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Hello readers,

Welcome to the winter edition of the Laura Standard for 2020. There certainly has been some cold mornings of late but generally followed by beautiful days and despite the fact that a good rain soon would be very helpful the country is looking good. It's been nice to see life around here return to some sort of normal, with some restrictions easing the town has come back to life. Plenty of tourists have also been passing through, stopping to spend time in our town and money in our local businesses. While we have been fortunate in our local area, and in our state, to have avoided a COVID 19 outbreak we only need to look to our neighbours in Victoria to realise that we can't become too complacent.

The War Memorial Project has been started with Lynch Saracino Constructions doing a great job building the wall behind the Cenotaph. This is only the first phase of what will be a great improvement to our town and the LCDTA would like to thank everyone, individuals and other Community Groups, for their very generous donations towards the project. Next to happen, - the surrounding fence will be painted to match the wall. We would like to thank John and Marilyn Stevens for permission to not only remove some of their fence to build the wall but also to paint the fence to match.

Val Thomson's signs have continued to be a great success, bringing exposure to our town through social media and even an interview of ABC radio. These have now been replaced with more durable, weather proof metal signs.

You may remember that at last year's Christmas Party in the Civic Centre we presented Nita Klemm with a plaque to honour the work she has done in the rose arbour in the North Parklands. A small gathering was recently held where this plaque was mounted and now has pride of place in the rose arbour.

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On Wednesday 19th of August at 7:30pm the LCDTA will hold the AGM. If you've ever been interested in volunteering in the community or even in just hearing about current and future projects then we would love you to attend. There are a number of vacant positions on the committee and we would love to see some new blood and fresh ideas.

Join us for a cuppa after the AGM.

Thanks,
Gerald Higgins Chairman LCDTA

Nita Klemm Gardens

The Rose Arbour has recently undergone a facelift with the help of a lot of enthusiastic volunteers, and our LCDTA committee would like to thank them for their time and energy. It was decided by the committee that the Rose Arbour would be named in honour of Nita Klemm for all the years of hard work and dedication in volunteering in our community, and especially in the Laura Parklands. To celebrate, the LCDTA hosted a morning tea for Nita with 13 people attending. Geoff Lange gave a small speech thanking Nita for all her community work in past years and then she unveiled the Plaque, naming the Rose arbour as Nita Klemm Gardens. The day started cold but it was a beautiful warm morning tea enjoyed by all.





Laura Community Development & Tourism Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 19th

AUGUST 2020

7:30PM

LAURA CIVIC CENTRE

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

Cup of tea / coffee available at the conclusion of the meeting.

Rocky River Lions Club News.....



Our Club recommenced having monthly meetings again starting on July 14th following the postponement from March due to COVID-19.

The Lions Club of Rocky River, formerly known as Gladstone & Districts, was formed in September 1970. A dinner meeting of celebration of 50 years serving the community will be held in the Laura Sporting Reserve on September 18th. Laura personality, Peter Thomas, was an inaugural member.

The Club serves the area from Stone Hut south to Yacka, with, in recent times some members from Crystal Brook, and has been involved in many worthwhile projects and events during that time. May it continue for many years to come.

The annual Handover Dinner will be held jointly with the 50 year celebrations and the new Board of Directors for 2020/21 will be inducted:

President: Dean Humphries
Immediate Past President: Allen Weston
Secretary: Don Pritchard
Treasurer: Sam Smith

1st Vice President Bevan Smith
2nd Vice President Wayne Hanley
3rd Vice President John Kitto

An ongoing Lions project is the upgrading and beautification of the small parkland on the southern side of the entrance to the bridge on the Pirie side of Laura.

Lions John Kitto and Bevan Smith are driving that project.



Picture above: Laura main street rotunda under lights.

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Laura Trivia:

What were earlier trading names of Golden North?

Answer on page 14

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Heritage SnAps photo competition 2020

Whether you are an amateur photographer, or think you are better than that, you are eligible to enter any of the eight categories in the Heritage SnAps competition.

The first Heritage SnAps competition was held in 2018 to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the South Australian Heritage Act

There are over 2,300 State heritage-listed places in South Australia, but not everyone knows about these places, why they are of significance, or where to find them. To find out about them check the listing on the State Heritage website. There are over a dozen State heritage-listed places within the area of the Northern Areas Council, one of which is in Laura; the former Court House.

