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'Laharum Lorikeets' playtime group enjoying a snack

This Newsletter was successful in receiving funding of \$1,770 from Horsham Rural City Council which is a great contribution to the cost of printing.

It's a busy time with harvest for farmers; end of year breakups and preparing for Christmas.

Wishing the community a very happy festive season with family and friends and a safe, enjoyable 2022.

Liz Hopkins



Laharum Tennis Club



Our tennis season is going very well so far. Thank you to everyone who has filled in and to those who have paid their subs.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a fun-filled 2022.

Deb Bunworth

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Jim McInnes being congratulated by Mitch Martin on his bowling success for Laharum

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*Years 5 & 6 Laharum Primary School students,
with Mr Bruce and Principal, Jane McLean*

Brimpaen Christmas Tree

We held our Christmas Tree again this year after all the Covid drama of the past couple of years!

It was a really fun night. Our little community got together and had a long overdue catch up. See photo below. Santa even managed to find us!

Hopefully next year we can do it all again!! Merry Christmas everybody.

Courtney Dunn

Brimpaen Craft Club



Our first meeting for 2022 will be held on **Tuesday February 1**, 10.30am at Brimpaen Hall. Please contact me on 0418 321557 if you'd like to come along.

Loretta Emerson

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



Wednesday January 26, 8am 2022

Brimpaen Hall

An informal gathering to catch up for a chat and flag raising ceremony!

Egg & bacon rolls, hot & cold beverages to be served from 8am

All invited

Covid safe practice in place

Free of charge

funded by Horsham Rural City Council

Please register with Megan Gardner 0427 755151

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga will resume in 2022 on **Wednesday February 9**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall.

Judy Berendsen

Laharum-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap.

SUMMER 2022 first Sunday of the month at 10am sharp

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| 2 nd January | Pam & Des Geue
1922 Nthn Grampians Rd |
| 6 th Feb | Sue & David Valentine
748 Winfields Rd Laharum |
| 6 th March | Susan & Andrew Mathews
376 Olive Plantation Rd |
| 3 rd April | Steve & Diane Lowe |

Covid safe practices will apply.
For further information contact Wendy
McInnes on 0407 914 498



*Children at the Brimpaen
Christmas Tree evening recently →*



Laharum Hall Committee



Thanks go to all members of the hall committee for their efforts during the year. These people are valued

volunteers.

It's great to have the hall being used again by groups now that restrictions have eased.

I recently attended the annual HRCC Community Halls meeting. Representatives from all the municipal halls attended to discuss common topics and concerns. It was recommended by the group that HRCC investigate grants to achieve LED lighting for all the community halls. This proposal now sits with council to achieve grants and will hopefully go to budget estimates next year.

Another common problem is the regular cleaning of public toilets. Currently some halls gain this service. Laharum Hall public toilets don't get this service and we rely on volunteers to clean. This can be an onerous job.

Thank you to Leigh Mibus for spraying grass around the hall.

Wishing all a safe and happy Festive season.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary

Brimpaen Tennis Club



Our tennis Christmas break up is fast approaching.

We haven't had the best start to the season and have struggled a little bit for numbers which always makes it hard. Once we get on the court, we are playing some good tennis though.

We have been playing at the Laharum courts while our courts are being repaired. Hopefully they will be playable for the last round - they are looking really good! Thanks to Laharum for hosting us for a couple of matches.

The CWTA changed the finals format this year to a knock-out system. We will need to hit some form to give the finals a shake. Fingers crossed!

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all.

Courtney Dunn

Available for Hire

Laharum Hall Trestles and Chairs

Reasonable rates

Laharum History books are available for \$10

Contact Judy Berendsen on 0417 056219

Wimmera Regional Library



The Library is open from 9am-5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am-1pm Saturdays.

'Call and Collect' is available by ringing staff on 5382 1777 or online at www.wrlc.org.au

Ann Twyford, CEO

Collection Lockers and Returns Bin at Laharum Hall

Wimmera Libraries in conjunction with HRCC and the Laharum community, are returning limited library services back to the Laharum community.

