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Hello Readers,

Welcome to the June 2022 edition of the Laura Standard. So far it has been a very dry start to the year but with the cold weather setting in and the ever-looming threat of COVID 19 let's hope that everyone can stay safe and that the vaccine can do the job of keeping as many people as possible out of hospital. It certainly has been nice to enjoy the easing of restrictions though and I'm hopeful that once it does rain, our area can enjoy a prosperous rest of the year.

The "Aus Condon Memorial" Golf Day will be held for the first time in 3 years on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. This will be a 4 person Ambrose competition and has been a very popular fundraiser for the LCDTA over the years. For more information or to register a team please contact Val Thompson on 86632472. Entries close on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. There is a poster in this edition of the Laura Standard.

I have it on good authority that the "Laura Fair" will also return next year on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> after a 3-year absence. This will definitely be a boost for our town and a great way for both businesses and community groups to raise much needed funds they may have missed out on in recent years. I'm sure both locals and visitors alike would love to see the Fair return to its former glory. The Fair committee are having a quiz night at the sporting reserve on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July as a fundraiser. Bookings can be made by contacting either Sue on 0418844935 or Anna on 0458532732.

The "White Yarcowie Vaudeville Troupe" will be performing at the Civic Centre on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June at 2pm. This show is a fundraiser for the "Laura 150" celebrations happening in October. Tickets are \$15 and include afternoon tea after the performance. This will be a great afternoon of entertainment for people of all ages.

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The LCDTA have recently gained planning approval to install 8 banner poles in the median strips along Herbert St. These poles will be a great way to advertise upcoming events such as the 150 celebrations, The Laura Fair and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Golden North to not only locals but to people passing through our town. Keep your eye out for them in the not -too-distant future.

Lastly, the LCDTA would again like to share our appreciation to everyone who has supported the "Meals to You" and "Slice Drive" fundraisers. With the absence in recent years of our usual fundraisers like the Fair, the Golf Day and the Long Lunch these fundraisers have been very important. Rest assured that all monies raised are put towards projects that improve our town like the banner poles and future projects in the pipeline such as a "Nature Playground", and to maintaining our beautiful streetscape.

On behalf of the LCDTA I hope everyone enjoys the next few months.

Stay warm and let's hope for some rain.

Thanks Gerald Higgins Chairman LCDTA



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#### Lions Club News.....

Rocky River Lions and their helpers are back in business cooking and selling donuts at the footy and netball at Laura and Gladstone home games. Donuts, Lions Cakes and the selling of sample grain at the Silo Complex are the predominant means of raising funds to support our community projects.

The Club has donated \$3,500 towards the Laura C.D&TA for their upgrade and beautification of the rubbish bins located in Herbert Street.

Lions have donated \$400 in support of the Lions Skin Cancer Screening Project. Another \$200 has been donated to the Lions "Operation Smile" project for Cleft Lip/Palette research. A further donation of \$480 has supported a student in the Gladstone High School Political Project to be held in Adelaide.

The Lions Club is currently replenishing its supply of Medical Booklets that are available free at the Hospital, doctor's surgery and Gladstone Medical Centre. These booklets list all medications and are a valuable aid to the ambos when an ambulance is called.

The Club's annual Changeover Dinner will be held at the North Laura Hotel on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Incoming President will be Bevan Smith, Secretary Don Pritchard and Treasurer Sam Smith.

Lions are appreciative of the continuing support of the public. It is a proud tenet of Lions that every dollar raised goes back to the community.

There are no administration costs extracted.

Thank you for your support.



#### Fundraising in the community - What's happened and what's coming .......

#### Laura Community Development and Tourism Association

Thanks to our wonderful kitchen cooks, Meals to You is now a popular event in the community. We have raised \$4304.71 in 5 months. These funds have helped cover the costs of the Banner Poles to be placed in the median strips – which were just over \$5000 plus the LCDTA have commissioned 16 new bin surrounds with costs shared between us, NAC and the Lions Club. The directional sign at the Laura Look Out was another \$1200.

The above fundraising runs alongside the Slice Trays and raffles being run by the nature playground sub- group in LCDTA which is raising dedicated funds for a nature playground.

