



June 2019 Issue 27

Welcome to the winter edition of the Laura Standard newsletter.

It's great to hear the tractors working again after the last rain, and we hope there is plenty more rain to come.

Congratulations to Golden North for again winning "The Best Ice Cream" in Australia, and we hope their marketing promotion in the eastern states is very successful. More sales will mean more work for our town.

I was extremely disappointed with the number of people who attended the SA Ambulance defibrillator training night held at the sporting reserve complex recently. Only 19 attended. The age of those who attended the training are more likely to need the defibrillator than to use it. In a town of around 400 adults this is not good enough.

Congratulations to Val Thomson and her small band of workers for the successful "Long Lunch". Just under \$2,000.00 was raised. The money will be spent on community projects to make our town better.

The Civic Centre toilet upgrade and additional disability toilet is progressing well. This work is funded partly by community funds. Travellers and event attendees will appreciate the updated toilets when complete.

The LCDTA committee is in the process of signing a new agreement with the Northern Areas Council for another 21-year lease of the community caravan park. We welcome new Managers Mandy and Peter to the park and we can already see great improvements that they have made.

Football and netball are underway again so we wish Southern Finders all the best for the year.

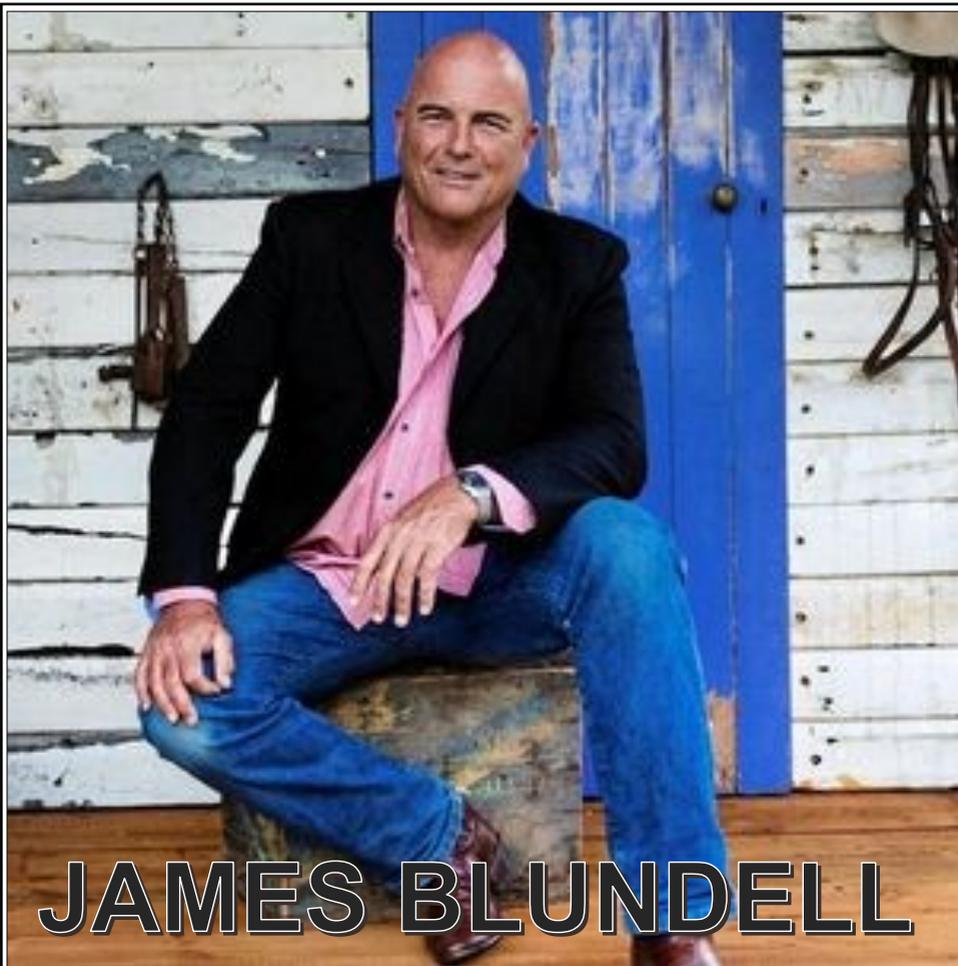
National Volunteers week has just finished and I would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time and efforts generously so that our community can continue to prosper. I encourage everyone to consider some form of volunteer work as this certainly makes our town a better place to live.

