the caravan park and used for other occasions. Within the next few weeks, apart from our Folk Fair exhibition, it will have visitors from;

- The reunion of the Grade 1 students of Laura Primary of 1949
- A family history book launch
- Members of a caravan club who will be spending three nights at the caravan park and will hold a 'mock court' in the former Court House.

Art Exhibition Opening Friday night of Folk Fair Weekend:

An open welcome is extended to the opening of the Art Exhibition on Friday evening of the Folk Fair weekend. **Doors open at 7.30pm.**

After a busy day (or days) of preparation for this busy weekend, attending the opening is an ideal way to have a time of relaxation and enjoyment. It is also the opportunity to have first selection of the paintings for sale! This exhibition is one of the longest running in rural South Australia attracting entries from artists across the state and interstate.

FREE ADMISSION on opening night includes refreshments.

Gladstone High School will again use this occasion to launch the latest vintage of **Gladstone High Shiraz**.

Tim Ruddenklau of **Ruddenklau Wines of Clare** will be providing tastings and sales of their range of wines which will also be available from the Folk Fair bar during the weekend.

HELP required over the Folk Fair weekend:

Most organisations require assistance over this busy weekend, but RRHAS offers an easy and pleasant task as a gallery attendant.

Simply, we need to staff the marquee in front of the Court House Gallery. The tasks are simple - greet people and take gold coin admissions and distribute exhibition catalogues.

As a bonus, from the marquee you can still see and hear most of the action of Folk Fair... and the LCDTA tea and coffee is very close. Time slots of an hour or so can be arranged.

Please contact Greg Slattery 0417 877 145.

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The Significance of the Laura Folk Fair to our District:

In 1980 Dick Biles, inaugural President of Rocky River Historic & Art Society, conceived the idea of the Folk Fair as an added attraction to the Laura Art Prize which had commenced a year earlier. The first Folk Fair was organised by RRHAS and included the unveiling of the bust of CJ Dennis which had been commissioned by the society. Since 1981 the Laura Folk Fair Committee has organised the fair. Since then the Folk Fair has developed from a fledgling event to that of a significant regional tourism attraction which has done much to put Laura on the map.

The Adelaide Cup was recognised with a 'one off' public holiday in 1973 to commemorate its centenary. But it ultimately has become a permanent holiday on our South Australian calendar. Through the years many opinions have been expressed about the relevance of this public holiday. The attendance a few weeks ago at Morphettville of only 13,600 has again provoked consideration.

Here in Laura, some have memories of the meetings of our own Laura Races which during the heydays drew crowds of 10,000 to the Easter meetings, earning it the reputation of *'The Onkaparinga of the North'*. In 1928 the South Australian Railways erected a platform near the racecourse for the convenience of race goers who came by special trains.

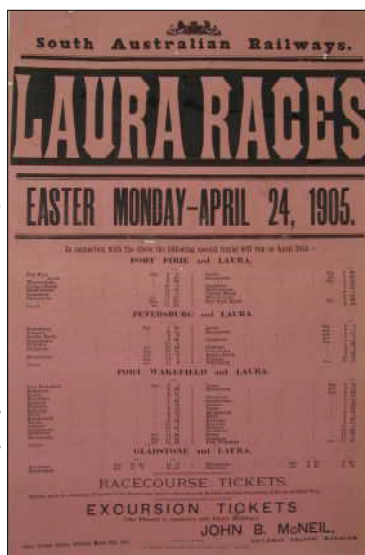
Below is an extract from a recent Letter to the Editor of **The Advertiser**.

"Perhaps we could have public holiday for the 40th annual Laura Folk Fair, which will on the first weekend of April attracted several thousand more attendees than did the recent Adelaide Cup at Morphettville. For a township of about 600 this is a remarkable feat.

Laura also punches above its weight academically and industrially.

NAPLAN results (The Advertiser 27/2/19) showed Laura Primary School as the only non metropolitan school in the top listed schools for both reading and numeracy, whilst Golden North ice cream is sold throughout Australia and even exported to China.

Laura is one of many rural towns with proud and significant contributions to our state. Like most towns, its hospital was originally built entirely from local funds. It's way past time to get beyond the Gepps Cross syndrome which too often dominates our government thinking and give more recognition to these smaller communities – even if just for the fun and frivolity of the Folk Fair.



