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Hello Readers,

Welcome to the June 2024 edition of The Laura Standard. It's been a busy couple of months, with Football and Netball seasons now in full swing and Sowing Season ramping up despite one of the driest starts to a year in living memory. Cold mornings have been followed by days of "beautiful living weather", but let's hope for some rain in the not too distant future.

The Laura Fair was held on the second weekend of April this year, due to a clash with the AFL's Gather Round. Fantastic weather again drew a massive crowd (15000 on Saturday and 7000 on Sunday) who were treated to a great variety of stalls and top-notch entertainment over the 2 days. The LCDTA's Devonshire Tea stall was again a great success as I'm sure many other local community groups fundraising efforts would have been.

The Nature Playground group have also had a busy couple of months, selling nearly 530 Mother's Day Raffle tickets, raising just over \$2100 in what was another wonderfully supported raffle by local businesses this year. Seeking an alternate quote and meetings with Council have the project heading in the right direction and hopefully all the hard work in the background will start to come to fruition soon. They have had a small, albeit fantastic, win recently though, as it was members of their group who sought, and won, an SA Water grant for the drinking fountain that was recently installed at the North Parklands. The fountain looks great and has already seen plenty of use, indicating that it was a long overdue addition to that area of our town.

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Laura Community Development & Tourism Association (LCDTA) Inc.

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The Northern Areas Council “Laura Community Forum” was held at the Civic Centre on May the 15th. This was well supported with around 60 council staff, members and interested locals in attendance. Some great ideas were thrown around for where we’d like to see council focus their efforts over the next 5 years as well as a robust discussion about some of the current issues affecting our town. I’m sure that everyone there would have got something out of the evening.

Lastly, the “Aus Condon Memorial” Golf Day will be held again this year at the Laura Golf Club on the 16th of July. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for the LCDTA for many years and is always well supported by players, volunteers and sponsors alike. After many years of volunteering her time towards this day, this will be the final time that Val Thomson will oversee organising the teams participating. On behalf of the LCDTA I’d like to personally thank Val for her efforts, not only towards the Golf Day but also on many other projects over many years. If you’d like to enter a team you can contact Val on 0427 771 558 before July 14th.

On behalf of the LCDTA I hope everyone can stay warm over the next few months and we can also receive some decent rains.

Thanks
Gerald Higgins
Chairman LCDTA



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Lions Club News



The big news is that the order for the manufacture of the replacement Lions Club donut van has been placed. Delivery is anticipated in September. Cost is just over \$50,000.

The current donut van was “commissioned” in 1980, a rebuild of a Highways Department caravan.

This van has served the Club and community well over those 44 years within our district from Georgetown to Stone Hut (and beyond). The cost of the new van is being covered by very generous support from within our community and our Lions Club resources.

Recent donations by Lions to worthy community groups include Foodbank \$500, Royal Flying Doctor Service \$500, Gladstone Art Exhibition \$250, Laura Memorial Civic Hall \$250 and Lions International Brazilian Flood Appeal \$200.

LCDTA Fundraising Report

Devonshire Tea Stall at the Laura Fair

Thanks to all our scone makers and donors for The Laura Fair. A big thanks to those who assembled the marque and packed it away and to the many of you who worked in the stall over the weekend. Once again the support of community members makes the world of difference. Our total profit for the weekend was \$2366.61

Meals to You

Twenty-three meals were sold this time. Sincere thanks to both our customers and our kitchen cooks who make this fundraiser possible. Total income for the May Meals to You will be \$855 with costs to be deducted from this total.

Our next Meals to You will be in August.

Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day

Our next Golf Day is on Thursday 18th July – the second week of the school holidays. Teams are invited to register and sponsors will be contacted shortly.

The poster for the day is part of this Standard.

Rocky River Pharmacy

Hi all Laura Locals,

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new owner of the Laura Pharmacy. As a local person from Jamestown, I understand the needs of a small country town, and aim to see all services to the local Laura community continue as they always have plus more. As a pharmacy we have lots of new and exciting things to come, a new logo, Facebook page, some renovations and extending existing services, such as medication reviews and instore services such as blood pressure checks, sick certificates and diabetes services. (Please watch this space and be patient as we find our feet; we assure you it will happen).

Scott will continue as pharmacist in Laura, working on Monday and Friday afternoons, and I will be there Tuesdays-Thursday afternoons, and then in Gladstone in the mornings. Please do come in and say hi as I'd love to meet you all. You will also continue to see Brooke and Madi's friendly faces to welcome you in store.

For some background information, I was born and grew up in Jamestown, went to Adelaide for 7 years for study, following which I returned to Jamestown to marry my husband John Downing, whom I'm sure many of you know in the area for his carting and earthworks business. We have a 6 year old son Ross. As a family we are looking forward to spending more time in Laura and supporting other local businesses, and sporting clubs and organisations.

