

The Laura Standard



December 2022 Issue 48

Hello Readers,

Welcome to the Christmas 2022 edition of The Laura Standard. It's been an unseasonably wet spring and start to summer but let's hope now for some warmer weather and a good, albeit late, harvest. While it's been nice to see the Rocky River flowing over the last couple of months, we should spare a thought for those in the Eastern States and river communities in South Australia who are going to spend Christmas dealing with flood waters.

On the October Long Weekend we celebrated 150 years of our town. An amazing crowd enjoyed the Parade down to the Oval, with cars, ag and historical displays, and motorbike demonstrations. A great day of catching up, games, music and food was then followed by a meal and live music at the Civic Centre. Another good crowd gathered for Sunday's "Back to School" breakfast, followed by the unveiling of the Stump Puller and Laura Hughes 'Blade Sign'. The weekend was then wound up with lunch and more live music on the lawns behind the Archives Building. As a member of the 150 subcommittee it was great to see that not only everyone had a great time but the food and market stalls all had a successful weekend. I'd like to express a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make the weekend a success. With the return of The Laura Fair in 2023 it's certainly good to see community spirit so high.

The LCDTA has had a busy couple of months fundraising towards the Nature Playground project. Starting with a very successful sausage sizzle not only hosted by 'ODea's' Power and Water but with 10% of their profits for the day also donated.

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Meals to You also took orders for another 35 meals, with thanks to all those who cooked and purchased, and for the second year the “Gingerbread House” making night was well attended.

A Pop-Up Op Shop was also well supported, with an amazing amount of donations. Thanks to all those who donated, helped to sort, set up and sell, and run the BBQ. Thanks also to Golden North for the loan of their van and the donation of Ice Creams. (Photos below)

The Laura Lights Project is forging ahead for a third year with a “Christmas Lights Competition” including prizes for First, Runner Up and People’s Choice as well as Best Business. This along with the addition of more main street lighting and Christmas themed banners should certainly have the town looking the part.

The Christmas “Party in the Park” will this year take place on Friday the 23rd of December starting at 6pm. There will be a BBQ, sweets, music, kids activities and of course a visit from Father Christmas. We will also be announcing the winners of both the Town Raffle and the Lights Competition. We hope to see a good crowd enjoy a great night as everyone winds down towards Christmas.

On behalf of the LCDTA I’d like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to what 2023 can bring.

Thanks
Gerald Higgins
Chairman LCDTA





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COMPETITION

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People's Choice \$150

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People's Choice voting will be
available at the Laura Park Party
on the 23rd December

Judging of Houses and Businesses will
occur on the night of 18th December
2022

Winners of all the prizes will be
announced after Father Christmas
leaves at the Park Party on the
23rd December 2022

The Golden North Laura Fair



As you can see by the heading and logos, The Laura Fair for the coming year will be called The Golden North Fair in recognition of Golden North's centenary celebrations. We thank them for their support and congratulate them on being a huge part of Laura for so many years.

The Fair committee is busy with planning the first event for 3 years and while a bit out of practice it is going to happen. A bit like Christmas, it happens whether you are ready or not. We are planning a few changes but all the regular things you have grown to love I'm sure will be there.

For the first time we have had to hire a promotions officer as finding someone with the right skills these days is challenging enough let alone finding someone to do it voluntarily.

We are still looking for sponsorship dollars to cover the costs of The Fair so if you are a business, please consider supporting us. Every little bit counts, and you do get recognition over the weekend. If you would like to discuss the levels of sponsorship with us, contact Sue.

Stall holder applications have been coming in thick and fast so if you want to be a stallholder and haven't put your application in, please do so soon as the first-round application process closes early December and notifications will go out shortly after that. The second-round applications are not reviewed regularly until around February so for certainty the first round is best.

As always if you would like to attend a meeting to discuss anything or to share a brilliant idea, we meet on the first Monday of every month in the Civic Centre at 7.30pm. Otherwise, you can call Sue to discuss whatever ideas or thoughts you have. This event is your event Laura, so any ideas or help are always welcomed.