COMMUNITY FORUM

Rocky River Ward

28 May 2019, 7pm

Laura Civic Centre

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**An overview of Council activities
and objectives will be presented.**

**Followed by the opportunity for
questions from the Community.**

**Members of Council and staff will
be in attendance.**



LCDTA note of appreciation:

park managers.

Although they will be retiring after the Folk Fair, they will remain in Laura for some time to assist the new managers, Mandy and Peter White, to settle into the position.

Peter & Trish were very enthusiastic managers, maintaining the park and facilities to a high standard., which was recognised by many positive comments from travellers using the park.

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Trish initiated a welcome treat for people booking into the park, a plate of freshly cooked scones.

Trish's morning teas and lunches were an incentive to attend the many Saturday working bees.

We wish them well in their retirement.

Laura Community Caravan Park news:



Hi to all.

As expected the weather has slowed our occupancy rate so we've had a little extra time to do odd jobs to improve the look of the park. The old caravan has now been sold and moved, and the ground is under repair.

We are waiting to have a few trades jobs completed before we begin to get busy again. We have had some electrical and plumbing work completed and just need to tidy up ready for our 2019 Folk Fair.

It is with a little sadness that Trish and I will be finishing our time as Managers of the beautiful Laura Community Caravan Park and wish to thank all who have helped make our stay comfortable.

The incoming Managers are a great couple, a few years younger than us and have made a commitment to continue making the park a great place to stay and the scones will continue.

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

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Trish & Peter.

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Laura and Districts Probus Club news:

We've now had two Meetings after a break over Christmas and New Year. Both Meetings were held at the Laura Civic Centre.

In February the Guest Speaker was John Van Ruth, the CEO of Operation Flinders. John spoke of their work with teens, between the ages of 14 & 18, who are chosen to go on an adventure camp to Yankinnia Station in the Flinders Ranges for a 100km trek over 8 days. The teens chosen are selected as they have 3 of 6 risks factors – disengagement from education or employment, anti-social behavior, offending, family dysfunction or social and economic disadvantage. The goal of Operation Flinders is to improve self-esteem, reduce offending and support the youths to achieve their full potential. 34% of their funding is from Corporate or Individuals, 29% from the State Government but they are reliant on volunteers.

Operation Flinders was formed 27 years ago. 50-60 Schools participate. The camps are held 5 times a year with 12 teams of 10 teens plus volunteers. The camps are aimed at being fun but also increasing the teens' esteem and sense of responsibility. The Camps are followed up with support & a 3-month activity & Certificate. Successful Youths can move on to a Mentor program. Studies have shown that Operation Flinders goals for participants are being met.

In March we held our AGM with Gladstone people this year being the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and Laura people being the 'vice squad'. Final details for the Probus Picnic were also discussed.

The picnic is to be held at the Laura Sporting Complex on April Fool's Day!!! Probus Members from Orroroo, Peterborough and Jamestown will be attending – approx. 80 members all told. Amongst the items will be the Laura School and the Crystal Singers from the 'Brook'.



HAPPY HOUR:

Time flies, it's 70 years since our Class of 1949-1955 commenced at the Laura Primary School, and about 18 of us are gathering on the first weekend in May to celebrate, reminisce and generally catch up. Our plans are to visit Golden North Friday afternoon after lunch at Koffi and Kandi, then stroll the shops. Saturday we'll visit the School and Archives then at approx. **5pm – 6.30pm May 4th at the North Laura Hotel** we would love to catch up with some of our (old) School Mates from other Classes. We hope many can join us!

Sunday we plan to visit Blesings Winery for farewells. There are other things happening - such as Dinner at the North Laura Hotel on Friday and Saturday. If you wish to join us for Dinner it may need to be on Friday as the Dining Room will be fairly full on Saturday as another large group is also booked in.

Colleen Slattery – June Pearce (nee Pech)



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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.

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

****May 24th**

****July 26th**

*** *Sept 27th**

****Nov 22nd**



Laura Folk Fair news:

Hope everyone is excited for the Laura Folk Fair – it's not long now!! The Laura Folk Fair Committee are working hard finalising the event to be perfectly prepared for the 6th and 7th of April.

As always we will appreciate any assistance you can give us on Friday 5th from sunup onwards with setting up the Fair ground and again on the 7th at 4pm to take it all down again. On Sunday night, once all is packed away, anyone who has helped is more than welcome to come along and join us for a wind-down BBQ tea.