We will organise a meet and greet once things settle. Cannot wait to see where the future leads. I feel it will be an exciting one!

Look forward to meeting you all,
Kind regards, Tash Downing.



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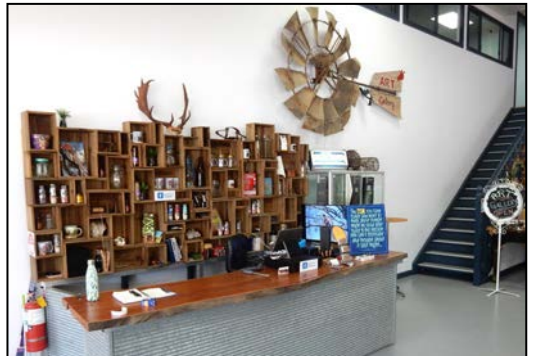
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Laura Community Caravan Park News:



Although Simon and Naomi are on holidays as this report is being written, our wonderful managers have been very busy as business is booming. With the opening of Little Blessings Brewing we look forward to increased patronage at the park.

Easter and The Laura Fair filled the park to capacity and it has continued to be busy since.

Ken and Kathleen Shilling, with help from Mark and Jo Opram, have been doing an excellent job of managing the park during Naomi and Simon's absence. We appreciate the support these 2 couples are giving to the park.

However, we must not forget how important the volunteers are to the running of our park. During April twenty people have been involved in various chores including general clean up jobs, firewood cutting, digging post holes and erecting poles for a shelter shed. Other tasks include taking levels for our new ablution block pad, trimming trees and taking rubbish away. There has also been an application for a grant from which we were successful in gaining some funding to assist with the cost of the ablution block. There is also dealing with compliance paperwork and much more.

We have made a new connection to the mains water from North Terrace and are most thankful to Wayne Palmer for the trenching that he has done free of cost.

A tree was cut down and several trimmed to make way for our new building by a very capable Tim Flannery. We are also grateful to Jim Lynch for allowing us to dump the surplus rubbish at a site on his farm.

Barry Harvie

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*Remember, shopping locally all year
long keeps our community viable!*



Service Planning for Crystal Brook and District Hospital, Laura and District Hospital and Port Broughton District Hospital and Health Services.

The Service Plan for Crystal Brook, Laura, Gladstone and Port Broughton is now available.

The 5 – 10-year Service Plan is a detailed blueprint for how the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network will align and grow services to meet changing community needs while making the most effective use of available and future resources.

The plan provides information on the current and projected health needs of Crystal Brook, Laura, Gladstone and Port Broughton (including hospital, Country Health Connect and mental health services) and contains evidence-based service models, outlining recommendations for service improvement to support the best health outcomes for the community.

Some of the key priorities for the first year include: improving security in our emergency departments and health services, improving our promotion of our statewide telephone services, continuing to review our infrastructure to provide safe accessible services, continuing to improve our staff accommodation, improving our Transitional Care Package model of service and implementing electronic medical records.

Thank you to everyone involved, including community members, who gave us valuable feedback via a survey. Your feedback has been integral to understanding the health needs important to the community.

We will update the community throughout the plan's implementation.



LITTLE BLESSINGS BREWING

38 Victoria Street, Laura

We are open and very grateful for the local support and enthusiasm!

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Friday and Saturday 12- 10pm

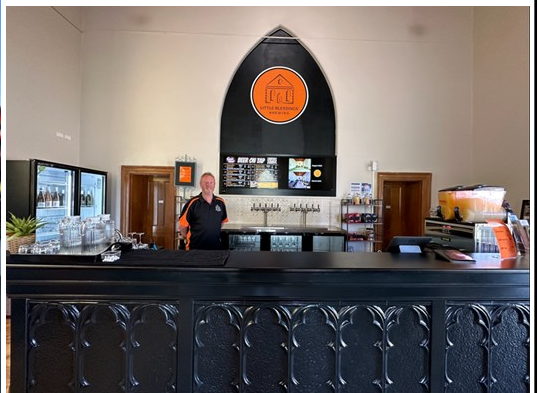
We have rotating food trucks on weekends supplying a variety of delicious meals.

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Artists and their Art Forms

This edition – a craft person and her use of technology.

Meet Pam Hogben, a retired teacher who lives in Beetaloo Valley. Her passion is “preserving the memory” through the safe storage and utilisation of photos, videos and audio files.

Pam started out as a scrapbooker, moving to digital scrapbooking, enabling her to collect and keep not just photos with comments attached but also video and audio memories.

