

February 2020

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*It has been a difficult time with the devastating fires in many towns and districts throughout Australia. So many, including some from our local community have helped fighting fires, supporting Red Cross and fire fighters, and also donating hay and straw.*

*We hope for a good year in our district and surrounds. There are so many great activities and events coming up.*

*Liz Hopkins*

**LAHARUM PLAYGROUP**

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY  
MORNING TEA PROVIDED!



**WEDNESDAYS: 9:30AM - 11:00AM**  
**LAHARUM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

For more information contact  
Supported playgroup on 0427 532856  
Facebook: HRCC Playgroups or  
Jane McLean, Principal on 5383 6202



## Mobile Library



Laharum will be visited by the Mobile Library on  
**Thursdays February 13, 27, March 12, 26,**  
**April 9, 23** from 9.30am in front of Laharum  
Primary School.

Greg Maybery

**NURSE ON CALL 1300 606 024**

FREE EVENT KIDS WELCOME

**BACKYARD LANDCARE**  
LIVING IN HARMONY  
**ABOVE & BELOW GROUND**

WITH **SOPHIE THOMSON**  
passionate presenter on ABC TV's Gardening Australia &  
bestselling author of Sophie's Patch

also featuring **Dr Sapphire McMullen Fisher**, one  
of Australia's leading mycologists who shares the  
magic, science & fun of natural fungus

**Celebrating Landcare | National Harmony Day**  
**Friday 27 March, 2020 | 5.30 to 8.30pm**  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran College Hall, Horsham**

Registrations are essential, please book via:  
Online - [landcareandharmonyday.eventbrite.com.au](http://landcareandharmonyday.eventbrite.com.au)  
Phone - Wendy 0407 914 498 Rae 0429 868 167



## Laharum-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap

AUTUMN 2020 now first Sunday of the month at 10am



**1st March** Judy & Barry Berendsen  
1266 Staehrs Road Laharum  
**5th April** Susan & Andrew Mathews  
Olive Plantation Road Laharum  
**3rd May** Liz & Gil Hopkins  
267 Pohlner Road Laharum

For further information contact  
Wendy McInnes 0407 914498



**CRIME STOPPERS**

**1800 333 000**



**Easter Saturday April 11, 11am-7pm**

Joy's Road, St Helen's Plains

eventbrite

A sustainable family friendly not for profit arts & music event to raise research funds for native Australian wildlife threatened with extinction

Live music from 11am

Goolum Goolum Children's art & photography workshops

Wildlife display – Face painting by Ally Jane

A variety of vendors including local catering

All profits to local wildlife organisations for our native Australian wildlife on the brink of extinction

\$49 family (2 adults+2 children); \$28 adult; \$15 child; Under 5 years free



## Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader - Merryn Eagle



**Thursday February 20, 2020 7.30pm**

*Singing is for everybody who has a voice!*

Singing together contributes to our wellbeing, social inclusion and connection

Come and join us for a happy and relaxing singing evening

*Enjoy the friendship - it's heaps of fun!*

*We love to see new faces - Minimal charge*

Singing ability definitely not necessary

## Brimpaen Craft Group



On **Tuesday March 3**, 10am-3pm at Brimpaen Hall we will be making bags for Horsham's Cancer Centre. Please bring scraps of material.

On **Tuesday April 7** we will have a trip to Ararat.  
**Loretta Emerson**



## Sunday March 1

This March marks the 30 year anniversary of Clean Up Australia Day.

Since it began, 17.7 million Australians have

donated their time as part of Clean Up Australia Day activities. That equates to 35 million hours of volunteer time, removing more than 365,000 ute loads of rubbish from our environment!

## Managing Livestock and Stubble

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

**Thursday February 13, 9.30am-1pm**

Taylor's Lake Community Hall

2032 Horsham-Lubeck Road, St Helens Plains

Free – RSVP essential for catering

### Speakers:

- Daniel Colbert – 20 years experience in agronomy & farm management
- Nick Pekin – discuss his transition to no-till while maintaining livestock
- Cathy Bunter, Agric Vic's Veterinary Officer – discuss nutritional requirements for livestock when grazing stubbles

### Topics –

- Sheep nutrition requirements when grazing stubbles
- Disc vs tyne seeders
- Stubble height at harvest
- Row burning
- Chaff rows/chaff lining
- Effective stubble management
- Herbicide resistant weed management
- Pest management including mice, snails and slugs
- Summer and pre-emergent herbicide efficacy with high stubble loads
- Farmer's perspective on managing sheep in a no-till farming enterprise

### Registration

<https://managinglivestockandstubble.eventbrite.com.au>

Enquiries to Heather Drendel 0427 868705

[heather.drendel@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:heather.drendel@agriculture.vic.gov.au)



This activity is supported by the Victorian CAM through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program



## Red Cross Emergency Services -

### Volunteers are required

Red Cross is needing 600 volunteers per day with the current bushfires.

