



December 2019 Issue 30

Hello readers,

Welcome to the Christmas edition of The Laura Standard. I hope that everyone is keeping well at this busy time of year as we wind our way towards the New Year.

You may have noticed a few changes to The Laura Standard in the previous edition. New "Standard" Representative and Editor is John Cleggett, and he, along with Sub Editor Wayne Gifford, are looking to put their own spin on what is already a great publication for our town. The LCDTA would like to thank previous Editor Hans Simons and Sub Editor Toni Bentley for their contribution to the Laura Standard over the previous 5+ years. The work that you have both put in has been very much appreciated.

You may have also noticed that in the paddock behind the Caravan Park is a shiny yellow grader. (Page 3) This grader has been a part of Laura's early history, as Laura Council equipment, and until recently was sitting in a farmyard not far from town. It has been welded up by Trevor Floyd and then sandblasted and painted by Ian Hillam. It will soon take pride of place in the Parklands to be perused by locals and visitors alike.

For those that have been up to the lookout lately you would have noticed that the new shelter has now been completed. Ray Cummings and Paul Cotter have put in a lot of time paving the new shelter and the committee would like to thank them for their contribution. If you haven't been up to the lookout for a while it is certainly worth the drive.

With the completion of the paving in Hebert Street the LCDTA and other volunteers have been busy tree planting in the median strip. This and other work will continue to tidy up the Main Street and keep it looking fresh into the future.

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With the horrible weather last Wednesday (40+ temps and strong winds) it is a timely reminder that we all need to be vigilant at this time of year. The foresight that some members of our volunteer CFS showed, to be on standby at the station ready to go should there be a fire was inspiring. The job that they, along with many CFS crews from other towns and countless farm units, did to extinguish the fire at Appila in very trying conditions cannot be underestimated.

Our annual Christmas Party in the Park will again be on in the Parklands on Friday 20th of December. The Festivities will kick off at 6pm with Father Christmas arriving at around 7:45pm. This is a great night for the whole family with Food Stalls, Choir and a Kids' Movie to finish the night off. It will be great to see everyone there.

On behalf of the LCDTA I'd like to wish everyone a safe a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Thanks,

Gerald Higgins

Chairman LCDTA

The new Laura Look-out shelter is now complete.





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Laura Information Centre



As you know, so much of our community relies on volunteers and the Information Centre celebrated another successful year with a get-together at the Laura Sporting Complex on Friday November 15th. This has become a yearly tradition and it was good to welcome so many of our volunteers for the evening. A delicious meal was provided by volunteers of the Sporting Complex and we had a very enjoyable time .

A new addition to the range of Christmas gifts – something really special – a perpetual calendar featuring South Australian Silo Art, are now in stock.

It is a fundraiser for the McLaren Districts Lions Club and includes the Wirrabara Silo. It will be on sale for \$20. Don't miss your copy.

As we come to the end of 2019, the Laura Information Centre would like to thank everyone for their support during the year and wish you all the best for the festive season.

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“Little to relieve the monotony of the town has of late taken place.”

We often voice disapproval about what we read in the media, whether it be sensationalism or misrepresentation. The **Laura Standard** newspaper which served the district very well from 1889 until the 1940s is a treasure trove of information about early Laura. Prior to the **Laura Standard**, local news was regularly reported in **The Northern Argus** (established 1869) from Clare.

The **Laura Standard** may be accessed on microfilm at the Laura Archives and the State Library of SA. The microfilming was funded by our Rocky River Historic & Art Society in the early 1980s and was assisted at the time by a loan from the District Council of Laura. Costing about half the price of a new motor car it was a major project. Both newspapers are now available on the internet on Trove, thanks to a joint digitization project between the National Library of Australia and the State Library. These early papers contain jewels of information and an interesting use of language.

Less than a year after blocks of land for the township of Laura were first auctioned (August 1872) an article in the *Northern Argus* in June 1873 stated, **“Little to relieve the monotony of the town has of late taken place.”**

The fact that Burton’s Circus had visited the fledgling township, and that the construction of the mill and a Wesleyan Church were imminent was hardly monotonous. The Laura Hotel had already been licensed. Three months later in September 1873 *The Northern Argus* reported that *“the Catholic church will be commenced on Monday and that a committee had been formed to establish an Institute... and that two other stores are to be built, one to include a chemist shop”*.

These activities hardly equate to monotony, nor could such swift development take place in this current environment of prolonged bureaucratic processes.

Greg Slattery
President RRHAS

Separate attachment newspaper article from **Northern Argus 6 June 1873**

BOOYOOLEE AREA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Laura, May 27.