Collection Lockers and a Returns Bin will be installed at Laharum Hall within the next month. Once these have been installed, Wimmera Library patrons can place 'holds' on items and choose Laharum Outreach as their pickup location. Requested items will be checked out to the patron and placed into a locker.



Patrons will receive a notification with a unique code to access the locker. Patrons can also ring their local library branch to organise items to be sent out to Laharum.

All Wimmera Library items can be returned into the Returns Bin, even if it was borrowed at another Wimmera Library branch. Access to the Lockers and Returns Bin will be 24/7.

Wimmera Libraries hope to increase services in the future to Laharum community with a small collection of items to browse in a library van, as well as access to free internet access.

To place 'holds' on books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs, choose an item on the Wimmera Libraries catalogue <https://wrlc.org.au/> and select 'Place Hold', then follow the prompts. You will receive a notification when your items are ready for pickup. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.

Jenelle Patterson, Support Services

Telstra Priority Assistance

For people with life-threatening medical conditions, Telstra will provide an 'immediate response' to telephone connection if your landline breaks down – phone **132 200**



Batteries

Used vehicle batteries can be left at Pam & Des Geue's property at 1922 Northern Grampians Road to help to raise funds for Laharum Hall

KnitKnaX & KnitWitZ

Our knitting group is in recess for summer and will reopen in February 2022.

Education News



Term 4 has been a very busy term at Laharum Primary School. Students have completed several extra programs to enrich and support their education. School Council provide funding for an 'Engagement Program' to be implemented in Term 4. We engage our local artists Wendy and Jenny McInnes to run an artist program for 5 weeks. The students experienced pottery and painting with watercolour this year. The smaller class enables explicit techniques and skills to be developed individually. The final products of student works are most impressive. Thank you to Wendy and Jenny for sharing their expertise and providing a very special program to our students.

A visit to our local Native Flower Industry was also incorporated into our economics program – to visualise the primary and secondary components of industry makes the studies come alive. Thank you to Peter Winfield for his time and sharing the processes of his business with our students.

Swimming and school camp were finally able to take place once the restrictions eased. Students completed the swimming and water safety program at the Aquatic Centre in Horsham – a session each week during November.

We received short notice that an opportunity to participate in the Costume School at Sovereign Hill was available. We seized the offer to go - the camp had been planned for 2 years! We spent two days at the Red Hill National School – transported back to the 1850's in our period costume and social behaviours. See photos page 12. The weather was slightly cooler at the end of November which made the experience more pleasurable on the 'diggings' whilst in 1850's attire.

Laharum Lorikeets - The official Playgroup program sessions hosted at the Early Childhood facility at the school was no longer funded or supported with staff. As a school, we recognised a need in the community for the program. After discussion at School Council and with staff, we have developed a school-run program involving school students and the young folk in our community. The 'Laharum Lorikeets' is a transitional community program which has emerged. The Lorikeet program has been well supported with 6 to 8 families attending each week. See photo front page. The school is employing staff to support the valuable early childhood program. Please contact the school on 5383 6202 if you would like further information.

Our Year 6 students have been involved with transitional activities as they move into the next phase of their education. We also host the transitioning of new students into the school at the Foundation level. It is always exciting when students' progress to the next chapter in education.

End of Year Celebration – We shall conclude our year with a celebration luncheon at The Wander Inn.

Students created botanical drawing invitations and sent them to their VIP guests. Students will perform a couple of musical items, speeches and presentations will occur as part of the afternoon proceedings. Students have indicated that this is their preference to mark the end of the school year. I think lunch may be the enticement!

The year has flown and we look forward to opening our doors in 2022 and welcoming students to our local school.

We wish everyone a happy festive season and wonderful time with family and friends. Merry Christmas.

Jane McLean, Principal

North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



We wish everyone a safe Christmas and we look forward to more projects and opportunities in 2022.

Look out for the Lion's Christmas cakes! Small cakes are \$13 and \$17 for large ones. They can be purchased at the Lions Christmas raffle at the Plaza, Bennett Road shop and many other places.

Fundraising opportunities throughout 2021 have been difficult for all clubs due to the Covid pandemic. Your support is very welcome.

