



October 2019 Issue 29

Hello readers,

The LCDTA held their AGM on Wednesday 28th of August 2019 where it was great to see some new faces. The following committee members were elected:

CHAIRMAN – Gerald Higgins

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SECRETARY – Darren Pech

TREASURER – Bevlee Reidy

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NEWSLETTER – John Cleggett

STRATEGIC PLAN/COUNCIL LIAISON – Sue Scarman

MEMBERS – Val Thomson, Loraine Griffin, Bevan Smith and Wayne Gifford

We welcomed 2 new members this year in Bevlee Reidy and Wayne Gifford and say goodbye to Andrew Zanker. Andrew has been a member of the LCDTA for 10 years, much of that time as Chairman. We would like to sincerely thank him for his time and dedication to projects that have maintained and improved our town.

The eastern side of the Main Street has been a construction site for a little while now and is looking amazing, well worth the wait since the other side was done a few years ago.



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Chairman's Report continued

There was a community BBQ held at the Civic Centre on the 4th of August where a good turn out of people had the chance to check out the new facilities and then enjoy lunch and a Giant Twin. Afterwards there was a brainstorming session where ideas were thrown around for Laura's 150-year celebration planned for October 2022. If you have any ideas for the celebration or think you might like to be involved in some way then please contact someone on the LCDTA or leave your details in the Laura Information Centre.

Lastly, but certainly not least, congratulation to all the teams from the Southern Flinders Tigers who made it to the finals this year. Especially the A Grade Netball, B Grade and Junior Colts Footballers who took home Premierships.

Thanks

Gerald Higgins

Chairman LCDTA

Current LCDTA Activities

Community Calendar

Work on the 2020 calendar has begun. Thanks to those businesses who have submitted their forms. Based on feedback we are again looking at a new way to present the calendar. Anyone needing a calendar form or wishing to provide feedback on calendar style please contact Denise Higgins on bridenhi@bigpond.com or ph. 0428 222 610

Christmas Raffle

Over the years the raffle has proved to be a good fundraiser for the LCDTA as we continue to work on improvements for the town and district. Donations of items to use as prizes are welcome.

Party in the Park.

This year the community party will be held on Friday 20th December. There has been some conversation about moving the party to the lawn area behind the RRHAS building. Please look for a survey in the Laura Primary School newsletter during Term 4. The survey will also be available at the Post Office and IGA.

Other possible fundraisers.

We are happy to have other suggestions for fundraising. One has been a twilight film night, possibly on the lawn area behind the RRHAS building. We are happy to hear other ideas. The list of LCDTA members is in the president's report. Please feel free to chat to any of us.

Oversight

Apologies to Koby Nettle – his business “Nettle Electrical” was a significant sponsor at the Aus. Condon Memorial Golf Day and was inadvertently missed from our sponsors list.

Thank you Koby for your understanding and ongoing support.



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2020 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOW OPEN

Nominations opened on 1 October 2019 for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year nominations and will close on 15 November 2019.

These Australia Day Awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service over a number of years, to a local community over and above the normal employment duties.

Outstanding contribution and community service can be across areas such as: education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sports, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and well being of a community.

Citizen of the Year Award

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged over 16 years and under 30 years of age on January 26, 2020.

Community Event of the Year

This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.

To nominate online please go to www.citizenoftheyear.com.au or nomination forms are available from all Northern Areas Council Offices. For enquiries please contact Paula Duncan-Tiver at the Northern Areas Council 8664 1139 or email admin@nacouncil.sa.gov.au

Please Note: Nominations close 15 November 2019

LAURA EVENTS

Presents their Strawberry Fete

Friday 25TH October 2019 at 10am at Laura RSL hall.

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The Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council will hold its

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, 24 October 2019 at 7:00 pm
in the Crystal Brook District Hospital Activity Room**

All members of the public are welcome to attend

As provided by the Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council Rules, two (2) Community Member Representative positions fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting.

Following conclusion of the Annual General Meeting a process will occur to determine the representative appointment and this will be up to a maximum of three (3) years.

Each nomination shall be in writing and be signed by two (2) community consumers in addition to the candidate.

Nomination forms are available from Sharon Jeffries, Administrative Assistant, Crystal Brook District Hospital, which can be requested by email sharon.jeffries@sa.gov.au or collected from the Administration of either Crystal Brook District Hospital, Gladstone Health Centre or Laura and Districts Hospital.

Nomination forms, along with a current Curriculum Vitae, are to be forwarded in an envelope marked 'confidential' and addressed to:

Ms Tess Noonan
Executive Officer/Director of Nursing and Midwifery
Crystal Brook District Hospital
Edmund Terrace
CRYSTAL BROOK SA 5523

The Laura Fair



The Laura Fair committee are working hard fundraising and getting prepared for the 2020 event. As some of you may have noticed we held a Cake Stall trading table on the 13th of September in Herbert Street, we wish to sincerely thank all contributors that cooked, assisted and worked at our Trading Table. We managed to sell an enormous amount of baked goods and have raised wonderful funds for our event, without your contributions we really would be lost. Also, a big thank you to the CFS for letting us use their space, much appreciated.

