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Hello Readers,

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Laura Standard. After a late start to the season it has been great to finally see some good rains, with the landscape looking green, and everyone's crops and gardens looking good, it really is an amazing time of year to live in our district.

The recent outbreak of COVID 19 in Sydney is a reminder to us all that despite the good fortune we have had in our region we are certainly not out of the woods yet. With it now having spread to Adelaide, our State Government have decided to jump early and enforce a lockdown. While to some this may seem over cautious, you have to wonder if the NSW Government had done a similar thing would they be in the same predicament they find themselves in? As the vaccine roll out continues to ramp up hopefully in the future these lockdowns will be a distant memory but until then we all need to remain vigilant.

The LCDTA secured a grant for the purchasing of trees to improve the appearance of the area around the drainage dam at the rear of the Northern Park Lands. A group of volunteers as well as Laura Primary School students were involved in the planting. I'm sure that as the trees grow the kids involved will have fond memories of their excursion as I'm sure many of you would have similar fond memories of tree planting days during your Primary School years.

The 13 bin surrounds in the Main Street and Parklands of Laura will soon be replaced by Trevor Floyd of Laura Welding Service. While the existing aluminium surrounds have done a great job for nearly 20 years we have decided to go with plasma cut steel surrounds. The Northern Areas Council and the Rocky River Lions Club have committed to funding this project and we would like to thank them very much for their involvement.

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The "150 Year Committee" have been meeting on a regular basis and we now have a Facebook page. If you have any old photos or ideas for the celebration please head over to our page, give it a like and invite your friends to do the same. We would love as many people as possible to be involved. To find the page search "Laura 150" on Facebook.

Our Caravan Park managers Mandy and Peter will soon be finishing up their tenure and the committee have held interviews to find their replacements. We would like to welcome Alison and Chris Brighurst of Lyndoch to our town, they certainly have big shoes to fill. On behalf of the LCDTA, and the wider community, we would like to thank Mandy and Peter for their time and enthusiasm in the role. The Caravan Park is all the better for your 2 years and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

The LCDTA AGM will be held on Wednesday the 18th of August. If you have ever thought about volunteering in the community or simply if you've ever wondered what it is that goes in to keeping our town looking beautiful then we'd love to see you there.

On behalf of the LCDTA please stay safe, and warm, over the coming months.

Thanks
Gerald Higgins
Chairman LCDTA

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LCDTA News

Sunday the 13th of June turned out to be dry but very windy and cold, but despite that, a team of volunteers got two ends dug over and planted on the northern median strip.

Gerald Higgins, Joyce Wode, Barry Harvie, John Cleggett and Brian Moore planted Nandina 'nana' on the median ends so they are low growing and don't need a lot of maintenance.

Hopefully we can soon do some of the other median in the near future.



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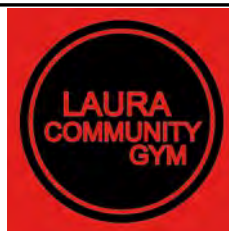
Dog registration are due to be paid by 31st August 2021. Renewals can be paid through the DACO system. If you have already registered an animal in the DACO system please ensure that additional animals are added to **that** profile and a new profile isn't created.

As well as caring for your dog or cat you have responsibilities to comply with legislation under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995. For example **All** dogs and cats must be microchipped and those born after 1st July 2018 must be also desexed (exemptions apply to working dogs and animals owned by registered breeders) and as an owner you must ensure that microchip details are entered in www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au the State-wide dog and cat register for animals and breeders. These laws were introduced for good reason – to reduce unwanted litters and return animals home quicker should they be lost.

Although it is a legislated requirement for dogs and cats to be microchipped, it is important to realise that microchipping your animal DOES NOT replace Council registration.

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Laura Community Caravan Park News:



Peter and I would firstly like to thank the committee for their ongoing support, and personally thank Geoff & Joy Lange, Barry & Eleanor Harvie, Ray & Lyn Cummings, Paul & Katrina Cotter, Kate & Stump (Geoff) Sleath, and the many others who have made our stay very memorable. Laura will forever have a special place in our hearts.

The two- and a-bit years have had their challenges with COVID and cancellations but none the less we have had a great turn over with sometimes record numbers coming through the park. The back forest walk has been a real hit. Every day we would see people walking dogs, riding their bikes, and just sitting around the campfires at night that are there for the "unpowered" travellers. We had the Rolling Solo ladies join us for Christmas in July. We set up Santa and a tree in the camp kitchen, gave out Chrissy cards and had a few presents to hand out. They had loads of fun.

