



February 2024 Issue 55

Hello Readers,

Welcome to the first edition of the Laura Standard for 2024. I hope everyone was able to enjoy some downtime with family and friends over the Christmas and New year period and are heading into 2024 feeling relaxed and refreshed. 2023 was a very busy year for our community, with the very successful return of "The Laura Fair", after four years, as well as significant milestones for both Golden North (100 years) and the Laura Community Caravan Park, which celebrated its 50th Birthday.

The Christmas "Party in the Park" was again a great success as we enjoyed fantastic weather for the 3rd year in a row. Father Christmas was a big hit with kids of all ages, as was the face painting. BBQ tea, fruit salad and the Slice Packs on offer were also very popular. The town raffle winners were drawn and for the second year in a row the "Laura Lights" competition winners were announced. It was very impressive to see the effort that a lot of people put into their light displays this year, as the competition goes from strength to strength and judging becomes more difficult. Congratulations to all who participated, I think it has been very popular with both locals and visitors alike. Thank you again to all the volunteers who help make the "Party in the Park" a continuing success, year after year.

"Meals to You" will continue in 2024, after being very well supported by both cooks and purchasers over the past couple of years. The next round of meals will need to be ordered by the 14th ready to be collected on the 19th February.

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Laura Community Development & Tourism Association (LCDTA) Inc.

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Lastly, I'd like to congratulate Laura local Barry Harvie on being awarded Northern Areas Council Citizen of the Year for 2024. Barry has had a long history of volunteering on many and varied committees over the years. First in the Appila district and in the last 15 years in Laura. Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Barry will agree that he is very deserving of this award.

On behalf of the LCDTA I'd like to wish everyone in our community a safe, happy and prosperous 2024.

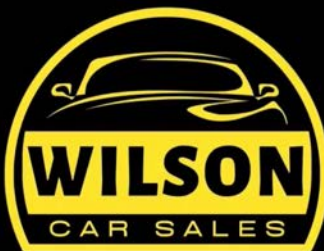
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LITTLE BLESSINGS BREWING UPDATE

We'd like to thank the Laura and surrounding community for welcoming us so warmly. We've been humbled and blown away by the help and offers of assistance we have received, as well as the kind support, visitors, and research information that has been shared.

We are almost ready to open, just a few details to finalise. As many of you know, major renovations often have unexpected delays and this has taken longer than anticipated, but we've been working as hard as we can to open up.

Photo right: New roof being installed

Photo below: Rendering the internal walls



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Photo below: An amazing transformation



We hope the community is as happy with our renovation as we are, and that it will be a place where everyone can enjoy a laid back afternoon with friends and loved ones either inside the beautiful building, or in the grassed beer garden.

We're looking forward to meeting those we haven't yet, and opening the doors soon.

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Regards

Craig and Cat Blessing

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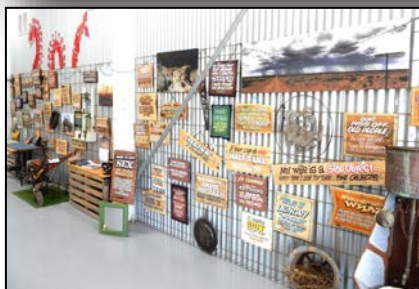
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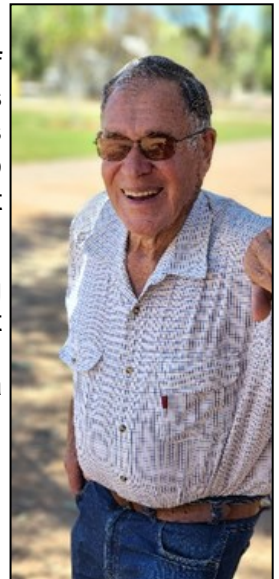


The summer months see a downturn in visitors to Laura and the Southern Flinders region. But we are gearing up for a bumper 2024 with the addition of 7 new lawn powered sites behind the cabins in what used to be a solely un-powered area. We still cater for the cyclists and other visitors who like to camp on the grass near the bike repair station with only half of the area becoming powered sites. The new shelter is soon to be erected over the bike station.

We have great pride in recognizing the chairman of our committee, Barry Harvie, as the Northern Areas Council Citizen of the Year. A reward for all the years he has given to this community including close to 10 years on the caravan park management committee.

Everyone knows of the time he spends organising working bees for the park but what people may not see is the countless hours he is here spraying weeds, helping to tidy up or simply dropping in for a yarn to see if we are ok or need anything.

Naomi & Simon Purdue



Citizen of the Year

Mr Barry Harvie

Barry has had a long association with the local area, being an extremely proactive and long serving community member in earlier years in the Appila district, and since retiring into Laura township in 2009, soon became involved in his new environment and continuing his passion for volunteering. We are sure that there are many other community events and organisations that he has helped with and served on, but here are some that have been identified by some individuals within the community.