If you have some administration skills or would like to learn these skills for future employment, we will be looking for a new secretary after this Fair. Anna is willing to share her skills in the meantime with someone to take on this role. A great opportunity that could lead to something or if you are retired or semi-retired a project to fill some of that time that used to be work time. Keep the grey matter operating!

Sue Scarman
Chairman
The Golden North
Laura Fair
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LAURA RSL ANNUAL REPORT-2022



This year has been a challenge for the RLSA and Sub-branches. The effects of Covid 19 certainly curtailed their ceremonies and activities. To exacerbate this situation the RLSA decided to adopt a new Constitution more in line with the National Constitution which in draft form would have devastated most country Sub-Branches in South Australia. Common sense has prevailed and with new amendments we will survive as a Sub-Branch. It is essential that we continue our activities in the district to remind us of our gallant ancestors who fought for our country and the life we live. It could have been quite different; we must learn from history.

Now that the Covid 19 Panic-demic is now waning the two main activities ANZAC DAY & REMEMBRANCE DAY have reverted to near normal procedures.

It is heart warming to see the Laura Primary School children participate in both ceremonies. On ANZAC DAY four senior school children laid wreaths at the Cenotaph and on REMEMBRANCE DAY the entire school participated at the Cenotaph laying wreaths and crosses for the district's defence men and women who defended our country. At the RSL clubrooms after the ceremony the Laura Primary School children joined the RSL members in a Barbecue and drinks as a light lunch. It was a pleasure to see the curiosity of the children in both the photographs and memorabilia in the clubrooms. Our members thank the Principal and School teachers for the excellent conduct of the children on both occasions.

It is an inspiration for all to see our oldest member Jack Wallis, infirmed members, and friends from the Laura aged care attend these occasions, an excellent example for our community, young and old.

On both occasions of the RSL ceremonies the Cenotaph area was a picture, a pleasure to behold. Val Thomson, NAC and LCTDA, have done a wonderful effort on making this area a worthy tribute to the memory of our district fallen in defence of our country.

To wind up the year our last activity will be the Annual Xmas Dinner on the 9th December at the North Laura Hotel

All Members, Affiliate members, and Guests will meet to enjoy the fine fare of our new hosts of the venue.

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Keep the Flag Flying,
Trev Mckerlie
President Laura RSL.



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GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT

On Friday 25th of November, the LCDTA held its second annual Gingerbread House Decorating Night. The night consisted of locals and visitors of all ages, some travelling from Adelaide, Clare, Jamestown, Crystal Brook, Gladstone and Port Pirie (to name a few) sitting down to a table with friends and new acquaintances to enjoy the festivities of Christmas. All participants built and decorated a gingerbread house complete with snow icing. The house was then beautifully wrapped for them to take home and be devoured by family; if it makes it to Christmas!

Lots of planning and time went into the night and from all accounts it was well worth it with many people leaving on the night with the parting comment of "See you next year". Many people commented on how the relaxed fun event was the start to their Christmas and how it was such a joy to be involved. There were many items donated in which there were happy recipients of the raffles, including chocolates, body products, wine and food. I would like to thank the following for their generous donations: The Laura Museum, Laura Soap Shop, K.D Hair & Beauty Salon, Marigold & Mint, Coco Laura, Beetaloo Grove, Eleanor Harvie and Jasmine Goode.

I would like to thank all those who helped in making this night a success, the wonderful people who helped set up and return the following day to clean the Hall, not to mention those who were a sounding board in all the planning. Talks are already underway of what the event will be like next year, we would love this event to just keep on growing.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Michelle Goode





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Fundraising Report for Laura Standard November 2022

Meals to You

Thank you again to the 12 kitchen cooks who provided 35 meals. It was a highly profitable round for us with an income of \$1108. We were asked a couple of times if we had anything spare / left over. It seems to me that next time I will organise one or two extra meals and hope to sell them!! Our next planned meals are February 2023 - not that far away in the scheme of things.