Across the state there are numerous railway structures, hotels, banks, churches, mines, and homes as well as natural landscape features on the register, all of which provide opportunities for creative photographers. An individual may submit three images, and there is a category for school age entrants under the age of 18.

Submit a photo of one of your favourite South Australian State Heritage Places for your chance to win one of a number of prizes.

Entries for the 2020 competition are open until the end of October.

For more details simply Google ; 'Heritage snaps 2020'





Laura Fair News

Thanks for all the continued support from the community- we appreciate all you do!!

There is a hole in our budget due to the late cancellation of the 2020 Laura Fair and so we are going to be doing a few fundraisers in the next few months so we can hold a great event in 2021 (all things going to plan).

The first fundraiser will be something different and easy to manage all social distancing as it will be a Travel Auction via our The Laura Fair Facebook page (not the same page we have used for our goods and services auction but our main page). We have been working hard contacting fantastic travel destinations which have provided us with some amazing vouchers that we will be offering to you all to bid on. This will start on the 9th August and finish on the 16th August. This will give you a week to find a fantastic holiday destination at some great prices, all you need to do is like The Laura Fair's page and then choose your holiday and bid on it. Goodluck!

The second fundraiser will be our annual Quiz Night which will be held in the Civic Centre on the 18th September, put this in your diaries, make a table of six or come along on the night and join others to make up a table. Bookings can be made by contacting Sue 0418844935 or Anna 0458532732. Due to social distancing there will be a limit to the number of tables we can have so book early.

We have a new committee after our AGM at the beginning of July and we have a new face on the committee and a new face on one of our teams which is always good to see. We hope to be able to build up our budget with our fundraising work to provide a fantastic Laura Fair 2021.

As always if you have any ideas, thoughts, questions please contact us – Sue 0418844935 or Anna 0458 532 732

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

Embroiders Guild of SA, Flinders Branch, Laura SA

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND COME AND TRY EMBROIDERY
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Embroiders Guild of SA, Flinders Branch is reopening its doors as of the 3rd August 2020, the day will commence at 10.00 am working through until around 3.00 pm. We have our COVID-19 plan available for perusal should that be required. The only thing we ask at the moment is that you bring your own mug, cutlery, lunch and sanitiser.

The Flinders Branch is extending an invitation to anyone who may be interested in what we do or if you are interested in learning a new skill, or even advancing a skill that you may already have in the embroidery field. There are many fields within the embroidery realm, surface stitchery, lace work, basic embroidery skills, crewel work, gold work, black work and many more; they are all beautiful works of art.

The Guild branch is open to all community members on the first and third Monday's of the month from 10:00 am through till 3:00 pm. If you wish to become a member please visit us at the Laura RSL building. Should you require further information please do not hesitate in contacting the Branch President, Janice on 08 8663 2561 or the Branch Secretary, Judith on 0402119798, they will be only too happy to assist.





LAURA RSL SUB-BRANCH REPORT.

It is hard to write a report of our activities in the present COVID-19 environment. As members and district people are aware, with the lock down and Social Distancing it is hard to continue as a vibrant community as we were in previous times.

RSL HQ in Adelaide appears to be in idler mode since about March and are only now endeavouring to become fully functional again to fulfil their responsibilities to their charter. The board and Volunteers have done a wonderful job under these adverse conditions.

Our local RSL has been keeping within the guide line that have been laid down by the Government and RSL Headquarters and that has curtailed our meetings and activities to a minimum.

Unfortunately under these restrictions it was impossible to hold our usual ANZAC DAY ceremony.

Our Service Men and Women were remembered by the laying of wreaths for our members and community at the Cenotaph at dawn.

On behalf of all members I must commend all the individual displays of remembrance within our district, especially the display within the main street at dawn; this enforces the values and goodness of our district and society.

Let us hope that we may hold our REMEMBRANCE DAY ceremony in our usual manner.

LEST WE FORGET.

During this Lock-down period the RSL has acquired two extremely good display cabinets to place in the main hall for showing our important memorabilia. These cabinets were very kindly donated by

Robert and Cheryl Hanley and we thank them with deep appreciation.