If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Trish Venn on 0427 777198.

All training is provided and volunteers are well supported. A worthwhile, extremely rewarding volunteer program.

For more information please contact

Judy Berendsen on 5383 6265

## Wonwondah Landcare Group



The group's four weather stations and soil moisture probes are working very well, showing the level of moisture left in the various depths after the cropping season last year.

A further four units have been applied for under a Federal Government Grant and we are awaiting the results to complete our network of stations.

Nick Zordan from Western Ag will present an overview of last season and take questions for the coming season at our next meeting. This will be on **Tuesday March 10**, 7.30pm at Guest's dairy and everyone is welcome.

**Chris Guest**



## CFA District 17



emergency

**memberlink**  
*you've earned it*

Emergency Memberlink is a program for recognising the contribution of CFA volunteers. It's also a way for the community to say thank you in return. Hundreds of businesses provide volunteers and their families access to generous discounts and special offers on a comprehensive range of products and services. To find out what's available, visit the website [www.emergencymemberlink.com.au](http://www.emergencymemberlink.com.au).

Memberlink members have the ability to view and present their member card via their Smartphone thus ensuring that their Memberlink card is with them always. Printed personalised Memberlink cards can also be made available on request.

To become a CFA Memberlink member, complete the online application form available on the [Memberlink website](http://www.emergencymemberlink.com.au) or contact the Memberlink Team by email [members@emergencymemberlink.com.au](mailto:members@emergencymemberlink.com.au) or phone 1800 820 037.

Examples include discount offers for tourist attractions and theme parks, retail store vouchers, cinema tickets, fuel cards, magazine subscriptions, car rental, accommodation and more.

**Louise McGillivray**, Brigade Administrative Support Officer

## Wonwondah Sit & Sew



Our next get together will be on **Friday February 28**, 9.30am-3pm. BYO lunch and sewing supplies. Tea, coffee and afternoon tea provided. Gold coin donation please. Contact Sue Ahern for more details on 0438 304948.

**Kylie Zelle**

## Laharum Hall Committee



All Hall users are appreciating the new kitchen for catering for functions. This improvement will be appreciated by all Hall users for many years to come.

The Hall committee's goals for the future are floor sanding and sealing, internal painting and external solar panels.

The committee of volunteers is committed to improving and maintaining this valuable facility for our community.

**Judy Berendsen**, Secretary 5383 6265



**Preliminary Notice**

**Thursday May 28**

**11.30am for lunch**

**Laharum Hall**

*Please put this date in your diary!*

## Laharum Landcare Group



Our first meeting will be **Tuesday February 18**, 7.30pm in Laharum Hall. Other meetings will be every second month on the third Tuesday night. There will also be activities which we can attend, as advertised in this newsletter.

To give us some hope in tackling Climate Change, Prof Ross Garnaut is speaking at Federation Uni Auditorium on **Wednesday February 12**, 8.45-10.30am. Book on Eventbrite. Google Eventbrite then type in Ross Garnaut Horsham.

You can contribute ideas for Climate Adaptation at a public forum at Grains Innovation Park on **Friday February 14** from 10am-3pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/climate-adaptation-public-workshop-horsham-tickets-87394073025>

Wasn't the rain great? But now the summer weeds will need attention. Landcare has some experience and equipment for noxious weeds which may be useful. We also expect to have sessions and works on rabbit control including March 11, followed by some ripping where possible. Contact Wendy on 0407 914498 for details. See you at our meeting where we can help organise action!

**Gil Hopkins**, Vice President



Premiers Active April is a 30 x 30 Challenge. All Victorians are encouraged to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April 2020. Premiers Active April is a fun and free way to get healthy and active. This exciting initiative inspires Victorians to live healthier and happier lives and enjoy the powerful benefits of physical activity. Premiers Active April commences April 1 and concludes April 30 each year.

*Are you interested in attracting new potential players/members/volunteers to your active group or sport?*

Reap the benefits by providing your club/groups 'expression of interest' details and support the Premier's Active April in 2020

This is a great initiative to engage and promote your group/sport during the month of April. You might choose to hold a 'come & try' session/s or offer private or group training sessions.

You could simply promote events you already have scheduled for April to increase participation.

We are looking for an Expression of Interest (EOI) from clubs or groups who would like to be involved in the Premier's Active April in 2020. Please confirm your interest directly via email to [active@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:active@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

Lodging an EOI costs nothing, creates the potential to promote your club or group, and throughout the program we will keep you in the loop.