We also appreciate how many people volunteer at the event to work on all ranges of rosters and stalls, we know how much effort the community put into this event and are truly appreciative. If you are interested in working on a stall or volunteering your time please let the committee know, we have got some rosters that definitely need more names to make the event run as smooth and easy as possible.

Thanks to all the participants and donors in our recent 'silent auction', we were lucky enough to be able to auction off 48 different items and raised over \$2000 through this event. The committee were very excited with this style of event as it was different to anything we had ever done. It was fun and we hope that participants enjoyed it.

We are pleased to advise that we have confirmed over 115 stallholders filling around 130 sites at the 2019 event, which is well up on average. We have got many first time stallholders with all new products along with many of the favourites from previous events.

If you want to know what is happening over the weekend go to our website www.laurafolkfair.com.au or visit the Facebook page to check out the Programme. There will also be hard copies in the Laura Information Centre and the Laura Soap & Gift Shoppe very soon.

If you need to contact us for anything Folk Fair related, please contact the Secretary – Anna Bottrall – 0458 532 732 or Sue Scarman- Chairman – 0418844935

We can't wait to see you at the Folk Fair!

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Rocky River Lions Club news:

As mentioned elsewhere, the Lions Defibrillator Training Night will be held in the Laura Sporting Complex on Thursday April 11th at 7.30pm. SA Ambulance personnel will be in attendance. Everyone welcome.

Lions will again be selling donuts at the Folk Fair. Prices will be the same as last year.

Lions are proud to again be a major sponsor of the Fair to the value of \$1,000.

A donation of \$250 has been forwarded to the Australian Lions Foundation appeal for the Townsville floods. Hard to imagine the effect of the devastation that such an event has on the victims.

The West Beach Lions Club has, for many years, provided a caravan at the West Beach Caravan Park for the use of country folk when visiting Adelaide for medical treatment. The caravan has, unfortunately, reached its use-by-date and is in need of replacement. The new caravan will cost around \$60,000 and Rocky River Lions have donated \$500 towards the fundraiser. Operating under the 'Country Care' banner, the caravan has been a valuable service to us country people in time of need.



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Laura eastern footpath upgrade update:

Some time ago council staff visited each property on the eastern side of

Laura Streetscape (Herbert Street) stage 2 to discuss the proposed plans for the streetscape upgrade.

Patience has been rewarded with the plans including amendments from those visits currently out to tender.

The LCDTA have a set of plans coming for review for any last minute items that may be modified prior to awarding contracts.

Work is expected to commence in the second half of this year.

Enquiries for these works to Peter Porch at council on 8664 1139.

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Reports, articles and advertising for the **June** Newsletter can be submitted by email to lcdta5480@gmail.com or delivered to The Laura Soap and Gift Shoppe no later than **5pm Friday 24th May 2019**. Receiving articles, photos and logos electronically assists in the production of the newsletter.

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5 pm Friday 24th May 2019



Loss – and other things.

It's hard to comprehend what loss is like until you actually experience it in an immediate and personal way.

Loss has at its core that there is an empty space in your life that was once occupied – let alone the trauma of the actual event that caused the loss to occur in the first place.

The situation in Christchurch NZ at this time is significant in that loss is far deeper than just a passing event of life. It touches the very core of what it is to value the very things that make our life valuable. One person said they had chosen to live in New Zealand because he thought of it as a beautiful and peaceful place – that has now been lost by the trauma of the event and its resulting loss of lives and life altering injury to many others.

The whole community in the process suffers loss of what was once the 'normal' routine of everyday life. Freedoms once taken for granted are now questioned. One is caused to re-evaluate the framework of one's life, and in the process grieves what once was is no longer the norm – a shadow has been cast over those things which we have always appreciated as the central to living a happy and peaceful life – there is a loss.

For those in more mature years, is the whittling away of what has been valued through a long life and a great concern for the next generations – knowing that things will never be the same for our children and our children's children – again a loss.

Where to out of all this? We see the great rallying around of the community in all its levels of grief and loss. Sharing in and identifying with the loss, the community can be a great comfort that the loss is mutual and will not leave those in this position alone in their suffering. This has often been the Australian experience as well through the many tragedies and traumas we have experienced as a nation, through fire, flood and drought.

One underlying resource is always in reach – compassion. The stories of the Bible often recount that the one feature that drew people to Jesus is that He had compassion for people – He went the journey with them.

We would do well to do likewise – otherwise we all become lost and alone.

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