On the 2nd August the Committee held our Annual Quiz night, we had a great attendance to the evening, and it was enjoyed by all. We had over 60 attendees and lots of games and prizes throughout the evening. Thank you to our wonderful Quiz Masters who challenged us with some tricky questions!! We were also lucky enough to auction off some items many of which were donated by our local businesses which raised valuable funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed, we really appreciate your support. Congratulations to team who took out the title of quiz champions this year.

The Fair committee is never idle, we are currently doing a Pudding Lane Fundraiser in time for Christmas. Not just Christmas puddings are available with exciting flavours like Macadamia and Brandy, Date and Toffee and many more. If you would like to order a pudding or two either for yourself or for Christmas presents please call Anna 0499076346 or Sue 0418844935.

Stallholder applications for the 2020 event are now open and they are coming in fast, please make sure you get your application in as soon as you can!!

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MEALS ON WHEELS NEWS

Laura and Districts Meals on Wheels have recently celebrated a fantastic 40 years of service in the communities of Laura, Gladstone and Georgetown.

A celebration luncheon was held at the Laura Sporting Complex on Wednesday August 21st for over 90 past and present volunteers as well as the current clients. Past volunteers travelled from as far away as Tumby Bay, Willunga, Roxby Downs, Kadina, and Moonta. Also in attendance were Alex Theel the Communication Officer from Meals on Wheels Head Office, Joanne Cameron the Meals on Wheels Coordinator for our area, Cr. Kathy Webb and Cr. Denise Higgins (also our Meals on Wheels Secretary) representing the Northern Areas Council. A special thanks to Hon. Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP who couldn't make it on the day but sent a beautiful bunch of flowers which we later donated to the Laura Hospital. Thank you also to the Laura Sporting reserve for their fabulous catering.

On the day we recognized numerous volunteer milestones including four who are still volunteering after 40 years, - Gaye Blake, Ruth Combe Maureen Schmidt and Valma Thomson. Congratulations to these ladies. Flowers were given to the inaugural volunteers who are no longer serving our branch. Well done to all that received awards on the day.



Our records show that the inaugural committee executive consisted of Mavis Crawford - Chairperson and Hazel Bartlett(deceased) - Secretary along with a hard working committee. Over the 40 years we have delivered a magnificent 144805 meals which equates to approximately 14 – 15 Meals per day.

The Laura Branch currently has 3 clients receiving meals whilst Georgetown and Gladstone are in recess with a client in Georgetown receiving frozen meals collected by family members. We recognize that the client numbers are down for many reasons one being affordable frozen dinners. However, Meals on Wheels is more than a meal, it is a visit to clients' homes - often the only person some see that day or even that week and gives the extra security of knowing someone will be checking on them.

Over the past few months our committee has been working with the hospital staff to give clients enjoyable and healthy meals. As a result we have recently introduced meal choices where clients now have 3 meals each day to choose from, - which seems to be popular.

If you know of anyone or you would like to find out more about Meals on Wheels please contact Colleen Slattery (Laura) 86632461, Barb Page (Gladstone) 86624070 or Delma Noonan (Georgetown) 86624037.

Merrilyn Smith
Chairperson

Dan

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Banking properties in Laura through 145 years

Banking services in Laura are reputed to have started with a flourish in 1874 when agencies of two rival banks supposedly opened on the same day. The Gladstone branch of the Bank of South Australia, and the Georgetown branch of the National Bank of Australasia Ltd were the two banks involved. Whether there was collusion or not, no one will ever know. Through the years banks have occupied various premises in the town. In 2019, 145 years on from the heady days of 1874 there have been developments in three of the banking sites of early Laura.

The property of the former ES&A Bank (English, Scottish and Australian Bank) which had subsequently been a dressmaker's business, then an irrigation shop has reopened as a florist shop. Trading as **Flower Storm**, Annette's new business has much to offer our community. The link with Interflora enables flower arrangements to be ordered and distributed Australia wide.

Koffi & Kandi have moved to a property which was an agency of the Appila branch of the ES&A Bank until 1970. Until 1954 this was the office of WJ Stockdale, reputed to be SA's oldest practicing solicitor, who employed CJ Dennis as a junior clerk in the 1890s. After extensive refurbishment, Sue and Tony now dispense great food and hospitality in place of money or legal advice.

In a great sign of respect and care for an historic building, Morgan and Ellaura, the new proud owners of the former **ANZ Bank** have acted quickly to repair the crumbling stone wall fence along Hughes Street. Known in recent times as **Creative Treasures**, this building was purchased by the Bank of South Australia in 1878. The banking chamber on the corner was added in 1922.