**Hayley Thomas**, HRCC Project Officer Recreation & Open Space

## North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



Welcome to 2020! Our first meeting for the year was held at Laharum Hall on February 4. During the school holidays we have 'manned' the Driver Reviver Kiosk at Green Lake on weekends and public holidays. This amounts to 14 days serving over 500 cuppas plus cool drinks and biscuits. This has been greatly appreciated by the travelling public – we've met and assisted so many international visitors to our region. Thank you to everyone who has assisted us.

The new table & chair assemblies at the kiosk are almost complete and we thank Horsham Council for our successful grant application towards this project.

Many of you will have noticed the huge haystacks on Green Lake Road. This has been a district project led by McGennissen and Mibus families to assist drought stricken farmers in northern NSW. Some 20-30 trucks left from here to be part of the Burrumbuttock Hay Run that arrived in Armidale on Australia Day. The rest of the hay will move north during the next month or two into fire affected or drought areas. Many thanks to all the farmers who helped or donated to this effort. See photo page 12.

We look forward to another year serving our community and welcoming new members who are interested in becoming a Lion.

**Libby Peucker**

## Laharum Football Netball Club



Well, not much has been happening during the last couple of months - it's been a great time for some R & R before we get back into it once again.



Senior football had a couple of runs before Christmas and are now back into the full swing of preseason, training on Monday and Wednesday nights up at Sunnyside Oval. We will move out to Laharum at the start of March. The senior netballers have also started training in preparation for a back-to-back effort. The ladies have been doing some 'off the court' work, and have gained a couple of new recruits which is fantastic.

This season we have arranged with Natimuk to have a night game, or more probably in twilight. This will be on the last round of the home and away season at Natimuk. I'm really looking forward to this as it is something a bit different for the district league.

The oval is looking pretty good considering the heat and another attack from the roos! There have been a few blokes spending some time at the oval sorting out the sprinklers etc. Thank you to them for their work.

We have finalised most of our coaches now and they are as follows: Seniors - Shannon Argall; Reserves - Jarrod Mibus and Shannon Emmerton; U17's: Brenton Roberts; U14's: David 'Scoop' McCluskey. Netball: A Grade - Caitlin Dumesny & Erin Mellington; B Grade TBA; C Grade - Carmen Dridan; C Reserve - Steph Ervin. U17's & U15's - Shannon Arnott & Carmel Quick.

Still looking for U13's and a Moddies coach. If you think you may have what it takes, contact Bianca Mibus.

Looking at the rest of the country, we have been very blessed we haven't had any major fires and hopefully we won't! Looking forward to the season which is fast approaching.

**Tim Nagorcka**, Chairperson

## Laharum Cricket Club



The half way point of the cricket season is behind us now unfortunately.

A Grade returned after the Christmas break with three weekends of T20 Cricket. Unfortunately all matches were washed out on the final weekend. I feel that this was a really good initiative from Horsham Cricket Association and all players enjoyed returning to the shorter format of the game through January.

We were treated to a star performance with the ball on the opening morning with Adam Barber snaring a double hat trick in a match-changing effort of 6 wickets for 11 off 4 overs. See photo page 11.

A Grade sits 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder with 3 two day matches to come for the season. We will probably need to win all three of those to make the final 4.

C Grade has enjoyed a successful season and are sitting on top of the ladder in the regular format as well as the T20 ladder. C Grade T20 final will be played on **Sunday February 16**, 9.30am. It would be fantastic to see a big crowd there to support them. Good luck fellas!

The Under 16s partnership with Bullants is working quite well. All of the players are having a blast and have improved considerably since the start of the season. Two wins over West Wimmera make it likely that the team will make finals this season - this is a fantastic effort with only one top age player. Good signs for both clubs into the future!

The Under 14s were scheduled to restart at Laharum on weekend before last but was unfortunately abandoned due to the heat initially and then the rain also fell. Due to a bye round before Christmas, the U14s haven't played a game since December 6 – they are looking to get back into it. After a break for the Christmas holidays, the Blast program returned to Laharum on February 9.

Upcoming events include: C Grade T20 Grand Final on **Sunday February 16**, at 9.30am and Presentations for all grades to be confirmed and advised via the facebook page due to uncertainty with teams making finals - hopefully grand finals!

A massive thank you to our club sponsors and to everyone who helps out running the club on a weekly basis, especially with the effort being put into junior programs. Hope everyone had a relaxing summer break.  
**Ben Peucker**, President 0408 011319

## Yoga at Laharum Hall



**Yoga at Laharum Hall for over 18 years!**

Yoga is on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm and will continue during Term 1. Join the 'regular' participants and experience the benefits of yoga.