On behalf of the Committee, Peter, and I we would like to welcome the new managers Alison and Chris, who we believe will take the park to new levels, All the best to you both.





Laura Community Development & Tourism Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 18th

AUGUST 2021

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.

The Laura Fair

On the 5th July The Laura Fair held its AGM. The committee remains unchanged and are busy preparing for the 2022 event to be held on the 2nd & 3rd April 2022



Chairman: Sue Scarman, Vice Chairman: Arwen Pratt
Secretary: Anna Bottrall, Treasurers: Peter Hay & Kat Bevan
Committee: Hans Simons, Amy Simons, Jim Lynch, Jon Hawkins-Clarke, John Kitto & Alan Thomson.

We have many teams with leaders for most of them, we are very lucky to have the support of the community and thank all our team leaders for their input and expertise.

Entertainment Team leader: Arwen Pratt
Sponsorship leader: Sue Scarman
Promotion: Amy Simons
Maintenance: John Kitto
Fundraising: Anna Bottrall / Sue Scarman
Stallholders: Hans Simons
Website/Facebook: Anna Bottrall
Bar: Alan Thomson
Soft Drinks: Jim Lynch
Sandwich Stall: Yet to be filled
The Laura Fair Stall: Anna Bottrall / Sue Scarman
Sunday Breakfast: Joyce Wode
Parade: Ricky Pech

Currently the sandwich bar is still in need of a team leader, we have the previous leader who is prepared to share her knowledge with someone willing to take this on. Please contact us if you think you may be interested. If you would like to be a part of any of these teams, please let us know. It does not mean having to attend meetings.

Thank you to Greg Slattery for coming along to our AGM as an interested party your input and attendance is much appreciated. Anyone is more than welcome to come along to our meetings; they are held on the first Monday of each month at the Civic Centre. It doesn't have to mean you get a job; your interest and input is appreciated.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Quiz Night on the 18th June. With over 80 people in attendance, it was a successful and fun night. Also, another big thank you to all the local businesses who supported us with vouchers and prizes. Without this support our fundraising event would not have been the success it was.

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Secretary: Anna Bottrall 0458 532 732 secretary@thelaurafair.com.au

Diabetes Screening Project



Rocky River Lions and the SA Diabetes Awareness and Screening Project was held in the Laura Civic Centre on Thursday 10th June. Ten of these screening days, with the support of Lions volunteers and Diabetes SA staff were held around the state. Laura's event was the tenth and was geared to cover the Southern Flinders.

The objectives of the project were:

- to raise awareness of risk factors within rural communities and the significance of early detection and prevention of type 2 diabetes.
 - increase access to information, resources and health services for early detection and screening to prevent or at least delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.
 - promote the AUSDRISK self-risk assessment tool so individuals can identify and understand their risk of developing type 2 diabetes.
- to refer people who have been identified as being high risk or receive an indicative result of type 2 diabetes to their local medical professional for further advice and treatment where required.

Results from the ten different locations across the state, including Laura, were fairly consistent. Importantly, the results indicated that 50% of the people who completed the AUSDRISK Assessment, returned a risk factor considered HIGH. 10% of those who then had the blood test returned a sugar level that confirmed they were a Type 2 Diabetic and were totally unaware of it. That is 5 people in 100 tested did not know it. This could well be a life changing (even life saving) result for those people.

The logo for Nettle Electrical Services features a blue circuit board design with three circular icons: a lightbulb, a power plug, and a lightning bolt. Below the icons, the word "NETTLE" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters, followed by "ELECTRICAL SERVICES" in smaller, bold, yellow capital letters. The tagline "For all your electrical needs" is written in a blue, italicized font. The phone number "0418 562 626" is displayed in large, bold, yellow digits.