Pam recalls the positive impact her virtual community had on her and many others during COVID. Being home did not mean being alone. Her community is worldwide and post COVID she regularly visits both interstate and New Zealand friends. She even has a client in Montana USA. “You can be anywhere and be connected. It has given me a strong sense of family.”

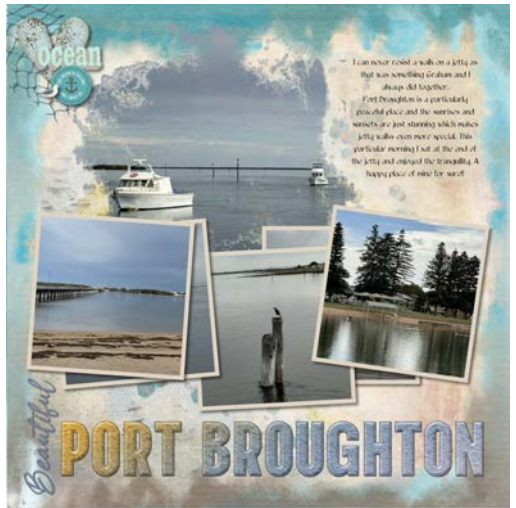
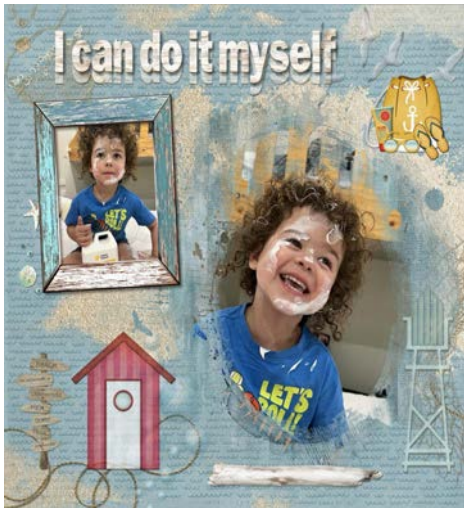
The program she uses and highly recommends for her digital scrapbooking is Artisan, having started with its predecessor StoryBook Creator. She is a lead ambassador for FOREVER, the company who sells and supports this software. In this role she provides support for 14 ambassadors across Australia and New Zealand. Due to her enthusiasm in helping others to learn how to use Artisan, she set up and manages a Facebook group enabling sharing ideas and techniques. She believes Artisan is easy to learn in a community where everyone helps everyone and gets excited about everyone’s achievements.

Her artistic abilities show through in her pages, books and even a blanket. There are a few local people who join Pam for scrapbooking / digital scrapbooking days and Pam is happy to see that group grow.

While chatting with Pam, she showed me some of her coffee table books and spoke of joy they bring her grandchildren in particular.

If you are interested in learning more about Pam’s passion, please contact her on 0427 890 109 or you can easily find her on Facebook. She just loves to talk about what she loves doing.





Information about FOREVER provided by Pam.

FOREVER provides a purpose-built cloud specifically for keeping photos, videos and audio files safe for future generations. Anyone can purchase their own little bit of cloud and be confident that FOREVER will keep their precious memories safe while in their care. She described how you can use an app to sort the photos into albums and even add a story about each photo. FOREVER storage can be purchased in small amounts of 10gb right up to very large amounts of 2T. Pam emphasized that anyone who has precious photos on a mobile phone would benefit strongly from having FOREVER storage for peace of mind. Once purchased the FOREVER storage belongs to the purchaser and their family for at least 100 years after the death of the purchaser.



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Sat 7th Sept

Sat 2nd Nov

Sat 7th Dec

Stallholder /market enquiries:

Nikki: 0410 459560

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A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers!

Dear Volunteers,

On behalf of the Northern Areas Council, I am writing to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your outstanding dedication and invaluable contributions to our community. Your passion, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment have truly made a difference and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do.

Did you know that a remarkable 34% of residents in our region actively volunteer their time and skills to various associations, clubs, events and initiatives? This figure is not only impressive but also speaks volumes about the exceptional spirit of generosity and community that thrives within our region. In fact, it is twice the state average and higher than the national average for volunteering in Australia! Your willingness to give back and make a positive impact is truly inspiring.

Volunteers in our region span across a wide range of age groups, from enthusiastic young individuals to seasoned community members. This inclusivity is a testament to the strength and unity of our community-driven movement. Regardless of age or background, each volunteer brings a unique perspective and skillset, enriching the tapestry of our towns and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Whether you are organising events, driving local initiatives or lending a helping hand to those in need, your efforts do not go unnoticed. You are the lifeblood of our communities and it is because of your dedication that our region continues to thrive and prosper.