Winners of the recent raffle were

First prize – Julie Nettle

Second prize - Darryl Boylan

Third prize - Kate Millard

Fourth prize - Tegan Heinjus

Fifth prize - Sue Scarman

Well done to the sub-group, another \$2000 in their funds.

In previous years the LCDTA raised considerable funds through catering at the Laura Fair and the Laura Long Lunch and running the Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day; which returns this year.

To continue our fundraising the following is our plan until the end of this vear:

June – Soup and Sweets to you, to be delivered on June 20th

July – Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day on 21st July

September – Lasagnas to You delivered on September 19th

October – Laura 150 Devonshire Tea as part of the Laura 150

Celebrations and Meals to You delivered on October 17<sup>th</sup>

November – Meals to You delivered on November 21st

November – Gingerbread House Making Night on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Also happening – Community calendar and Party in the Park, plus for the first time in a while, Christmas Lights Competition.

Our next 2 events - Soup and Winter Desserts in June and the catering for the Golf Day on July 21<sup>st</sup> will soon be on us and support is always welcome. If you have time plus the inclination to be one of the kitchen cooks and Denise hasn't asked you, please ring / text or email on 0428 222 610 or bridenhi@bigpond.com.

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#### Other community groups fundraising:

LAURA Fair July 29<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night

LAURA 150 Committee

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – the Whyte Yarcowie Vaudeville Group from 2-5pm

Laura Events

Saturday 30th July - Laura Country Music Night



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Rocky River Historic & Art Society

## Art Exhibition Queens Birthday Weekend

Rocky River Historic & Art Society has run an annual art exhibition since 1978. It is one of the longest running regional exhibitions in SA. Even without the annual Laura Fair the exhibition has been staged as a stand alone event. Last year it was held on the Anzac weekend, but this year it will be held on the Queen's Birthday Weekend.

This will also include the **Barbara Kleinig Junior Art Award** which is open to students of Gladstone High School and the primary school students from the catchment area of Gladstone High

#### Invitation

You are invited to attend the **Opening Night** commencing at **8pm** on **Friday 10 June 2022 Free admission** 

at the Court House Gallery, Hughes Street, Laura

Catering arrangements will depend on COVID conditions

The exhibition will then be open on Saturday Sunday and Monday 11/12/13 June from 10am to 4pm Gold Coin Admission over the weekend



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



## **ROWAN RAMSEY MP**Federal Member for Grey



#### \$7.8 million to upgrade bridges in Grey

The Federal Government is continuing to upgrade bridges on regional roads in Grey with new investments in three projects totalling \$7.8m under the Bridges Renewal Program.

The projects will replace and widen bridges, replace culverts, strengthen existing structures and upgrade floodways to bridges.

#### Projects in Grey include:

\$2,928,896 Pine Creek Bridge upgrade, Appila-Laura Road, Laura Upgrading and widening of Pine Creek Bridge, Appila-Laura Road

\$1,600,000 Horrocks Highway Culvert Replacement, Yacka Replacement of a 2 lane concrete culvert with a 2 lane concrete culvert on the Horrocks Highway 1.1km south of Yacka. The project will include widening and installation of safety barriers.

\$3,280,000 Horrocks Highway Wild Dog Creek Culvert Replacement, Replacement of an existing culvert with a new culvert on the Horrocks Highway, with increased weight limit of 166t and road widening and new traffic barriers.

Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey said the Bridges Renewal Program was well established and had rebuilt many bridges in Grey. "The funding is guaranteed and not contingent on the election result," he said.

"Many of our bridges were built at the beginning of last century when a maximum vehicle load was less than 20 tonnes, now a single vehicle may be in excess of 100 tonne and we need to re-invest to meet the challenge," Mr Ramsey said. "However, many of these bridges are council property and can come with a very high price tag simply beyond council means."

"The Pine Creek Bridge is a classic example, more than 70 years old and with a structual problem identified a few years back, now with a 30-tonne load-limit. For farmers in the Applia/Booleroo/ Orroroo areas it is their preferred route to Gladstone at harvest time and currently even a truck as small as a single semi is required to take a significant detour along an unsealed road."

