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Hello Readers,

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of the Laura Standard. It's certainly a busy period at the moment with the return of The Laura Fair after 4 years, shortly followed by Easter and then the start of the Football and Netball season. Despite a couple of short-lived hot spells, we've again enjoyed a relatively mild summer and beautiful living weather.

The LCDTA have had a busy couple of months making sure the town was looking good for the influx of visitors for the Fair. The pencil pines have been trimmed, Nita Klemm gardens pruned, bench seats sanded and painted, and the "Laura Fair" banners put up. Another successful "Meals to You" was run on the 13th of February, with thanks again to everyone who cooked or purchased meals.

The LCDTA again ran a Devonshire Tea stall at the Fair with funds raised going towards the Nature Playground project and also towards maintenance of the existing playground at the North Parklands. Thank you to everyone who donated either their time or scones to our stall as I know many people have volunteered on multiple stalls over the weekend with many community clubs and groups taking the opportunity to fundraise.

Early March saw the Caravan Park have a spruce up with a great group of volunteers coming together for a working bee. The park is looking amazing with a fresh coat of paint and a month out from the Fair only have unpowered sites left to book. It really is fantastic what the park managers and the committee have been able to achieve over recent years.

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The Civic Centre has a new roof. This was very much needed, however, unluckily there was some rain damage caused while the roof was off and so sections of the ceiling will now also need to be replaced. Once this work is completed it will ensure that the Civic Centre will remain a valuable asset for our town to be used and enjoyed into the future.

The Laura Bowls Club have again enjoyed a successful year with multiple teams winning premierships and one of the team's celebration their sixth premiership in a row. A massive achievement, congratulations to all involved.

On behalf of the LCDTA I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter and for those involved with the Southern Flinders Football and Netball club, I wish you good luck for the upcoming season.

Thanks
Gerald Higgins
Chairman LCDTA



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The Yorke and Northern Local Health Network has established a Steering Group to undertake a service planning process which will identify future needs and service opportunities for Crystal Brook, Laura & Port Broughton - considering our Hospitals, Country Health Connect and Mental Health Services.

An important part of this planning process is to seek perspectives from the people that use our services and our partners who provide valuable services to our community. We believe that working together to better understand the needs of our community is essential in supporting us to achieve optimal health and wellbeing.

We invite you to share your views from 24 February 2023 until 27 April 2023 via the following ways:

- Complete the paper survey and return to the ballot box at your local hospital, medical centre, pharmacy or supermarket.
- Scan the QR code with your camera, click on the drop box at the top of your screen and you will be taken to an online survey. It will take you less than 5 minutes.
- Date of survey completion 27 April 2023.



Drop-in sessions to meet with staff will be held across the region. Come and meet with Yorke and Northern staff to share your experiences and ideas.

Laura	Wednesday 19 April	10 am – 2 pm at Meryle's Café
Port Broughton	Friday 21 April	11 am – 3 pm at the front of IGA
Gladstone	Friday 28 April	11 am – 4 pm at the front of the IGA
Crystal Brook	Thursday 4 May	1 pm – 4 pm at the front of the Foodland

For more information, Tracey Stringer - Telephone: 0435 657 679

Laura Cricket Club

Wins 4th Rocky River Cricket Association Premiership in a Row

On Saturday 4th March the Rocky River Cricket Grand final was played out between Laura and Redhill at the Laura Oval.

Redhill won the toss and sent Laura into bat with Laura after a solid start being 1-36 to then be in trouble at 5-54

A Partnership of 93 between Rick Willis (64 n.o) and Brad Jackson (36) got Laura to a total of 7-164, Jaran Turner also made 37 at the top of the order.

Early wickets were key for Laura and after some brilliant catches had Redhill 3-36.

The wickets continued to fall with disciplined bowling and great fielding and Laura bowled Redhill out for 118.

Ziek Kay finished with 4 for 28 off 10 overs, Rick Willis 3 for 27 off 10 overs and singles to Koby Millington and Will Smart.

Rick Willis was awarded the Player of the Match.

Laura has become only the second team in 108 years to win 4 premierships in a row

Laura have now won 8 premierships in the past 15 years and been runner up 5 times

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The first few months of 2023 have brought numerous changes to the caravan park as we get ready for another bumper year for tourism in the Southern Flinders region.

