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Hello Readers,

Welcome to the April 2024 edition of the Laura Standard. We certainly have had some hot spells in the last few months, and after having mainly mild summers in recent years it's taken some getting used to. The Laura Fair returns again this year, albeit a week later due to the Gather Round. Let's hope we can enjoy the same fantastic weather and great crowds that we saw at last year's return of The Laura Fair.

The LCDTA will again be running a Devonshire Tea stall at this year's Laura Fair. This has been a terrific fundraiser for our group for many years, with monies raised again being split 50/50 between the "Nature Playground" project and other projects to continue improving our beautiful little town. This fundraiser would not be possible without community support, and I'd like to especially thank those who have both worked on the stall and provided scones, some for many years running. Thanks also to those who purchase and enjoy our products over the weekend.

The North Parkland development is well underway with both the Basketball Ring and the Outdoor Table Tennis Table having been delivered. A submission has been made to council and approval is being sought from SA Planning. Hopefully this will all go smoothly, and this project can move forward quickly so that these facilities can be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

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The Caravan Park continues to go from strength to strength, having recently ordered a second ablution block to be placed on the eastern side of the park. They are also celebrating giving away their 15000th scone with a competition running on their Facebook page. The prize will be either 5 nights on a powered sight or 1 night in a Deluxe Cabin and to enter all you need to do is like their Facebook page, share the competition post and tag your friends. Good luck.

A bit of a mixed bag for our local summer sports teams this year. All the Tennis teams missed out on finals but will be back at it next year and are always chasing numbers if anyone is keen for a hit. The Cricket Club were beaten by Redhill in the Grand Final on one of the hottest weekends in recent memory. Commiserations to them but I'm sure they will be back around the mark next year having enjoyed a lot of success over the past 10 years. The Bowls Club have again enjoyed a successful year with the Div 1 Women going deep into the finals and the Div 1 Men enjoying their 7th premiership in a row. A mammoth effort and congratulations to all involved.

Lastly, in my haste to get my article written for the previous edition of the Laura Standard I neglected to mention the large "Merry Christmas" sign that was at last year's "Party in the Park".

I'd like to thank Emily and Isla Alm for their efforts in painting this up. This sign, as well as the Christmas Tree supplied by Chris and Anthony Lines and family, provided a great backdrop for many partygoers to have their photos taken.

On behalf of the LCDTA I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter and for those involved with the Southern Flinders Football and Netball clubs I hope you all have a successful season ahead.

Thanks
Gerald Higgins
Chairman LCDTA

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Devonshire Tea Stall Donations

Your LCDTA is fundraising for
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Tea Stall at the Laura Fair on
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April.



Donations of goods or money to
purchase goods needed for the stall can
be made via the list or in the donations tin
located on the counter in Laura IGA.

**Do you have a spare hour or
two over Laura Fair weekend
to work on the stall ?**

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The Drover

A poem by Allen Heading

The old man sat stroking the blue dog's ear
He knew his old mate's time had come, his eyes filled with tears
His mind wandered back to their years on the drive
With the blue dog's father together they'd strive
To keep the cattle together as they pushed down the road
Choking dust and flies and thirst adding to the burdensome load.

They had travelled the routes down the old Barcoo
The Condamine, Barwon, Darling via the Paroo
They had taken huge mobs down the Birdsville track
To the railhead at Marree then made their way back
They collected cattle from stations around the Warrego
During droughts along the southern stock routes they go

They traversed the top end from gulf to Argyle
Taking months to cover the never ending mile
The station owners knew when their cattle they took
To any destination they would arrive no failure they'd brook
They knew every brand in the north and the west
Where the water was and where the feed grew best

When the blue dog's father reached the end of his trail
The drover trained his son he knew he'd not fail
What a wonderful team they formed over the time
But now both passed their working prime
The road trains took over shifting the stock
The old drover realized his age had caught up with the clock

He'd retired to a small property with horses and of course old Blue
This night the rains came and the wild winds blew
He'd stoked up the fire as he'd gazed into the flames
His eyes closed wearily a sigh shook his frame
That's where they found them when morning did arrive
The old drover and his blue dog had gone on their last drive.

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The Courthouse Gallery

The Courthouse Gallery doesn't just sit idle as many people may think. The Laura Collection of paintings amassed from the past 46 annual art exhibitions is normally on display and open for occasional viewings. Our annual exhibition is one of the longest running exhibitions in regional SA. Recently Dr Graham Ellender, a Senior Lecturer of the Adelaide School of Dentistry hosted a community consultation relating to a research project. Just after The Laura Fair the Wends/Sorb Society of SA will be visiting the Gallery and the Laura Archives. About 2,000 Wendish people came to Australia from Eastern Germany between 1848 and 1860. In October the Courthouse Gallery will host the launch of a biography of a former Laura resident.