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"Northern Areas Council Mayor Ben Browne was very pleased with the announcement and thanked Rowan Ramsey for his assistance in securing the grant."

"The bridge is on a significant freight route and desperately needs an upgrade to accommodate modern commodity transport," he said.

"How to finance the required works at Pine Creek has been an ongoing problem for council for quite some time and would have probably remained beyond us without this support."

Mr Ramsey said all three projects were on farmland to the east of the Flinders, "Its not really surprising, there are a lot of bridges in that part of the world. All of these projects will create local jobs in Grey and improve safety for freight drivers and all motorists in our community."

In the 2022-23 Budget the Coalition Government allocated an additional \$40 million to the Bridges Renewal Program over the next four years, taking the total funding commitment to nearly \$900 million.

Since the Bridges Renewal Program commenced in 2015 – 16 it has supported 730 projects, of which 495 projects have been completed.



Mayor Mount Remarkable Council Phillip Heaslip, Northern Areas Councillor Denise Higgins, Mayor Northern Areas Council Ben Browne and Rowan Ramsey inspect the Pine Creek bridge.

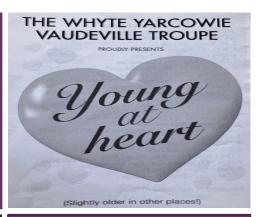
# Winter Warmers

Hosted by the Laura Community Development and Tourism Association

Home made desserts and soups vegetarian options available Prices from \$15 collection/delivery 20th June meals ready to heat Collection from front of 4 Campbell Street (Hannah Pech's) 4-6pm (negotiable) payment via cash or transfer (preferred) on collection.

for full list of meal options contact Denise Higgins 0428222610 please wear a mask when collecting. \$5 delivery available in Laura. Order cut off 14th June.

## Laura 150<sup>th</sup> fundraiser





Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm

### Laura Civic Centre

Come along for an entertaining show followed by afternoon tea.

#### Tickets \$15

Available from Laura Information Centre or at the door

Enquiries Julie Thomson 0418832556

## Answer the call at Gladstone SA Ambulance Service volunteers needed

The SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) volunteer teams at Gladstone and surrounding areas are looking for volunteers to answer the call and join them, as the service launches a new community recruitment drive.

Volunteering for SAAS gives our volunteers many additional and transferable skills. Volunteer, Alison from Gladstone has been speaking about the benefits of becoming a SAAS volunteer as the latest SAAS campaign, titled 'Answer the Call' hits the streets.

Alison (pictured below) has volunteered with SAAS for twenty years and says she has gained medical skills, but also skills that she can use in her everyday life. "Joining SAAS gave me the medical knowledge and interest to study nursing – there are continuous learning opportunities, so I'd encourage everyone to try something different. I love meeting the diverse people in my community and am happy to give a helping hand when they are not well."

Whether you work full-time, are a student or retired, volunteering with SAAS can help you broaden your skillset, meet like-minded community members, and make new friends. With flexible rosters that can work around your lifestyle, you don't always need to be at the



ambulance station when on-call. Volunteers can respond from home, making night shifts easy. Alison volunteers on days or nights when she's free. "I respond from home, so I still manage plenty of 'me' time. Plus other Gladstone members are great at helping me out when they can if I have to go to work."

There's no better time to answer the call and take control in an emergency, to help save the lives of others. Interested? Call Regional Team Leader, Paul Coombs on 0436 016 552 or the Volunteer Support Unit on 1300 175 584 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm). Or apply through the SAAS website: www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au or email <a href="mailto:SAASvolunteer@sa.gov.au">SAASvolunteer@sa.gov.au</a>.

## Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day

Thursday 21st July 2022 at Laura Golf Club 10.00am start Ambrose competition Fours







\$100.00 per team & includes; Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea (\$20 each for school students)

Championship Event Handicap Event

Long Drive (Ladies No 9 & 18: Men No 7 & 16)

Nearest to the pin; Ladies No 1 & No 10

Men No 5 & No 14

Prize money for Hole in One

No 1 & No 10 No 5 & No 14

All proceeds to the Laura Community Development & Tourism Association

Entries to Val Thomson by 17th July 2022 86 632472

#### The Babbages of Appila

Probably no family has travelled the Laura to Appila road more than members of the Babbage family. During the years that Jack Babbage did the daily mail run from Appila to Laura it was estimated that he had travelled at least the distance from Appila to the moon. As Jack had only done this daily run for about half the time that the Babbage family ran the store the total distance would have logged up more than a return trip to the moon, and mainly before the road was sealed.