Thank you

Geoff Lange, Chairman LCDTA



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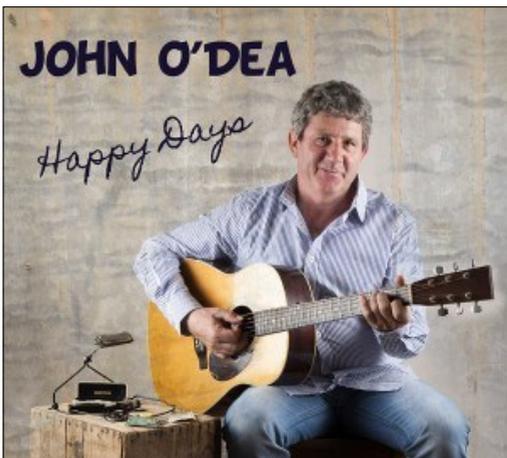


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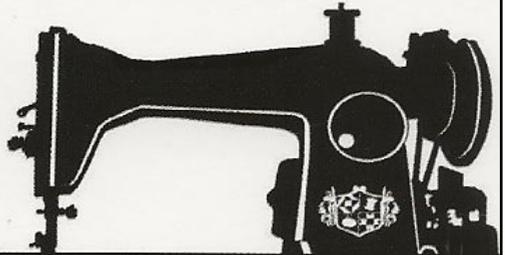
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Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) Report

Incorporation of SFHAC:

From the time Health Advisory Councils were formed the SFHAC has been unincorporated. Our assets, rights and liabilities have been managed by the Country Health SA Local Health Network Governing Council.

With the move from Country Health SA to Regional Boards, SFHAC is considering becoming incorporated.

Legislation requires that SFHAC consult with the community over a period of 4 weeks before the process can be finalised.

Contact Brian Higgins on 0427 632 595 with any questions or comments.

New EO / DONM:

Congratulations to Tess Noonan, who was recently appointed Executive Officer / Director of Nursing and Midwifery at Crystal Brook and Port Broughton Hospitals. Tess started work at the Crystal Brook Hospital in 1996 after achieving her Bachelor of Nursing from Underdale and completing her Intensive Care Course while working at the RAH.

- Tess has undertaken several roles both regionally and across Country Health SA including:
- Aged Care Coordinator SFH Crystal Brook
- Emergency Nursing and Midwifery Educator Country Health SA
- Life Support Instructor
- Educator Greater Green Triangle – Flinders University Department of Rural Health
- Nurse Unit Manager SFH Crystal Brook
- Acting EO/DONM SFH Crystal Brook / Port Broughton



SFHAC Funded Projects:

A wheelchair access ramp was recently installed at the Crystal Brook Hospital. This project was funded on a 50/50 basis from Country Health SA and SFHAC funds.



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A pergola has been completed at the rear of the Laura Hospital. This area was fully funded by SFHAC and will be a welcoming space for visitors and residents to socialise.

Included in the project is an updated Memorial Wall, kindly constructed and donated by Laura resident Trevor Meaney.



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What are the health benefits of Volunteering?

Decrease your risk of **depression**. Volunteering with and for others increases social interaction and helps build a support system based on common commitment and interests — both of which have been shown to decrease **depression**. Enjoy a sense of purpose and fulfilment—and increase your self-confidence while you're at it!



Found during 2019 Laura Folk Fair

Over the Folk Fair weekend, 2 rings were handed in to the Committee – these rings look important and antique and we would love to be able to find the owner so they can be returned, please contact Anna on 0458 532 732 for more information.



Laura Bowling Club news:

Laura Bowling Club put on a show-stopping performance as it powered its way to claim the North Western Bowling Association's Division One shield on Saturday 23rd March.

There was no stopping the young Laura side as they played off against BHAS Blue at Georgetown for the premiership.

Geoff Brand's rink was too strong for M Donald's, winning 36 to 21.

Garry Smith's rink was equally as powerful, winning 31 to 16 while Jake Prior's rink also powered its way to a win, 28 to 17.

While Laura dominated in three of its rinks, BHAS Blue managed to claw its way back in Barry Magor's rink by getting a narrow lead in the second-to-last end.

Todd Brand's crew regained its lead in the last end with Laura winning overall 123 shots to 79.

