

# The Laura Standard



**August 2023 Issue 52**

Hello Readers,

Welcome to the August 2023 edition of The Laura Standard. There is a lovely green tinge to the district at the moment after some regular, albeit smaller, rains, that have kept things ticking along nicely. Let's hope that the predicted dry spring can hold off and the crops in the area can get the finish they need.

If you've driven through the main street lately you would have hopefully noticed the 4 new banners that have been installed to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our community Caravan Park. The park committee are having a celebration on the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of August to which everyone in the community is invited. The festivities kick off at 4pm on the Saturday with a BBQ and live entertainment and then returns for a pancake breakfast at 9am on Sunday. This will be a great opportunity to be with friends and celebrate the success of our Caravan Park. For more information and to RSVP please visit their Facebook page or phone on 0448 118 348.

The Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day was again held of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of July. 11 teams enjoyed a great day, despite some showers in the afternoon. Successful days like this, in which more than \$3000 was raised for local projects, would not be possible with out community support. On behalf of the LCDTA I'd like to thank all players, sponsors and volunteers alike.

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Laura Community Development & Tourism Association (LCDTA) Inc.

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The LCDTA has been in consultation with Golden North over the last year or so about getting some new Town Entrance signs made. These have recently arrived and will be installed at the North, South and West entrances. Please keep an eye out for these in the coming months.

A new light has recently been installed at the Nita Klemm gardens, with thanks to Nettle Electrical for completing this. This light needed to be replaced after the original light was vandalised some months ago and it has been disappointing to have reports of the new light already being swung on by some younger members of our community. The LCDTA is now considering setting up security cameras at these gardens and the charity bins as it takes a lot of fundraising and volunteer hours to provide these facilities for our town.

The Nature Playground project has had a very successful year of fundraising and is forging ahead with a business plan being written in preparation for some upcoming grants. The LCDTA is also looking to spend some money at the North Parklands with plans in the pipeline for a basketball half court and an outdoor table tennis table. This project will hopefully be done in conjunction with the Rocky River Lions Club.

The Laura Fair recently held their AGM with a new committee being elected. After the success of this year there is plenty of optimism for next year's Fair which will now be held on the second weekend in April to avoid a clash with the AFL's Gather Round. There is still room on the committee if you think this may be something you'd like to contribute to? They are holding their annual Quiz night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August at the Sporting Complex. This should be a great night, check their Facebook for all the details and to enter a team.

The LCDTA will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of August in the Laura Civic Centre. All are welcome to attend and with the retirement of a few members this year, if you've ever thought about joining our group or volunteering in general, we would certainly encourage you to come along.

On behalf of the LCDTA please stay safe and warm over the coming months and let's hope for a wet Spring.

Thanks  
Gerald Higgins  
Chairman LCDTA

## **Laura & Districts Meals on Wheels Branch Covering Georgetown, Gladstone and Laura Laura News**

Meals on Wheels (MoW) SA was founded in 1954 by Doris Taylor MBE. Since then, over 50 million meals have been delivered to South Australians. Here in Laura we have been delivering meals for 42 years. While there are more than 8000 volunteers in the state there are currently 63 volunteers and reserve volunteers who support the delivery of meals in Laura.

Key to MoW is not just delivering food but includes “check and chat”. Stopping to talk with each customer is an ideal way to make sure they are “doing okay”. A recent survey identified that the check and chat supports the wellbeing of both the customer and the volunteer. – See MoW website for details. <https://www.mealsonwheelssa.org.au/latest/news>  
Much of the organisation of MoW is now based in MoW Adelaide Head Office.

Being organised locally is part of what makes MoW successful in our community. We no longer have formal meetings but get together twice a year to check everything is going okay and once to celebrate our volunteers. Our meetings for the next year are Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, with the Volunteer & Awardee Luncheon Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 12:30pm Laura Hotel. Key committee positions of President, Secretary, Volunteer Coordinators and Client Services Coordinators are elected each year, and we hope to fill those positions at the lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> September. We are aware that Colleen Slattery is retiring from the Client Services Coordinator role after 17 years and thank her for her knowledge and service over this time.

### **POSITION VACANT – LAURA**

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## Thank You

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# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 16th**

**AUGUST 2023**

**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 BreastScreen SA mobile screening unit**  
will be in Port Pirie from mid- August to early November 2023

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# The Laura Fair Quiz Night

**25th August 2023 @ 7.30pm**  
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## Laura - a town of many monikers

Through its 150 years Laura has had many descriptions; a pretty town, Garden of the Northern Areas, town with the nice main street etc. In 1932 for the Laura Jubilee, CJ Dennis wrote the poem, *Laura Days*, with his memories of Laura in the 1890s as '*a little town that nestles down by the hills of Beetaloo*'.

