

April 2019

Edition 201



Laharum Junior Cricket team

*It's now April and we've experienced some lovely autumn weather, but we just need the rain! Let's hope for a good season for growing crops and gardens, and no late bushfires!*

*Liz Hopkins*

### Laharum Hall Committee



Hall Committee would like to acknowledge a very generous grant from Apex Club Horsham for the new vinyl flooring laid in the old kitchen and storeroom areas. Thank you to Ben Considine and his Apex team. Please support this group of hard working young men who are doing good things in our community.

I would also like to thank Flip Stein for his good work in a small job at the hall.

Thanks also to Barry Berendsen, Gil Hopkins and Leigh Mibus for doing numerous small jobs at the hall. Without these volunteers in our community many things wouldn't happen.

We have also applied for grants for blinds and for more chairs.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary

### Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



**Tuesday April 30**, 12 noon we will meet at Up Tempo Café in Horsham. No meeting in May. We will have a meeting on **Tuesday June 25**, and **Tuesday July 30** will be our final meeting and wind up of our Club. This will be our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and celebration!

Ann Dyer



What a whopper – sampled at the last Vegie Swap!

**NURSE ON CALL 1300 606 024**



## Laharum CFA

Laharum CFA will again be collecting for the Royal Children's Hospital 'Good Friday Appeal' on **Friday April 19** at MacKenzie Falls.

CFA members who can lend a hand on the day, please call or text Jessica Bettess on 0421 187220 with the time you can help. We would like to cover times between 9.30am-4pm.

Locals wishing to make a donation can come and visit us at MacKenzie Falls or drop into the Happy Wanderer store or The Wander Inn where there will be a donation tin on the day.

**Jessica Bettess**

## Laharum-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap

AUTUMN 2019 every second Sunday at 10am sharp



14<sup>th</sup> April - Proo & Will Pyke.

445 Smiths Rd, Laharum

12<sup>th</sup> May (Mother's Day) Wendy McInnes.

2155 Nthn Grampians Rd, Wartook

9<sup>th</sup> June (Queen's Birthday long weekend)

Alison White & John Fisher.

75 Snells Rd, Wartook

For further information contact  
Wendy McInnes 53 836220



## Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader - Merryn Eagle



**Thursday May 16, 7.30pm**

Come 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*

## Wonwondah Landcare Group



Group members recapped on the slug and snail information session held at Wonwondah and how it's so relevant for the snail activity currently happening and the best time to bait for good control.

Nick Zordan from Western AG Supplies Pty Ltd recapped on the harvest just finished and discussed ideas and advice for the sowing season about to commence.

The fencing trailer has been busy with members undertaking maintenance jobs.

The group's next meeting will be **Tuesday July 9, 7.30pm** at Guest's dairy - all welcome.

**Chris Guest**



**Thursday May 23**

**Laharum Hall**

**11.30am for lunch**

**Our community's 14<sup>th</sup> Biggest Morning Tea**

*Come and catch up with friends while enjoying our lunch and supporting the Cancer Council*

Donation \$15 for lunch

Great prizes - Tickets \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5

**Guest speaker -**

Tony Tuohey, Director of Primary & Community Care  
Wimmera Health Care Group

**Entertainment by Laharum's 'Local Vocal' group**

*Bring along something to sell and take home something different at our 'bring and buy' stall*

Entrance fees will help Cancer Council save lives through the prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer

**Stall money will go towards ongoing patient care improvement for Wimmera Cancer Centre**

Invite your partner, friend, family and neighbour - please mark this date in your diary now!

RSVP Liz on 5383 8207; 0427 838207 or

[giliz@activ8.net.au](mailto:giliz@activ8.net.au) by May 20 for catering purposes



## Mobile Library



Laharum will be visited by the Mobile Library on **Thursdays April 11, May 9, 23 & June 6, 20** from 9.30am in front of Laharum Primary School.

**Greg Maybery**

## Brimpaen Craft Club



**Tuesday May 7** – a day trip to be announced.  
**Tuesday June 4**, 10am-3pm at Brimpaen Hall – bring your own craft.  
**Jill Sinclair**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2 AM**

## Live Music

**Sunday April 28, 2-5pm** with Chris Meek

The Wander Inn







## Local landowners have now begun controlled burning in the area

Permits to burn have been issued to landowners during the Fire Restricted Period who have applied to conduct controlled burning. Permits are only issued for farming purposes to assist with the removal of stubble and grass.

Permits are issued under the Country Fire Authority Act by Council Fire Prevention Officers. Permits to burn have very strict guidelines that must be complied with. Failure to comply with conditions will result in police attendance, with possible legal action occurring.

Council Officers, CFA and Police may inspect permits to burn that have been issued to ensure all conditions are met.

**If you believe it is not a controlled burn call 000.  
Burn Off Notifications Line 1800 668**



## North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Laharum Hall, 6.30pm for nibbles, 7pm start.

Our Driver Reviver Kiosk at Green Lake has been very well received judging by the number of visitors, tourists who are calling in for a free coffee, tea, biscuit, a friendly chat and wanting information on our area. We are having approx 50 callers per day. We will be open on the school holiday weekends – **Saturday/Sunday April 6/7 & 13/14**; Easter **Friday-Monday April 19-22** inclusive and Anzac Day **Thursday April 25**. Please contact Leonie Lawson on 0439 360275 if you can assist with the roster.

Thank you to all the Lions Club members and their families who helped cater for the fencing working bee held on February 7 by providing a slice, cake, salads or fruit. Morning and afternoon tea was delivered to the paddock and the barbecue lunch was held at the hall. Also many thanks to the 20 or so community members who attended the fencing working bee - your time was very much appreciated. See photos page 12.

