



**August 2022 Issue 46**

Hello Readers,

Welcome to the August 2022 edition of The Laura Standard. Another late start to the season saw quite a lot of crops dry sown this year and despite some opening rains things have certainly been cold and dry lately.

The district still has a lovely tinge of green though and hopefully with some rain coming our community can enjoy another prosperous season.

The "Whyte Yarcowie Vaudeville Troupe" performed at the Laura Civic Centre on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. This was a fundraiser for the 150 Celebration being held in October. This was the first time that the Troupe had performed their new show "Young at Heart" in what will be a 2-year run. The performance was enjoyed by over 100 people with many laughs and sing-alongs followed by a catch up over afternoon tea. I personally enjoyed the performance way more than I expected to. If you get a chance to see this performance over the next few years it is a very entertaining couple of hours. On behalf of the 150 committee, I'd like to thank everyone who came along and made it such a successful fundraiser, the "Vaudeville Troupe" and especially Chris and Bek Lines for putting on an amazing spread of food to cap off the afternoon.

The "Aus Condon Memorial" Golf Day was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of July at the Laura Riverside Golf Course. After three years in the wilderness due to COVID it was great to see this day up and running again, with perfect weather despite the chilly morning start. This is another great fundraiser for the LCDTA and was well supported with plenty of sponsors jumping onboard, great food provided by local volunteers and 14 teams participating. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success, especially Val Thomson, Denise Higgins and Karin Lynch for all your hard work in the lead up to the day.

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On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of July the first 8 of 17 new bin surrounds were installed Laura's Main Street and park by Darren Pech, Robert Pech and Sue Scarman. These new surrounds are replacing the now more than 20-year-old aluminium surrounds that have serviced our town well but were starting to look quite ragged. This was a joint project between the LCDTA, the Lions Club, Northern Areas Council and AGL with the surrounds being built and laser cut by Afford Engineering in Warnertown. I'm sure you'll agree that the installed ones look fantastic and that once the second half are in place it will be a much-welcomed spruce up for our main street.

The October edition of the "Laura Standard" will be a very special, colour, edition to celebrate 150 years of our town. If you would like to submit something for this edition, please send it too [lcdta5480@gmail.com](mailto:lcdta5480@gmail.com) no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. Keep your eye out for this special edition and we look forward to seeing you all at the celebration on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.

The LCDTA AGM will be held on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August in the Laura Civic Centre. If you have ever thought about volunteering in the community or simply if you have ever wondered what goes in to maintaining and improving our beautiful little town, we would love to see you there.

On behalf of the LCDTA please stay safe and warm over the coming months and let's hope for lots of rain.

Thanks  
Gerald Higgins  
Chairman LCDTA



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Assistant Secretary Sarah McAuley

Treasurer Kat Bevan

Committee members:

Naomi Purdue

Jim Lynch

John Kitto

Jon Hawkins-Clarke

Alan Thomson

Public Officer Denise Higgins

Three new faces and a huge thank you to three committee members leaving after many years of valuable service: Amy Simons; Hans Simons and Peter Hay.

There is still room for more on the committee if you are interested.

If meetings are not your thing but you would like to be involved in The Fair please contact Sue 0418844935

or Anna [secretary@thelaurafair.com.au](mailto:secretary@thelaurafair.com.au) .

We have many teams which target specific functions of The Fair. There is bound to be something you could become involved in. You don't have to be asked to join in the fun.

We are now full steam ahead to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

Fundraising: By the time this goes to print we would have held our Quiz

Night. Coming up is our very popular Facebook Travel Auction in

September. Follow our Facebook Page, The Laura Fair so you don't miss any of the action.

### Position Vacant

Team Leader for Promotion of The Laura Fair

Volunteer position

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Sue Scarman

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## Ukraine Support

You may remember from the last Standard, that the Lions Club of Rocky River is compiling a register of families who may be able to help people fleeing from Ukraine, if they choose to move to country areas. Quite a few families have offered help and they are currently at the stage of completing the necessary paperwork and police checks. Anyone who would like to help can contact Harry on 0437 580 262 or Greg on 0418 756 676, or the Association of Ukrainians in SA directly at one of the following options:

Tania Jarema-Norton on 0413 602 855 or  
[tania@helpukrainiansaustralia.com.au](mailto:tania@helpukrainiansaustralia.com.au) or [www.helpukrainiansaustralia.com.au](http://www.helpukrainiansaustralia.com.au)

Rocky River Lions are intending to coordinate a community effort to help Ukrainian people who may come to our district, and their supporting families, by raising money, arranging transport, food, language classes, etc., and we will be advertising these efforts when the campaign is needed.

We hope to gain as much community support as possible to help our new arrivals feel safe, secure, at home and a part of our community, a gift which too often we take for granted.