Barry's long-term involvement in the Appila community included:

Many years as part of the Appila Ag Bureau, He also was involved in the Caltowie Corridors of Green tree planting program through the area, and also a member of the West Broughton Soil Conservation board.

Barry attended the Appila Rural School in his younger years but was also involved at a school council member while his two children attended the school.

He was raised and involved in the Methodist Church, until he married Eleanor, who is a Lutheran, and has since worshipped and be actively involved in the Pine Creek Lutheran Church, and since moving to Laura, now the Laura church. Barry is the current chairperson of the Rocky River School Ministry Support Group

Barry was a trustee of Stacey Park until his relocation to Laura, as well as a member of the Appila Improvement Association. He was a member of the Great Northern Athletic and Cycling Club and the Appila Football Club.

Barry was a member of the Appila Emergency Fire Service, which was then was renamed Country Fire Service.

Barry was an active participant in the Appila Drama Performances that performed the 'Bushwackers Concerts', as well as the Jamestown Drama Group. He was a member of the Booleroo Centre District Hospital Board. He contributed to the research and compiling of the Harvie Family Reunion Book.

He is a past chairperson and committee member for a number of years, as the Folk Fair committee went through a period of large changes, but with a fresh new group, kept the Fair continuing with a positive future.

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Barry is the current chairperson of the Laura Community Caravan Park, and has been for the past few years, helping to improve the facilities and patronage of the park.

He is currently on the following committees:

- Laura Lutheran Church
- LCDTA
- Rocky River Historic and Art Society
- Caltowie Corridors of Green
- Southern Flinders Tourism Group

Barry is also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels in Laura, and is also a proficient Father Christmas for LCDTA, Early Childhood Centre, Laura Hospital and Appila Community. Until recently Barry held a local position as a Justice of Peace.



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Citizen of the Year

Photos: Page 15: Mr Barry Harvie being presented his Citizen of the Year Award by Mayor Sue Scarman.

Below: Barry celebrating with his family left to right: Andrea, Angus, Eleanor, Barry, Sonia, Mika and Ayla.



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Laura Events Inc

The Laura events committee is seeking new members to assist with running and organizing events and activities in Laura and surrounds. The committee's aim is to expand our current activities and to bring more activities and entertainment to Laura.

We would welcome any new members and particularly those with new ideas, skills and experience in catering, event management, public relations, media and marketing.

The committee would love to be able to put together a 12-month program of entertainment for the town and make Laura an entertainment destination of the Southern Flinders Rangers.

This can only become possible if we have the people, the expertise and commitment to make it happen. This is the first step, to get people and then develop the expertise, because we the committee have the commitment.

For further information please contact:

Ian White (Chairperson) Mobile 0473 506 956

Robert Hanley (Treasurer) Mobile 0428 699 248

LCDTA Fundraising Reports

Community and wider support are integral to our fundraising efforts as we continue to work to improve the town and therefore a reason to stop in our town.

Food Handler Training

New food safety regulations are now in place. With so much of LCDTA's fundraising food oriented, it is important to know that we as an organisation are compliant with this requirement. Several people have shared their Food Handler Training certificate with me. Can those of you who have completed the training – either face to face or online please let me know. An emailed copy of the certificate is probably the most appropriate way. Email Denise on bridenhi@bigpond.com

2024 Community Calendar

The community calendar has been updated, printed and delivered. Thanks to everyone involved from the advertisers to the deliverers. The income from businesses and community organisations has again been more than enough to cover the cost of the calendar production with the profit added to the community fund.

Total income - \$3251
Expenses - \$2043.93
Profit - \$1187.07

LCDTA Raffle

The 2023 raffle was a wonderful success with a total of \$1614.30 raised. Our sincere thanks to the Laura Information Centre for their generous donation of the prize money and the Nature Playground group for the platter of Christmas slices and treats.

Prize winners were:

First prize of \$300 – Darren Sawley
Second prize of \$150 – Brony Weston
Third prize of \$ 100 – Stumpy Sleath
Fourth prize of \$50 – Deb Palmer
Fifth prize a platter of slices and treats – Brian Keller

Thank you to each and everyone who bought raffle tickets, either from the stall in front of IGA or at the Party in the Park.

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Meals to You in 2024

The ongoing success of Meals to You as a fund raiser makes it worthwhile to continue this year. A big thank you to both the kitchen cooks who provide the beautiful home cooked meals and those who order and buy the meals offered. 2024 order and sale dates are:

Round 1 order close Tuesday 14th February with sale date on Monday 19th February

Dates for the remainder of 2024 will be in May, August and November. Notices will be in the Laura Standard on the town chalk board, alongside IGA and on the Laura Facebook page

Future Fundraising Events include the Devonshire Tea Stall at The Laura Fair in April, the Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day in July and the “Canteen” at the Wirrabara 150 Celebrations.