It was a stark contrast to the grand final Laura played against BHAS last season, where Laura trailed all day but fought back to claim the shield.



Laura - Division One winners

Article first appeared in the Flinders News



**NORTHERN AREAS
COUNCIL**

Laura Main St Streetscape Project update:

The Laura Main St Streetscape Project commences at the beginning of June with contractors establishing their equipment late in May.

The works will commence at White Street and gradually progress northward to finish just past Samuel St in accord with the design.

Works comprise replacement of existing footpath with segmental pavers, outstands built around trees matching the western side and renewal of parking zones.

The project will run to the end of September. Every effort will be made to reduce that program if possible. Council and the contractors are very aware of the likely impact of the works on businesses along the street and will do all that is practical in maintaining access to shops and driveways.

Council appreciates the patience of the public while these works are carried out.



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Laura Art Exhibition 2019:

Vivid colours of deserts and coastlines were on show at the Laura Art Exhibition as the Rocky River Historic and Art Society hosted works of guest artist, Elizabeth Maxted, from the southern suburbs of Adelaide. The society's President, Greg Slattery, praised Elizabeth's works and the colour it added to their annual exhibition held in conjunction with the Laura Folk Fair. "Elizabeth's works speak for themselves showing her understanding of the arid desert and the coastline," he said.



Julie Bottrall of Laura was announced as the recipient of the Dick Biles Encouragement Award. The award, for a local or regional artist, recognises Dick's tremendous contribution to the society and to Laura in general. Greg said he was sure all would join the society in celebrating Julie's talent which was shown in her delightful watercolour of a rose, on display and for sale in the exhibition.

Greg paid tribute to the artists for continuing to support the exhibition and said the annual display would not happen without them. "We are grateful so many artists consistently support this exhibition," he said. The weekend exhibition enjoyed a very good sales rate of 14.8% of works exhibited.

Gladstone High School launched their latest Shiraz at the opening night on Friday evening at which wines from Tim Ruddenklau Wines of Clare were also available. The Barbara Kleinig Junior Art Award attracted entries from the feeder schools of Gladstone High School and the high school. Artwork from the schools attracts a steady stream of (young) visitors to the gallery during the Folk Fair.

1949 Laura Primary School reunion:

Students from the 1949 Laura Primary School Grade One Class spent a busy weekend commemorating seventy years since they started school.

From Friday lunchtime until Sunday lunchtime they dined and laughed catching up on news of the past seventy years. Visits to the school, hospital (where several trained), the lookout, and an outside look at Golden North, as well as attendance at churches were all on the agenda. Local residents in the group included Janice Taylor (nee Karger), Colleen Slattery, Trevor Meaney and Neil McKenzie.



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At the Court House Gallery, the group summonsed to attention by former drummer boy Trevor Meaney, using the school drum of the era. Attractions at the archives included copies of Laura school registers and other memorabilia and photographs, and the school drum!



Stevens family history book launch:

Members of the extended Stevens family held their book launch near the old plough at the Civic Centre prior to a walking tour of historic Laura, and visits to the Court House Gallery and the Laura Archives.

Attractions at the archives included the penny farthing bike now owned by Robert Stevens. A copy of the book was presented to the archives by author Pam Flynn.



Members of extended Stevens family at Laura Archives

Northern Areas History Group:

The Northern Areas History Group comprising the heritage groups from within the area of our local government met recently at Caltowie. Group reports were presented by representatives and an informative presentation about the Caltowie Corridors of Green was presented by David Henderson of Caltowie.

The Caltowie Corridors of Green Landcare Group has been a quiet achiever for about twenty years. In 2015 the group received the Northern Areas Council Community Event of the Year Award for their Environmental Field Day held at Appila Springs.

Friendly reminder:

Friends of RRHAS annual donations of \$15 are now due. Please either leave in an envelope at Laura Information Centre or post to Box 18, Laura. Thank you







LCDTA Fundraising:

The Devonshire Tea stall at Folk Fair was again a profitable fundraiser for the LCDTA.

Last year's profit of \$2034 proved to be very much the exception reflecting the impact of a hot weekend - how weather makes all the difference; the kinder weather giving us a profit of \$2360 this year.

Again the support of the local community was important to the success of the stall. More than 110 dozen scones were made and sold over the weekend. To the volunteers who made scones and those who worked on the stall, - a big thank you.