Thank you once again for your outstanding service and commitment. Together, we are making a difference, one act of kindness at a time.

Kind Regards

Sue and the Northern Areas Team

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Northern Areas Council
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Travelling Australia

A poem by Allen Heading

Australia is more than a sunburnt country, with lots of sweeping plains
I've seen her many faces from sandy desert to mountainous terrains
I've seen her raging rivers which can flow through every state
I've seen the heartbreak that occurs when drought has been her fate

The Kimberleys with escarpments towering painted red by the setting sun
The awesome gorges carved by rivers over centuries where they run
Crocodiles in abundance lie sunning on the shore
Or waiting in the water an unwary animal to catch, that's nature's law

I've seen her wondrous rain forest from Cairns to Mission Beach
Swum in warm pristine waters where golden sands the ocean reach
I've marveled at the outback stretched from Longreach to Bourke
Where cattle by the thousands roam and giant cotton harvesters work

I've travelled in the Southern Alps where snow falls thick and white
Covering hills and valleys a wonderland of sheer delight
The rugged mountains give way to heavily timbered stands
Through farms where vines fruit and other crops grow on fertile lands

The southern coasts pounded constantly by unrelenting seas
The cliffs rising hundreds of feet topped by sturdy wind swept trees
The golden wheat and barley fields adjoining these rugged shores
Help form a part of this country's far flung shores

Yes Australia is a place with more than sunburnt plains
As I travel her endless roads, I value the knowledge that I gain
If I could spend another lifetime along her highways and tracks
There would be places still where I would stay and keep on coming back.





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Aus Condon Memorial Golf Day

**Thursday 16th July 2024 at Laura Golf Club
10.00am start**

Team 4's Ambrose competition

4 players ONLY per team



\$100.00 per team & includes; Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea

Championship Event

Handicap Event

Long Drive (Ladies No 9 & 18 : Men No 7 & 16)

Nearest to the pin; Ladies No 1 & No 10

Men No 5 & No 14

Prize money for Hole in One

No 1 & No 10

No 5 & No 14



**All proceeds to the Laura Community Development &
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Entries to Val Thomson by 14th July 2024 0427 771 558

Art D Tree update, Coming along fine, meeting lots of helpful people.
I will need help setting up in the North Parklands on Friday 22nd November
maybe 4 to 6 people.

On Saturday 23rd November to run the event for 4 hours about 10 people.
Sunday 24th clean up maybe 2 hours.

If you wish to become involved, Please contact Gibba on 0435587659

Thank you

Long Live Trees

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In 2024 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:

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

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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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Latest time to submit articles

for inclusion in the August 2024
edition of The Laura Standard is
5pm Friday July 26th , 2024.

In Everything Give Thanks



When I was a kid, one of my dad's good friends would visit from time to time. I called him Uncle Clem. He never married, had a good job on the wharfs at Pt. Adelaide, and spent his money taking trips overseas. So each time he came to dinner (especially at Christmas) he would arrive bearing gifts for us, and me, souvenirs from his latest overseas jaunt, along with tall tales and true of his adventures. It all seemed to me - being the child of a working class family - very exotic, even if they were mostly about England.

So I always looked forward to his visits, knowing that I would get something out of it; another story to fire my imagination, and a present. My appreciation knew no bounds.

It took a few years of growing up for me to understand that there was somebody *behind* these gifts, someone who had paid a price for them, out of love for me and my family. I came to realise that his love for us *was* the gift, and the souvenirs were tangible evidence of that love. It took me even longer to understand that *he himself* was the most precious gift of all.

I had a lot of growing up to do, from a child who simply accepted the gifts without question, and politely said the 'magic words,' (you know the ones - "Thank you.") to being open to heartfelt gratitude for his simply being my uncle.

This understanding has grown in me to encompass all that I experience and see around me. Here in the country we have a lot to be thankful for in our surroundings. Here we are closer to the natural wonders than our city cousins. And I have found that constantly giving thanks to the one who has gifted us for even our lives, is a joy, and brings its own rewards in wellbeing and hope, that gets us through the tough times.

Uncle Clem gave me tangible gifts, as well as a vision for travel into unknown places, new experiences, that I could aspire to. He gave me hope.

God has graciously and freely given us this amazing world as a gift. Everything we have and are has been paid at the cost of Jesus, his Son's life. Getting to know him is the greatest privilege I know.

Having lived in this neck of the woods for some years now, and receiving God's gifts of kangaroos in the local park, and flocks of galahs at sunrise, and paddocks of canola, when anyone asks me why I believe in God, my answer is, "Well, for one thing, I just want to have someone to thank for all this." With thanks and blessings,

The Rev'd. Sr. Sandra Sears CSBC