

October 2021

Edition 216



Brimpaen and Laharum Fire Brigade recruits celebrate the completion of their general firefighter training at Brimpaen Fire Brigade in September. The training included several theory and hands-on sessions.

Pictured from left: CFA District 17 instructor Graham Hill, Brimpaen's Sarah Matthews, Hamish Bell, Harry Miller, Baylee Miller, Josh Dunn, Ben Dunn and Hugo Chincarini, trainer Andrew Shaw & Laharum's Flip Stein

Despite restrictions being part of our way of life, we can still participate in some activities with limited numbers.

And we can appreciate our beautiful environment, stunning views and enjoy the lovely spring weather.

Liz Hopkins

Brimpaen Craft Club



Tuesday November 2 – Melbourne Cup at Loretta's, Wartook.

Tuesday December 7, Christmas lunch at Brimpaen Hall. Kris Kringle.

Contact Loretta on 0418 321557.

Loretta Emerson



This echidna visited the school for a few days!

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Horsham Rural City
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Laharum-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap

SPRING/SUMMER 2021-2022 first Sunday at 10am sharp

7th November Pam & Matt May

84 Wartook Rise Wartook.

5th December Alison & John

75 Snells Rd, Wartook.

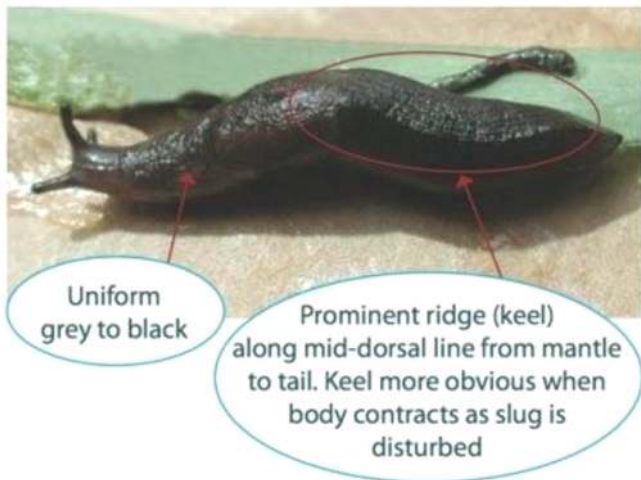
2nd January 2022 TBA

via LLG email & Wartook Laharum
Facebook page.

Covid safe practices will apply.
For further information contact
Wendy McInnes on 0407 914498



Black-keeled slug



Invasive pest which breeds underground and is hard to control – now found in Wartook



Our native Gryllotalpa pluvialis mole cricket – also found locally but not often seen

WANTED

Roustabout/Wool Roller

Commence **Monday October 11**

for approx 2 weeks

10km south of Horsham

Ring or text Craig

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Propagating Workshop

Learn how to Propagate Australian Native Plants from seed and cuttings

Saturday November 6
9.30am-4pm

Horsham Angling Clubroom

Materials charge \$25

Registrations close Friday October 29

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Sunday October 31, 1-5pm

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Afternoon tea served at Haven Hall

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Trading table of plants & garden ornaments – raffle on the day at Haven Hall

This is a Covid safe event and ticket holders will be required to either QR code or sign in, but only once for the entire event. There is no need to sign in at each individual garden.

Tickets are available from Nola on 0407 810544 or on the day at Haven Hall.

There are directions and information about each garden and parking areas attached to the tickets plus a phone number to redeem ticket price, should the event be cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

If the event is unable to run on that day, the gardeners have agreed to postpone and open on an alternative date.

Premier Daniel Andrews is expected to make an announcement on October 25/26, so we will have a pretty fair idea as to the running of the event.

Everything is in place for a beautiful and relaxing day of fundraising and every cent remains for use in this area for Palliative Care equipment.

Lea Crammond

CFA District 17



Defibs for every brigade - Generous donations following the challenges and severity of the 2019/2020 fire season have allowed CFA to direct help to where it's most needed, including the roll-out of 426 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for brigade and group vehicles across the state to ensure -

- Every brigade will have an AED on at least one of their vehicles
- Every group vehicle will have an AED

In recent weeks new AEDs have been delivered to Brimpaen Tanker 1 and the Grampians Group FCV. Other vehicles in the group with existing AEDs are - Green Lake Tanker 1 & 2, Laharum Tanker 1 & 2 and Wonwondah Tanker 1.

