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Welcome to the winter edition of The Laura Standard. It is good to see the country covered with a carpet of green. The Riverside Golf Course looked a picture on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July when 8 teams participated in the annual Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event an enjoyable one and a good fund raiser for the LCDTA.

You may have noticed the old grader next to the pine plantation at Victoria Street. It is a Britstand 1880 Grader purchased on 20/11/47 for \$1592.75 by the Laura District Council. Trevor Floyd from Laura Welding Service has kindly welded the bits that might bite and we will have it sand blasted and painted when the weather warms and then move it to the North Parklands.

In 2022 we have the opportunity to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our town. With the wholehearted support of the community this can be an extraordinary event. On August 4<sup>th</sup> a BBQ was held to discuss how we should celebrate this anniversary. Look out for our report on these discussions, further in this edition.

With new improvements at the Civic Centre and new paving on the east side of Herbert Street, Laura is looking very smart.

As this edition goes to print the Laura Country Music Festival will have been held. We thank the hard working committee for continuing to provide music lovers an occasion to gather together and enjoy this very successful event..

The friendly coordinator of the Laura Standard has decided to put down his quill. Thank you Hans, for many years of dedicated service to the

people of Laura. John 'Bugs' Cleggett has agreed to take up this position and we wish him well and GO THE CROWS!

Barry Harvie, on behalf of the Committee.



Your FREE bi-monthly newsletter of Information produced by the Laura Community Development & Tourism Association (LCDTA) Inc.

### LCDTA news:

The LCDTA Inc. A.S. Condon Memorial Golf Day was held on Thursday 18th July 2019.

This last 23 event has been held for the vears at the picturesque Laura Golf Course.

It was an Ambrose competition with an attached fee of \$80 per team of four players. Eight Teams competed, with teams from Port Pirie, Jamestown, Georgetown, Crystal Brook, Laura locals even Perth.

A great day was had by all, some fog in the morning but plenty of enjoyable sunshine after that.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea was organised by the ladies. All food was donated. Many thanks to Marg Thomas for organising the food, special thanks to Jenny Filemon, Chris Lines, Mel Broadbent, Carol McElroy, Janine Higgins and Kaye Schultz for their help and support.

Championship winner: Andrew Zanker Runner Up: Adam Combe Handicap winners: Anthony Lines Koby Nettle Runner up:

Geoff Lange and Barry Harvie conducted the spinning wheel, lots of prizes, all of which were donated, thank you both.

The Laura Golf Club kindly donated the facilities again for the twenty third year in a row, Thank you.

\$2,300 was raised for the community, which is a great achievement.



After 23 years the event is still going strong! Well done everyone.

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Laura Community Development & Tourism Association Inc.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 28th AUGUST 2019

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### LAURA CIVIC CENTRE

7:30PM

This is the committee that works voluntarily on YOUR behalf to provide facilities for this community and for the many visitors that enjoy a stay.

You are encouraged to come along to hear about the completed and ongoing projects around Laura and help with the planning as we make strategic plans for the next five years and beyond.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF POSITIONS VACANT THAT

NEED FILLING, SO PLEASE COME AND BE PART OF THIS

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY GROUP TO HELP SHAPE THE

FUTURE OF LAURA AND ITS

**SURROUNDING AREA** 

A light supper is provided after the meeting.



Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) Report:

Preliminary notice – Southern Flinders Health Advisory
Council AGM:

The **SFHAC AGM** will be held on **Thursday 24th October** at the Crystal Brook Hospital Activity Room starting at 7pm. All welcome to attend.

After many years' service Jan Crawford is retiring from the SFHAC. We thank Jan for her efforts during this time. A replacement HAC member from the Georgetown / Gladstone area would be ideal. Community members not living in that area are also welcome to nominate.

#### Volunteers Week:

On the 20th May an event was held at the Laura Hospital to recognise and celebrate the opening of the Residents Pergola & Memorial Board (mentioned in the last newsletter) as well as recognising National Volunteers Week, acknowledging all 18 Volunteers as well as spotlighting one longstanding Volunteer Judy Zwar.

Judy is photographed with Sarah Drogemuller (Volunteer Coordinator at the Laura Hospital) Judy Zwar has been an active volunteer at the Laura Hospital for the past 18 years, her support and talents are diverse, including but not limited to, hand massage, church services, bus trip outings, gardening, cooking and all round companionship for all the residents.