It keeps our bodies flexible; builds muscle tone; maintains a good level of fitness and is a great stress relief – particularly important as we get older! Come and give it a go with our friendly group of participants!

Please contact me on 5383 6265 if you plan to attend for the first time.

**Judy Berendsen**

## DOB IN A LITTERER

**1300 372 81300 372 842 or 1300 EPA VIC**

Report pollution of the environment 24 hour hotline

## Horsham Rural City Landcare Facilitator



Laharum Landcare Group members had a really enjoyable Christmas breakup with delicious pizzas at The Wander Inn. Thank you to all who attended and made it such an enjoyable evening.

To kick off 2020 - we have finalised the Urban & Peri Urban Rabbit Control Field Day presented by an Ag Victoria representative in conjunction with Laharum and Natimuk Urban Landcare. This will be held on **Wednesday March 11** from 5.30–8.30pm at Grains Innovation Park, Natimuk Road, Horsham. Please register for catering with [Eventbrite](#). For more information or if you have problems registering, please contact me. This event will focus on rabbits around buildings and built up areas; the various control methods and safety; demonstrations and techniques on rabbit baiting; fumigation and up to date information on rabbit biological control with the latest information from Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN).

We have two wonderful guests coming to Horsham on **Friday March 27** for Harmony Day 2020. Sophie Thomson from Gardening Australia and if you are a 'Fungi fan', you need to meet Sapphire! See page 1 for full details. Free tickets are available from <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/celebrating-landcare>. They will also be coming to 'the Patch' at the Salvos on the Saturday morning for a 'wander and chat'. Sophie will teach kids as well as adults how to build a worm tower for their own veggie garden.

Wimmera CMA and Wimmera Landcare will host Chris Humfrey and the Wild Action Zoo at this year's Horsham Fishing Competition on **Sunday March 8**. Chris and his amazing selection of our local wildlife is always a massive hit with children and their families. We are also running a #WildWimmeraKids competition with more information on Wimmera CMA Facebook page.

HeartLand Horsham will run again after a very successful pilot last year. The dates are fixed for **Friday-Sunday May 15-17**. This is an annual Landcare tree planting weekend which aims to introduce city-based migrants to our community and show them how Horsham is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

We are giving caring local people the opportunity to welcome these guests into their own home for two nights as part of this event. To find out what's involved to become a host, an information session will be held at the Centre for Participation on **Tuesday February 18** at 5.30pm. Please contact me for more information and to register 0407 914498 or [wendy.mcinnnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:wendy.mcinnnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

Laharum Landcare Group and Laharum Primary School will hold a local plantout for Schools Tree Day on **Thursday June 25** - volunteers are welcome with more details to be announced. Thank you Jane for the opportunity to lead a nest box decorating session with the students. We plan to install them around the school yard shortly.

Horsham Urban Landcare is hoping to run the inspiring film *The Biggest Little Farm* on Earth Day **Wednesday April 22** at Horsham Centre Cinema and everyone will be welcome.

For more information about any of the Landcare events mentioned, please just give me a call 0407 914498 or email on [wendy.mcinnnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:wendy.mcinnnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au)  
**Wendy McInnes**, Landcare Facilitator

## Grampians National Park



Parks Victoria staff from the Grampians have been assisting firefighters in Eastern Victoria on continuous rotating taskforces. To date almost 20 staff members have been deployed, providing much needed support to impacted communities.

Recent scat analysis from areas around the main **Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby** population has revealed that four of the colony's offspring have 'grown-up' and moved into their own territories. Additionally, two new males have been introduced into the colony to diversify the breeding gene pool. This exciting news provides clarification that young are surviving and predator control is being effective.

Unfortunately, there has been a steep rise in **paint and scratch graffiti** within the park. In response, rangers have been removing graffiti and compiling information for follow-up compliance in accordance with the National Parks Regulations 2013. Please report any people undertaking graffiti to Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap on 8427 2258.

In partnership with Traditional Owner groups, Parks Victoria is preparing a new Management Plan for the Grampians landscape, an area that covers the Grampians National Park and adjacent parks and reserves. The new plan will underpin strategic planning for the Grampians landscape over the next 15 years to ensure that precious environmental and cultural values of this iconic landscape are preserved for future generations to enjoy. If you are interested in learning more about the project you can visit Engage Victoria - <https://engage.vic.gov.au/grampians-management-plan>. On the website you can see a video of the workshop presentations, read the discussion papers and register for updates. There will be further opportunities to provide feedback on the draft Plan in 2020.