AEDs should be stowed with similar protective equipment and must be checked at least monthly to ensure that the unit is ready for use. Consumable items must not be used past their used-by date; pads must be replaced every two years and batteries must be replaced every four years.

All of our AEDs are registered with Ambulance Victoria. We do not mark them as 'public', but ambulance officers will have access to the location details for local defibs.

Training for the use of AEDs is included in CFA's First Aid program delivered by St Johns.

First Aid Courses for CFA Members -

- **Sun Oct 17** – Face to Face, Horsham
 - **Sun Oct 24** – Blended Learning, Horsham
 - **Sun Dec 5** – Blended Learning, Horsham
- Nominations must be received two weeks prior to the course date.

Blended Learning means the theory content of the course is done online (3 hours) with a shorter practical session (up to 4 hours). This is ideal for someone who is renewing their First Aid and has the benefit of not taking up a whole day.

Face to face courses are delivered over a whole day with some prior reading required.

Louise McGillivray, Brigade Administrative Support Officer

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TO REPORT FIRE**

Laharum Tennis Club



Welcome back everyone!

What a crazy world we are in at the moment - hopefully we'll be back to some normality soon.

We had a working bee on October 9 where we put up nets, tidied up, followed by a very quick AGM. Looking forward to the coming season.

Deb Bunworth

Brimpaen Tennis Club



Tennis was due to start in early October but Covid has seen that delayed until early November, hopefully!

We are entering an A Special team this year. We are always looking for anyone who wants a game. Feel free to contact me on 0407 340937.

Like most of the courts that were built in the area with flood money grant, our courts started to bubble a couple of years ago. We could play on all but one, up until last season. The first phase of fixing them has finished and the next stage is due in the coming weeks.

With any luck they will be finished before we start the season early November.

Courtney Dunn

KnitKnaX & KnitWitz

Our knitting group is not meeting at the moment.

For more information please ring Redrock Bookshop on 5381 0866.

POSITION EXISTS

Casual Cleaner

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Contact Janet on 5383 6210 for details



CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

BRIMPAEN CHRISTMAS TREE

Saturday December 4

Abiding to Covid Restrictions

6.30 Start

BYO Food & Drinks



Carols with Peter & Denise McGennicken

A visit from Santa (gifts up to \$15)

Door Raffle

For further information contact

President: Sarah Matthews 0403 569469

Secretary: Megan Gardner 0427 755151

North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



The football gates finished August 14 as the Football Netball season was reduced by four rounds and all finals cancelled because of Covid. Very disappointing for all clubs.

Our last get-together featured a meal of roast lamb and potatoes and was cooked by Tim Eagle - well done Tim - with others contributing the extras. Horsham Lions visitors enjoyed the evening.

We are currently gathering information for our History Story Board on the north wall of Driver Reviver. Great news that water is flowing into Green Lake.

There have been no other meetings or Driver Reviver due to Covid. Hopefully we can get back to doing community work soon and look forward to a 'non-lockdown' family Christmas.

Support one another, be safe and get the jab!

Libby Peucker 5382 5221

President, Keith Fischer



WONWONDAH HALL CHRISTMAS TREE

Saturday December 11

Contact Sue Ahern 0438 304948

Put this date in your diary!

DOB IN A LITTERER

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Laharum Rural CFA



Covid 19 - Once again, the brigade continues to adapt and work in with government rules. New rules announced recently that all

Authorised Workers are required to have their first vaccination by October 15 including CFA Members. I can only encourage everyone to get vaccinated for the protection of yourselves and the wider community as well as globally.

Covid 19 could play a part on how we manage Strike Teams coming in and out of the district if needed, as well as working with our colleagues up against the South Australian border -Apsley, Edenhope, Goroke, Lowan and Kaniva Groups. Also working with FFMV and even CFS or RFS locally or interstate. More information will follow on but I wouldn't be surprised if anyone who goes away or comes here on a Strike Team from any agency will have to be double vaccinated. Signing in or scanning the QR code is still required at any fire station.