We have installed a bike repair station to cater for the needs of the large numbers of cyclists that stay at the park while completing the Mawson Trail. We have also added to our laundry area with 2 new additional washing machines and re-located the 2 newer dryers into a separate area just for guests and visitors. We have re-painted the men's amenities, the inside of cabin 1 and the exterior woodwork of all the cabins to keep everything looking good around the park.

We are planning for some more improvements to the park including dedicated disabled amenities facilities, an electric car charging station and perhaps even some more cabins to meet with the ever growing demand for accommodation.

The autumn rains have kept our grounds looking beautiful after hand watering the hot months and we are thankful to our energetic band of volunteers for chipping in when needed around the park.

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All Welcome!!

Your Donation supports the efforts of the many people working tirelessly in the field of cancer research and treatment methods.

Lions Club News.....



Rocky River Lions are proud sponsors of the Laura Fair. The Fair is an outstanding community event that is an opportunity for everyone to work together for a common cause. Lions were again cooking and selling their popular donuts with proceeds being ploughed back into community projects.

Rocky River Lions Club has covered the cost of \$7,200 for the purchase of the new weather station that has been installed adjacent to Prior's residence near the Pirie Road. The cost has come out of the revenue from the sample grain collections at the Gladstone Silo Complex. The weather station is available for use by not only emergency services, but farmers and the general public. It is a valuable asset in assisting farmers during seeding and harvest.

Lions have recently made donations to the Royal Flying Doctor Service of \$500, the Appeal for Victims of Earthquakes in Turkey for \$200, Childhood Cancer Research of \$250 and Cranio Facial Australia \$200.

A current project is assisting Wattiana Homes at Gladstone with the laying of pine chips in all of their unit front gardens.

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening semi-trailer will be in Laura for two full days in July. The unit will be working out of the parking area adjacent to the Civic Centre. Full details will be advised in June's issue of this community newsletter.

Our Club's President for the upcoming year is Lion Don Hucks of Laura. Don has a strong focus on "community" and we look forward to working with him during his tenure.



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Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) Report March 2023

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the SFHAC was held on 27th October 2022 at the Laura Sporting Reserve Building. We welcome new members - Amanda Kittel (staff representative) and Linda Deans (MP Representative). Following the council elections Fiona Hockey has replaced Kathy Webb as the local government representative. Robyn Johnson from Laura retired from SFHAC at the AGM. We thank Robyn and Kathy for their service over the years. Bronny Perry retired as Staff Representative but continues as a community representative. Continuing community members are: Brian Higgins (Presiding Member), Lorraine Griffin and Jenni Cleggett (Laura), Bev Harris (Gladstone), Shane Kirk and Jo Grossman (Crystal Brook) and Phillip Heaslip (Wirrabara). Dr. Helen Robertson continues as the medical representative.

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LCDTA Fundraising Report

Meals to You

The February Meals to You was again a successful fundraiser and I thank the group of “kitchen cooks” who provide meals and our supporters who purchase meals for their ongoing or new patronage. Thirty three meals were made and distributed on 13th February. Three of the meals were raffle prizes from a previous raffle and so 30 meals were sold for a total of \$975 plus \$15 donations. Costs were \$397 and so our profit was \$593. Our next Meals to you will be in May with the menu available towards the end of April and meals collected on May 8th from Pech’s home in Campbell Street from 4-6pm.

Devonshire Tea Stall at The Laura Fair.

Again, a huge thank you to community members who volunteered both time and goods for the stall. At the time of writing this there were 25 people rostered to help on both Saturday and Sunday with 110 dozen scones offered for the 2 days. The donations sheet at the IGA has been well supported plus individuals offers of home-made jam have been received. This level of support is an organiser’s “dream”, so again thank you to everyone for your support.

The prices used for the Laura 150 Years celebration will again be our prices for the weekend. These were a slight increase from the last Fair.

Financial information will be part of the next report.

Mother’s Day Raffle

The Nature Playground Group are again running an online raffle fundraiser in May. Take a look at the Laura Nature Playground Facebook page. They would love your support.

Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day

The Golf Day is planned for Thursday 20th July. If you are a golfer, please start organising your team(s). If you know of golfers who would like a day on the lovely Laura Golf Course let them know.