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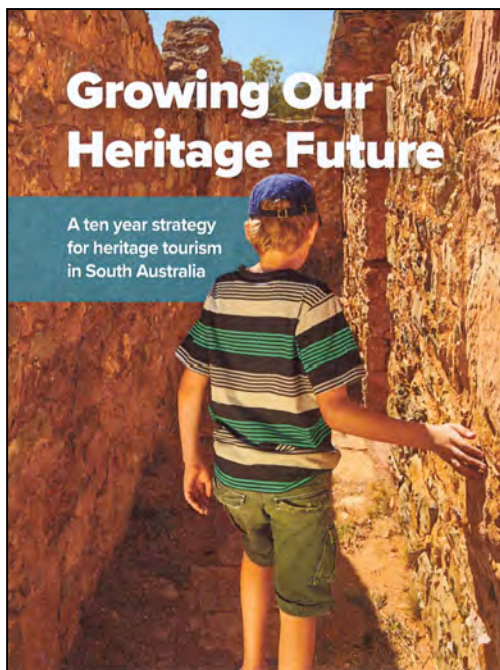
The proverbial 'Blind Freddy' could not be oblivious to the increase in tourism in our region during the past year or so when international and some interstate travel has been restricted. Consequently visitor numbers to our town and the caravan park have increased considerably.

Unfortunately, as locals we often take for granted the attractiveness which our own district offers to visitors, and even wonder why they come here, or stay. Perhaps a visit to the Laura Information Centre could open some eyes to the local attractions which we take for granted. 'Tis a sad fact that many locals are unaware of the proximity of the Mawson and Heysen Trails, and of their significance to the state, and the spinoffs that Laura could reap.

The Recorder (Port Pirie) recently reported on progress towards nomination of the Flinders Ranges for World Heritage protection. Meanwhile an international campaign is gaining momentum to have South Australia's Cornish mining sites of Burra and the Copper Triangle on a global listing of the Cornish Mining Heritage sites of the UK, Australia, Spain, Mexico and South Africa.

Recently I attended the launch of the state government's new strategic plan for heritage tourism in South Australia. This ten year plan embraces such global endeavours, as well as the significance of grass roots cultural tourism in our country towns. It behoves the government to throw some funding behind the plan, and for our community organizations to embrace any available opportunities. We can contribute as individuals by shopping locally, enabling our businesses to remain viable and attractive for our visitors.

Greg Slattery
President, Rocky River Historic &
Art Society



LAURA RSL SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITY REPORT.



On the 10th July this year I attended the 103rd ANNUAL SUB-BRANCH CONFERENCE at the Drill Hall Torrens Training Depot. Attending dignitaries included the Governor of South Australia, the Premier, and numerous Members of the National Government and Opposition. If attendance at the meeting is any indication of the health of the RSL within this State, we are doing fine.

It was reported that the numbers of members have dropped-off marginally but that could be due to the COVID-19 problem. Affiliate Members are now becoming vital to the continuance and well-being of the RSL within the State. This shows more in the country areas with smaller RSL's and its devastating to see a few more have succumbed and closed their doors. I can only say be mindful of the Laura RSL. The State RSL Financial Report shows we are financially sound and may be well over problems from the past era. The patronage of the Avoca Hotel and excellent management of this enterprise is contributing to our financial status.

The Hon David Fawcett in his speech referred to the state of "the world today" and we should be very mindful of the RSL motto "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance".

A future major concern facing us arose in a speech by WO1 Hortle. In the next few years new equipment will come online in all Military services, the problem, - shortage of personnel in all three branches and the civilian work force. Recruiting is already having problems meeting numbers and Intelligence levels. It was noted a large part of the Defence Spending over this period will be in South Australia.

The State RSL after months of consultation with members changed the State Constitution to be consistent in format to that of the National Constitution. The Laura RSL had a very quiet first six months of this year, our ANZAC DAY ceremony was very well attended even though we were limited in our activities by the COVID-19 regulations. It was a pleasure to have a contingent from the Laura Primary School lay wreaths at the shrine.

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The new look Cenotaph surrounds is very impressive as all comments confirm. All members thank Val Thompson for her continuous and arduous efforts from the inception of the idea. WELL DONE VAL.

In closing I re-iterate the phrase; any volunteer organisation is only successful as the personnel and those involved. I thank all our members for their efforts.

Keep the Flag Flying,
Trev Mckerlie
President Laura RSL



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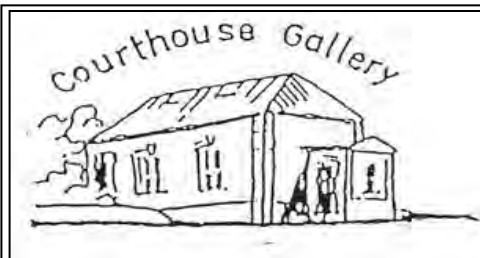
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Barbara Kleinig Junior Art Award 2021

The Barbara Kleinig Junior Art Award is open to students of Gladstone High School and of the feeder schools to GHS. This award is normally convened by Rocky River Historic & Art Society in conjunction with the schools and the annual Laura Fair. This year the Laura Art Exhibition in the Court House Gallery was held over the Anzac weekend.