Artists and their Art Forms returns in the Laura Standard’s next issue, featuring not an individual but a group of sewers who meet weekly in Laura and go by the name of “Sew Together”.

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SOUTHERN FLINDERS HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Aged Care Upgrade at Crystal Brook and Laura Hospitals

The Crystal Brook and Laura Health Units applied for and received Federal Government funding to upgrade aged care facilities under the Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund Multipurpose Services Program Minor Capital Grant.

These funds, combined with financial commitments from the Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council and Yorke and Northern Local Health Network, have allowed these upgrades to take place.

The Crystal Brook Hospital upgrade focussed on a rejuvenated and extended garden area including an outdoor room and space that is functional all year round. Other improvements include new floor coverings, painting and furnishing for all residents' rooms. This work has now been completed.

The Laura Hospital upgrade includes 3 new bedrooms, 5 ensuites plus new flooring, joinery and interior painting in existing rooms. The upgrade will remove the need for shared rooms with each room having an ensuite through the aged care section of the facility and see one room returned to acute care use. Works commenced in August 2023 and are due for completion mid-April 2024.

Room 19 refurbishment at Crystal Brook Hospital

Crystal Brook Hospital has been very fortunate to receive generous donations from community members and support from the Hospital Guild along with the Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council to refurbish Room 19. Room 19 is a 4-bed bay that will now be used for Palliative Care, Maternity Care and Second Stage Recovery.

Because of these generous donations and support this room has been repainted, with new flooring, blinds and a big screen television along with a fold out sofa bed, table and chairs, plus a buffet with coffee and tea making facilities. A new bed, including a pressure relieving mattress has been purchased along with two chairs for second stage recovery. This multipurpose room will support many of the consumers in our care. The management and staff of the Crystal Brook Hospital are very grateful for this ongoing support from our community members, hospital guild and SFHAC.

Laura Markets

Open 9am - 1pm

Indoor and Outdoor stalls

Laura Memorial Civic Centre

2024 Market Dates:

Sat 2nd March

Sat 4th May

Sat 6th July

Sat 7th Sept

Sat 2nd Nov

Sat 7th Dec

Stallholder /market enquiries:



**Nikki: 0410 459560
or Dan: 0434 371116**



***Thank you to the many volunteers
at the December Market.***

New Year at Northern Areas Council



Here at Northern Areas we are kicking off 2024 with a bang. We have a packed agenda this year – from finalising asset plans and refreshing the strategic plan, through to delivering key projects and managing our multitude of business-as-usual activities. We hope you had a great festive season and we look forward to updating you on all things Northern Areas in 2024.

Sue Scarman Mayor

Nominations are OPEN for the 2024 South Australian Volunteer Awards with South Australians invited to nominate an outstanding individual or group – and given the very high percentage of volunteers in our community, there are sure to be some worthy recipients in our midst. These awards are an opportunity to recognise the amazing volunteers, volunteer managers, volunteer programs or groups, or corporate groups - who have made a real impact in their community. Nominations are open in the following categories:

The Joy Noble Medal - South Australia's highest distinction for an individual volunteer.

'The Andamooka' Community Project Award - Recognising a community or group volunteer project of significant community benefit.

The Young Volunteer Award – Honouring an impressive young volunteer aged 12 to 25.

The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award - Honouring a volunteer manager for their outstanding contribution to the profession.

The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility –

Recognising the community contribution of a South Australian for-profit business.

Please help spread the word and encourage nominations. For more information visit: www.vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards/ Nominations will close on Sunday 10 March 2024.

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Thank you from Laura Market organisers

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Laura Christmas Market at the Memorial Civic Centre on Saturday 2nd December. The day was a huge success thanks to the combined effort of so many people who generously gave their time to support the fundraising event.

The fabulous team in the kitchen ensured customers were well catered for with impressive efficiency. Thanks to Joyce, Brian, Julie, Deb, Alan and Malcolm for providing excellent food, drinks and service to the crowds.

We had visitors who had travelled some distance to attend the Laura Market thanks to the TV and Radio advertising.

Customers and stallholders were thrilled that Santa was able to find time in his very busy schedule to visit the market. During his visit, Santa was busy mingling with customers and stallholders, he was able to judge 'Most Festive Stall' which was awarded to The Artistic Flow. We also spotted Santa purchasing a few last-minute gifts for some lucky boys or girls!