## Community Support

The three public-access defibrillators installed by Rocky River Lions at Laura, Gladstone and Georgetown have reached their "second birthday", a time when the batteries are reaching their use-by-date. These are checked on a regular basis by Lions and replaced at around \$200 each. Generously, all three town Community Development Associations have offered to reimburse the cost of replacements.

Donations since the last issue have been made to these worthy causes:

Royal Flying Doctor \$500,  
Lifeline Adelaide \$120,  
Laura Events (Music Festival) \$500,  
Aust Lions Childhood Cancer Research \$400,  
Gladstone Art Exhibition Junior Award \$250,  
Lions Hearing Dogs \$500,  
Lions Prostate Cancer Research \$250,  
CranioFacial Australia \$200,  
CFS Foundation \$100,  
Lions Cord Blood Foundation \$200,  
Lions Australia Cord Blood Foundation \$200

These worthy donations are made possible by the sale of donuts at the footy/netball and the sale of sample grain at the Gladstone Silo Complex.

# LAURA BAPTIST NEWS

We have sold the property at 38 Victoria Street, to a couple who are keen to restore the building, including the stained-glass memorial windows, and create a home for themselves.

We will have our last meetings there in early August.

We have bought the property at 38 Herbert Street [Someplace Nice] and are keen to create a more accessible and useful facility for the church going forward.

Jenny Pryor is continuing as Pastor and will be in Laura more often.

**This is your invitation to join us on**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 38 Victoria St.**

**10 am Service of Thanksgiving**

Pastor Jenny Pryor

**2.30pm – 4.30 pm Open House & Devonshire Tea**

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Laura Community Development & Tourism Association Inc.

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 17th**

**AUGUST 2022**

**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***

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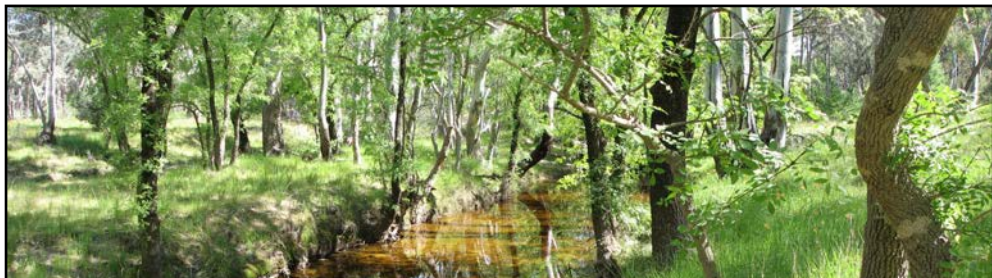
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# AUS CONDON MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

The Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. It was a beautiful crisp morning, with a sunny day to follow. Golf was enjoyed by 14 teams of players. Between the social and the sporting aspects - a successful day was had by all.

Congratulations to all our prize winners on the day, - winners were - **Individual Awards** - Men nearest the pin – Charlie Flavel. Ladies Longest Drive – A Grade - Catherine Combe, B Grade – Bern Geddes, C Grade – Emily Alm. Men Longest Drive – A Grade – Stephen Lynch, B Grade – Bradley Lines, C Grade – Brett Woolford.

**Team Awards** included – Championship winners – Golden North, Championship Runners Up – Stephen Lynch, Handicap Winners – GSF / Brett Woolford and Handicap runners Up – Tate Nettle.

The NAGA trophy went Debbie Marner's Team.

Thanks to our helpers before and on the day. The catering was largely supplied by local community. We received many glowing comments about lunch in particular. So, thanks everyone who supported the catering in some way.

Our total income for the day was \$3877, with \$2450 coming from our sponsors. There are accounts for trophies etc to be paid before we have a final total, which hopefully will be close to \$3500.

A big thank you to our sponsors for their generous support.

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## Coming LCDTA fundraising events:

September – Meals to You with delivery on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – various flavours and styles of Lasagna!!

October – Devonshire Tea Stall at the Laura Oval for Laura 150 Celebrations on the afternoon of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

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## A Treasure of Laura

There are many nice items in the public domain in Laura, such as in the churches, the RSL Hall and in the Laura Archives. A real gem is one that many of us have admired during our school days, whilst others in the community have never seen it. The beautiful Honour Roll at the Laura Primary School recognizes the sixteen former students and one teacher who paid the Supreme Sacrifice and 119 others who enlisted in the Great War.

A Souvenir of the unveiling of the Honour Roll on Friday 1 August 1919 has recently been donated to the Laura Archives. These small folders could be purchased for 3d, or posted anywhere for 4d. A flower and cake show and concert held in the Town Hall in the previous November enabled the committee to place an order for an honour roll which would be 'a credit to the town and district'.