Our location continues to be a positive and our marquee put to very good use. It's nice to see people back looking for us each year.

The donations lodged with IGA again defrayed the cost of running the stall. We need to also thank Sahota and the IGA team for their ongoing support. Over the last 3 or 4 years Saturday has proved to be by far our better day, with about 2/3 of our takings being on Saturday.



Dan

VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN MP

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Laura Community Caravan Park news:



Well we have had a wonderful welcoming from the Laura Community thus far.

Peter and I have been on the road for nearly 3 years' house sitting, and come to house sit for locals Katrina and Paul (and of course Caddie), they also shared their friends Kate and Stumpy who were fun to play cards with.

Peter and Trish spoke to us about becoming Managers of the park and how much fun we would have and the benefits attached. We then met the double trouble of Geoff Lange and Barry Harvie, who sweet talked us some more.

We love your little community with great coffee shops, Supermarket market, the hotel, florist (for when Peter is feeling generous) and the vast smells of the Soap Shoppe.



We hope to do the town proud and keep up it's great reputation.

Mandy and Peter.



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Laura's Long Lunch, held at the Laura Civic Centre Sunday 28th April:

Tables were decorated in teal blue and black and white much to the delight of our Honourable LCDTA Chairman, Geoff Lange, who welcomed everyone to the Long Lunch.

Special thanks go to Joy Lange, for the centre decorations on each table, to Paul Cotter, MC for the day, great job. Many thanks to our volunteers Geoff Lange, Gerald Higgins, Clive Thomson, Andrew Zanker, Richard Stott and anyone else who worked on the BBQ, much appreciated.

Special thanks to all those who supported the day by their attendance, enjoying good food, great music (DJ DeSilva) and lots of fun all around.

Suggestion box, greatly appreciated. Profit was \$1,954, going toward community projects.

Well done to all.

Val Thomson.



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Remember, shopping locally all year long keeps our community viable!



Meals on Wheels
Australia

Laura & Districts Meals on Wheels Branch will this year celebrate 40 years of service to the communities of Georgetown, Gladstone and Laura.

The Branch would like to contact the following Volunteers to join us for a celebratory luncheon.

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Anne, **EDMEAD**
Lizbeth, **FOSTER**
Pam, **HOCKING**
Eileen, **McNAMARA**
Dianne, **NEVILLE**
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Jacob, **VASTENHOUD**

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Margaret, **ELLIOTT**
John, **GARNETT**
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William, **MONEY**
Dawn, **O'BRIEN**
Marina, **SPENCER**
Joy, **WISSELL**

Colleen, **DINGWELL**
Sue, **FISHER**
Sylvia, **GARNETT**
Shirley, **HOOPER**
Patricia, **MONEY**
Tammy, **OLIVER**
Helen, **VASTENHOUD**
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- **Dog Control** Garry Harris 0419 858 375
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- **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



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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:

****July 26th**

****Sept 27th**

****Nov 22nd**

****Jan 24th 2020**



Laura Folk Fair news:

Another successful Laura Folk Fair has been and gone with much thanks to the input of everyone who gives a little and those who give a lot. This event is huge for a town the size of Laura and it just would not happen without the support of the whole town. We thank you.

The colour centre page sums the event up in a great way. As the old saying goes “a picture tells a thousand words”.

We are proud to have supported the community project at the Laura Memorial Civic Centre expansion to the tune of \$10,000 which means we will need your support when we have future fundraisers as this has very much depleted any reserves we had. Watch the notice boards for future events.

July 1st is our Annual General Meeting which will be held in the supper room at the Civic Centre at 7.30pm. If you have any input into improving this event, would like to join the committee or just help on one of the many teams (for these you do not need to come to committee meetings) please come along.

We know not everyone likes attending meetings but there are a lot of things you can assist with without coming to meetings. Hope to see you there. Discussion on the night will be how to make the Fair continue to grow and evolve.

Sue Scarman, Chairman, Laura Folk Fair Inc.



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Rocky River Lions Report:

Many moons ago, Lions were asked if they could make a financial pledge towards the redevelopment of the amenities at the Laura Civic Centre. Earlier this month the \$5,000 pledge was honoured as the project is nearing completion.

The LCDTA is to be congratulated on bringing this major project to fruition, debt free. The upgraded amenities will not only enhance the facilities for the Civic Centre, but improve the toilet facilities for use by Folk Fair visitors. A win-win all round!