The community may have noticed that the Cenotaph area has started to take on a new look. Thanks to the long- time perseverance and extreme effort of **Val Thomson** the enhancement is starting to commence.

The work will be funded by Federal, State Grants and community funding. All donations from our community, I am sure, will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Val if you can help.

Keep our community values it will help in the hard times ahead.

Trev McKerlie
President Laura RSL.

Important invitation to all businesses in Laura and our region.



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interest and our community at heart.

Where: Laura Civic Centre

When: Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7.30pm

Be a part of it!



Laura War Memorial Commemorative Wall Project .



A big thank you to the many people and organisations who have donated money to help the LCDTA fund the Commemorative Wall Project. The list of donors is below. Ongoing support for this project is greatly appreciated. At this time we have raised just over \$4500. We need a total of about \$25000 to complete this project. Fundraising for the metal art work is now our focus.

Thanks also Michael Lynch for his support and advice and his team for their work on the wall itself. By having the project listed through the Northern Areas Council we have been able to have the GST component claimed through NAC, saving us \$1680.



LAURA WAR MEMORIAL COMMEMORATIVE WALL PROJECT COMMUNITY DONATIONS as at 24th July 2020

Anonymous x16; Amey Jean; Belcher Frank & Tricia; Bishop Colin; Blake Gay; Brand Helen & Geoff; Cleggett Gavin; Clogg Wendy & Family; Combe Ruth; Cummins Lyn & Ray; Dierickx Mariette; Flower Storm Hoare David; Klemm Nita; Kruger Marie & Family; Lange Geoff & Joy; Laura Bowling Club; Meaney Trev; McKerlie Trev & Heather; Scott Doug & Aileen; Slattery Greg; Slattery Paul; Memory of George W Smith; Thomas Peter & Marg; Thomson Alan & Julie; Thomson Brett; Thomson Clive & Val; Thomson Peter, Karen, Amelia & Eloise; Wills Taryn, Simon, Brodie & Beau;

LAURA & DISTRICTS PROBUS CLUB NEWS



Our AGM was held in March of this year with the following people elected for a 12 month term.

President: Ruth Combe, Assistant President: Bill Blight,
Immediate Past President: Colin Raison, Secretary: Lorraine Griffin
Assistant Secretary: Joyleen Jared, Treasurer: Cynthia Prior
Assistant Treasurer: Gloria Hollitt, Attendance Recorder: Marilyn Hoare
Guest Speaker Coordinator: Bill Blight, Tour Director: Colin Raison
Almoner: Carolon Sorensen, Committee: Gavin Bowman

Our Member Feature was presented by Cynthia Smith. Cynthia was born in Jamestown, she lived 10kms north east of Jamestown and attended Loudon Brae School – the same school as R M Williams. Cynthia also attended Adelaide High. At school they had to participate in War Drills. In 1953 she and several girlfriends hitchhiked around the UK for 12 months. Cynthia and George spent 13 years driving the Gladstone Ambulance and training ambos in places such as Manna Hill, Yunta and Coober Pedy.

Meetings have been in recess for 4 months but will re-commence on Tuesday August 11th at 10am in the Nth Laura Hotel.
New members are cordially welcome.



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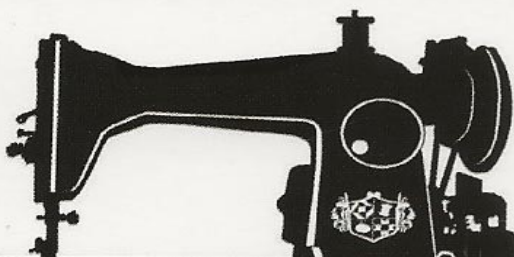
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Laura Trivia:

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Laura Ice Co (1923), Laura Ice and Produce Company(1936), and then Golden North Dairies Ltd (1948)

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Laura Community Caravan Park news:



The park has been very steady over this COVID-19 period, many new faces that are able to see their own back yards, instead of the over seas holidays. We have a great helper named Ruben that has come in for an hour a day over the school holidays and on his weekends, he's been a great help.