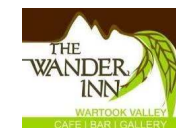
Our new project is in the final draft. A large story board will be erected on the northern wall of the Driver Reviver building at Green Lake. The Driver Reviver will be 'manned' over the school holiday weekends, if we have enough volunteers.

Green Lake has been buzzing with families enjoying the water top-up.

We had our Christmas get-together at the Sports & Community Club on December 7.

We welcome interested members to join our small Lions Group. You can phone Keith Fischer on 0417 691000 or Libby on 5382 5221 for more information.

Libby Peucker



We will be *closed* on Christmas and Boxing Days.

We are open Friday & Saturday nights for dinner and also Saturdays & Sundays for lunch and afternoon tea.

Take away fish & chips and pizza are available Friday, Saturday & Sunday also.

Bookings are essential due to limited numbers on 5383 6388 or via Facebook on <https://www.facebook.com/TheWanderInn/>

Dianna

Laharum Rural CFA



It's now summer and fire restrictions are now in force, which also sees the start of the Fire Danger Period.

Since the last newsletter, Laharum Brigade has had a couple of call-outs. One supporting Green Lake at a grass fire which spread to a shed, as well as a smoke sighting near Lake Wartook. This week we saw a lightning event come through over Asses Ears and the Victoria Valley area that ignited two fires within the national park. This goes to show the forest is dry and fires can start easily now. Something to be mindful of!

With the forecast of a La Nina weather pattern, don't be fooled by this. We'll still have the drying cycles with high fire danger days. The area has plenty of grass growth and many handy crops around, so fires have the potential to grow quickly.

Covid-19 - Just a reminder to be Covid safe. QR Code check-ins are still required at the stations.

Training - Thanks to those who have attended our required training for the Entrapment Drills - we've got many ticked off! If you haven't done it yet, please feel free to contact Francoise (0484 909150) or myself (0428 838242) and we can arrange this to occur. If we do have a fire and you haven't done it, we can do it on the fire ground - only takes a couple of minutes. Each tanker has a 'cheat sheet' which has simple steps to follow to save stress if these situations occur.

Supplementary Alerting Service (SAS) app - Just another reminder to all members; we ask that you download the SAS app to receive all pager messages. A very useful app to help all members be notified of incidents and respond when available.

Hay and Harvest - Harvest is well underway in the area. The Grampians Group as well as all of the groups in District 17, will continue using text messaging to inform farmers to cease and resume harvest if the weather deteriorates, or if the group is committed at a fire. We know this can interrupt harvesting operations, but we're all about preventing fires starting so everyone else can continue harvesting and not taking them away from their own harvesting operations.

If you use contractors to harvest your crops, it is the owner's responsibility to stop contractors from working. Group Officers and brigade captains can assist with this if required. The Group has asked around the insurance companies and no insurance company will cover you if you've been asked to cease harvest and you start a fire.

If a Total Fire Ban or a cease harvest operations is called, utilise the time for maintenance, fatigue management or simply spend time with family and friends.

We also ask that you have your own fire-fighting unit hooked up in the paddock ready to go. We know fires occur from harvesting but having a

unit in the paddock can minimise a fire from getting bigger than it has to be.

Hay production may still be occurring and we ask that everyone monitors their stacks.

Fire Safety and Prevention - Hopefully you all have completed your fire prevention works. Please continue keeping fuel loads down when the weather allows. If slashing or cutting down dry grass, make sure you have a fully functional fire unit and extinguishers on machinery.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fingers crossed we don't have any fires.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to fires throughout the year and to everyone who continues to make themselves available for TFB days as known crews, as well as those who put their name down for strike team duties.

If anyone has any brigade queries, please feel free to contact myself on 0428 838242 or Francoise Thornton-Smith 0484 909150.

Luke Dumesny, Captain

CFA District 17



Voluntary Harvest Guidelines

Grampians Group will continue to provide text messages to farmers about when it's considered that weather conditions have become too dangerous for harvesting in regard to fires getting out of control.

Thank you to all farmers and contractors in the area who participate in this program.

