



**June 2021 Issue 39**

Hello Readers,

Welcome to the June 2021 edition of The Laura Standard. It's hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of the financial year however it's been nice to see some long awaited, albeit small, opening rains.

With the easing of COVID19 restrictions continuing it's been great to see the town abuzz with tourists. Both the Caravan Park and the Laura Information Centre have been getting record numbers of visitors with the improvements at the Caravan Park showing great dividends and the addition of Golden North Giant Twins for sale at the Laura Information Centre are proving very popular. While it has been good to see things on the up in our community the recent COVID19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown in Victoria should serve as a reminder that everyone still needs to remain vigilant and that getting the majority of the population vaccinated is our best chance of life continuing to return to normal.

Stage 2 of the War Memorial Project was completed just in time for ANZAC Day this year and I'm sure that the large crowd that attended the Dawn Service would have been impressed with the progress so far. Stage 3 is now under way with a deposit being paid for the garden beds and seating to go on either side of the Cenotaph. With any luck these should be completed and installed in time for Remembrance Day this year. With this project nearing completion, the LCDTA has been keeping busy with other little improvements around the town such as planting pear trees (that were kindly donated) along the northern levee bank and purchasing plants to be planted in the drainage dam at the rear of the Northern Parklands. We have also ordered a directional sign to be installed at the Lookout and in the not too distant future will be looking to replace the bin surrounds in the main street.

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The LCDTA is still hoping to hold a Long Lunch this year at some stage depending on restrictions however early preparations are being made for the annual "Aus Condon Golf Day" to go ahead. The idea this year is to hold this event as "Night Golf" on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October with tee off at 7pm. This should be a fun night and all funds raised will go towards projects that continue to maintain and improve our town.

Lastly, the Fair Committee are having their Quiz Night on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. Despite the fact that they have been forced to cancel the last 2 Fairs, fundraising nights such as these will only help to ensure that the Fair can return bigger and better than ever.

On behalf of the LCDTA I hope everyone is staying safe and has a prosperous second half of the year.

Thanks  
Gerald Higgins  
Chairman LCDTA



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## Lions Club News



### LAURA COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SCREENING EVENT

#### Face The Facts

One in 6 adults are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Find out your risk of developing type 2 diabetes at our **free** community awareness and screening event.

This is being held on **Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>** in the **Laura Civic Centre** between 9.30am and 4.00pm.

Roll up on the day to see a Diabetes SA Health Professional for a simple screening test, or just come along and talk to the team about lowering your risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

This event is proudly supported by the Lions Club of Rocky River. Ten sites throughout country SA are being held this year and we are pleased to have the screening in our district at Laura.

**Diabetes SA Support Always**

#### LCDTA Working Bee



**Saturday 13th June at 2pm**

Contact Joyce Wode for details on 0437 345 211

The plan is to tidy up the 4 median strips in the main street including mulching, removal of some unwanted plants and replacing them with new plants.

Hope to see a few helping hands on the day.

## Laura Events

Bike SA stayed in Laura on the 8th of May, during the Outback Odyssey. The Odyssey starts in Adelaide and the bike riders follow the Mawson Trail all the way to Blinman. They camped in at the football field in Laura and were served dinner there by Laura Events Inc., the number of people served were 244. The next day saw Laura Events serving lunch on the road at Willow Dam Rd to the same 244 Bikers, as they rode onto Melrose. It was a very good fundraiser for Laura Events Inc. and also a lot of hard work by all the volunteers that helped out on both days. Our committee would like to thank all of those that gave up their time to assist in making Bike SA 's stay here very pleasant.





We Welcome you to our  
**Biggest Morning Tea**

Thursday 24th June 2021  
10am till 11.30am  
Laura Lutheran Church Hall

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Joy on 0447 561 704  
Eleanor on 0429 635 430

Donations gratefully accepted for  
the Cancer Council



Photo Below: Val Thomson stands in front of the new War Memorial Wall  
We thank everybody for their contributions to this project.





Below Photo: Val Thomson, Gerald Higgins and Joyce Wode planting trees along the embankment on the north side of Laura.



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## The Laura Fair



Currently The Laura Fair Committee are very excited with our planning of the 2022 Event. Rest assured we are very much planning for a Fair on the 2nd and 3rd April 2022. Full steam ahead for the committee.

That means our fundraising programme is also full steam ahead with our next fundraiser, The Quiz Night on the 18th June. Book a table of 6 or let us know if you would like to join a table, \$10 per person. 7.30 at the Sporting Reserve; BYO drinks and a plate of supper to share on your table. Bring gold coins and extra \$\$'s for the bottle auction as well. To book call Anna 0458532732 or Sue 0418844935.