Quick Fill Trailer - The new trailer is now completed. Thanks to Allan Parfett for his time completing the final works. The trailer is now equipped with portable lighting with a fixed light mast on the trailer or a manoeuvrable light stand. Both the pump and generator can be taken off the trailer and placed where required.

Fire Station Lighting - Both Laharum Stations will have lighting upgrades in the coming weeks to replace all lights both internal and external with LED lighting. This is all funded through the CFA.

Training - Over the next few months prior to the upcoming fire season, we'll be focusing our training on getting as many members as possible ticked off with the Entrapment Drill. This Chief Officer's requirement is a very simple process. Similar to last year, we're going to make available quite a few sessions. Laharum Brigade plans to start on **Tuesday October 12**, 5:30-6:30pm every Tuesday evening at the Tanker 1 Station until the end of November. Then from **Sunday October 17**, 4-5pm and every Sunday until the end of November. This gives flexible times for those who can make a Sunday or Tuesday, but if required we can make times available out of the planned session. Please contact me or Francoise to arrange a time.

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. When members come for the Entrapment Drill, we'll be assisting those who don't have the app to set it up with the free Wi-Fi available at the fire station.

Tanker 2 - The brigade has applied for a grant through Nutrien Ag Solutions to assist with some funding for the new tanker, but we haven't heard back if successful yet.

Hay and Harvest - Hay and harvest seasons are on the horizon across the Wimmera. With forecasters saying it could be a wet spring and currently on a La Nina watch, this could cause hay production a tricky operation. So please do your best to plan and monitor hay production especially once it's baled and in storage. All the usual tricks can be used - spikes to test temperatures, walk around stacks and smell for strong mustardy odours. Harvest will be next, so now is the time to make sure all harvest equipment is serviced and in good working order. Auger motors, trucks and headers themselves all need to be checked. As well as fire extinguishers.

Fire Safety and Prevention - We're now in October and this means the fire season is fast approaching. Grass growth is starting to occur so now is the time to start maintaining it either by mowing or spraying. Get those heaps burnt when the weather suits. Make sure the garden is maintained and gutters are cleaned out. All the simple things to help protect you and your properties. If you haven't already, get your firefighting equipment serviced and in good working order.

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

Luke Dumesny, Captain



We are open only Saturday & Sunday for lunch at the moment due to Covid.

Take away fish & chips and pizza are available Saturdays & Sundays also.

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

We are not open when there's a lockdown!
Dianna

Laharum Landcare Group



HRCC Landcare Facilitator position applications have closed and I would expect a new Landcare Facilitator to be employed soon. I will do my best to introduce this facilitator to Laharum Landcare Group and the other groups in the Horsham Council area, and will be happy to share any new ideas for future landcare projects in our area.

Free SWIFFT online webinars may be of interest to some of you. If so, register now for the **Cryptic Freshwater Critters** Presentations on **Thursday October 21**, 9.45am-12.15pm.

Waterbugs – Why I study them and how you could too

John Gooderham – The National Waterbug Blitz

Waterway Citizen Science

Deirdre Murphy – Corangamite Catchment Management Authority

Fresh Water Mussels and Crayfish

Dr Tarmo Raadik – Arthur Rylah Institute

Magical little Mollusc, Bochara Timbonn

Shea Rotumah – Kerup Gunditi man of the Gunditjmarra Nation

Wet and dry landscapes are the key to freshwater invertebrate conversation

Di Crowther – Arthur Rylah Institute

Parks Victoria's Community Engagement Ranger, Hannah Auld is currently compiling a short Landcare/Parks Victoria questionnaire to gather ideas of how we can work together to achieve some beneficial outcomes and understand mutual priorities, a local fox program in conjunction with PV and the Grampians fringe land owners may be an example. I will be sharing the questionnaire link shortly. Email me at wenpots@gmail.com if you want to ensure you get a chance to complete this survey.