Her presence as well as the 17 other active volunteers is highly valued and appreciated by all staff and residents of the Laura Hospital.



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### It's Time for Dog Registration Renewals:

Council's Animal Management Officer, has conducted dog registration checks in Jamestown and Spalding in recent weeks resulting in a number of unregistered dogs being identified. Owners may be liable to an expiation of \$170 under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 for owning an unregistered dog.

Further registration checks will be carried out in remaining townships later in 2019. Council's Animal Management Officer can be contacted regarding any dog related issues on 0419 858 375.

A dog registered and wearing identification can be returned to its rightful owner much quicker which means that there is less stress on both the animal and owner.

Dog registration renewals will be issued from 1<sup>st</sup> July and are due to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Renewals can be paid through the DACO system. If you have already registered an animal in the DACO system, please ensure that additional animals are added to **that** profile and a new profile isn't created.

The discs issued with dog registration renewals last year are now lifetime discs and owners are encouraged to ensure the dog wears the appropriate disc or wears a collar or metal tag with registration number printed on it.

All dogs and cats must be microchipped and those born after

1<sup>st</sup>July 2018 must be also desexed (exemptions apply to working dogs and animals owned by registered breeders) and registered into the Dogs and Cats online system (DACO).

Northern Areas Council does not charge registration fees for cats but encourages cat owners to abide by the requirements of the Dog and Cat Management Board which requires their registration.







### **Laura Country Music Festival Success:**

Stars were on show at this year's Laura Country Music Festival at the weekend with one of the nation's best country singers taking the stage of the town's civic centre.

Fans queued in the civic centre's foyer to meet James Blundell, the event's headline act, who performed on the Sunday after an action-packed weekend of quality entertainment.

Blundell, who is in the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame, praised the Southern Flinders town and the event while on stage at the festival.





Local stars also took to the stage across the weekend with Orroroo's John O'Dea as well as Ella Hebberman, of Jamestown, and Isabella Allen, of Laura, showcasing their brilliant talents at the annual event.

On Saturday night, talent quest trophies were presented by Member for Frome, Geoff Brock, after the committee's chairman, Ian White, welcomed festival-goers to the town.

Mr White spoke positively about their entries in the quest. "We had quite a few entries in every section," he said.

Mr Brock, speaking at Saturday night's presentation, congratulated the organising committee for the fantastic work they do with the event.



In the quest, Gemma Tiller won the open country while Ella Hebberman won song writing.

In 16 and under vocals, Gemma Tiller took out first prize and picked up another nod in duo while open country vocal was won by Kate Fitzgerald.

### Raffle Prize Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> prize, Angie Scott, Blackmores, Water pump, \$540

2<sup>nd</sup> **prize, Carly Mc Lachlan**, Patchwork quilt by Irene Scott

3<sup>rd</sup> prize, Irene Scott, \$120 IGA Voucher 4<sup>th</sup> prize, Justine Johnson, Basket of local goodies

5<sup>th</sup> prize, Ben Hopgood, Soap Shoppe and IGA

**6<sup>th</sup> prize, Marcia Johnson**, Bathroom pack from Soap Shoppe

7<sup>th</sup> prize, B. Singh, Bag from Kezza's Krafts

Ella Hebberman and Kate Fitzgerald



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### Laura Commemorations through the years:

The Hundred of Booyoolie was proclaimed on 6 June 1871, and the first land sales were recorded on 13 November 1871 to Johannes Paulus Walter and Heinrich Wilhelm Alexander Walter. The streets of North Laura bear the names of HWA Walter who established the flour mill.

On the same day sales were made to the still familiar names of Growden, Smith, Reid, Heaslip, Flavel, Wild, and Winter. By the end of the year other landowners were Cook, Kennedy, Prior, Burgess, Staker, Cowin, Black, Sullivan, Bulling and Shephard.

Although the proposed town had been named Laura by Governor Sir James Fergusson and surveyed by CH Harris in 1871, it was not until 2 August 1872 that blocks of land in the township of Laura were auctioned. Subsequently the Laura Hotel has been generally regarded as being the first stone building in the town.

In 1932 the Jubilee of Laura was celebrated with much fanfare, followed by the centenary celebrations in 1972. Now we look forward to 2022 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our town.