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas raffle is being run in 2 formats this year. Both street and online presence. Our thanks to the Laura Information Centre Committee for their support in providing the prize money.

First prize - \$300

Second prize - \$150

Third prize - \$100

Fourth prize - \$50

Tickets will be available in the street from 9am on Friday and Saturday from December 2nd. Tickets will be available on line via the Laura Community Page on Facebook. Please find the poster in this edition of the Standard.

Party in the Park

The Party in the Park is Friday 23rd December. Funds from the Raffle and Party are designated to the Nature Playground Fund. Please find the poster for the Party in this edition of the Standard.

Community Calendar

The Community Calendar was delivered to Copy King in Kadina on Monday 5th December and should be back to us just before Christmas for our usual delivery between Christmas and New Year. Thanks to the businesses and community organisations who have again supported the calendar as both a source of community information and as a fundraiser for the LCDTA.

Slice drive

Our annual Christmas slice drive will commence in early December. All 50 pre ordered slice hampers have been sold. There will be ready made packs available for purchase at the Party in the Park on December 23rd. These will range in price from \$15 to \$25. All funds raised will go towards the Laura Nature Playground Project.

Meals on Wheels Annual Awards Presentation Afternoon Tea

The Nature Playground group were approached to provide catering for the afternoon tea at the recent Meals on Wheels Annual Awards Presentations. Catering was provided for 25 people at \$15 per head. Thanks to those who were able to support this fundraiser.

jane jeffrey

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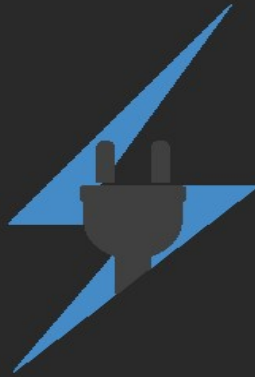
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December
from 6pm

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BBQ, drinks, fruit and ice cream available
Father Christmas 7.30pm
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Jamestown Administration Office

Closes: 3.00pm Thursday 22nd December 2022

Opens: 9.00am Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Jamestown Office returns to normal business hours from Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Gladstone Administration Office

Closes: 2.00pm Thursday 22nd December 2022

Opens: 9.00am Monday 9th January 2023

Gladstone Office will open at reduced business hours during Jan and Feb;

January Dates Open: 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th

February Dates Open: 1st, 3rd, 6th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 27th

Gladstone Office returns to normal business hours Wed 1st March 2023

Spalding Administration Office

Closes: 2.00pm Thursday 15th December 2022

Opens: 9.00am Thursday 12th January 2023

Spalding Office will open at reduced business hours for Jan and Feb;

January Dates Open: Thursdays only, 9.00am-5.00pm: 12th, 19th

February Dates Open: Thursdays only, 9.00am-5.00pm: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

March Dates Open: 2nd

Spalding Office returns to normal business hours of two days per Week (Tuesday and Thursday) from Tues 7th March 2023.

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of the Northern Areas Council are held at the Council Chambers 94 Ayr Street Jamestown on the **third Tuesday** of each month commencing at 6.00pm

General public are always welcome to attend.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

Tues 17 th January 2023	6.00pm
Tues 21 st February 2023	6.00pm
Tues 21 st March 2023	6.00pm

For further meeting dates please visit our website at

www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au.

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Council Christmas Contacts

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Closes: 4.00pm Friday 16th December 2022

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Visits for January 2023 within the Northern Areas Council are as follows:

Tuesday	3 rd January	Laura
Wednesday	4 th January	Gladstone
Wednesday	11 th January	Gulnare, Spalding and Georgetown
Friday	13 th January	Yacka

For more information, or to view the 2023 timetable, please refer to the website under the heading of Library Timetable.