Our local **Veggie Swaps** have been repeatedly cancelled but hopefully they will become a regular social get-together again from November on. Pam & Matt May have kindly offered to host **Sunday November 7** Veggie Swap and a talk/tour of their amazing property. They have achieved so much with their garden in such a short amount of time. I would like to compile an email group for all those attending the Swaps. This will make it easier to change plans at short notice and simplify the host roster for me. Please send me your names and email address to wenpots@gmail.com.

Wendy McInnes

With the wetter spring, noxious weeds are growing well so they will need controlling now or soon. Locally I have seen pink poisonous Cape Tulip in flower and although it's late, maybe mowing or digging will help reduce seeding. African Weed Orchid is growing really well and soon will be spreading its microscopic spores in the wind, so it needs to be removed, bulbs and all. Bridal Creeper can be sprayed before seeding with appropriate chemicals which don't harm the plants it's climbing on. It may have a huge underground root-mass if it's an old plant. St John's Wort has grown really well and will soon be ready for spraying or slashing hard now. Horehound can be sprayed any time. My contact is 0490 830769 or email giliz@activ8.net.au if you would like more detail.

Rabbits, foxes and cats will be breeding so controlling this spring and summer will be important. Laharum Landcare Group has some equipment and expertise.

For us to plan ahead and apply for appropriate funding, we need to know what Landcare issues Laharum landholders have, so please tell us. If you join the group for \$10 you can have access to information, some equipment and chemical, training, and possibly funding for bigger projects.

Unfortunately we haven't been as successful this year with large grants, but there are others we can apply for if we know where the needs are, so please tell us.

Gil Hopkins, Vice President

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Education News



Term 3 presented a few challenges with the pandemic, but once again our school found a way to keep programs operating smoothly and providing our students with consistency in the delivery of their education. We are very proud of the results gained by our Year 5 students in NAPLAN; testament to the focused and student-centred education provided at Laharum Primary School.

Our students spent the term learning about and playing badminton; investigating the Olympics - ancient and modern; electrical work as part of physics in science; procedural reading through a hands-on approach whilst cooking and numeracy involved measurement tasks, probability, and number work. Quantum online sessions were delivered to provide design tech sessions that followed up from work we participated in last year. It is great that the students can further develop their design skills by using the online program at home if they wish to. See photos page 12.

Student well-being is always woven into the program with Respectful Relationship work and student voice playing a key role in the extra-curricular activities.

Term 4 provides students with an engagement program involving our local artist, Wendy McInnes. Last year we developed the program with Jenny and Wendy - a program thoroughly enjoyed by our students whilst learning some key skills. Jenny McInnes is joining the teaching team for a few weeks to instruct the school-based art program and fulfil Mrs Pallot's role whilst she is on long service leave. We look forward to having our community artists as part of the teaching team.

We are also excited to involve one of our local industries as part of our economics unit when studying primary industry and careers. Peter Winfield will be a key part of our economics program by enabling students to see first-hand the many facets of running a business and the work involved at a primary production level. We thank Peter for enabling his business to be a model for students to view in their study.

We are fortunate to have received a Sporting School grant to support our six-week swimming program in Horsham. With smaller numbers, our students receive excellent tuition for such an important lifesaving skill.

Funding has also been provided to ensure our school site is bushfire safe. Entry

points to the school are being cleared of overhanging limbs, termite infected trees are being removed and combustible materials in the yard are being removed or replaced as directed in our bushfire preparedness guide. We have mulch at the front of the school and we welcome people to take it for their garden.

As we start Term 4, plans for 2022 begin to be put in place. We are hoping Playgroup will continue to meet each week in the early childhood facility. School Council has made the decision to keep the school going for the Laharum community in the hope young students and families will support the facility and keep the school operating. We have an enrolment for Foundation but need a couple more Foundation students.

Our results, opportunities and individual attention is second to none – please consider your local school before listening to someone who has not experienced Laharum Primary School. We are flexible and are happy to make time to meet with anyone interested in finding out more about our 'School with a View'.

Contact Number is 5383 6202 or email

laharum.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Jane McLean, Principal

Wonwondah Landcare Group



Like many groups, we have the frustration of not being able to meet in our normal manner.

Group activities have been minimal, however some rabbit activity has been reported and will be dealt with.

Most landholders have sprayed their fence lines as the introduction of weeds from the Council and VicRoads is becoming a bigger problem each year.