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LAURA RSL SUB-BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



This year has been a little less than the ordinary due to the slow run down of the Covid restrictions. To protect our aged members, we obeyed all the covid-guidelines issued from the Northern Areas Council to minimize the chances of infection. We also kept our required general meetings to minimum to lessen the chances of cross-infection in our aged members. With this in mind two issues arose to test us, those being. Resurrecting our Remembrance Day Ceremonies to Pre COVID standards and the introduction of a new Constitution for RLSA.

Firstly, due to the strong military conscience of our district the attendance at the **ANZAC DAY** and **REMEMBRANCE DAY** ceremonies indicate that our past Military history will never be forgotten.

The attendance of the **Laura Primary School pupils** at the Remembrance Day ceremony must make us all proud. The laying of the wreaths, their conduct at the Clubroom BBQ, their interest in the memorabilia should give us all faith in the future of our country.

Well done students and teachers.

The second issue that confronts the Sub-Branch may become a major issue, not only for Laura RSL but most country RSLs. The new Constitution that was adopted in December 2022 to bring us in line with the Eastern States may have adverse ramifications on small country RSL Sub-Branch status. Further to the adopted Constitution, BY-LAW NUMBER (1) governing all Sub-Branches has yet to be ratified. Without many amendments, we will be struggling to retain our Sub-Branch status in the future. The outcome of these deliberations will come to fruition at the **Annual Sub-Branch Conference in Adelaide on June/July 2023**. Notwithstanding the outcome of this conference due to age, health, and departure from district of Service members, our numbers (Service Members) are dwindling to a critical stage to operate as a Sub-Branch (ten Service Members required) at the moment we have fourteen, soon to be eleven, if the Constitution is enforced, and we must presume it will be, we must soon consider the future of our RSL.

This year at the Laura RSL AGM Heather and I were elected again Treasurer/Secretary and President with the understanding that we will not stand for these positions again. Heather has served 15+ years on the Women's Auxiliary and 11 years as Secretary/Treasurer and I am in my 21st year as President. The new By-Laws may help us on our way if not changed and enforced.

For the eighteenth consecutive year our members thoroughly enjoyed the **North Laura Hotel** Xmas Dinner thanks to **Mr. Peter Condon, AJ, Georgie, Chef Dan and Staff**. No better meal was served in the North in such an excellent venue with wonderful hospitality, a definite highlight of the year again.

The volunteers and Members have stepped up again, especially the stalwarts **Christine Kalisch (Auditing)** and **Brian Beyer (Audio)** for their 30+ years of voluntary service to our Sub-Branch. **Brian and Dorothy Kotz** for the most appreciated donation of sausages on both ceremonial days and to **Jamie Davenport and Son** for cheffing on these special days.

A special thanks to the **Women Auxiliary & volunteers** for coordinating the Clubroom activities after ANZAC & REMEMBRANCE DAYS ceremonies. You put in great time and effort for our Sub-Branch. The proposed alterations and repair to the RSL building for 2021-22 have not yet eventuated. This may be due to extensive changes at the NAC last year. Further contact and discussion will continue. In closing I thank the Executive Committee for their support throughout the year with special thanks to **Heather (Treasurer Secretary)** for a job well done.

I wish all Members good health for the future.
Keep the flag flying,
Trevor Mckerlie
President 2022-23.



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Tasting Goodness

Long before I moved to Laura I had quite a fondness for Golden North ice-cream. This year the Laura Fair is celebrating 100 years of this now famous treat, a great achievement for a South Australian rural town whose product has gained worldwide acclaim. And with so many flavours to choose from, many of us now find it hard to decide on a favourite. My current gooey salted caramel is in danger of being upstaged by the new peppermint and belgian chocolate. There's no doubt that each and every flavour is VERY good.

Following straight on from the fair we move into Easter week when Christians around the world reflect on the last week of the life of Jesus Christ, and in particular his death and resurrection. Surprisingly perhaps, the day his death is remembered is referred to as 'good' – Good Friday - a word we associate more with icecream than death.

Jesus, as God's deeply loved son, willingly went to his *death* so that we could experience *life*. A life with purpose in an era when we struggle to know who we are and why we're here. A life free of shame because of the forgiveness we're offered. A life of hope when despair threatens to overwhelm. A life of joy even in times of grief and sorrow. A life of beauty and love.

A life of goodness.

That's the reason for the 'good' in Good Friday.

Pastor Jenny Pryor (0407 999 871)

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Easter Sunday Service 9th April 10am coffee 10:30am service