Flinders Mobile Library staff wish to thank all their borrowers celebrating the season a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Kerbside Collections - Christmas and New Year Period

Kerbside waste collections continue over the Christmas New Year period as listed on the Waste and Recycling calendar (and on Council's website)

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No Changes

Transfer Station Opening Times:

Open as Below

Gladstone

Wednesday 11.00am to 1.00pm, Sunday 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Closed Sunday 25th December 2022 and Sunday 1st January 2023

Jamestown

Wednesday 12 noon to 3.00pm, Sunday 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Closed Sunday 25th December 2022 and Sunday 1st January 2023

Spalding

Tuesday 4.00pm to 5.00pm, Sunday 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Closed Sunday 25th and Tuesday 27th December 2022 and Sunday 1st January 2023

Hydrotherapy Pool Christmas Closure

The Jamestown Hydrotherapy Pool will close over the Christmas period from;

Closes: Friday 16th December 2022

Opens: Monday 9th January 2023

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	January	February	March
LAURA 12.45 - 4.15pm	Tuesday 3, 17, 31	Tuesday 14, 28	Tuesday 14, 28
WIRRABARA 10.15 - 11.45am	Thursday 12	Thursday 9, 23	Thursday 9, 23
APPILA 2.30 - 3.30pm			

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Lions Club News



As we move into the Christmas Season it is good to wish everyone a happy and a peaceful time with our families.

Lions have again chosen to be a major sponsor of the 2023 Laura Fair. The Fair achieves much for the Laura and broader community with fundraising and socialising. It also gives the opportunity for groups to work together for a common cause, which helps bind our community together.

Lions have donated \$1,000 towards the establishment of the new playground at the Laura town oval. This will be a wonderful asset.

Used spectacles can be recycled and put to good use. Rocky River Lions have been collecting glasses for many years. These are sent to Lions in Brisbane who professionally grade them and are then sent to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and other areas of need in the Pacific. Spectacles may be handed in to any Lions Club member or the Gladstone Opp Shop and Discovery Centre.

Lions were able to cook donuts for the very successful Laura 150th celebrations. The celebrations were extremely well organised and people are still talking about the event.



RRHAS

Rocky River
Historic & Art
Society

Thomas Forsaith & Co

The stump puller which was unveiled at the corner of Herbert and White Streets during the 150th celebrations in October was one of many items produced on this site in the factory Thomas Forsaith & Co during the 1880s. Other items included reapers of various widths, winnowers, mowers, ploughs, harrows, scarifiers, chaff cutters, grave railings, drays, wagons and buggies.

The stump puller was supplied through the auspices of David Macloy and Ian White of Laura, and unveiled by descendants of the original Forsaith emigrants during the 150th celebrations of the township of Laura.

At one stage the business was reported to be employing fifty to sixty hands. In 1885 HJ Keipert who had been managing the factory, purchased it and later erected larger premises on the corner of Herbert Street and South Terrace. The original property was later occupied by HH Chandler, operating a firewood and chaff mill. During the next few years RRHAS plans to facilitate further interpretive signs depicting the Industrial history of Laura.

Laura 150th Medallions

collectors item in presentation case

an ideal Christmas gift for young and old

This is the first Laura medallion since the anniversary of Queen Victoria in 1887,
which depicted Queen Victoria and the Laura Town Hall,
so it will be a real collectors item.

Limited collectors edition of 150 medallions
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Thomas Forsaith & Co.

Implement Factory and Foundry

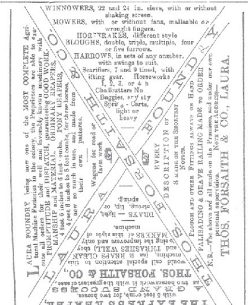
This stump puller was one of many items produced on this site in the factory Thomas Forsaith & Co.

The stump puller was supplied by Ian White of Laura, and unveiled by descendants of the original Forsaith emigrants during the 150th celebrations of the township of Laura in October 2022.

'Wheelbarrow to a buggy, rake to a reaper'

Ordinary reapers and pony reapers of various widths, winnowers, mowers, ploughs, harrows, scarifiers, chaff cutters, grave railings, drays, light, strong, tip or spring, wagons and buggies.

Thomas Forsaith and William Daniel came to Laura in 1876 and continued to use the trading name of JG Ramsay & Co, until 1878. Ramsays had previously purchased the business which had been established by Matthew Blackwell of Kapunda. The business name changed to Forsaith & Daniel in 1878 and in 1880 to Thomas Forsaith & Co.