VFF and CFA recommend that harvesting operations cease when the local weather conditions reach a Fire Danger Index of 35. This can be calculated from the table shown on page 11.

Louise McGillivray, Brigade Administrative Support Officer

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Greg Mathews 5383 8299



Horsham Rural City Landcare Facilitator



I'd like to introduce myself as the new Landcare Facilitator for Horsham Rural City Council. A huge thank you to Wendy for all the work she has done in the role for the last 9 years and for helping me get started and up to scratch. I'm really looking forward to meeting all the Landcare groups and members and starting to plan for next year.

A little bit about myself – I am originally from near Bathurst, NSW but came to Victoria 5 years ago to take a role with DELWP. I worked with DELWP across a range of roles but spent most of my time in the Natural Environment Program team. I was involved in working with the NRM community to strategically plan for biodiversity in the Wimmera, native vegetation assessments, running events with Landcare Facilitators (plant, grass and fungi workshops) and training in the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas and NatureKit. I also managed a project to control Boneseed in the Wimmera where we delivered 5,500ha of control over a 12 month period.

I enjoy bird watching, hiking, photography and anything that gets me outside! I live in Horsham and spend a lot of my time in my garden, seeing what new wildlife I can attract. I am also really interested in threatened species work and have volunteered with the Great Gariwerd Bird Survey, Malleefowl monitoring, Eltham Copper Butterfly surveys and Orange-bellied Parrot surveys. I am also interested in regenerative agriculture as my partner is from a farm and am keen to explore how these practices can become more mainstream.

As I have just started in the role, I am currently working on creating a work plan for my role which will guide the work of the Landcare Facilitator over the next 3 years. I will be seeking input from all groups and looking for your ideas as to what you want from the role.

If there are any questions, comments or ideas, please get in touch at

annie.hobby@hrcc.vic.gov.au or 0407 914498.

Annie Hobby, Facilitator



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Laharum Landcare Group



Many thanks go to Bruce McInnes for his presidency of Laharum Landcare Group over the last few years, to Kelsey McDonald for her work as Secretary and to Pam Pratt for filling in as Treasurer.

At our AGM, Wendy McInnes was elected as President; Gil Hopkins Vice President, and Gill Venn Treasurer. Secretary position is vacant. We welcomed the announcement of the new HRCC Landcare Facilitator Annie Hobby, especially after all the work we put into the funding application.

Our general meetings are usually every second month on the second Tuesday evening 7.30pm at Laharum Hall, suggesting the next one will be **Tuesday February 8, 2022.**

We finished the year concentrating on all the noxious and environmental weeds which have grown so well. If you need information or help with identifying or controlling weeds, please contact either Wendy on 0428 840662 or Gil 0490 830769 or giliz@activ8.net.au. No doubt there will be more work needed over the next few months as well.

Wendy organised a Wetland Ecology Field Day at Fyans Creek area near Halls Gap in November. The property owners Catherine & Clive Carlyle with advice from Nature Glenelg Trust, have closed drains and used well-placed rocks to slow water flow in a shallow creek to create a seasonal wetland which is returning native water plants while rejuvenating their red-gums. Wetland experts Damien Cook and Elaine Bayes of the Wetland Revival Trust described the wetland ecology, the importance of wetlands and introduced the wetland plants. Lachlan Farrington, wetland ecologist with Nature Glenelg Trust showed how the wetland restoration was done. After lunch we walked to one of the tallest red gums in Victoria. See photo on page 11.

If you need pest, plant and animal control; want to plant or restore native plants, please tell us so we can apply for funding to help your projects.

We will be organising next year's program so contact Wendy or Gil if you have ideas or projects.
Gil Hopkins 0490 830769

Police Assistance Line

131 444

Call us any time to report
non-urgent crimes and events



Laharum Cricket Club



Cricket season is now in full swing following Covid delays - hopefully we are all coming out the other side of this now.

Our season commenced a bit later than normal with Round 1 taking place on November 6.

B Grade have had a bit of a mixed bag, having started the season with a bye giving us an extra week to train ourselves into form.

We are currently 4th on the ladder with 2 wins, 2 losses (and the bye) so far.