Celebrations and commemorations have been a feature of our town through the years. As early as 1875, on the day of the third annual show of the Booyoolie Agricultural Show the foundation stone of the Laura Institute was laid and a procession was held. In 1887, the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee a procession of 794 persons commemorated her Jubilee and the formal opening and re-naming of the Town Hall which had been taken over by the Laura Corporation from the institute committee.

Other great celebrations in Laura have included welcoming home to returned servicemen, the Centenary of SA in 1936, the Jubilee of Federation in 1951 and the Back to Laura in 1968 to celebrate the opening of the new Laura Memorial Civic Centre. The community and especially Rocky River Historic & Art Society staged events for SA's J160 and the Bicentenary of Australia in 1988.

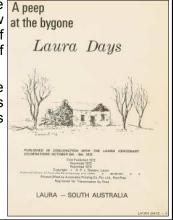
Already Georgetown, Koolunga and Redhill have celebrated their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. The next few years will see a steady northward progression of such events, coinciding with the spread of agricultural land sales during the 1870s.

Some in our community were involved with the 1972 celebrations, others have passed on, so as a tribute to them and to our future let's make this a birthday bash to remember.

**Greg Slattery** 

President.

Rocky River Historic & Art Society





I missed the last newsletter so here's a few brief notes on what has been keeping us busy and happy over the last few months.

**April -** The Club hosted a combined picnic at the Sporting Reserve with Peterborough, Orroroo and Jamestown Clubs

invited – approx. 90 people attended. As it was held on April Fool's Day you can imagine what the theme was and that a good time was had by all.

On our regular Meeting Day that month, Kelly & Kelly Legal were our guest speakers. Great information was provided. An Advanced Care Directive was explained, also the three 'Must have' legal documents we all should have in case of incapacitation:

- Power of Attorney allows you to appoint someone to manage your financial affairs
- Advanced Care Directive gives the person you appoint the power to make decisions in relation to your future health care (e.g. do you wish to be resuscitated)
- Will to appoint someone to distribute your estate in accordance to your wishes

**May** – was our birthday month, so we celebrated by going on a bus trip to Wandearah and Port Broughton.

**June** – Murray and Ruth Stolte have had many trips to Thailand over the years and talked about the Thai's, their country and culture.

**July** – Rick Willis from Golden North explained the current growth of 'our' Golden North. The new owners are putting time and all proceeds back into the business. They now employ 69 locally, 14 in Adelaide and one in each of Victoria and Queensland. Golden North produces 130 different products and have won several key awards. Revenue has jumped from \$9m in '09 to \$30m this year. They distribute to all States and export to China and will commence exporting to Vietnam this month.



### Laura RSL Sub-Branch Activity Report:

I have pleasure in presenting a half yearly report for the Laura RSL Sub-Branch. In doing so, I congratulate and thank our new affiliate members for their forethought and help to promote our military heritage and remembrance of our past district heroes. With the changing demographics of our society, the desecration of our war graves and RSL buildings, and the lack of discipline in some levels of our society it will be harder and harder to retain what we are so fond of calling "Our Australian Way of Life". This District has always had a very proud and strong military heritage, and I refer you to the Honour Rolls displayed in our local Primary school, the Cenotaph inscribed names and the archival photographs in the RSL building. With the demise of the WW2 veterans, our numbers to preserve this special Australian heritage is waning. To alleviate this problem, we are asking all persons of this district to become Affiliate Members to maintain our system of Remembrance and honour to our military ancestors. It is not a requirement to have served in the Defence Force to become a member of the RSL. If you wish to become a member of the RSL please contact our Secretary/Treasurer Mrs Heather Mckerlie on 0408 635054.

The future of the Laura Sub-Branch relates to the ability to attract new Service/Affiliate members in addition to maintaining our Sub-Branch community activities.

The Financial health of the Sub-Branch is sound. The enhancement to the building and main street with the erection of the surrounding fence is guite evident and this will continue as ideas become available.

Our traditional ANZAC day ceremony was well attended this year, and we look forward to Remembrance Day.

We anticipate the Laura Primary School will attend this ceremony and on conclusion, participate in the luncheon activity.

I appreciate all the hard work and time given by our members to keep our Sub-Branch functioning and presentable; it is a credit to those concerned.