In 1878, the year that a foundry was added to the activities, the business was reported as having thirty to forty employees, operating seven furnaces, and drilling and mortising machines and lathes. By 1880 it was reported to be employing fifty to sixty hands, operating eleven forges and had received nearly forty first prizes for implements at various shows in the surrounding district in that year.

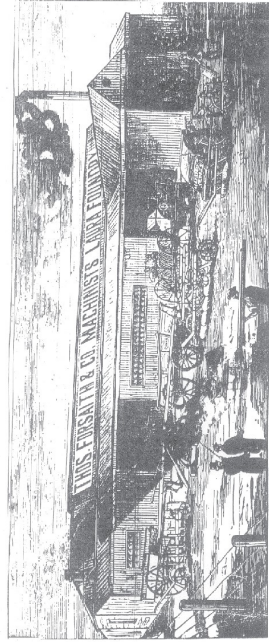
In 1885 HJ Keipert who had been managing the factory, purchased it and later erected larger premises on the corner of Herbert Street and South Terrace. The original property was later occupied by HH Chandler, operating a firewood and chaff mill.

The Industrial History of Laura promoted by Rocky River Historic & Art Society Inc.

Thomas Forsaith was born in 1846 in Middlesex and migrated to Adelaide as a boy with his family in 1855. He served an apprenticeship in his father's iron working business in Adelaide, and married Ada Hall and they had a family of six children. They moved to Mount Barker where Thomas worked for JG Ramsay (as did William Daniel, a shoeing smith) before moving to Laura in 1876.

Thomas was a local Councillor, member of the Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge, and a staunch advocate of the rail connection to Laura, being a shareholder in the Laura Railway Co. (the line was eventually opened in 1884 as a government project)

After returning to Adelaide he worked for JH Horwood, and was an instructor, head of industrial section and deputy registrar of the Adelaide School of Mines until his death in 1902



LAURA

150

YEARS

1872-2022

The Laura Sesquicentenary celebrations held over the long weekend in October was special in itself, but also extra special being the first post Covid major event held in the district. The Laura community has a proud tradition in staging over 40 years of Laura Fairs, but having been without such festivity for three years, the 150th celebration showed once again that 'Laura can do it'. But this differed in that it was a 'one off' special event, whereas the annual fair runs to a format. The 1972 Centenary Celebration was the last such celebration.

The street procession led by the Band of the SA Police was hailed as a great success with clowns, people in period costumes, senior citizens on gophers as well as cars, trucks and an amazing cavalcade of ancient and modern farm equipment...and superb sunshine. Activities at the oval included novelty games for children, whip cracking, boot tossing, milk separating demos. A water boring plant similar to that used by the late Will Wurst for water boring at the Herrmannsburg Mission in the 1950s attracted much attention.

Several organizations provided services, including the SES and CFS, and others provided catering services, such as Laura Events, Sporting Reserve, Tennis Club, Cricket Club, School Council, Rocky River Lions, Laura CDTA – these groups all profited financially which was a bonus having been deprived of such opportunities due to the cancellation of three annual Laura Fairs due to Covid.

The Laura Fair Committee produced a commemorative Port, and the 150th Committee organized a limited edition of commemorative medallions – both of these drew on the resources of the Laura Archives, as did the interpretive sign for the stump puller. Broad community support and involvement was a feature of the celebrations.

The celebration which attracted about 1,800 people was certainly one of fun, food and merriment which will live on in the memories of many for years to come; especially those who travelled from interstate, or those who remembered the centenary celebrations of fifty years ago.

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But aside from the merriment there have been some serious and tangible benefits:

All primary school students (including those home schooled, or attending outside schools) received a commemorative ruler.

A special coloured larger glossy edition of ***The Laura Standard*** with historical content was published by the LCDTA.

The Back to School event showed the impact of the school on many lives and paves the way for its 150th in a few years time.