Congratulations to students who received awards and thanks to all those aspiring young artists who entered their artworks.

Prizes were awarded to:

R – 2	Elsie Fudge Jade Ziepes Matilda Zwar	3---4	Lachie Akbar Rohan Smith Emma Zanker
5 – 7	Tess Cleggett Jayde Dulce Jackson Fudge	High School	Ashley Hodgson Ethan Hogan Tealia Spencer Sharni Windsor





Northern Areas Council Economic and Population Growth Plan Workshops

The Northern Areas Council have recently adopted a sub strategy known as the Northern Areas Expansion Project, which is aimed at boosting the local economy through attracting people to relocate to the region. Council is seeking your input in helping to make this happen.

A working party consisting of Cr Denise Higgins, Cr Leon Pollard, RDA Yorke and Mid North Economic Development Officer Hayley Trott and Council's Manager, Community Development James Lang has put together the strategy. A copy of the sub strategy can be found on the Northern Areas Council website www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au

The Project

The aim of this strategy is to encourage people to move to the Northern Areas Council, creating a boost to the local economy creating further jobs and growth. Specifically targeting Working Families and Retirees or Semi-Retirees.

There are 5 themes to the project including:

- 1. Improve Perceptions and Better Promote the Northern Areas Council District**
- 2. Inclusive and Purpose-Built Infrastructure**
- 3. There are places for people to live, rent, buy, and build a home**
- 4. The Business Community is Innovative and Proactive**
- 5. The Northern Areas Council is a place people want to live**

Workshops

An evening and a day workshop had been earmarked to occur in mid August, however in light of recent Covid Safe restrictions they are to be rescheduled once restrictions allow this to occur. Should things progress positively they may occur slightly later in the month. Both workshops will be the same, the idea of two workshops is to better enable more community involvement at suitable times.

Council has engaged a specialty consultant to undertake the project and Council is seeking input from you, the local community as to how you would like to see this come to fruition as we look to keep our local economy strong now and in to the future.

Council is seeking a good cross section of community members to join us in either workshop so that we can best achieve a community wide view of what you believe will help Northern Areas Council attract people to move to the area, boosting the local economy. Similar projects have been undertaken at several other regional Councils, with good levels of success.

Registering your interest

If you believe that you would like to be involved please register your interest to:

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Manager, Community Development
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Lockdown!



So how are you traveling now we are, or hopefully by the time you are reading this, were in lockdown?

This week has been tough, plans had to be changed, sometimes on an hourly basis because of the changing COVID situation we faced. Now we have a hard lockdown, with regulations more restrictive than last year.

We don't know for sure how long this lockdown will last, with all eyes on the number of new cases and the new hot spots.

Perhaps this lockdown has left you feeling fearful? Maybe because of COVID, or possibly there are other things you are fearful of, for example you could be awaiting results of tests or other things that could determine how your future looks and how long that future may continue.

Fear often comes from uncertainty – the fear of the unknown. That is a fear people are living with at the moment, we don't know what the next few days will bring let alone the next few weeks, months or years.

But in the midst of that uncertainty, there is certainty. There is certainty in Christ. We have the certainty that all who put their faith and trust in him have their sins forgiven, and have eternal life with him, and all believers to look forward to once our time here on earth is ended. We have the certainty that there is nothing in all creation that can snatch us out of his loving arms and it means that through him we are joined with all Christians – you are not alone, even in lockdown.

Lockdown is an opportunity - an opportunity to get the Bible out and start reading it, an opportunity to spend time with God and let him speak to you, a time for you to be refreshed and strengthened before you go out to resume your everyday life again.

Maybe you haven't thought of doing that for a while, or maybe you haven't ever done it. It really isn't that scary. It will remind you that Jesus thinks you are the most precious thing in the whole universe. That is why he laid down his life for you on the cross and shed his blood for the forgiveness of your sins, that is why he is with you now and that is why he will never leave you. He did that so you can have the freedom to spend eternity in a place where there is no more suffering, no more pain and no more COVID!

Stephen Noblett (Pastor)
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