Little to relieve the monotony of the township has of late taken place. Perhaps the great event of the month has been the visit of Mr. Burton's circus, and judging from the reception his company met with, I should think he had no reason to regret giving Laura a call.

The late rains, though light, have come most timely.

I observe that the wheat on the stiff clay lands looks very thin, and some farmers have already resown. This, I trust, will only have to be resorted to by a few.

The erection of a flour mill at Laura by Messrs. Walters & Sons will greatly add to the importance and prosperity of our township. As yet I have not learned of the tenders being accepted.

It is also intended to erect a Wesleyan Church here, so that before the close of 1873 we may reasonably hope that the two most important buildings any town can boast of will be added to the many now being erected in Laura.



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PROBUS NEWS

The October Meeting was held at the Laura Sporting Reserve followed by lunch at the Stone Hut Bakery. Our Guest Speaker was Greg Wheeler who had been a GP for 40 years and now retired in Gladstone. Greg's early years were in Jamestown where his father was the Chemist.

He studied in Adelaide and did Post Grad. work there before moving to Loxton as a GP. In later years he worked at the Aboriginal Medical Service at Alice Springs and the APY Lands – Papunya, Blackstone, Jamieson, Mimili, Pipalyajara, Indulkana, Lake Nash, Uluru then Davenport in Port Augusta. Slides of his wanderings made it all very interesting..

Then on the 29th Hanley's took us to Port Adelaide. We were there by 11am to go on a 2 hour luncheon cruise down the Port River and past a fairly industrial area including Torrens Island, Adelaide Submarine, the quarantine station to the Outer Harbour Container Berth – and we did see Dolphins near the mangroves of Torrens Island. Then on to the bus and to the Aviation Museum and 2 hangers packed with about 20 aircraft ranging from a Gypsy Moth to a F111 – several (a Wessex helicopter, Orion, Caribou etc) you could climb aboard. Finally, we visited the Maritime Museum with all things nautical (instruments, old figure heads, artefacts, etc.) and one ship you could climb aboard.

For our November meeting the Hollows Family (Robert, Bronwen and Grace) from Gladstone attended. They presented a very thorough and well presented Power Point and talk on Armenia. The Hollows Family have visited this country as part of the Christian Mission Association.

Armenia is a small country alongside Portugal. It has a population of three million people. It was the first country to be declared of the Christianity Religion.

Armenia is famous for Ararat Cognac (Winston Churchill's drink). Chocolates - we were all given a chocolate to taste - YUMMY!! Famous People include - Charles Aznavour, Gladys Berejiklian and Cher.

18 year old Males must do two years National Service in a war zone. 5 months of the year the temperature is minus 30 degrees!!



Merry Christmas

Jacqueline, Dakota, Cruz and staff wish all their lovely customers a wonderful Christmas and a safe & happy New Year.

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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.

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Well Peter and I were very busy in October with good numbers passing through. November is equally as busy with caravan clubs (Elizabethen, Barossa 4X4 and the Suzuki clubs) having their Christmas parties here. We have been getting some great reviews on WIKI and Trip advisor and off course word of mouth about our park and this lovely little town. Bev and Terry Oakford (**bottom below**) have been busy in the park painting the water tank and Ablution block and helping with the gardens, we are VERY thankful for the time they have put in here. Thankyou again to all our helpers and volunteers.



After a great weekend with the Suzuki club, President Phil Dohne from Aberfoyle Park and his members presented Geoff Lange a donation to be used for a community project. The group went on day trips to Booleroo, Stone Hut, Wirrabara and also visited our local art gallery and hotel. All cabins and onsite van were booked out as well as some powered sites.

Till next time,

Mandy Black &
Peter White
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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:

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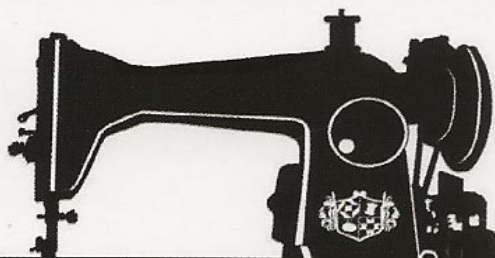
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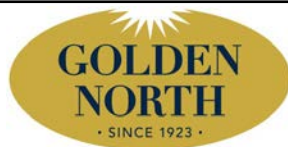
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LAURA SPORTING RESERVE

The Laura Sporting Reserve comprising of the grounds and the complex is a facility to be proud of. It is the hub of the majority of the sporting clubs in Laura and the meeting venue of many and varied community groups. Our approximate membership profile is:

Southern Flinders Football Club	150 members
Southern Flinders Netball Club	150 members
Laura Cricket Club	30 members
Laura Tennis Club	30 members
Laura Community Gym	50 members
Laura Primary School	90 students

Organisations hiring the facilities are:

Workshops and Courses (Starclub, Council, RST, School)

Private hire for parties, weddings, engagements and funerals

Community Groups (Service Clubs, Probus, Meals on Wheels, Quilters)

Casual Sports and Exercisers (Yoga)

Bookings for the complex are through Tammie Nettle.