Highlights would have to be the improvement/development of our junior players. Two local names come to mind - Max Bunworth scoring runs against both of the competition leading sides and currently averaging 30 with the bat, and Jim McInnes leading the way in the wickets column with 7 so far, including his first 5 wicket haul in our top grade against Lubeck-Murtoa.

C Grade - The season started with 3 rounds of 20 over matches. We were fortunate enough to join the winners list in the first round, thanks to some great bowling from Jim McInnes, Connor Cowan and Jordan Matuschka restricting the opposition to 70 runs. We were able to sneak over the line with a few overs to spare, thanks to Tristan March, Mitch Martin and Matt Whelan. See photo front page.

The last few weeks have been a bit tougher though with 3 losses on the trot coming into the bye last week. Currently sitting in 6th position with a couple of winnable games coming into the Christmas break.

From a junior standpoint - We are again running the Mountain Ants in the U16.5 competition. After 5 rounds we are sitting 4th on the ladder. Most exciting result came in Round 5 with a 1 wicket win coming on the last balls of the innings. Good to see everyone enjoying their cricket with skills improving week to week.

Blast sessions have been running on a Sunday morning at 10am at Laharum, This program commenced on October 17.

The sessions are aimed at introductory skills to the game of cricket and have been well attended with many new faces/families joining the group this year.

We will break shortly for the school holidays and return for a handful of sessions during Term 1.

A massive thank you to parents for their assistance with running the program due to the increased numbers. New players are more than welcome to join in the fun also.

The Cricket Club intend to have a Christmas gathering at the oval on the evening of **Saturday December 18** where both teams will feature in 20-over action through the afternoon. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Thankyou.

Ben Peucker, President 0408 011319



Horsham Rural City
Council urban rural balance

Changes to waste services - Horsham Rural City Council's waste team is currently analysing the data and comments from a recent survey about changes to kerbside waste collections.

Infrastructure Director John Martin said more than 1,000 people completed the questionnaire which asked how residents wanted the Victorian Government's four-bin waste collection to be implemented from July next year. When the Draft Waste Plan has been developed, it will be posted on our 'Have Your Say' webpage in the coming months and further opportunities for engagement will be provided at the next stage.

Under the State Government's Circular Economy Policy released in February 2020, all Victorian councils must introduce Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection for all urban households by 2030 and separate glass recycling collection by 2027.

The switch to a four-stream system will mean that food waste is diverted away from landfill and recyclable materials, including paper, hard plastics and glass items and are better sorted and more easily turned into new items.

By having multiple bins and a food organics bin with information about what items go where, people will have significantly less rubbish in their landfill waste bins.

Mutual respects – A new charter which emphasises the importance of mutual respect between Horsham Rural City Council staff, councillors and customers has been endorsed.

The Mutual Respect Charter is based on the principles of mutual respect, cooperation and a safe and respectful workplace and outlines the rights and responsibilities of community members, councillors and staff in all Council related interactions.

Bicycle and Shared Path Plan – We are seeking applications from members of the community to guide the development of a Bicycle and Shared Path Plan for HRCC.

This Community Reference Group will work directly with the project manager and consultants to provide input and direction in developing an active transport for Horsham.

Applications close December 17.

Susan Surridge, Co-ordinator Community Relations & Advocacy

DOB IN A LITTERER

1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC)

Report pollution of the environment
to the 24 hour EPA pollution hotline



Proposed Strategic Fuel Break Smiths Road -

The Victorian Government is investing \$35.8m to build and upgrade fuel breaks in the highest priority areas across Victoria, next to townships and key assets. Strengthening and expanding Victoria's network of strategic fuel breaks is one of the key adaptations that form part of DELWP's advanced Forest & Fire Management strategy, designed to reduce the risk of more frequent, intense and damaging bushfires under a changing climate. The purpose of strategic fuel breaks is to provide immediate protection to communities, community assets and the surrounding environment by permanently modifying the vegetation to reduce the rate of spread and intensity of bushfires, as well as providing a safer environment for firefighters by reducing radiant heat, improving access and egress and undertaking work to identify and remove hazardous trees on key roadsides.