Our next meeting will hopefully be in November at a date to be set and may even be in the open air to allow members to gather.

Chris Guest



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Laharum Football Netball Club



Well, what a season 2021 turned out to be! A lot of positives are to be taken out of this year. We were able to play a few more games compared to last year, which was great. The end of the season didn't go as we all planned with finals being postponed at the last minute. Following that, eventually the season was cancelled with no premiers being awarded.

HDFNL has chosen to award the Minor Premiership to teams who ended the Home and Away season on top of the ladder.

We congratulate our A Grade netballers who ended the season undefeated and on top of the ladder.

Our 14 & Unders ended their season equal first on the ladder, but sitting 2nd by percentage. What an amazing effort by our young boys.

Another congratulation goes to our Under 15 and C Grade netballers who also made finals. What a great achievement by all grades who made it onto the oval or netball court this year. It was great to see our club field all grades over football and netball. And even better to see some of those grades be up in the top six with the opportunity to play finals - like in a normal year!

A big shout out to our footballers - they set some record with their playing numbers this year due to unavailabilities and injuries. Big pat on the back to all players and coaches who put a team on the park every week.

We had the League Vote Count a few weeks ago and Laharum is thrilled to share that Monty Wynne won the 14 & Under League Vote Count. Also to Liv Jones who won the A Grade League Vote Count. What an achievement by these two!

Players, members, board members, coaches, volunteers and the community is so proud of these two. You both represent Laharum with determination, pride and show your love for the club. We couldn't be happier for you both.

We had a few milestones celebrated throughout the year. Caitlin Story, Bec McIntyre, Gemma Hutchinson, Scoop McCluskey, Sam Hernon, Josh Haby, Matt Whelan & Roo Launder. Lastly, Leah Askew played a massive milestone - 300 Club Games. What an achievement by Leah and all players mentioned. It is people like these guys that keep this club

going with their dedication and always willing to help out in any way.

Gemma Hutchinson was also a winner of the Blue Ribbon Award. This award is for showing good sportsmanship towards fellow team mates and opposition. This is definitely well deserved by Gemma!

We are still hopeful to have a Family Day and include our Club Vote Count at some stage when restrictions allow. Please keep watch of our Club Facebook Page to keep up to date.

Lastly, to our members, board members, players, coaches, volunteers and community - I can't thank you all enough for all your efforts, support, commitment and understanding of a hard and unpredictable year. This year is a positive step in the right direction from 2020, and we can only hope that 2022 is even better than this year. Onwards and upwards for 2022!

Bianca Mibus, Chairperson

Laharum Cricket Club



With Covid still causing havoc and winter sports called off, the cricket season is around the corner to give us all some hope.

Under the current government guidelines, we can start cricket training now with games to commence once Victoria reaches 80% double vaccinated, likely to be in early to mid-November.

As with last year, Laharum Cricket Club is entering two senior sides and an Under 16 side in the Horsham Cricket Association, along with a Junior Blasters program on Sunday mornings for those just starting out in the game.

For anyone wanting to give cricket a go this summer, any age or gender, please get in touch with myself on 0408 011319 or Josh Mahoney on 0427 748943 and we'll be able to give you some more information.

For any kids wanting to join Junior Blasters, head to play.cricket.com.au to register.

Fingers crossed it's not too much longer before we can get out and enjoy some cricket along with each other's company.

Ben Peucker, President



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



Recreational water boost for Green Lake -

Water skiing, sailing and other leisure activities will be possible at Green Lake this summer after Horsham Rural City Council and GWMWater agreed on an allocation of recreational water.

GWMWater has just committed 2,500 megalitres for Green Lake, and Council has agreed to pay for it using existing budgeted funds of \$60,000.

It will be the most significant inflow since 2016 and projections show it will increase the level by 1.6m to 2.7m. The lake is currently only 0.9m above empty.

New lease on life for heritage floor - Horsham Town Hall's auditorium is set to receive a new floor thanks to a grant from the Victorian Government's Living Heritage program.

First opened in 1939, the auditorium has been Horsham's premier venue for public functions, including wedding receptions, fashion shows, debutante balls, concerts and trade shows.