Money raised by Lions towards the Civic Centre project has come from the proceeds of donut sales at the Folk Fair and sample grain collection at the Gladstone Silo Complex. We thank our farmers for their contribution and our goal is to distribute the funds raised for the best advantage of the community within the Rocky River district. This project fits the bill perfectly.

Lions are working to raise funds towards the upgrading of the Laura Primary School playground by the selling of donuts at the home football/netball match at Laura on Saturday July 20th. Lions will double the gross takings for the day and donate this towards the project. This should amount to over \$1,000. So, if you haven't tried our donuts, this is a good reason to try.

A similar arrangement is being made at the Gladstone home game on June 15th to go towards the new playground planned for Ewart Oval.





Laura RSL Sub-Branch report:

The June newsletter gives a brief overview of our very successful ANZAC Day Dawn service activities which I believe brought out the very best in our community and what the Laura RSL stands for, and that is, the ANZAC ceremony ensures that all are able to experience the special ANZAC significance they sought from their attendance at the Dawn service, in addition to the comradery in the Club rooms post ceremony, observation seems this occurred and is a tribute to all involved.

The Dawn Service ceremony was very well attended by the community and our Honoured guest Mr Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP. Wreaths were laid by Mr Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP, The Honourable Mrs Dorothy Kotz, and Mr Trevor Mckerlie (Pres Laura- RSL), and Mr Allan Woolford (CFS), in attendance were senior students from the Laura Primary School.

The post ceremony social events in the Club rooms showed a very close comradeship of local community and veterans past and present.

The President gave a short speech welcoming our sitting MP, the attendance of the Laura Primary School senior students and Mr Colin Byles (CEO NAC), then spoke on the significance of the Day and community involvement, RSL- HQ (Adelaide), membership of Laura-Sub-Branch, and then thanked all volunteers for their efforts in making the event possible and for all donations to the RSL.

The President and Members of the RSL would like to thank the LCDTA members (especially Project-Manager Joyce Wode) for the magnificent effort in the erection of the new heritage fence around the RSL Clubrooms. From the comments being received the finished product really enhances the look of the main street and Club rooms.

With respects to the Membership of the RSL, it has been reported that there has been a public misunderstanding that ONLY Ex-members of the Defence Forces are eligible to qualify. The reporting is true, the facts are not. Membership is available to all Australian Citizens.

The Laura RSL welcomes all our new members and thank them for their interest in the military heritage of our past and for what they may be able to influence in our future generations.

Teach Your Children To Remember

Please contact Mrs Heather Mckerlie on 0408635054 for membership information

From all members a belated "Happy Birthday" to Jack Wallis our oldest member.

In conclusion I reiterate a profound statement by the Dean of Westminster Abbey that ***The only legitimate aim of any country's military capability is securing peace.***

Regards,

Trev Mckerlie, President Laura RSL Sub-branch.

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edition of The Laura Standard is
5 pm Friday 26th July 2019



What happens when brown changes to green?

It is awe-inspiring to watch the change that takes place as the earth changes from the dry harsh brown soil to the moist earth that brings up the green shoots of new grass.

The paddocks take on a whole different hue as the green fills in all the spaces and in a short space of time the whole landscape is changed. We even see the spirits of people lifted by the change in the season and its first splashes of colour that lifts the hopes that all will be well.

For those working the land this brings about a flurry of activity. It is time for placing the seed in the soil. We don't really stop to consider how this all happens – focus is on getting the seed in the soil and then the next concern is every effort to cajole the crop into a harvest.

But do we stop to consider the fascination of it all? Do we stop to absorb the wonder of it all – soil + rain + sunshine = life! And we have no part in initiating any of it! We just respond to the wonder of nature.

If a single seed in the soil can respond to nature's call, send forth its shoots reaching for the sky, what does that say for us in the busyness of our life? What should our response be?

The Good Book says, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease." Genesis 8:22. They are words of promise. A promise delivered to humankind to test their trust and faithfulness. I believe it for us to reflect on that there is something much bigger going on here than a few grains of soil, a few drops of rain, and a single blade of grass rising up from within the grain buried in the earth, and all bathed in rays of sunshine.

In the life of the Church we are still in Easter season, which also is about life coming out of what was buried in the earth. It is that same eternal mighty power at work at Easter that brings life in the cycle of the seasons.

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