The two titles that have been evergreens are;

Laura, A Town of Bridges,

Laura, A Town of Churches (much like Adelaide continues to be dubbed as the City of Churches)

With bridges on three entrances to the town, and with five churches, both are logical tags. We have taken for granted that until recent times that there have been five Christian churches in Laura, probably not realizing that many other larger towns may only have four or even less. Indeed in earlier times there were two streams of Methodism, the Wesleyan Methodists and the Primitive Methodists.

But it is not generally known that the Salvation Army had a presence in the early days of Laura. The *War Cry* of June 1884 reported that an outpost had been established which became known as the 29<sup>th</sup> Corps, headed by Captain and Mrs Robert Scown. He was one of the first Army converts in Adelaide and presumably SA.

However before 1884 there had been a presence in Laura as reported in the *Adelaide Express and Telegraph* of 29 August 1883. '*The Salvation Army's influence appears to have reached here. Tonight a number of respectable persons marched in procession with lighted lamps through the main streets singing temperance melodies, and finishing up at the Methodist Chapel, where an evangelistic service was conducted. Everything was very orderly*'.

The media did not give the Salvos good press in Laura, inferring that the nightly processions were encouraging larrikinism and demoralising young children. In 1885 it was reported in the *South Australian Weekly Chronicle* that '*The local branch of the Salvation Army has...been growing smaller through degrees and beautifully less, till at last it has expired through sheer inanition*'. And finally after its closure it was reported that '*Our township is now comparatively free from the larrikinism so rampant... I believe this is owing to the collapse of the local branch of the Salvation Army*'.

So much for unbiased journalism even 140 years ago !

So bearing in mind the great works that the Salvos do please think kindly of them when approached by collectors at the pub, or at the time of the Red Shield Appeal.



## The Laura Community Caravan Park Committee and friends

Invite you to help us in  
Celebrating 50 Years of the  
Laura Community Caravan Park

**Saturday, August 26th**

Walk around the park

BBQ tea and Music

from 4pm

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**Sunday, August 27th**

Breakfast at the park for patrons,  
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## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

In Support of The Cancer Council was conducted in Laura on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

Thank you to all who helped in any way – it was a fabulous morning tea with some old and new relationships formed!

We raised just over \$1,000 – Thank You!!!!

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

Elaine and Brian Keller.  
(0427 816 383)

## Laura Information Centre



[www.laurasa.com.au](http://www.laurasa.com.au) If you would like to have some information added to this website or you see something that needs updating, please email [laura.sa.information@gmail.com](mailto:laura.sa.information@gmail.com)

## The Laura Fair



We have held our AGM and have a new committee.

Chairman: Virginia Ferguson

Deputy Chair: Arwen Pratt

Secretary: Murray Baker

Treasurer: Kat Bevan

Committee Members:

Sue Scarman

Anna Blieschke

Jim Lynch

John Kitto

Alan Thomson

Our constitution stipulates we have a minimum of 9 members and a maximum of 13, so as you can see, we are running at a bare minimum and for such a large and involved event this means a lot of work for the few. We appreciate the work our many team leaders do and realise everyone is not available or suited to a committee position, but I am sure there are more people who have the time and skills to keep our Fair moving ahead. We can accept more committee members throughout the year so please give it some thought.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August The Laura Fair will be holding its annual Quiz Night (see poster for details) if you are a business and would like to support us with goods or vouchers please let us know. If you would like to be a part of a table or have a group of 6 to make up a table, please also let us know. It is always a fun night with lots of questions (not too hard), lots of games and an auction of goods and services.

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## The Laura Fair



**Dates for next year are  
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## Our Artists and their Art Forms

Laura and near areas has an abundance of talented individuals and groups who contribute to our and the wider community. Today is the first of a series of regular articles in the Standard where we meet these people, learning about them and their art.

For this series of articles art forms will include not just visual and performing arts but what many would consider to be craft - for example the community's patch-workers.

Our first artist fits firmly in the visual arts category, focussing on painting, drawing and sculpture.

**Joan McDonald** was 90 last month and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the RRHAS for her long contribution to the community of Laura at a celebration held earlier in July.



Joan with Ellaura Fischer

Joan McDonald and partner James McMasters (an innovative blacksmith) at the Walnut Tree Studio have been part of the Laura community for 35 years.

Joan was born in Scotland 90 years ago, married and had six children. The family came to Australia in 1949, disembarking into the Sydney heat of Boxing Day. Prior to her marriage she studied commercial art and life drawing.



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Joan's passions are painting and sculpture with lead lighting and stained glass windows among her other talents. Joan remembers drawing horses on the wall paper of the family home when she was five years old and starting her sculpture work with plasticine.