Thank you to Ian White for his connections with the big man and to Denise for her assistance with ensuring he looked his best!

Thanks to John Kitto for providing the ewe and newborn lamb to assist Santa's arrival as alternative reindeers. We were pleased to receive a surprise visit from The Plains Producer who wrote an excellent article on the market featuring photos of customers, stallholders, and Santa.

Money raised from this fundraising market goes directly to the Laura Memorial Civic Centre.

Thank you to the many people who also helped with the clean up including Greg Slattery who did a fantastic job of sweeping the hall floor!

Thank you to the following local businesses who support the market by displaying posters and flyers: Laura Information Centre, Sahota and staff at Laura IGA, Malcolm and Jenny at Meryle's Café, Felicity and Peter at the Post Office, Stone Hut Bakery, Frank and team at the Laura Emporium, Naomi and Simon at the Laura Caravan Park.

Thank you to Sue Scarman and Murray Baker for assistance with signs etc.

We are busily working in the background putting together the first market of 2024 which will be held on Saturday 2nd March, with many of our regular stallholders returning as well as plenty of new stallholders thanks to the word spreading that the Laura Market is the market to be at.

Markets will be held at the Civic Centre on the first Saturday alternate months from March plus a Christmas market.

Follow our Facebook page (Laura Markets) to keep up to date with events.

We look forward to seeing our regulars and welcoming newcomers to the event.

Nikki & Dan Haberfield

Treasures of the Laura Archives

The earliest known collectable item relating to Laura is probably the medallion struck in 1887 for Queen Victoria's 50th Jubilee. It depicts Queen Victoria on one side and the Laura Institute on the other. Some other towns and cities had similar medallions, and all are now highly collectable. Queen Victoria's long reign of 63 years was only recently eclipsed by that of Queen Elizabeth ii.

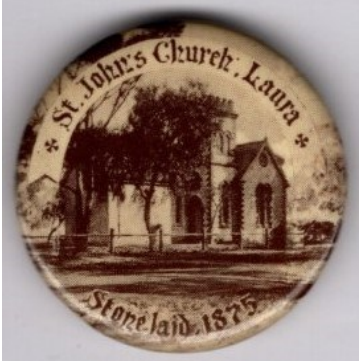
It was 135 years later that the next Laura medallion was produced – for the 150 year celebration of Laura in 2022. These medallions depict the iconic bridge over the Rocky River and CJ Dennis, and as only 150 medallions were struck they are also certain to become highly sought after in years to come. Only a few remain on sale at the Laura Information Centre. They are very appropriate gifts for many occasions so make a bee-line to the Information Centre before it's too late!

Between the two world wars 'button badges' were often produced for special events. Just recently two of these have been donated to the archives by Frank Bernhardt of the Laura Emporium and new resident Laura Woods. The recent additions are from the Laura Football Club (the good old red and black era) and the Baptist Sunday School Jubilee in 1926. They join other button badges in our collection which include the SA Centenary of 1936, Laura Jubilee in 1932, and the Anglican Church. Button badges were often sold as fundraisers for special events such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other charities including Red Cross and schools and civic occasions.

Greg Slattery
President
Rocky River Historic & Art Society Inc



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Lynette Pech	0418 892 131
John Stevens	8663 2303
Jodie Zwar	0457 745 586

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Change for the better.



Well, we have a new year – 2024! I wonder what the new year will bring?

Each new year we set out with hopes and dreams, we might even see it as a chance to make a new beginning as well as the time to make New Year's resolutions... and some of them even last until at least January 3!

But, each new year does bring with it changes. The Laura township changes year on year, new people enter the town and each year, while some people move on, new businesses open, some change ownership and unfortunately, sometimes businesses close. Yes, change is part of life.

So every new year brings change. But is it change for the better?

I think over the last few years Laura has changed for the better, with more shops opening, and a more vibrant feel around the town, as it moves out of the sleepiness that the COVID lockdowns enforced.

While, change around town is one thing, there are changes that happen to our lives as well. Each year we get a bit older and the floor seems to get that much further away, while the only thing that seems to get easier is forgetting things! Each year, there are people that come into our lives and people who leave our lives.

But with all this change it is also nice to know that there are some things that remain the same. Things like the love of God for you and the fact that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

That really is good news because from God's perspective your value as a human being doesn't ever change and your value is not determined by your bank balance, how high up the corporate ladder you are or even how good a life you lead. In God's view everyone is equally important and equally loved.

God loves you with a truly unconditional love, no ifs, buts or maybes. You are loved by God no matter what you have done, or how often you have turned your back on God, he is always there waiting for you, more ready to welcome you back, than you are to turn to him. And is something that will never change.

Stephen Noblett (Pastor)
Southern Flinders Lutheran Parish.
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