Soon after their marriage in 1934 Alf and Gertie Babbage settled in Appila where they ran the general store. They delivered groceries to farms in the district and collected goods and mail from the railway station. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Jack and Bernie (later Mrs Max Sayer). Bernie and Jack later ran the store until 1990, and Jack later retired to Laura, but worked for a time at the local IGA, where he had incidentally started work at Eudunda Farmers when he left school. In those early days at Eudunda Farmers he came into Laura daily with his father on the mail run in a 1928 Chevrolet tourer and rode a bike home after work on the dirt road.

A Studebaker light truck was purchased post war but the Chev was still used occasionally. Despite their sturdiness rough roads took their toll on the vehicles. Mr Babbage also brought school children into Laura for the primary school and Gladstone High School.

The Babbages were well known for running a typical country store, and well respected for their contributions to the Appila community. An avid photographer, the book, *Jack Babbage's Appila* was compiled by his nephew Max Sayer from the thousands of photos in his collection. Jack himself had compiled the book, *Between the Ranges* for the Appila centenary in 1972, as well as histories of organizations in the district. Jack and his brother in law Max Sayer (Senior) were both keen railway enthusiasts and had a particular interest in the narrow gauge railways of northern SA.

As foundation members of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society they worked tirelessly for that cause at busy bees on the track and rollingstock maintenance. Max served terms as president, whilst Jack was editor of the magazine and author of books. Along with others they salvaged sleepers and rail from railway lines in our region and on the Central Australian Railway beyond Maree which were being dismantled.

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The Babbage / Sayer era in our district has quietly closed recently with Bernie Sayer moving southwards to be closer to her children. During her time in Laura Bernie has been a generous but low profile contributor to Laura through the garden club, Creative Treasures, Community Development Board and the Hospital Auxillary. Many of the cliveas around the town (including those in front of the former ANZ Bank / Creative Treasures) will be a lasting reminder of Bernie.



Waiting for the railcar at Laura Railway Station in the 1950s with Babbage's Studebaker on the right

#### LAURA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

We the Laura Hospital Auxiliary are a small friendly, ageing group who would like to see some new members, who see things with fresh eyes. The Auxiliary has been a vital part of our wonderful Hospital for decades who have provided many items to make the life easier for all, whether client or resident. Be it dining tables and chairs, milk shake maker or Christmas gifts.

These items make a cheerful talking point for the residents. We welcome both Men and Women who wish to make a difference. Contacts. Donna Pech 0438 896 633 ( please leave a message ) or Judy Zwar 0407 698 681

#### The Laura Fair



The Laura Fair will happen in 2023!! Which means we are in full swing with fundraising events. By the time you read this we will have held our annual Trading Table. Thank you to all who supported this. Further update to follow.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> July we are holding our Quiz Night which will be a licenced night with drinks from the bar at the Laura Sporting Reserve. There will be 6 rounds of 10 questions with fun games between each round so bring your jar of gold coins to be a part of the action. There will also be a 'bottle bag' auction so be prepared for that as well. After the quiz part of the night there will be some 80's style music to entertain you and to dance to if that is your thing. Otherwise stay on for a few more drinks and catch-up time. The night starts at 7.30. Book a table or a seat by contacting Sue 0418844935 or Anna 0458532732. There will be posters around town and on our Facebook page so share the good news and see you there. Then, looking a bit further ahead we will be having another of our very

Then, looking a bit further ahead we will be having another of our very popular Facebook travel auctions in September. Keep an eye on our page for details closer to September.

Our AGM is coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and we would love to have some new faces on either the committee or on our several teams required to run a successful event. So, if you think you have some skills or would like to learn some skills please consider coming along. If you would just like to have some input but don't want to be heavily committed, you can come to the AGM or in fact any of our meetings throughout the year. The AGM (and all other meetings) are held at 7.30pm at the Civic Centre on the first Monday of each month. Hope to see you there.