The centenary monument of a single furrow plough near the Civic Centre was refurbished.

A stump puller, manufactured in a Laura Foundry of Forsaith and Daniel was unveiled with an interpretive sign.

A 'blade sign' of Laura Hughes after whom the town was named was erected near the Laura Archives, and unveiled.

These two unveilings were done by members of the Forsaith and Hughes families respectively, nurturing a historical connection.

Banner Poles in the main street were erected by LCDTA, with banners provided by Golden North. These poles, similar to those in other towns will provide ongoing promotion for other events such as The Laura Fair and a lasting **tribute to the pioneering farming families** of the district will be embossed pavers to be laid between the centenary plough monument and the Civic Centre portico driveway. This project will be ramped up after harvest and entails soliciting purchase of pavers by farming families, past and present. Although some orders for pavers have been taken it was deemed to be unwise and impractical to complete this project for dedication at the celebrations as much more soliciting needs to be done. This will be a permanent tribute and needs to be done wisely and carefully.

The Laura 150th Committee thanks all those who contributed to the success of the celebrations in any way, especially for entertainment, catering, sports events, shop displays, Back to School and especially to Ricky Pech for the organization of the street procession.

Anthony Lines
Chairperson

Fire Danger Season



Reminder that the 2022/23 Fire Danger Season for the Mid North commenced 15th November 2022.

Burning off grass, stubble or vegetation in the open is prohibited during the Fire Danger Season.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer has inspected allotments in townships and issued Notices to ensure fire hazards are reduced during the upcoming Fire Danger season.

Further information is available from Northern Areas Council,

Fire Prevention Officer:

Jamestown office - 8664 1139 or Gladstone office – 8662 2018, or the CFS Hotline on 1300 362 36

Deadline dates for The Laura Standard:



The Newsletter team, together with the LCDTA wish to thank all contributors for their newsletter articles and advertising.

In 2023 please continue to forward your articles in a word document, font set at Arial, size 11 with photos attached in jpeg format, along with a logo if required to lcdta5480@gmail.com by 5pm on the following dates:

**** January 20th 2023 ** March 24th 2023 ** May 19th 2023 ****

Contacts:

- **Council Office** Jamestown 8664 1139, 1300 664 108
(Please Note: The 1300 number is only available for landlines)
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Advertising: Contact: Wayne Gifford on **0419 816 976**.

*As an incentive for supporting The Laura Standard with your advertisements you will receive your 6th advertisement **free of charge**.*

Please Note:

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This edition as well as all previous editions can be viewed, downloaded and printed in colour by visiting www.laurasa.com.au and clicking 'News'

Please keep articles short and concise as room is limited.

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for inclusion in the February edition of The Laura Standard is
5pm Friday January 20th 2023

WAIT and WELCOME



Suddenly it's December and Christmas anticipation is growing. Schools are preparing for end of year events, decorations are being dusted off and children are handing lists of toys to weary and cash-strapped parents.

For the Christian church these weeks, which we call 'Advent', are also a time of special preparation.

Firstly, it's a time of **Waiting**. Yes, there's waiting in line to be served and waiting for that online gift you ordered to arrive. But perhaps Advent offers another kind of waiting too. Waiting that may include naming the griefs and burdens we carry and inviting Jesus to be with us in the pain and struggle. Then waiting expectantly for him to meet with us, which he will, because he cares so deeply.

Advent is also about **Welcome**. It's about God coming among us in human form in the person of Jesus, who was called 'Immanuel', which means 'God with us'. Jesus came into our world with arms open wide to welcome us into a loving relationship with him. Without exception, he welcomes each and every one of us. This Christmas, will we accept his welcome? And then welcome him, not only into our celebrations, but into our lives?

This Christmas Laura Baptist Christian Community wants to extend our own welcome to you. If you're unable to spend Christmas Day with family and friends we'd love you to join us for Christmas Lunch at House of Hope. Please call me if you'd like to know more.

May the welcoming love of Jesus be yours this Christmas.

Pastor Jenny Pryor (0407 999 871)