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During the '*impressive ceremony of historic value*' it was claimed that the memorial was '*one of the finest which has been unveiled outside the metropolitan area*'. It was unveiled by the Attorney General (HN Barwell) in the presence of Member for Stanley (RD Nicholls) who had motored from Clare. The Head Teacher, Mr JC Richardson was a prime mover of this project which was being planned even before the end of the war. The lengthy report in the *Laura Standard* of the proceedings along with the names of all on the memorial, was delayed for a week, as the '*flue fiend got a strong one on us last week and rendered us unfit for service*' (but it wasn't the Spanish Flu)

Greg Slattery

President

**Rocky River Historic & Art Society Inc**

## **SNOW AT LAURA.**

**Laura Standard and Crystal Brook Courier,  
Friday 12 September 1919, page 3**

Residents of Laura who were early risers on Sunday were privileged to see a sight which well repaid them for their effort — namely, that of seeing the Beetaloo Hills, the hills to the east, and Mount Herbert, to the south of the town, mantled with snow. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant of the district has such a fine sight been witnessed here, and to Young Australia in particular what is a novel experience. A very cold snap set in on Saturday afternoon, which was followed by a hailstorm during the evening, but the sight which was presented during the early hours of Sunday morning was a surprise to everybody who witnessed it. From information received, the fall took place between the hours of six and eight o'clock, and a good deal of excitement was created as the news circulated that snow had fallen and could be seen on the hills. Snow balling and the making of snow men were indulged in, and in sheltered places hailstones were to be found till late in the afternoon. Between Saturday, 9 a.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m., 55 points of rain were registered as having fallen at the local Post Office. This was followed by further showers on Sunday, making the total for 43 hours 72 points. These showers will prove very beneficial to the crops in the district, which, in the opinion of visitors, are looking as well as any in the State, and far more advanced and promising than in many parts.



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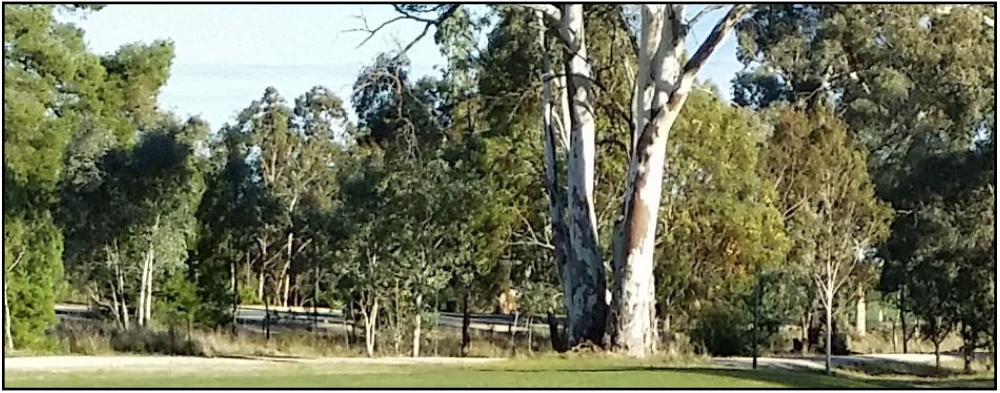
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in the past and welcome you all back to the same place with a different name and outlook, WELCOME TO O'DEA POWER AND WATER!

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**\*\* September 2nd 2022 \*\* November 30th 2022 \*\***

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for inclusion in the  
edition of The Laura Standard is  
**5pm Friday September 2nd 2022**

## Preparation



There are a lot of preparations going on around the town at the moment. Preparations that have been 150 years in the making. Various people and groups around the town are planning to make the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations something exciting, interesting and memorable for not just the locals but for the many anticipated visitors that will also be there.

These preparations are important, because these events don't just happen, lots of hard work needs to be put in behind the scenes to ensure that everything is ready for the big event. Then hopefully once it takes place those who put in the hard work are thanked for their efforts. While that thanks is important, part of the joy for those who work to prepare these events is seeing people taking up the chance to come and enjoy what has been prepared. That is where they see how what they have done has made a difference and they can see and share the enjoyment of others.

But those Laura 150 celebration preparations are not the only preparations going on. Because something else is being prepared especially for you.

Jesus has gone to prepare a place for you – a place where you can spend all eternity in safety and comfort in a place where there is no more sorrow, no more pain and no more death.

Sounds a nice place doesn't it – so how do we get there?

Simple, put your faith and trust in Jesus, trust that he has taken away your sins and made you right with God, and that he indeed is preparing a place for you.

Like those visitors coming to Laura for our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, they have not contributed to the preparations, they simply trust that those preparations have taken place and that things will be ready for them when they arrive.

That is how it is with Jesus. We have faith that he has prepared a place for us, and that our place will be ready when we need it. He is the one that does all the work for us.

So while I'm looking forward to seeing all the results of the preparations for the Laura 150 celebrations, I'm looking forward to seeing the results of Jesus' preparations even more!

Stephen Noblett (Pastor)  
Southern Flinders Lutheran Parish.  
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