It is pleasing to note that RSL-SA/NT Deed of Company arrangement has now been finalised with the resultant return of monies to enable the ongoing effective management of RSL-SA/NT in its own right. We now have a well structured management HQ team to fulfil the requirements of our Constitution.

Any volunteer organisation, such as this Sub-Branch is only as successful as the personnel and efforts of those involved, our past members have left us a great legacy that is testimony to this success. We appreciate their efforts and endeavour.

Keep the flag flying.

Trev Mckerlie.

President Laura RSL

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### Laura Community Caravan Park news:

Caravan Park

Hi all,

The caravan park has been doing very well recently. We have had 4x4 clubs, caravan clubs, walkers, cyclists and grey nomads popping in to stay.

The people we get feedback from, all say what a lovely and friendly little town Laura is.

A number of visitors have been using the park as their base to explore the rest of the Southern Flinders Ranges.

We have had a wonderful fire pit made for the park by our local steel metal man, Trevor, who did a fabulous job. Barry Harvie lit the first fire.



· Naturally Unexpected ·

Cabin one has now been upgraded. We would like to thank the committee and all those who helped in that upgrade.

We would also like to thank Kate for making some art work for the park. You can see the large red goanna on the tree along with two resident Kangaroos.

Peter and I are still loving Laura and look forward to giving you more updates in future newsletters.



Cheers, Mandy and Peter





### 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:

\*\*Sept 27th

\*\*Nov 22nd

\*\*Jan 24th 2020

\*\*Mar 27th 2020



### NORTHERN AREAS Laura Main St Streetscape Project update:

The new footpath along the Eastern side of the main street is in full swing.

The contractor has worked diligently to ensure impact on businesses is minimal.

When completed Laura will have a great new look. Well done all concerned.

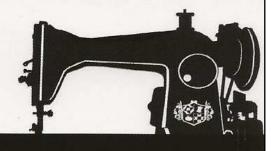


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- Council Office Gladstone 8662 2018
- Dog Control Garry Harris 0419 858 375
- NAC Fire Prevention Officer Jennie Window, 8664 1139
- Manager, Regulatory Services Alan Thomson 0409 286 542
- Councillor Sue Scarman can be seen personally at Laura Visitor 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

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### LCDTA Laura 150th celebration in 2022:

A BBQ was held on the Civic Centre lawns on Sunday 4th August to discuss our upcoming

150th Celebration.

The LCDTA committee will be overseeing the whole project with perhaps several teams working on different aspects but all to report to the LCDTA and the LCDTA is to run it to ensure the event has insurance cover.

### Suggestions put forward, in no particular order:

- Town Clock in median strip to incorporate an electronic black board.
   Perhaps a joint project for Laura's 150th and Golden North's 100th the following year.
- A street parade featuring something iconic in 25 year time slots
- Banner poles at each entrance for advertising any events or for Christmas decoration and the like. Doesn't need to wait for the 150th as they can be utilised for advertising in the years leading up to and after as well
- Add year of settlement to the current corrugated signs at the town entrances
- Colonnade of solar lights to enhance the median strip.
- Old stars footy/cricket match ahead of a market and food stall, kids games and entertainment at the oval on the Saturday
- Laura Information Centre, bus trip highlighting the historical sites around town.
- Bury a time capsule
- Murals on selected town buildings
- Book about Laura's history
- Children's art/colouring competition displayed in shop windows
- 4WD Beetaloo Reservoir trip with picnic
- Themed artwork in front yards and in shop windows (like other towns have done e.g. scarecrows)
- Cemetery walk and stories
- Avenue of trees in the north parklands near the drain
- Stories of Laura's Legends and Larrikins for Information Centre handout to tourists

Any more ideas will be gratefully accepted as none of these ideas are guaranteed to get the tick of approval. Please either email your suggestions to **lcdta5480@gmail.com**, speak to a committee person or come to our AGM on Wednesday 28th August and get involved.





### Introducing our 2019/2020 Committee:

Leading us again this year with her huge efforts, commitment and creativity is Sue Scarman as Chairman, with Arwen Pratt following as Vice Chairman.

For her second year Anna Bottrall will continue on as our secretary. The esteemed Peter Hay will continue on as our Treasurer. Our committee also consists of the hardworking team of Jim Lynch, John Kitto, Hans Simons, Amy Simons, Jonathon Hawkins-Clarke, Laura Lines & Alan Thomson.