But its floor has reached the end of its life and is now due to be replaced, with the boards no longer being able to be sanded, and sub-floor issues seeing the floor sinking at the rear. Preparation of the new floor will start in November 2021.

Rethinking recycling and waste – Horsham Rural City Council is mapping out a plan for additional recycling services for urban and rural households across the municipality – saving thousands of tonnes of waste from landfill each year. In Horsham a 4 bin system is proposed.

In rural areas -

- A 240L general waste bin, collected fortnightly
- A 240L mixed recycling bin collected fortnightly (expanded to all rural properties with an existing waste collection service)
- New glass recycling drop-off locations across the municipality

Later this year community feedback will be sought before any changes are made so that key areas of concern with the proposed service model can be identified and accommodated in the service to be implemented.

It's estimated that up to 40% of the municipality's household rubbish is food waste which currently goes straight to landfill. When buried in landfill, food waste decomposes

without oxygen, creating methane gas – which contributes to global warming.

Separating glass from other recycling will make recycling more efficient and allow more glass to be recovered for recycling. Under the current system about 30% of glass cannot be recovered and broken glass fragments cause problems for other recycled materials.

For weekly updates, check out HRCC website www.hrcc.vic.gov.au.

Susan Surridge, Co-ordinator Community Relations & Advocacy



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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
11/10/2021	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	Damien Knight	Jack Shields
18/10/2021	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens	Jo Gardner	Jenny McInnes
25/10/2021	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel	Allan Parfett	Mark Mintern
01/11/2021	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus	Brad Geue	Caroline Geue
08/11/2021	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang	Gary Staehr	Rob Staehr
15/11/2021	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman	Steve Suter	Nigel Hallam
22/11/2021	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGennissen	Vacant	Gavan McGennissen
29/11/2021	Tim Martin	Angus Martin	Gil Hopkins	Eh Doh Jah
06/12/2021	Paul van der Plank	Flip Stein	Jim Carter	Graeme Wood
13/12/2021	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco	Bruce McInnes	David Wegman
20/12/2021	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson	Francoise van der Plank	Jenny Gaulke

BRIMPAEN

Date	Tanker 1 Brimpaen		Tanker 3 Brimpaen		Tanker 2 Glenisla	
11/10/2021	Gerard Matthews	Steve Price	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
18/10/2021	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
25/10/2021	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Luke Barber	Jack French
01/11/2021	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Anthony Smith	Mick Purcell	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
08/11/2021	Peter McGennissen	Rachel McGennissen	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Robert Barber	Will Barber
15/11/2021	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Gerard Matthews	Steve Price	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
22/11/2021	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne & Tristan Chincarini	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
29/11/2021	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Luke Barber	Jack French
06/12/2021	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
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

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Total Fire Bans – Fire Restrictions - Bushfire Planning – Major Fires

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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.

Hazardous Trees Symbols

Hazardous Trees Markings have changed for this fire season and everyone should familiarise themselves with the new symbols. This is the nationally recognised system. Firefighters are encouraged to renew their Tree Hazard Awareness Training online, although most don't expire until next year.

Circle Tree
(previously Dot Tree)



CIRCLE TREE

Tree in danger of becoming a Clear and Present Danger Tree if it catches fire and has a high chance of survival if protected.

Slash Tree
(previously X Tree)



SLASH TREE

Tree in danger of becoming a Clear and Present Danger Tree if it catches fire and has a low chance of survival if protected.

Clear and Present Danger Tree
(previously Killer Tree)



CROSS TREE

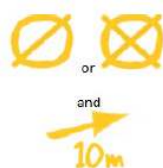
A Clear and Present Danger Tree or branch that is expected to fall and impact personnel in its potential impact zone.

Trees with Hangers



The arrow indicates a widow maker or hanger. Risk mitigation may include an exclusion zone or falling of a sound tree to remove the widow maker.

Indicator Tree



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Libby Peucker, Keith Fischer & Kaye Jess 'manning' the football gates – no crowds!



Procedural reading tasks at school

Laharum students playing badminton



Jayden during a science session



Vivie working on the school vegie garden



Laharum minis racing to the small oval to play their last game in the rain!