Planning for the delivery of each strategic fuel break includes a number of thorough assessments of both environmental and cultural heritage values and assets to ensure they are identified and protected throughout this process, before works commence. Strategic fuel breaks will then be maintained through regular works such as slashing.

Smith's Road, running north-south between Winfields Road and Roses Gap Road in the Grampians National Park, has been identified as a proposed strategic break for the protection of Wartook, Laharum and surrounding high priority communities bordering the park, which were severely affected by the Northern Grampians Complex fire.

Initial mulching works were conducted on a section of Smiths Road in June 2021 as part of regular fuel management works under the Joint Fuel Management Plan and, subject to planning approval, will be upgraded by FFMVic as part of the strategic fuel breaks network. The upgrade to the 4.2km break would focus on hazardous tree removal, stump grinding and mulching works to heavy timber left from previous works. If approved, Smiths Road will be closed during the upgrade, which is expected to run for three weeks in February 2022. For any enquiries regarding this work, please contact SFB.Grampians@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Successful 32nd Grampians (Online) Fire Conference - October 21 saw the reconvening of the Grampians Fire Conference, once again held online this year due to Covid restrictions, but nonetheless successful in convening representatives from multiple agencies across CFA, Victoria Police, FFMVic, local government and other emergency management partners and the community.

With the aim of the conference being an annual opportunity to build and share collective expertise and knowledge around bushfire management in preparation for the upcoming fire season, a highlight this year was hearing from Al Stott, Fire and Emergency Team Leader for Parks Victoria and Planned Burns Operations Officer who provided a 'live-cross' on camera, showing participants the result of the planned burn that was conducted at Friedmans Road in March of this year.

As the first planned burn to take place in the Northern Grampians Complex Fire scar since 2014, Al explained a bit about what goes into conducting a planned burn in the park as well as capturing some of the stunning regrowth, following this burn.

Preparations for the 2021/22 Fire season -

Following an extensive recruitment program, FFMVic Wimmera District team have successfully recruited an additional 16 new Project firefighters and 1 Fire Lookout Operator (at Mt Arapiles) to join the ranks as part of our operational team, ready to respond to fire and emergencies around the district and across the state this 2021/22 fire season. Following an intensive training program that occurred at the end of October and will continue into the season as new recruits work alongside their highly experienced FFMVic colleagues, crews have already responded to a number of lightning strikes including one 8km south of Wartook which started a fire on December 2. The fire was quickly brought under control, despite access being tricky, following effective first attack with the assistance of aircraft deploying lines of retardant to contain the spread of the fire. At the time of writing, crews remain on ground and will do so until the fire is declared safe. This is perhaps a good early season reminder to stay informed and up-to-date about any incidents in your local area, whether fire, flood or storm events by downloading the **VicEmergency app** and setting up alerts to a radius of your choosing.

A huge thank you to Randall Bacon for his long service in keeping the community safe from bushfires as Fire Lookout Operator up at Reids Lookout. Having chosen to move on from this role after so many years, a recruitment process will be conducted for the Reids Fire Tower over the course of December. In the meantime, this tower will be operated by FFMVic staff.

On behalf of Forest Fire Management Victoria in the Wimmera District, we wish everyone a happy and safe festive season.

Holly Robson, Community Partnerships/Wimmera Fire District

The editor reserves the right to reduce the size of articles so the Newsletter fits 12 pages. Opinions expressed in any articles are not necessarily those of the editor. Please contact the author of the article for further discussion.

Wonwondah Landcare Group



Wonwondah Landcare Group has been successful in obtaining a grant from Wimmera Catchment Management Authority for continuing rabbit control works in the group's area.

It has been a number of years since our last grant and there are numerous warren sites which have become active again.

An election was held at the last meeting and Jason Pymer is now the President to lead the group and all other positions remain the same.

Andrew Saunders from JK Milling spoke at the meeting and forecast positive grain prices for this season's harvest. To date those prices have exceeded most predictions which is pleasing.

We wish everyone in the district and beyond a very Merry Christmas and a Covid-free New Year.