We are hard at work getting our 2020 event off the ground, after donating \$10,000 to the Civic Centre upgrade we will be doing lots of fundraising throughout the year, we have quiz nights, cake stalls, Silent Auctions and many other exciting events to make sure we are able to put on a bigger and better event for 2020.

Any local businesses that are interested in Sponsoring or supporting the 2020 Fair please get in touch or head to our website to view the sponsorship package.

### **Rocky River Lions News:**

As a novel way of helping to raise funds for a worthy cause, at the Laura Sporting Reserve footy/netball game on July 20<sup>th</sup> Lions doubled the gross sales of donuts as a donation towards

the upgrade of the Laura Primary School playground. A total donation of \$1336 was achieved. The erecting of the school banner next to the donut van was a nice touch! A similar arrangement occurred at the Gladstone game on June 15<sup>th</sup> towards the new playground at Ewart Oval, helping to raise \$1120.

Lions held their annual Changeover Dinner on June 25<sup>th</sup> with the following office bearers taking on their respective roles:

 President Allen Weston, Immediate Past President Tim Zander, Secretary Greg Wheeler, Treasurer Sam Smith and Vice Presidents Colin Raison, Wayne Hanley and Bevan Smith.

The Toast to Lions International was presented by Darren Pech, from the Laura Community Development and Tourism Association Inc.

## NORTHERN AREAS Does your building work require approval?

Property owners considering any development on their properties are encouraged to contact Council if they are not sure if the proposed development requires Council development approval.

Regulatory Services staff will be able to assist in the preparation of a development application advising of the necessary information and specifications that need to accompany the application.

The following requires Council building development approval:

- Any building or structure exceeding 15 sq. metres in floor area
- Any building or structure exceeding 2.4 metres in height
- · Any building or structure exceeding 3 metres in span width
- Solid Fences exceeding 2.1 metres in height also includes any footing or retaining wall
- Retaining walls or masonry fences contact Council to clarify if approval required
- Swimming pools both above ground and below ground
- Demolition of existing structures
- Any structural alteration to a dwelling, e.g. removing internal walls, increasing window/door openings, changing the internal use of existing rooms e.g. creating a wet area internally

There may be planning consents also applicable to a development application additional to building consent which is required for development approval.

A phone call to Council will clarify whether the proposed development requires approval and avoid any possible breaches of the Development Act.

This will avoid the possibility of work being carried out that does not comply with Council's Development Plan or Building Rules which can result in either stop-work notices being issued (and has the potential to cause personal injury), conflict between adjoining owners, expiations and costly remedial work.

### Wastewater installations and alterations:

The installation and alteration to wastewater systems including septic tanks, sullage tanks, grease arrestors, aerobic and soakage systems all require Council approval prior to any work commencing.

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Reports, articles and advertising for the October 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 Sept 2019. Receiving articles, photos and logos electronically assists in the production of the newsletter.

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### LUTHERAN When 'the wheels fall off' where do you go?

OF AUSTRALIA Can you remember a time when it was your birthday or Christmas and you received a present from someone who knew you well? You opened the present excitedly,

you did not know what was in the present – and it was just the thing you needed! You cherished it, you valued it and it remained special to you for a long space of time.

Seems in the modern times this is no longer the case. Practice today, and in recent times, is the one who is to receive the gift puts it out there on their favourite social media app what they would like to receive. The receiver determines what the gift will be right down to the model, make and colour of the gift and the amount to be spent.

In my mind the above has set up a whole different dynamic of our expectations of how we respond to times when 'the wheels fall off' in life's crises. We have in mind what we want, and how we want it – then life takes a different turn. We become lost and confused, this is not what we wanted.

We seemed to have lost the sense of gift in our life and connection to the one that knows us well. It is more about expectations that what we want will come our way – we put a word out there and we just get it given to us!

Way back in the beginning of the Bible it talks of human beings being made in the 'image of God', further on it talks of Him knowing the deepest desires of our heart. It is always a beautiful moment to me when someone very excitedly comes to the realisation that God listens to prayers and answers them, and why shouldn't it be so!

Jesus often prayed, and his disciples asked him to teach them to pray, so he taught them. They found ultimately that He would provide them with all that was necessary for life – often beyond their expectations.

There is one who knows you well – just speak to him and he will provide just what you need (according to his will that always works for your good).

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