#### The Laura Standard

The Laura Standard is a community publication. If your organisation is holding an event or would like to share some information this is where you can do it. Like Facebook it is free for community groups. Sporting bodies, Health networks and all committees are welcome to have articles published. If you have something that you want to go into The Standard please email: <a href="mailto:lcdta5480@gmail.com">lcdta5480@gmail.com</a>

Dates for getting articles into The Standard are on page 30 of this edition:

#### Introducing P Schultz Electrical Services to the Laura and Districts communities.

Born and raised in the community, Phil left Laura to go to the Barossa Valley to pursue his Electrical trade. Returning to Laura in 2007, Phil became Maintenance Manager at Golden North and then diversified his career within the Government Sector for the previous 10 years Managing multiple trades in the building sector across South Australia.

In March 2022, he decided to establish his electrical business within the community and surrounding areas specialising in small to medium domestic, commercial, and industrial services.

Within the first three months, since the commencement of the business, he has appreciated the support and trust of Laura people that he has done work for in offering another electrical service in the area.

Phil looks forward to growing his business and servicing the community with any electrical requirements in the future.

Phil's contact Details are listed below:

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#### Just A Laugh



A husband was sitting on the sofa one afternoon when his wife came up behind him and whacked him on the head.

The husband asked 'What the hell was that for?'

The wife replied 'That's for the slip of paper in your pocket with the name Laura Lou on it!'

'Don't worry', said the husband, that's just the name of a racehorse I put a bet on a few days ago'.

Satisfied, the wife apologised to her husband.

Several days later the husband is lounging on the sofa when his wife comes up behind him and smacks him over the head again.

'WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR?', he roared, leaping up and holding his head in pain.

The wife tossed the phone at him and said 'Your horse called'.

#### Laura Community Caravan Park News:



As the weather cools off the caravan park gets busier. We have had some fantastic weekends of nearly 100% capacity in April and May. Easter and Anzac long weekends were extremely busy times in the park with lots of visitors enjoying Laura and surrounds.

The park has also been playing host to many large groups. We had the Barossa Camping and Caravan club on the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and then were excited to see the Southern Adventure Bike club use our park as the staging point for their latest rally on May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

School holidays around Easter saw some families with kids in the park bringing the sounds of excited children to the area. We hope to welcome more families in the next school holidays in July.

Mother's Day was celebrated in the park as well with a pancake breakfast at the camp kitchen complete with a glass of bubbly for those that were keen. A great time was had by all as we looked after the most important member of all of our families.

On the June long weekend we are planning a home made soup night at the camp kitchen on the Sunday night around the fire.

Did you know we now have a range of beanies, scarves and jewellery for sale in the park office? Everyone is welcome to pop in and have a look and maybe even purchase a "Laura Community Caravan Park" branded beanie for only \$30 ready for winter.

We are expanding the Facebook profile of the park by posting regularly so that people know a bit more about us and the beautiful town of Laura. Please take the time to have a look at our page, Laura Community Caravan Park SA, and give us a "like" and a "share" with your friends.

Naomi & Simon Purdue



#### Volunteering in our community

This edition we look at the sporting and fitness offerings of the community. These groups rely on volunteers as do the community groups. If you are looking to volunteer immediately the contact number for either the secretary or president is supplied. Also listed is the month of their AGM. Posters on notice boards and Facebook notices are sure to be out during the month leading up to these important meetings.

Laura Community Gym Contact person is Debbie Palmer - 0408 082 614 No information at this time about the AGM

Laura Cricket Club Contact person is Ricky Willis – 0408 448 515 Their AGM is held in August

Laura Lawn Bowls Contact person is Josh Brown – 0475 214 563 Their AGM is held in May and so this year's is just gone.

Laura Sporting Reserve

Contact person is Judith Millington – 0409 676 307

Their AGM is September each year.

The Sporting Reserve is not a club but a group with club delegates and community members who maintain and improve the sports ground facilities.