**Grampians Peaks Trail** - Making the fourth and longest walk in the Walk Victoria's Icons series, the Grampians Peaks Trail will provide a world-class walking experience of 160kms which can be experienced in sections or as one 13-day journey.

Key project updates are - Trail construction works continue in all sections; Campsite construction continues throughout 2020; Some trails *may* appear finished but there are more elements to be added for example, signage for wayfinding, safety and emergencies; Grampians Peaks Trail will be completed by 2020.

For more detailed information on the Grampians Peaks Trail please visit

[parks.vic.gov.au/projects/grampians-peaks-trail](https://parks.vic.gov.au/projects/grampians-peaks-trail)

**Report an Issue** - Noticed an issue such as fallen tree, damaged road or sign in a park or reserve you have visited? Report it to Parks Victoria via the Snap Send Solve phone app.

Visit <https://www.snapsendsolve.com/> to find out more and download it to your phone.

**Matthew White**, Ranger

## CFA WELLBEING SUPPORT LINE

**1800 959 232**

Providing CFA members and their immediate family access to 24 hour support 7 days a week  
[cfa.vic.gov.au/wellbeing](https://cfa.vic.gov.au/wellbeing)



## Laharum Rural CFA



Happy New year all. Since the last newsletter, Laharum Brigade has responded to 7 callouts, a car accident, a small shed fire, a campfire at Stapylton campground on a Total Fire Ban Day plus a couple of false alarms. But most notable was the fire on New Year's Eve supporting Brimpaen to the fire just north of Cherrypool. A great effort by all who attended, not just controlling the fire but the blacking out on the following days. We've also had a few members go away to NSW and Gippsland on strike teams on numerous occasions.

We'd like to thank everyone who's made themselves available for known crews on Total Fire Ban (TFB) days so far. Please don't be afraid to let us know if you're available; don't rely on others to respond. Every bit of help is always appreciated. The summer is far from over, so I'd expect a few more TFB days. We also want to thank all the farmers who ceased harvest operations when they were asked to do so. As far as I know, everyone stopped when asked which allowed no fires to start from harvesting in our area.

During December we received the resignation of our 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant and our Brigade Community Safety Coordinator Jess Bettess. We thank Jess for her services within the brigade in the past few years with her lead roles in the community days as well as CFA education with the Karen community. We wish her well for the future. The positions that Jess held are now currently vacant until our Bi-annual meeting and election of office bearers. It will be determined at that meeting whether we re-elect a 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant or just have the 4 as many brigades have.

Some members of the brigade may have received letters from the District 17 office regarding their operational status being changed from Operational to Brigade member. This is as a result of not completing the new requirements to be an operational firefighter; the Hazardous Trees Awareness package and the Entrapment Drill. It's not too late to do these short 45 minute training packages. So contact Françoise or myself and we can organise the time and date. With the fires in NSW and Gippsland, we've heard of tree falls and crews getting into tricky situations so the refresher training maybe useful. We also had a close call with a tree fall at the Cherrypool fire, so it can happen anywhere. Luckily the crews were uninjured and there was minor damage to the tanker. It's worth noting that the Laharum Brigade has the most trained in all the 3 components across the whole district with 54 members trained. A great effort and something we should be proud of as we have a very strong and active community which likes to help protect against fires.

**Tanker 2 Update** - Our application through the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) was successful. So we're getting a new tanker 2!! Those who haven't contributed as part of the program are still able to donate to the Brigade. We'll also be applying through other grants to help fund the two main additional extras we want on the truck - a live rear hose reel and A-class foam. The delivery of the new truck is still a little unknown and will also determine when the current tanker will be placed for sale using a tender process. So if you're looking to buy a fire truck for your own use, watch out for the tender!

**Permits to Burn** - I'll mention this now, as I'm not sure when the permit to burn dates will be and whether they

will be decided before the April newsletter and also the Captains and Group Officers have various meetings coming up to discuss dates.

Permits to burn 'grass and stubble' only usually are made available after the field days. But please watch out for confirmation on the Grampians Group Facebook page, the Mail Times and Weekly Advertiser classifieds. The same rules apply as last year; all conditions of the permit must be adhered to. Any breaches will be investigated by CFA and Police under the Zero-Tolerance Policy and will be fined or prosecuted accordingly. Farmers who are in the process of getting paddocks ready to burn, please consider excluding trees with mineral earth lines. Captains of the brigade you are burning in need to be notified each day you intend to ignite a burn. Farmers wanting to burn canola stubble windrows need to pay extra care as these have the potential to smoulder into the next day. Under permits they need to be extinguished **before** sunrise the day following ignition. So please be careful of this! We had a good year last year with no escapes or breaches. Hopefully this can happen again this year so it's not stuffed up for everyone else doing the right thing!