After twelve years in Western Australia Joan and now partner James arrived in Laura in the summer of 1989 and bought the property in Henry St, Laura where they developed the Walnut Tree Gallery. Joan is proud of the Gallery building which displays ingenuity and is in part a memorial to other old buildings in Laura. The staircase once belonged in the old Flour Mill and windows that were once part of the Laura Post Office. As she looks around her studio she talks about where many of the items came from. The outside of the gallery has many imaginative touches, from stained glass windows to the electricity meter being housed behind an old bakery oven door. There are touches of whimsy - like the tea pot and mugs set into the wall and a gate made out of a pair of bed heads.

Joan has a passion for community and involved herself in a range of organisations. She reminisced about being part of the choir that sang at the Christmas street party, when the choir stood on the flat top trailer belonging to the Schmidt family. "I met so many different people when I got here". Joan spent time teaching art at the Laura Primary School, teaching privately in her studio and being involved in regional art exhibitions.



## Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Eleven teams played and enjoyed the Ambrose Competition, the food and good cheer of the day.

A huge thank you to the group that made the day possible with their donations of food and time, organising the golf and ensuring the hospitality ran well. Also, to the Golf Club for their preparation of the Course – it was a picture!

Successful individuals and teams were:

- Ladies Nearest to the Pin – Emily Alm
- Ladies Long Drive – B Grade – Deb Marnier
- Ladies Long Drive – C Grade – Emily Alm
- Mens Long Drive – A Grade – Sam Keller
- Mens Long Drive – B Grade – Nathan Gillard
- Mens Long Drive – C Grade – Travis Edwards
- Championship winners – Michael Lynch and team
- Championship runners up – Bradley Alm and team
- Handicap winners – Lucas Jackson and team
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At the time of writing this report the total income from Sponsors was \$3250 with nearly \$700 worth of donated goods. Cash takings on the day were \$676 and \$140 electronically, with expenses to be calculated. A very beneficial fundraiser with the funds being directed to the upgrade of the North Parklands.



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A dog registered and wearing identification can be returned to its rightful owner much quicker which means that there is less stress on both the animal and owner.

The original discs issued with dog registrations are lifetime discs and owners are encouraged to ensure the dog wears the appropriate disc or wears a collar or metal tag with the dog's registration number printed on it. Dog registration renewals are due to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.**

Northern Areas Council does not charge registration fees for cats but encourages cat owners to abide by the Dog and Cat Management Act which requires their cat to be registered in DACO. Anyone who sells puppies or kittens they've bred (including accidental litters) must be registered in Dogs and Cats Online—that's the law. When registered, they're given a breeder registration (DACO) number which must appear in sale advertisements. So if you're buying a dog or cat, pop online to [www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au) and do a 'Breeder Search' first to check their registration.



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If you have carried out work and are concerned that it may have required a permit, please contact council for advice. Work that is unapproved has the potential to be identified and lead to legal action if not built to standard. Safety issues, especially with swimming pools and appropriate pool fencing, have recently led to the Coroner reminding Councils of their obligations towards inspections of swimming pools.

When a house is sold, unapproved building works have the potential to cause new owners both mental and financial stress when the work carried out is found not to be up to the building code standards.

Council's Planning and Building staff are always happy to discuss your projects and work with you to achieve a successful outcome.



Rocky River  
Historic & Art  
Society

### **Rocky River Historic & Art Society Inc**

will soon be having an AGM

Watch the notice board for the date

No need to fear about 'getting a job' but come along to hear what this society is all about, and perhaps what we've been doing over the past 45 years.

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When they headed off on their family holiday to the Gold Coast for a winter getaway with their husbands, never in their wildest dreams did Karin Lynch of the Laura Bowling Club and her sister-in-law Debbie Lynch from the Port Pirie Bowling Club ever imagine they would come home with an Australian Championship Title.

Husband Jim Lynch and his two brothers and a friend decided to go to the Gold Coast and enter the Australian Open Championships in the Fours and Pairs disciplines. We girls just went along and nominated because the blokes were playing, so we thought we may as well play!

The Australian Open featured players from all over Australia as well as New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong, India and South Africa. The finals were live streamed and enabled family, friends and fellow bowlers to watch.

Prior to the Grand Final a pep talk was given by Stephen Lynch " now girls don't worry even if you lose you will win \$1000 each "



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On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Broadbeach Bowling Club - Karin and Debbie Lynch played in the Grand Final of the Over 60's Women's Pairs at the Australian Open taking on the New South Wales duo of Carol White and Christine Myers. After taking an early lead the Lynch pair were put under immense pressure by their counterparts, with Carol White leading to perfection and Christine Myers anchoring superbly to secure a four shot lead of 15-11. The Lynch girls then clicked into gear, securing 2 shots before Karin was then able to convert a four by trailing the jack in the penultimate end to ensure a two shot lead with just an end to play. In the decisive end the Lynch girls scored three shots to secure their maiden titles with a final score of 20-15.