The current management committee is Derek Combe (President), Judith Millington (Secretary), Karin Lynch (Treasurer) and members:

Brett Woolford, Derek (football), Koby Nettle, Leigh Cleggett,

Ben Wallis (cricket),

Debbie Palmer, Daniel Palmer (gym), Bern Schmidt,

Kimmie Pitman (netball), Adam Combe (tennis), Mick Ryan,

Kym Woolford, Alan Thomson (community reps),

Denise Higgins (council rep), Karin, Judith (Ladies Canteen).

The past year has seen many improvements at the facility, some of which are new tables and chairs, installation of the Football Park seats, Stage 1 of the kitchen upgrade (dishwasher, stainless steel benchtops), scoreboard upgrade, netball coaches' boxes, new boundary fence south of the entrance gate and a new cricket pitch cover. These jobs take a lot of coordinating and implementing and we are very lucky to have a very proactive, dedicated and hardworking band of workers to achieve such outcomes.

Our goals for the next 2-3 years are to replace the existing air conditioners, Stage 2 of the kitchen upgrade (new equipment and shelving), gym extension, new storage shed, new football coaches' boxes, play equipment and upgrade the existing toilets.

The LSR raises most of its funds through the canteen at football/netball home games, Thursday night teas at football/netball training nights, venue hire and catering for various functions. (continue page 17)

The committee would like to sincerely thank our hardworking groundsman, Mick Ryan who has maintained the oval to its current quality condition for a number of years. His service to this area of our facility has been invaluable. Mick finished this role at the end of October so we are on the lookout for his replacement. This position receives an Honorarium. If you are interested in this position please contact a committee member. Thankyou to the many volunteers for their countless time and effort to keep our facility at its high standard.

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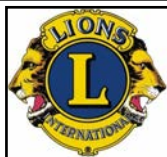
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Rocky River Lions News



Lions Christmas Cakes are again on sale.

Prices are the same as last year, \$13 for 1kg and \$17 for 1.5kg. They are on sale in town at several businesses. Proceeds from the cakes go toward Lions Projects such as Save Sight and Hearing Dogs.

Lions annual Christmas Raffle is now on sale at \$2 per ticket. The raffle contents are valued at well over \$400 and will be drawn publicly at the Discovery Centre in Gladstone on Monday December 23rd at 2pm.

Tickets are available from any Lions Club member and at periodic street stalls in Herbert Street.

Rocky River Lions are holding a Lions Health Expo on Thursday March 12th. Prof. Neil Pillar, is a world authority who focuses on gut, lymphatic, mental and cerebral health. He will be supported by other speakers. Full details will be advertised in the next Standard in 2020.

May everyone have a happy and a safe Christmas.

RSL NEWS LETTER-NOVEMBER 2019

The members and people of Laura and District will commemorate the **CENTENARY OF THE LAURA RSL** this year.

Men from our District returning from the horrors of the Great War formed the Laura RSL as a gathering place and centre where they could discuss the serious wounds and health problems caused by their war service.

The repatriation facilities and medical services were significantly non-existent in this era.

With the "Diggers" and the goodwill of the District the Laura RSL was formed.

This became a vital crutch for the Diggers and what was ahead for the future of our country and returning Defence Force Personnel from this district.

The WW2, Korea, Malay/Borneo, Vietnam, Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan veterans knew that they have a place to return to that cared and respected their efforts for our country.

This is a great legacy built up over time by the members of the RSL and support from the Laura district community. We as a whole need to keep our RSL active in remembrance to our district men and women who gave so much for their/our magnificent country Australia, and being realistic, I hope we will all strive towards the LAURA RSL BI-CENTENARY.

Six of our members had the privilege to attend the Centenary of the Jamestown RSL. The guest speaker **Major General Matthew Hall**, and in his words, **an average farmer's son from Hallett, who tried hard**, gave a very sincere and informative speech on his life, our military future and effects for our country. He inferred we are already under attack and fighting our next war, and we are **NOT** winning. He referred to the **'IT'** war, our Military, Australian Security Police, and Government Departments are all under attack from foreign countries. Unfortunately they are way ahead of us in this field, and we need our Universities and schools system to catch up to other countries. The Government would be doing their best but perhaps with RSL military and community background the RSL has developed, we could lobby them to try a little harder.