**Training** - District 17 Training Calendar has been placed on the Grampians Group Facebook page and Wartook-Laharum Community Facebook page. Check it out and find new skills you would like to acquire. We will also display copies in both stations for people to look at. As usual, please consult with myself or Françoise about signing up for courses. Thank you to everyone who has attended our little training sessions. Due to fires and strike team deployments, we haven't had many, but we'll let you all know when they continue. Everyone from across the group are welcome to attend these sessions to refresh themselves with the equipment etc that CFA use.

If you require any further information regarding the Laharum Brigade, please contact me.

**Luke Dumesny**, Captain 0428 838242

## Brimpaen's Australia Day Breakfast

We celebrated Australia Day at Brimpaen Hall again this year. Numbers were down a little from previous years but it was a beautiful breakfast and always good to catch up.

This year our guest speaker was Gurjit Sondhu from Harrow. She spoke of how her husband's family came to be in Australia; how she came here as a teenage new bride and how Gurjit and her late husband made their life. She also touched on the loss of her husband and how important her local community was for her family at that time.

Peter McGennissen thanked Gurjit for sharing her story and she was presented with a beautiful bunch of flowers by Denise McGennissen, donated by Jo Gardner from Australian Wildflowers.

The raffle was drawn, then everyone went outside to sing the National Anthem, accompanied by Peter on the guitar with raising of the flag.

Thanks also goes to everyone who came for the breakfast and to everyone who organised and helped make the morning possible. See photos page 12.

**Courtney Dunn**

## Education News



Welcome to the 2020 school year at Laharum Primary School. The weather has treated us to a normal start of the year with blistering heat and a hot wind! The cool change has arrived as I write – bliss!

The year is shaping up to be an absolute 'ripper' of a year with many extra programs falling into place smoothly. We start the year with the Sporting Schools Program. This is a funded program that specialises in sports with coaching. We are fortunate to have Stephen Bruce work with us to deliver a primary golf program and guide our athletics training for the sports at the end of March. Mr Bruce worked with us last year so it will be a great benefit to our sporting program in Term 1.

To enrich our love of performing arts we are off to the musical Shrek in March. A well-loved movie, this is sure to be a wonderful experience for the students following on from our expeditions to the Sound of Music and the Lion King in years past.

We are launching a healthy eating program, in particular breakfast starting in Term 2. This is also an externally funded program and will be enriched with a 'Granny' cooking styled program in our well-being sessions. The costume school at Sovereign Hill is booked for our camp in Term 2 and is always a memorable experience as being a part of a living museum. An outdoor education program, swimming, sustainability, excursions and transition programs are in the calendar for the second half of the year. We are small in numbers but the opportunities and experiences available to students are huge, a major advantage in a rural school.

Our grounds are looking the best they have since all the upgrades. Thank you to our working school community and a special thanks to Chris and Flip who maintained the yard over the break and to Jenny for the cleaning and caretaking the chooks!

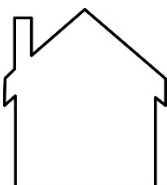
We were very appreciative of our volunteers last year for the reading each Thursday and Friday. We are welcoming volunteers again in 2020 to assist with reading and cooking. The reading is for a Tuesday or Thursday morning and the cooking for some Wednesdays, morning or afternoon. If you would like to be involved please contact the school. A reminder that a Working with Children check must be current.

Congratulations to Matilda, Shay and Isabelle upon their leadership roles for 2020. See photos page 11. The girls will be leaders of two values each that we have as our school mantra – LFACES. Learning, Family, Achievement, Community, Environment and Success.

Please encourage anyone with small children to attend the Playgroup which will be happening at the school this term. Please contact the school if you would like to register or put in an expression of interest. If we do not have 3 or more students, it will not be viable.

We look forward to working with our community again in 2020 and being a part of the special events.

**Jane McLean**, Principal



### House for private sale

3 bedroom house on 10 acres  
in the Laharum area

Contact Carole on 5383 8232

## Brimpaen Tennis Club



Tennis at Brimpaen this year has been a bit of a battle; some weeks we have struggled to get two teams on the court which is always disappointing.

Neither team looks like making the finals this year. It has been many years since Brimpaen hasn't had at least one team in the finals.

Hopefully next season we can get back on the winners board!!

**Courtney Dunn**

## Laharum Tennis Club



Hi everyone, our extra-long break is finally over and we started again on February 8. If you have played four games or more, subs are due. Please contact me on 0428 838203 or Vanessa. See you for a *must* win if we want to make finals! Happy hitting

**Debra Hutchinson**



### Collective Meditation - Tuesday 7-8pm

A chance to practice meditation as a group and to share questions and experience. Beginner friendly.