It was great to represent our clubs and our region as well as the South Australian community. It was an amazing experience, albeit somewhat daunting! We have been overwhelmed and humbled by the support we have received from so many people.

It certainly has been a remarkable holiday story and be able to bring home some souvenirs – both receiving a gold medal and a cheque for \$4000 (covering some of the costs) and have their names engraved on the perpetual trophy.

Jim and Stephen Lynch finished their campaign strongly as well, finishing in the last 16 competitors in the Over 60's Pairs Championship.





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## Laura Memorial Civic Centre

Booking system update

All bookings for the Laura Memorial Civic Centre need to be made via the secretary Sarah Munroe. You can call her on 0434 588 169 or email [laura.memorialciviccentre@gmail.com](mailto:laura.memorialciviccentre@gmail.com)

Forms are available on the Laura website: [laurasa.com.au](http://laurasa.com.au) and can be filled out electronically and emailed or you can print and send or deliver them. If you don't have access to computer or printer you can contact Sarah for a printed copy. All forms need to be filled out and returned no later than 48 hours prior to the booking. All bookings are to be made a minimum of 7 days in advance with the exception of funerals and celebration of life services.

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## Laura Community Caravan Park News:



Winter is a great time in the park and in the Southern Flinders region, lots of visitors and lately wonderful weather to get out and about exploring the local area. With the rain and then the sunshine the park's gardens and lawns are looking magnificent.

Coming on the last weekend in August is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On the Saturday night (26<sup>th</sup>) we will be having a meal, tours of the park and entertainment by Cactus Martens followed by a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning (27<sup>th</sup>). Everyone is welcome to come along as we would like the Laura community joining in the celebrations for the park, RVSP for catering purposes to 0448 118 348.

Recently we saw a new carport erected next to our "Eastern Rosella" cabin by local builder Bradley Alm.

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## **Notable Long Service in the Laura Main Street**

Our town has recently seen the departure of Hans and Alice Simons after many years of operating the Laura Soap and Gift Shoppe.

Janice Cowin has recently retired from the pharmacy after serving us so diligently for many years.

Marg Thomas has similarly contributed to the town through The North Paddock.

Many others are still welcoming us and serving our needs after twenty or thirty years.

Ben Hopgood at IGA

Janine Higgins at IGA

Peter (Puzzle) Higgins at Northern Machinery

Alan and Tina Moore at Flinders Shoes

Deb Palmer at Laura Hair Affair

John Stevens and family at Stevens Motors

Barry Thomson at Northern Machinery

Gavin and Joanne Turner at Laura Meat Store

Alan Harvie at Stevens Motors

Kerry Zwar at Stevens Motors

It is food for thought that we are so fortunate in Laura, so continue to shop locally.



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## Deadline dates for The Laura Standard:



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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](mailto:lcdta5480@gmail.com) by 5pm on the following dates:

**\*\* Sep 22nd \*\* Nov 24th 2023 \*\***

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**Latest time to submit articles**

for inclusion in the October edition of The Laura Standard is  
**5pm Friday Sep 22nd 2023**

# LOVING LAURA



As a relative newcomer to town I've been struck by what a welcoming community this is. Heading to the main street to pick up a few bits and pieces at the IGA becomes more than a short stroll. I love that there's always someone ready for a chat, often starting with the weather but quickly moving on to family news. I've also discovered that it's a genuinely caring and supportive community. Kindness is displayed in so many ways. When someone is in hospital, people visit. When there's sickness or bereavement, people pop in for a cup of tea, often bringing a meal with them. When a townie's wood supply gets low, a farmer's quick to help. There's love in this town that flows out into generous service.

I'm reminded of the story of Jesus the night before his death when he took a final meal with his disciples. During the meal he suddenly stripped down to the waist and began the menial task of washing their grubby, dusty feet, including those of the man who would soon head out into the night and betray him. This act of service went way beyond what we would expect of anyone. He demonstrated gracious and unexpected love, not only to those who returned his love, but also to the one who would set in motion the events leading to his death.

Jesus said to his friends that night: Love one another as I have loved you. His love, as seen fully in giving his life on the cross, is unconditional and sacrificial. And this love is extended to all – a gift that's just waiting to be received.

Pastor Jenny Pryor (0407 999 871)  
Laura Baptist Christian Community: House of Hope.  
Sunday Gatherings: 10am for coffee then 10.30 for worship  
We'd love you to join us one Sunday morning.