Laura Tennis Club Contact person is Lucas Woolford – 0428 304 470 The AGM will be held in September or October

Southern Flinders Football Club Contact person is Ben Crawford – 0429 624 010 and email benandbeck@crawfordrural.net.au.

Their AGM is in October and Ben also said the club has male and female teams for all ages.

Southern Flinders Netball Club Contact person is Bern Schmidt – 0439 864 330 Their AGM is held in November each year.

## **COMING SOON!**

#### **BEETALOO VALLEY**



#### **AUCTION (USP) – DATE TBA**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to purchase part of the original Beetaloo Station. Comprising approximately 39.25 hectares of hills grazing country, there are views for miles and fabulous spots to build your dream home, or simply renovate the original, of course all STCC. An original homestead of 3 bedrooms, the lounge with an open fire place, a separate dining room and good size kitchen, complete with a wood stove, most rooms have original features, floorboards & metal ceilings. Outside there is a 2-room quaint original stone cottage with dirt floors that could be turned into a B&B, (STCC) and an assortment of stone ruins that tell of a time gone by. There is one large open implement shed and one open garage, all external fencing is of a reasonable standard. Water is supplied by 3 natural springs to the home and paddocks and there are also several creeks traversing the property. Revamp the original garden, check out the original orchard and prune the Carob hedge, the transformation would be amazing. Call Alison now to schedule your inspection!



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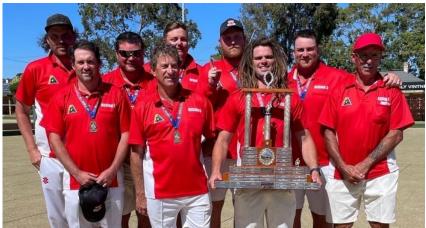
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#### **Laura Bowls**

The Laura Bowling Club had another successful season. The Boucher division was once again premiers which has made it 5 pennants in a row. Both our ladies teams made finals in their respective divisions which was also a huge effort. We had 4 representatives in the women's country round robin. We had 9 members play in the men's country round robin team that was played in Marion and we went onto to win the event. We also had great representation in the men's and women's prestige medley where the men came runner up to a metro team. The club was also represented well at regional level with both the men and women singles being won by Todd Brand and Karin Lynch, something the club has never had done in its history. Laura Bowling Club is always

looking for new bowlers and are always welcome to come have a go.









Presents









John O'Dea

**Caitlin Drew** 

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30th July 2022
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The Midnight Special Band



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Hon. Geoff Brock M.P.





#### Deadline dates for The Laura Standard:

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5pm Friday July 22nd 2022

#### There goes Easter.....now what?



The Easter break is over, all the chocolate eggs have been eaten, the Easter bunnies are back in their hutches and school's in. And what do we make of it all? What with COVID, the war in Ukraine, and the run up to the election, there's an awful lot of shouting going on. Perhaps we are experiencing our own personal pain and grief. It can all seem to be too much to cope with at times. Well, sometimes the most important things happen really quietly, despite what we see on the news.

In fact the first Easter didn't happen with a lot of noise and trumpet fanfare. It didn't make the headlines or 6 o'clock news. And that's because it happened quietly, at dawn, in some backwater of the Roman Empire. This first Easter happened about 2,000 years ago. It was an event that defied logic, yet made a huge impact on the world. It was the death and rising to life again of someone very special, Jesus. But this person didn't form his own political party or gather an army around him to conquer the world. He simply went to his friends, the people he had hung out with for the past three years, and the first words he spoke to them were, "Peace! I am with you always."

Even during his lifetime he concentrated coming to people one at a time, touching them with his healing love, so that they could live, perhaps coming to life again after years of suffering. And all of this was done quietly. Oh, it did attract quite a bit of attention, but through it all he spoke and lived out the kind of peacefulness that cut through the noise of stuff that was going on outside and inside people's heads. And it was all done in love. That immense love is still with us, still speaking peace, if we can take the time find a quiet space and listen with our heart's ears. That voice comes with reassurance that even if we feel as though we are being crushed by events, his love is always near, will never leave us, and will overcome even death itself, as he himself did. Peace!

Sr. Sandra Sears CSBC