### Kailash Yoga - Thursday 7-8.30pm

Sharing of yoga practices old and new! Each week we will work with yoga asana (poses) and incorporate sound, meditation and mindfulness exercises.

### Full Moon Meditation - Sunday February 9, 7-9pm and Tuesday March 10, 7-9pm

Celebrating and honouring full moon with sound meditation and ceremony.

RSVP for all classes. Message David on 0415 703324.

**David and Rajni**

## Old Rosemont Quilts

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138 McTavishs Road, Laharum

I look forward to seeing you

**Isabelle**



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**Dianna**



## 2020/21 Community Grants program is now open -

Applications close on **Friday February 28** for HRCC Community Development Grants. Community information sessions will be held at the Civic Centre, 18 Roberts Avenue, Horsham on **Tuesday February 11**, 7-7.30pm; **Wednesday February 12**, 12-12.30pm or 1-1.30pm.

Program guidelines and apply on-line go to <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Grant-Information/Community-Development-Grants-Program>  
Contact Kathy Newton Community Grants Coordinator on 5382 9712 for more information.

**City to River project update** - Details of changes to the Draft Masterplan and to view the final Masterplan – go to <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Transforming-Horsham/City-to-River>

Council also agreed to progress the City to River Masterplan by dividing the overall project into sub-precincts to allow for staged development through targeted community and stakeholder engagement. An Action & Implementation Plan will be prepared early 2020.  
**Transforming Horsham – Open Space Strategy** - Last year HRCC endorsed an integrated Open Space Strategy to provide Council with strategic directions to determine priorities for the planning, provision and development of open space across the municipality, including areas in the North West Grampians. The Strategy can be found at: <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Transforming-Horsham/Open-Space-Strategy>

**Horsham Rural Transport Network Plan** - HRCC is undertaking a detailed review of its rural road network to develop a rural road network plan. The review aims to - Identify rural freight connections; Establish a priority farm machinery network to reduce conflict with main traffic routes; Enhance safety; Identify economically-sustainable improvements to provide all weather access to key farming property locations; Rationalise the road network; Develop an achievable service level and maintenance standards across Council's rural road network.

Council is currently seeking community representatives to help us understand the current issues and to support Council's engagement with locals to understand the planning processes and aims of the project, identify those issues, problems and opportunities and communicate the outcomes as they develop. Seven rural locations have been identified with nominations sought from each of those locations as well as a representative from the rural townships. The two local areas include:

1. Brimpaen, Wonwondah, Mockinya, McKenzie Creek, Laharum, Wartook, Haven, Bungallaly
2. Riverside, Drung, St Helens Plain, Dadswells Bridge

Please contact Community Facilitator [Martin Bride](#) on 5382 9777 with any questions.  
**Social Infrastructure Plan** - HRCC is developing its first Social Infrastructure Plan. The plan will provide evidence-based strategic directions to determine priorities for the planning, provision and development of social infrastructure over the next 20 years in urban and rural areas of our municipality. Following a period of engagement, a draft plan is now being prepared. For more information go to: <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Social-Infrastructure-Plan>

**Corella Management Plan** - The Draft Corella Management Plan is now out for community consultation. The consultation period will be open for review for the length of the Corella flocking season until February/March – depending on seasonal conditions. The Draft plan can be found at: <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Draft-Corella-Management-Plan>. The community is invited to make written submissions to [council@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

**Business Assistance Program launching soon** - Small businesses in the (HRCC) can look forward to better Council support when the Business Assistance Program is launched soon. This Program intends to provide financial and in-kind assistance to businesses who have plans to start or grow in the municipality.

It will deliver skills development, provision of professional services, support through the regulatory process and other one-to-one in-kind support. Expressions of interest have opened and participants must have a registered business in the municipality or be starting a new business here.

For more information go to: <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/News-and-Media/Latest-News/Business-Assistance-Program-launching-soon>

**Susan Surridge**, Coordinator Community Relations & Advocacy

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**Gill Venn**



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## Batteries

Used vehicle batteries can be left at  
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which helps raise funds for Laharum Hall



## LAHARUM FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

February - March 2020

IN CASE OF FIRE DIAL 000



The trucks need to be driven at least 30km a week, and water pumped for at least 5 minutes. Fuel, tyres, lights checked. Refuel if less than ¾ full. **Fill in the log book.** Immediately report any problems to the Captain. Captains are: Laharum - **Luke Dumesny 0438 838242**; Brimpaen - **Ken French 5380 1500**.