During The Laura Fair artists from across South Australia will display artworks in the 47th annual exhibition.

The exhibition will be open during both days of the fair, but don't leave it till the last minute to have a look as from mid afternoon on Sunday artists may be removing their works prior to travelling homewards: and it may be too late to purchase an art work.

Any offers of assistance as doorkeepers at the gallery over the weekend would be appreciated, just for an hour or so would be great.

Please contact Greg 0417 877 145.

During the two days of the fair admission to the exhibition is by donation.

Opening of the Art Exhibition at Twilight

Friday 12th April (the day before The Laura Fair)

Doors Open at 5.00pm

Official opening at 6.10pm

Free admission for opening evening includes light refreshments and the launch of the Gladstone High Shiraz

Come along for a social gathering, and be home, or at the North Laura, or somewhere else for your evening meal.

Fire Danger Season 1st November – April 30th 2024

Council will continue to inspect properties throughout the fire danger season to help manage fire risk.

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House of Hope (38 Herbert Street)
Saturday 13th April from 10am-3pm.

Local mother-and-daughter artists Lynne Gibb and Hannah Bowman will be showcasing their art.

Lynne has been working with watercolour since 2020 and was the guest artist at The Laura Fair in 2023.

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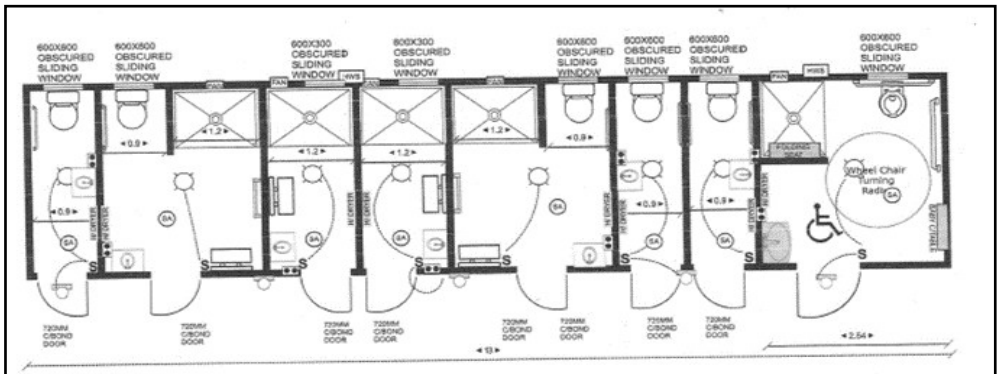


LAURA CARAVAN PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Laura Community Caravan Park committee have been planning to do upgrades at the park. A major upgrade that is about to take place is the installation of a new ablution block with disabled access facilities incorporated into it. The new facility is going to be located near cabin 1, facing the tree walk and the newly established lawn area. The cost of the project is estimated at around \$200,000. This includes the building, fixtures and the site work that will need to be done prior.

We are looking for support from Northern Areas Council, and also our community to help fund this project. The caravan park is getting many great reviews and patronage has increased in the past few years. We have many other smaller upgrades around the park so we can continue to attract visitors to our beautiful town.

For more information contact Barry Harvie 0409 698 009, or Alan Thomson 0409 286 542.



Sew Together – A Social Group that Sews!

Artists and their Art Forms this edition focusses on not an individual but a group of sewers from diverse backgrounds, – bringing an extensive range of knowledge, interests, skills and talents to the group.

When part of your reason for getting together is just that – getting together for the social and well-being of each other then it is not just a sewing group.....

They are a community of sewers from seven towns who meet in Laura at the Sporting Reserve every Monday from just after 9am until about 4pm. Their view is that people come and go when they are ready. They believe it continues to thrive as there is no expectation for people to conform. What was once a patchwork group is now a sewing group/social group, with some still predominantly doing patchwork and quilting. Others are making items for gifting or for sale.

The group started 25 years ago in the Church of England Hall at Crystal Brook with 8 people.

They are a self-supporting group of more than 20 and are affiliated with the Quilters Guild, costing each member \$6 a year for an insurance cover. Each member pays \$5 a week when they attend. This covers hire of the building and ongoing tea and coffee. You will see in one of the photos the table raisers, made by Trish Belcher's husband Frank. Making tables the ideal height for cutting fabric.

Community is an important part of the group, with birthday morning teas and lunch at the local Hotel each month being part of the way the group bonds together. Networking means that members have the opportunity to chat, to ask and answer questions. Everyone is valued and often very knowledgeable within their focus area. Sharing their particular knowledge with others is a pleasure.