The Bank of South Australia was absorbed into the Union Bank of Australasia in 1892, which merged with the Bank of Australasia in 1951 to form the ANZ Bank which merged with the ES&A Bank in 1970 to form the new Australia and New Zealand Banking Group. There is nothing new in history...including mergers and takeovers!

Meanwhile the previous National Bank continues to be cared for by Marius Venz who has also been doing some stone wall work on the Bristow Street side. After the National Bank closed the ES&A moved across the road until 1941, after which time Louis E Karger operated his auctioneering and agency business until his retirement.

Greg Slattery, President



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Laura Information Centre

It's nearly Christmas!

Don't forget to visit the Laura Information Centre to find that 'something different' for a Christmas present for someone special. Also have the opportunity to win a beautiful patchwork quilt, or maybe a box of goodies in our annual raffle. Our shelves continue to be full of local produce (there's even honey for sale again). And if you're thinking of going away for the Christmas holidays, the most up-to-date tourist brochures are in our display. So come in and visit us, just like the tourists do!



LAURA ROSE TAKEAWAYS

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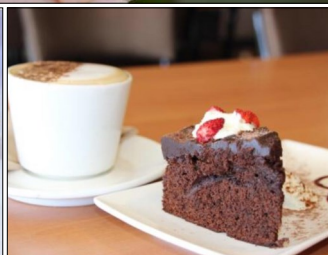
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Grants Available For All Organisations

E-grants newsletter from Member for Stuart, Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP are published monthly. The E-grants newsletter is designed to advise organisations of current grants and will be distributed periodically as grants become available.

This link takes you to the pages <https://www.danvhp.com.au/grants/>



PROBUS

Probus continues to meet each month and besides a brief meeting enjoy guest speakers. The guest speakers for the last 2 months have both been from Pt Pirie.

One spoke of Your Town (previously known as Boys Town) the other on the history and current operations of Red Cross.

Laura Community Caravan Park news:



We had a lovely group of people stay with us to dress to the nines and attend the Wirrabara dance, they all certainly looked the part.

We have also opened up the onsite van as a pet friendly accommodation so tell your friends and family



Cheers,
Mandy and Peter



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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.

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****Nov 22nd *Jan 24th 2020 **Mar 27th 2020 **May 29th 2020**



Northern Areas Council will be conducting a drumMuster collection during October

Only containers carrying the drumMUSTER logo will be accepted.

All enquiries to Shane Heness 0484 640 818

Dates and locations for drumMuster are as follows:

Jamestown Transfer Station: Surnames A – L Monday 14th Oct 2019

M – Z Tuesday 15th Oct 2019

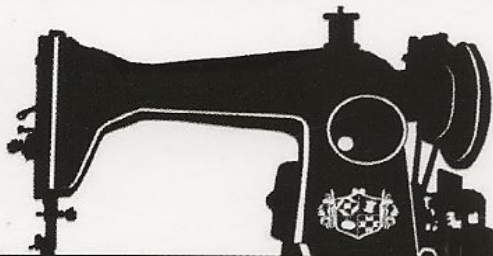
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- **NAC Fire Prevention Officer** Jennie Window, 8664 1139
- **Manager, Regulatory Services** Alan Thomson 0409 286 542
- **Councillor Sue Scarman** 0418 844 935 or
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Remembrance Day

CJ Dennis is known as the creator of the Sentimental Bloke. He also contributed a regular column to the Melbourne *Herald* about items of current interest, similar to the writings of Max Fatchen in *The Advertiser*. Through the 1920s and until his death in 1938 CJ wrote tributes for Anzac Day and Armistice Day.

On Sunday, 11 November 1934, the Shrine of Remembrance to Victoria's fallen soldiers was dedicated in Melbourne by the Duke of Gloucester. It was attended by a crowd of over 300,000 people, a "massive turnout" given that Melbourne's population at the time was approximately one million.

The following day the *Herald* published **Come Ye Home** which consisted of eight verses, three of which are reproduced here.

Come Ye Home

by CJ Dennis

Listening (said the old, grey Digger) . . .
With my finger on the trigger
I was listening in the trenches on a dark night long ago,
And a lull came in the fighting,
Save a sudden gun-flash lighting
Some black verge. And I fell thinking of lost mates I used to know.

Listening, silent as I waited,
And the picture recreated,
I could see the kneeling thousands by the Shrine's approaches
there.

Then, above those heads low-bending,
Like an orison ascending,
Saw a multitude's great yearning rise into the quivering air.

Listening so, again the seeming
Of a vision came; and dreaming
There, I saw from out high Heaven spread above the great
Shrine's dome,
From the wide skies overarching
I beheld battalions marching --
Mates of mine! My comrades, singing: Coming home! Coming
home!