Truck radio will be on Vicfire Channel 517 for emergency callout (and VHF Channel 10 for Grampians Group)

Call Grampians Remote 275# before taking the truck on a run. When returning change back to 517#

	LAHARUM TANKER 1		LAHARUM TANKER 2	
WEEK START	DRIVER	CREW	DRIVER	CREW
10/02/20	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty	David Pratt	Pam Pratt
17/02/20	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn	Roger MacInnes	Deb MacInnes
24/02/20	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	Gary Staehr	Robert Staehr
02/03/20	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang
09/03/20	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel	Bill Gardner	Stuart Gardner
16/03/20	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus	Gil Hopkins	Eh Doh Jah
23/03/20	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang	Jim Carter	Graeme Wood
30/03/20	Bill Gardner	Stuart Gardner	Bruce McInnes	Jessica Bettess

## BRIMPAEN FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

Date	Tanker 1 Brimpaen		Tanker 3 Brimpaen		Tanker 2 Glenisla	
08/02/20	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Dean Winfield	Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana & Will Miller
15/02/20	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Steve Price	Gerard Matthews	Luke Barber	Laura Anderson
22/02/20	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Des Roberts	Chris Roberts	Brian Campbell	
29/02/20	Peter McGennissen	Ra McGennissen	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber
07/03/20	Ron Winfield	Courtney Dunn	Andrew Bell		Ken French	Teresa & Hettie French
14/03/20	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Dean Winfield	Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana & Will Miller
21/03/20	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Steve Price	Gerard Matthews	Luke Barber	Laura Anderson
28/03/20	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Des Roberts	Chris Roberts	Brian Campbell	

## VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE INFORMATION LINE 1800 240 667

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Fire warnings and updates: Emergency broadcasters: ABC and Commercial radio stations and SKY News TV

## Community Calendar of Events: February - April 2020

### February

Wednesday	12	8.45-10.30am	Professor Ross Garnaut – Fed Uni, Horsham
Thursday	13	9.30am-1pm	Managing Livestock & Stubble – Taylors Lake Hall
Friday	14	10am-3pm	Climate Adaptation Forum – Grains Innovation Park
Sunday	16	9.30am	Laharum Cricket Club – C Grade T20 Grand Final
Tuesday	18	5.30pm	Information session, Host for HeartLand Horsham
"	18	7.30pm	Laharum Landcare Group meeting – Laharum Hall
Wednesday	19	9.30-11am	Laharum Playgroup – Laharum Primary School
Thursday	20	7.30pm	Local Vocals – Laharum Hall
Friday	28	9.30am-3pm	Wonwondah Sit & Sew – Wonwondah Hall
"	28	day	HRCC Community Grants application close

### March

Sunday	1	day	Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday	3	10am-3pm	Brimpaen Craft Group – Brimpaen Hall
Sunday	8	day	Wild Action Zoo with Chris Humfrey – Horsham
Tuesday	10	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare Group – Guests dairy
Wednesday	11	5.30-8.30pm	Urban & Peri Urban Rabbit Control Field Day – Grains Innovation Park
Friday	27	5.30-8.30pm	Celebrating Landcare – Harmony Day – Lutheran College, Horsham
Saturday	28	morning	Workshop making & painting worm tubes with Sophie Thomson – Patch garden

### April

Tuesday	7	day	Brimpaen Craft Group – trip to Ararat
Saturday	11	11am-7pm	On the Brink – Joy's Road, St Helen's Plains
Wednesday	22		Film 'The Biggest Little Farm' – Horsham Cinema

Information sessions for HRCC Community Grants Application – Tuesday February 11; Wednesday February 12

Mobile Library – Thursdays February 13, 27; March 12, 26; April 9, 23 from 9.30am, Laharum Primary School

Veggie Swaps – Sundays March 1; April 5; May 3

Heartland Horsham Plantout weekend – Friday-Sunday May 15-17

Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser – Thursday May 28 from 11.30am

Laharum Landcare Group & Laharum Primary School Schools Tree Day plantout – Thursday June 25





Laharum Primary School students  
enjoying their time at  
Cape Bridgewater



Laharum Primary School students  
School Leaders – Matilda Sudholz, Isabelle Uebergang  
& Shay Stein



Sam Sudholz's project Term 4 2019



Adam Barber, cricketer



Wendy McInnes with students making nest boxes





Gill Venn's property at February's veggie swap

Pam & Matt Mays' property at January's veggie swap



Australia Day breakfast with Gurjit Sondhu as Guest speaker above and attendees singing the National Anthem, left



Cooking breakfast at Brimpaen Australia Day event – Luke Dunn, Des Roberts & Gerard Matthews



← Matt, Sam, Leigh and Shaz McGenniskien in front of their haystack for the Burrumbuttock Hay Run