The speech was sincere, very relevant to today's younger generation, articulated with a little humour, and received with great applause.

NB. The speaker did hold the Army position of Director of Army Intelligence, in his 37 years of Defence Dept. employment.

The LAURA RSL welcomes the influx of new **AFFILIATE MEMBERS** and thanks them for helping us remain active in our endeavours.

MERRY XMAS TO ALL

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RSL Laura Remembrance day 11/11/2019



North Laura Hotel

Over the last 24 months the North Laura Hotel has seen some major renovations.

Firstly with 11 beautiful equipped units to the south side of the Hotel.

Next the brand new state of the art kitchen.

Brand new toilet facilities were next on the list.

Finally, a magnificent new dining room with the beautiful rock wall feature and new carpets throughout. (pictured page 21)

The car parking area on the north side is almost complete with 7 spaces.

The front bar is about to have a face lift as well with a new bar itself together with a coat of paint.

Luke and Georgina are very proud of the new areas and look forward to hosting you or your next function.

We must admit that at times it was demanding to accommodate different functions throughout the renovations; we appreciate everybody's patience and understanding through that time. Now that the project has been

completed, we are receiving great feedback from our patrons, some of the overwhelming comments have been: the transformation is breathtaking, inspiring, would expect something like this in the city, amazing what can be achieved with an old building with the help of competent architects.

A very big thank you, must go to Peter Condon, for his contribution to the project his assistance was greatly appreciated.

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Laura Bowling Club News

From Geoff Brand
M: 0407 001 900



At the recent state pairs—Congratulation to Men Ben Hopgood and Todd Brand and Women Karin Lynch and Leanne Tenney on qualifying to represent region 3 in the finals of the state pairs to be held during Champions week from the 26 April to 3rd May 2020. Both teams have qualified in the final 8.

On Sunday 24th Nov qualifying rounds of the NWBA Men's pairs were played. A total of 30 teams nominated and sectional play was held at Gladstone and Wirrabara. Congratulations to Steven Haynes-Nayda and Ben Hopgood as well as Milton Heffernan and Anthony Kleinig.

Well done to Leanne Tenney, Helen Brand and Karin Lynch who played off in the final of the NWBA triples at Booleroo Centre on Tuesday 26th Nov. Scores were tied after 11 ends at 13 all but unfortunately the Jamestown side scored 1 shot on the final end to secure the victory.

Up to date as at 30th Nov Saturday's Pennant, both sides are doing well in division One Boucher, Laura is on top with 7 wins and 1 Loss. In division 2 O'Shaughnessy, Laura is in 2nd position with 6 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw. Thursday pennant division One Bullock Laura Black are currently third with 4 wins and 3 losses and Laura Red are 5th with 2 wins and 5 Losses.

Laura Gym News



On Friday 8th November Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP visited Laura to present Deb Palmer, the Laura Gym President and Felicity Vear, The Laura Gym Treasurer with the active Club program grant certificate of funding of \$25,000 to be used for the gym extension upgrade on behalf of the Minister for Recreation and Sport Hon Corey Wingard MP and himself.



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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.

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What is your favourite time of the year?

No, I am not asking about your favourite time of the year – as in weather, summer, autumn, winter, or spring. Some like it hot, some cold or cool. What is your favourite time of the year? We get a whole year of events, activities, celebrations and many of them come around in cycles, that is they occur each and every year. Favourites could be your sports – cricket, football, soccer, tennis, swimming, netball, or working on the land with its seeding, haymaking, shearing, and harvesting, or the routine of work and school, or for many a time of holidays! So many times, and events to choose from.

There is rhythm to the rituals of everyday life, and the seasons that make our life rich and meaningful, and we do have times we appreciate much more than others, our favourite times we treasure and hold onto and make our life's story.

Many of the festivals of the Christian church are all part of the one story and function as a means of celebrating the journey that we are also on as people of faith.

Christmas is the time to celebrate that a long-awaited promise had been fulfilled, a baby had been born. He was gifted to humankind to take our place. That gift gives us a constant anchor of hope in the trouble and turmoil of the world where a future hope seems hidden in the din of competing voices.

What is your favourite time of the year? Hopefully it will be something that adds meaning to your life and the life of those around you. The festivals of the Christian church are an opportunity to reflect on where hope and meaning can be found – now that is a gift for everyone! The Christmas story continues from the birth of a baby through to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus at Easter and then Ascension, all that is needed to complete the story is His return again. Blessings to you and your loved ones in the celebrations of the reason for the season – the birth of the Christ-child, and into the New Year ahead – 2020!

Robin Zadow (Pastor) Southern Flinders
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