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Each year they extend their learning with a 3-day retreat, often with workshops. The retreat is held at the Sporting Reserve Building with this year's dates and projects still to be decided.

Their gifted quilts and bags are primarily being passed to Catherine House in Adelaide (which provides crisis and longer term accommodation and support services to women experiencing homelessness in SA.) Some of the sewers sell their products at places like the Laura Information Centre.



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Hi everyone

It's a crazy time right now. We are in the final stretch with the preparations for this year's Fair.

The Primary school has decided on Future Careers for the theme this year, we are excited to see what the children come up with.

The Barossa Pipe Band has generously agreed to fill in for the Royal Caledonian Society who are participating in the National Championships in NSW this year over the Fair weekend; we wish them the best.

This is a big call out to anyone with a spare hour or two. We still need lots of volunteers to help fill a couple of rosters. We have vacancies at The Laura Fair Stall, The Clean Up Crew, either call me, Sue 0418844935 or Murray 0472764885. Remember if you volunteer for us, we offer a BBQ after clean-up on Sunday. There are also ride tickets for children of volunteers. Come and help!

Virginia Ferguson

Chairperson
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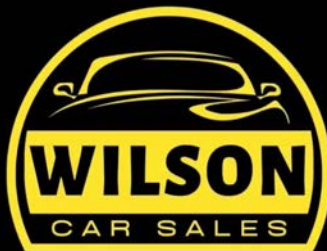
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LCDTA Fundraising Report

Looking ahead – with some of the later dates to be confirmed in the next Laura Standard.

April 13th and 14 – Devonshire Tea at the Laura Fair – more below.

Leading up to May 12th – Mother's Day online raffle.

May 27th Meals to You sale date – more below.

July school holidays – Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day (date to be confirmed).

August – Meals to You (date to be confirmed).

5th October – Football canteen at the Wirrabara Oval for the Wirrabara 150 celebrations.

October – entries for the community calendar – see the form in your current calendar.

November – Meals to You (date to be confirmed).

November – Gingerbread House Night (date to be confirmed).

December – Slice Trays (date to be confirmed).

The above list / plans include funds for LCDTA general use – eg the North Parklands upgrade and money dedicated to the Nature Playground.

To round the year out we have the Party in the Park on 20th December along with the announcing of the winners of the Christmas Lights.

If you are happy to be involved in supporting any of these events, please contact Denise on 0428 222 610 or Sophie on 0459 043 096

Devonshire Tea at The Laura Fair

This is usually a big and busy weekend of fundraising not just for LCDTA but for many organisations in the community. Thanks to the IGA team for coordination of the donated goods needed to run the Devonshire Tea stall. The poster for this event is in the Standard. Many thanks to those who have already contacted Denise or Sophie to offer support with either scones or work. At the time of writing this we are still looking for some of both, so please consider us if you have some time to spare.

Meals to You

Our next Meals to You will be in late May. The menu will be available from late Wednesday 15th May with orders closing on Tuesday 21st May and food available for collection from 4 Campbell St, Laura between 4 and 6 pm on Monday 27th May. As previously, the menu will be attached to the chalk board on the wire fence alongside the IGA and on the Laura Community Facebook page.

Finding a Justice of the Peace:

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**** May 24th 2024 ** July 26th 2024 **
September 20th 2024 ** ** November 22nd 2024 ****

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for inclusion in the June 2024 edition of The Laura Standard is
5pm Friday May 24th, 2024.

Honour



In a culture that can sometimes seem more critical than encouraging, it's refreshing when people are publicly honoured. At this year's Australia Day celebrations Barry Harvie was awarded the Northern Areas Council Citizen of the Year. A worthy recipient. But in keeping with his character, Barry was surprised when he was told of the award. Humility is one of the qualities we admire about him. Humility is in fact, the hallmark of *all* genuine service.

In one of his letters, the apostle Paul quotes a song which underscores the relationship between humility and service. It's a beautiful description of Jesus Christ "*who, though he was God, did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross*".

Jesus chose the humble path, the way of service. But in his lifetime he didn't receive any awards. Instead, he suffered a cruel death. But the song goes on to remind us that his death wasn't the end. Jesus was raised to life and granted the highest honour of being seated with God.

This is the story that Christians around the world celebrate each Easter. A story of hope.

Hope ...because our own suffering and the dishonour we may experience in life is something Jesus understands. Hope ...because God loves us and bestows honour on us.

No award could be better than that.

Pastor Jenny Pryor (0407 999 871)
Laura Baptist Christian Community: House of Hope.