Next thing on our agenda is our AGM on the 5th July at 7.30 at the Civic Centre. If you have any interest in The Laura Fair please come along. You are more than welcome to join the committee but we are aware this is not for everyone so we are happy to work with you and your skills in other ways. We have teams that manage different aspects of The Fair and you can be a part of one of these teams without being on the committee. Come along to the AGM, let us know you are interested and we can work with you from there.

Thirdly we will be holding another Travel Auction via our Facebook page at the end of July. We will advertise it ahead of time via Facebook, so like and follow our page and you will be up to date. It was very popular last year with some great getaways on offer.

As always we thank you all for your continued support for our committee and our wonderful event!





# RRHAS

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## An airport for Laura ?

Just a hundred years ago in 1921, as well as being concerned about flood protection, electricity supply, and the completion of the war memorial, the Laura Corporation lobbied the Commonwealth Government for Laura to be a place approved for the landing of aeroplanes. With great vision for the future of aviation it was claimed that Laura should be one of the established stopping places of the overland route in SA...but alas we are still waiting!

The elected members and staff of local government generally endeavour to do their best for the residents. Our early local governments operated in a difficult climate and despite a lack of money were visionary. The Laura Corporation, formed in 1882, instigated a tree planting scheme at one of the first meetings, ordering 500 trees. In 1906 Laura became one of the first towns in the state to have street lighting (with acetylene gas).

The lobbying for an airfield was minimal compared to the efforts many years earlier to procure a rail connection for the town. As the northern agricultural lands were opened up in the 1870s as a result of what was known as the Strangways Act of 1869 an efficient means of transport was needed for the harvests.

Laura as we know was established in 1872, and in 1874 a Committee of the Legislative Council took evidence at Laura, concluding that a railway was desirable. However lack of government action resulted in a private company being established in 1877 to construct a line. Lack of capital thwarted this unique endeavour and finally in 1884 a government railway line was opened to Laura as a result of an Act of Parliament of 1882. This Act had originally recommended a line from Gladstone through Laura to Appila, but was later amended. The people of Appila had first appealed for a rail connection in 1874, with their last effort in 1924

Many other proposals were put forward at various public meetings including;

1889 - a line from Laura to Caltowie in preference to the zig zag line from Gladstone to Caltowie.

1909 - Running a spur line down Herbert Street for the convenience of passengers.

1914 - Value of constructing the transcontinental line through Wilmington to Port Augusta.

Laura remained the railhead until 1910 when the line was extended to Booleroo Centre, and then in 1915 to Wilmington. The last train ran in 1988.



**Photo Below: Laura may have never had an airport terminal,  
but did have a lovely railway station.**



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## Laura Community Caravan Park News:



Another great month we have had, super busy with cabins, and visitors utilising our powered and unpowered sites. All very impressed with the work done in and around the park, looking forward to a return visit to see the progress of the trees in the forest walk.

We have replaced our gas BBQs with two new electric BBQ's one being wheelchair friendly, thanks to Nettle's Electrical Services for connecting them up. As always, we would like to thank the many volunteers that help keep the park going, without you it wouldn't be the same.

From a customer on WIKI

We have just stayed here for 6 nights on recommendation of friends and we are so glad we did. Scones, jam, and cream upon arrival! A lovely, happy feeling park with nice, interesting touches to make you feel at home. There are so many things to do and see as day trips in and around Laura.



### **How interested in the environment surrounding us are you?**

All that grow, swims, flies, walks, crawls, and burrows.

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**5pm Friday July 23rd 2021**



## Seeing is believing?

Seeding time is here again and the farmers are hard at work planting for what they hope and pray will be a successful season. The seeds will sprout, then God willing, they will receive the needed rain and sunshine to ensure they grow, and you will be able to see strong healthy plants. When you see these strong healthy plants, you then start to believe that a good harvest might be on the way.

Of course, as we all know that can change in an instant, and a good harvest is not guaranteed until all grain is safely at the silo. Only then will you be sure that it is a good harvest.

It is easy to believe only in what you see. Once you see it is there – it cannot be denied, you have certainty. And that is great, but there is just one small problem. Everything that we see will not last.

This year's harvest means nothing once the seed is sown for next years, machinery needs repairs and eventually replacing. Even we have use by dates. Everything on this earth has its use by date and at some stage sooner or later will pass away including us.

So, is what you see what you believe and put your faith in? Do you rely on things that you can see to guarantee your eternal wellbeing?

When it comes to our eternal wellbeing it's the things we can't see that are important and will truly last.

We can't see Jesus and we don't even know what he really looked like. But we know what he did for us. He died to take away your sins and he rose again to prove that those who put their faith and trust in him will also rise to eternal life. That is what we need to believe and put our faith in.

We can't see the cross on which he died, or see for certain the tomb where he rose from and we can't yet see heaven with the wonderful and marvellous life that awaits all who put their faith and trust in Jesus. But it is faith and trust in these events which determines our eternal outcome because it's not what we can see but what we can't see that lasts forever.

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