Chris Guest



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December 2021 – February 2022 IN CASE OF FIRE DIAL 000

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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 (VHF Channel 10 for Grampians Group)

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



LAHARUM

LAHARUM TANKER 1			LAHARUM TANKER 2	
WEEK START	DRIVER	CREW	DRIVER	CREW
13/12/2021	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco	Bruce McInnes	David Wegman
20/12/2021	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson	Francoise van der Plank	Jenny Gaulke
27/12/2021	Stuart Gardner	Gary Hallam	David Pratt	Adam Shields
03/01/2022	Francoise van der Plank	Marieka Dam	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty
10/01/2022	Ed Johnson	Paul Johnson	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
17/01/2022	Andrew Crawford	Daniel Berendsen	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe
24/01/2022	Rob Launder	Charlotte/Ambrose/Reuben	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah
31/01/2022	Damien Knight	Jack Shields	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens
07/02/2022	Jo Gardner	Jenny McInnes	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel
14/02/2022	Allan Parfett	Mark Mintern	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus

BRIMPAEN

Date	Tanker 1 Brimpaen		Tanker 3 Brimpaen		Tanker 2 Glenisla	
13/12/2021	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGennissen	Rachel McGennissen	Robert Barber	Will Barber
20/12/2021	Anthony Smith	Mick Purcell	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Ken French	Theresa Hettie French
27/12/2021	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne & Tristan Chincarini	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
03/01/2022	Gerard Matthews	Steve Price	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Luke Barber	Jack French
10/01/2022	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
17/01/2022	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Robert Barber	Will Barber
24/01/2022	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Anthony Smith	Mick Purcell	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
31/01/2022	Peter McGennissen	Rachel McGennissen	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
07/02/2022	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Gerard Matthews	Steve Price	Luke Barber	Jack French
14/02/2022	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne & Tristan Chincarini	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Matt Barber	Jo Barber

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Voluntary Grain Harvesting Table

The table below calculates the average wind speed (kilometres per hour) for different temperature (degrees Celsius) and relative humidity (RH) combinations that equate to a Grassland Fire Danger Index (GFDI) of 35.



		2										Relative Humidity										
Temperature		5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	40%	50%	60%	65%											
	15 °C	31	35	38	40	43	45	49	53	56	58	AVERAGE WIND SPEED (KPH) that equals to 35 GFDI										
	20 °C	29	33	36	38	40	43	46	50	53	55											
	25 °C	27	30	33	36	38	40	44	47	50	52											
	30 °C	25	28	31	33	35	37	41	44	47	49											
	35 °C	23	26	28	31	33	35	38	41	44	46											
	1	40 °C	21	24	26	28	30	32	35	39	41	43										
	45 °C	19	22	24	26	28	30	33	36	39	40											
		5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	40%	50%	60%	65%											

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Table derived from Purton 1982. Using assumptions: fuel load of 4.5 t/ha and fuel 100% cured.

Obtain relative humidity, temperature and wind speed details as per measuring instruments operating instructions.

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Is the wind speed too high for me to harvest right now?

Combination example Refer to the highlighted areas on the table above.

1 TEMP = 40°

2 RELATIVE HUMIDITY (RH) = 17% (Round down to 15%)

3 For this combination of TEMP and RH, it is recommended that grain harvesting operations cease when the average wind speed is greater than 26kph.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT GRAINS HARVESTING OPERATIONS CEASE WHEN THE AVERAGE WIND SPEED FOR A PARTICULAR TEMP AND RH COMBINATION IS EXCEEDED



Jayden & Troy doing watercolour art work at Laharum PS

Simon Watharow, Herpetologist holding a stumpy tail lizard when visiting Wartook in October



Peter & Denise McGennissen playing at Brimpaen's Christmas Tree recently



One of the tallest red gums in Victoria ↑



Annie Hobby, Landcare Facilitator with her dog along the Wimmera River



Result of a planned burn conducted at Friedmans Road in March this year



Pam & Matt May's orchard & veggies at the November Vegetable Swap



Laharum PS students at Red Hill National School

Ma'am, Jade, Vivie & Enid gold panning at Red Hill National School