The back area is coming along, we have had a fair few donations from locals and help with weeding, poisoning and general duties Thank you to them too. Thanks also to all those that have supplied things for sale in our little shop, the customers love the local wears.



Laura Trivia:

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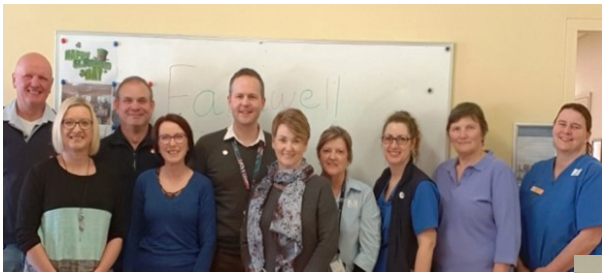
Southern Flinders Health Advisory
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Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) – Community News - August 2020

Farewell Julie Arthur

Last month, YNLHN said farewell to Julie Arthur, the EO/DON of the Booleroo Centre Hospital and Laura Hospital. Julie was sent off with a lunch with some staff members at Laura. We wish Julie all the best for her Retirement.

L-R Brian Higgins (Chair of Southern Flinders HAC), Tanya Dwyer, Geoff Dickin, Julie Bottrail, Ryan Ackland, Julie Arthur, Annette Campbell, Annette Zanker, Donna Pech and Alison Rodgers.



Welcome Ryan Ackland

Welcome to Ryan Ackland, the new EO/DON at the Booleroo and Laura Hospitals.

Ryan was born and raised in Orroroo and has worked as a Registered Nurse for nearly 20 years. Ryan has extensive nursing and managerial experience working in a number of rural communities in SA, including Mount Gambier, Kimba, Marla, Ceduna, Kangaroo Island and Woomera.

Ryan has also studied law and worked as a solicitor in Adelaide. Ryan is a family man, married to Kimberly, a Child Psychologist, and enjoys time with his beautiful children Zara (4 years) and Hugo (7 months).



Ryan speaks highly of his mentors during his time at various services, and it's wonderful to see him have the opportunity to pass on this knowledge, experience and wisdom. We are thrilled to have Ryan as part of leadership for the Booleroo and Laura teams. Welcome Ryan!

FLASHBACK

Footy is back although for a shortened season.
Lets look back at the green and gold guernsey of the
Laura-Wirrabara Football Club.

The Laura Archives is seeking a red and
black guernsey from the good old days of
the Laura Football Club, and also one of
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****Sep 25th 2020 ** Nov 20th 2020 ** Jan 22nd 2021 ** March 26th 2021**

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of The Laura Standard is
5pm Friday Sep 25th 2020



What are you looking forward to?

What are you looking forward to? Christmas, end of the harvest, the end of the school year, the end of the week, never hearing again the word COVID-19, or Coronavirus?

To look forward can be one of two totally different things. Could be either a thing of fear and dread or of joy and expectation. Many people fear a health prognosis, rejection or death, while on the other hand many look forward wistfully to celebrate a special occasion, a pay rise, a gift, to hear from a loved one, or the birth of a child.

Seems that in each of these things there is a looking forward to something that has not yet happened. Events that will mould and shape our view of life no matter what age we are. A child will fall off a bike on their first attempt at riding, or a visit to the dentist will be a very painful experience, a young teenager will be rejected in the first flush of love, a pet will die, or an education experience that will turn a young one off Maths, English, Art or Science forever.

Why am I rambling on about all these life experiences that shape and mould us? Taking the past to shape our future?

Well I believe it is something we do automatically in everyday life.

We generally look forward. Every time we plant a seed in the ground. When we go out the door each morning to the day's tasks, be it work, school or socially. Each time we plan a holiday, or a simple trip to the shops, or just to visit a neighbour or friend – we look forward.

Even in death we look forward. At the core and centre of every Christian funeral is the expectation that as much as this person has died, they will live again. Why? Because that is the witness of Christian faith that as much as Jesus Christ died on a cross all those years ago in Palestine, on Easter Day he was alive again! Many times over he was seen and spent time with those who followed him.

So, remember, if you are looking forward to the end of school, to retirement, to? (whatever). There is always something more – especially in knowing Jesus.

Robin Zadow (Pastor)

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