**Published in The Herald
12 November 1934**

Crowds at the dedication ceremony for the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.



Armistice Day is on 11 November and is also known as **Remembrance Day**. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.

Golden North; based right here in Laura, has been exporting ice cream to China since 2015.

In May 2018 we attended an expo in Singapore to try to expand into new markets. One of the potential customers we met was Mega Markets from Vietnam. After months of negotiating and 6 months to be granted Government approvals our first order went to Vietnam in July 2018. This was a mix of 2lt flavours and 1.2lt Good n Creamy ice cream.

It appears that the Vietnamese like Golden North ice cream as much as we do as they have just placed their second order which will be made later in October. Hopefully this is just the beginning!

Our staff in Laura will be extra busy getting ready for summer and producing ice cream for the lucky people in Vietnam.





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Annual Green Waste Collection

This collection service is primarily aimed to assist the elderly and the incapacitated.

Council's Annual Green Waste Collection will commence on Monday 21st October 2019 and will continue to Monday 28th October 2019.

Please note that the Green Waste Collection will work on a booking system only. All bookings must be made by COB Friday October 18th 2019.

Residents must ring Council offices to book a collection: Jamestown 86641139; Gladstone 8662 2018; Spalding 8845 2017

The Green waste that will be collected is tree, rose and bush type material only, **no lawn clippings or weeds**. Green waste to be collected must be placed on the edge of the roadway, the evening prior to your scheduled pickup. **No repeat trips** will be made and large piles **will not** be removed from private property.

Green waste must be placed so that it does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and must not be placed over service pits or hinder access to fire hydrants. **No tyres, no cars, no chemical**. A limit of 3 cubic metres (i.e. 6x4 trailer load) per household will be allowed.

Council reminds residents of their obligation to prune trees overhanging the footpaths. This is a good opportunity to do so.

Township Collection Date

Spalding Monday October 21st

Yacka Tuesday October 22nd

Gulnare Tuesday October 22nd

Georgetown Tuesday October 22nd

Gladstone Wednesday October 23rd

Caltowie Thursday October 24th

Jamestown Thursday October 24th / Friday October 25th

Laura/Stone Hut Monday October 28th

C Byles

Chief Executive Officer

Finding a Justice of the Peace:

Barry Harvie 8663 2187 or 0409 698 009
Geoff Lange 0427 632 334
Jon Hawkins-Clarke 8663 2172
John Stevens 8663 2303

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Secretary: **Darren Pech 0429 705 520**

Newsletter Editor: Newsletter Committee

Reports, articles and advertising for the **December** Newsletter can be submitted by email to **lcdta5480@gmail.com** or delivered to The Laura Soap and Gift Shoppe no later than **5pm Friday 22nd Nov 2019**. Receiving articles, photos and logos electronically assists in the production of the newsletter.

Advertising:

Contact John 'Bugs' Cleggett on **0439 098 612** for details.

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

Please Note:

If you know of someone who unfortunately hasn't received a copy of the Laura Standard, extra copies are available from the Laura Information Centre. Newsletters in colour can also be emailed to you by providing us with your email address.

This edition as well as all previous editions can be viewed, downloaded and printed in colour by visiting www.laurasa.com.au and clicking 'News'

Please keep articles short and concise as room is limited.

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Latest time to submit articles for

inclusion in the **December**

edition of The Laura Standard is

5pm Friday 22nd November 2019

How do things turn out when you don't know how things will turn out?

It is amazing to watch a little child take their first steps. It is a momentous occasion; life will never be the same

again. Each step very tentative and a lot of wavering uncertainty of at what will happen next. It is a wide-eyed adventure discovering this new way of getting around – walking. Have you noticed how much difference it makes when that child has someone enthusiastically encouraging them? Or a parent or someone stands alongside of them and holds their hand as they make their first tottering steps – pretty exciting for all involved! Over time confidence grows, even when there is a fall or some other little mishap. The end result is that they never, once walking, go back to the old mode of getting around – life moves on.

Life is often like that, a repeat of that 'first steps' experience many times over. Something will happen out of the blue that sends us into a spin because we don't know how things will turn out. Yet, sooner or later we have to take that first step. It can seem pretty daunting, scary, have doubts about how we will cope, have we the strength to step into something unknown.

Faith is like that too! A man once said "with faith as small as a mustard seed you can move mountains". That indeed is the first step – it only takes something very small to make the first step.

For people who live by faith you do not need to know how things will turn out. God has got your back and the path in front of you as well. It says in another place "that all things work for the good of those who love him..." often we need the encouragement to take that first step.

To hold onto the hope that there is a future that you can travel a on new path. And, if that is not enough it says in still another place, "For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." What more encouragement do you need? And, who can you encourage in a time of uncertainty?



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