We will be doing the Laharum Football/Netball home game gates for 2019 starting on **Saturday April 6**, Laharum vs Noradjuha-Quantong,

Our Lions Club BBQ trailer is available for hire to our community. Please contact Keith Fischer, President on 0417 691000 if anyone wishes to hire it.

**Libby Peucker**



## Latest news and 'Have your say opportunities'

**Transforming Horsham** - Planning for Horsham's future will move into a significant new phase across the next six months under the banner of 'Transforming Horsham'. Transforming Horsham is essentially one assignment with four strategic projects which each have the common goal of growing the city's economy and liveability. The projects are -

- **Horsham Urban Transport Plan** - Currently open for community feedback via Council's website
- **Open Space Strategy**
- **Horsham South Structure Plan**
- **Wimmera River & Central Activity District Visioning**

**Development of a Regional Museum** - Horsham Regional Museum Working Group has completed Stage One of a feasibility study regarding the development of a regional museum. It is proposed that the museum would house items of war memorabilia and extensive collections of cultural, civil and military items.

Stage Two of the feasibility study, which is yet to be funded, would involve consideration of location, design concepts and operational models. Interested people are invited to review the Feasibility Study on Council's website and provide general feedback via email.

**Early Years Plan** - Horsham Rural City Council is currently in the process of updating its Early Years (0-12 years old) Plan. This plan will set the strategy for the Early Years team across the next four years in order to support better outcomes for Horsham RC's children.

Hearing from the community is a key part of this process as your feedback will help identify community needs in order to enable the bright futures of children and their families.

Two methods for feedback are available -

- **Online Survey** - This survey is most applicable to parents and primary caregivers of children aged 0-12 and professionals who work with children aged 0-12 and/or their families.
- **Early Years Competition** - Refer to Council's website - closing date is **Sunday April 21**, 5pm.

**Stubble burn applications now open** - Horsham Rural City Council is accepting applications from landowners to burn stubble and grass during the fire restriction season. Council is authorised to issue Schedule 13 Permits to burn grass and stubble during the Fire Danger Period. Applications can be submitted online at [hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://hrcc.vic.gov.au) and landowners must follow strict permit conditions.

**Accessibility ramp for Horsham's outdoor pool** - Plans to upgrade Horsham Aquatic Centre's outdoor pool have been expanded to include an accessibility ramp.

The second stage of the outdoor pool revitalisation project which also includes the installation of a wet deck to replace the existing concrete hob, installation of a reinforced pool liner and a new concourse.

**Road Maintenance - Weekly works update** - Available by checking Council's website on

<https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Residents/Roads-and-Transport/Road-Maintenance#section-2>

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

## Laharum Rural CFA



Since the previous newsletter, Laharum Fire Brigade attended three call-outs supporting Green Lake to a couple of grass fires on the highway and in the dry lake bed of Pine Lake. We also attended a fire at the flower farm after a vehicle exhaust ignited some grass, subsequently losing the vehicle and burning a pile of flower off-cuts. All call-outs were well attended by members which was much appreciated. Once again thanks to those who have made themselves available to be known crews on the Total Fire Ban Days.

We are having our end of season meeting on **Wednesday April 10, 7.30pm** at the footy ground clubrooms. All brigade members or community residents are welcome to attend.

Most of you are aware that permits are available to burn grass and stubble in paddocks. I mentioned this in the previous newsletter, but CFA and Horsham Rural City Council with Victoria Police are clamping down on property owners not adhering to the conditions of the permit. So please follow the conditions! If you do get a permit, please contact me on 0428 838242 and we can organise to get a copy either via email - [lukedummo@hotmail.com](mailto:lukedummo@hotmail.com); or take a photo of it and text/inbox it to me, or just hand a copy to me. At this stage I'd be guessing we'll be under permits until mid-late April, or until we get some decent rainfall! Even though the weather is starting to cool off a bit, please keep fire safety in the back of your mind until we get that autumn break. We still have the threat of fires in our area! The last previous years we always have a warm and windy couple of days in April, so be aware of that.

Grampians Group is planning a Minimum Skills Training Course in June locally. This course is mandatory for any new members to be operational with a brigade. It's open to anyone above the age of 16 years.

Any people wanting to join their brigade, please contact me (details above) so the registration, medical form and Police Check paper work can be completed before the course.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Easter with family and friends. Stay safe on the roads.

**Luke Dumesny**, Captain

## Laharum Landcare Group



At a recent meeting discussion included rabbits, goats and deer. Some rabbit control was organised and we will enquire about buying new Calicivirus for local release. More members will be trained in chemical use.

Some landholders are also having deer or goat problems due to the extremely dry conditions and lack of vegetation.

A planting day is organised for **Tuesday June 18**, and also a major planting event which will be advertised.

Some of us attended a Victorian Landcare Forum in Halls Gap at the end of March.

Next meeting at 7.30pm is on **Tuesday May 14**, Laharum Hall.

**Gil Hopkins**, Vice President

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TO REPORT FIRE**

## Horsham Rural City Landcare Facilitator



Recently I was involved with nominating some very worthy local land carers for the Volunteer Awards. Liz Loke for the Individual Award. Liz not only has volunteered at our Laharum Landcare plantouts but also for her ongoing dedication to Horsham Urban Group and the Patch community garden. Mirinda Thorpe from Grass Flat is nominated for the Junior Landcare Category. Mirinda has always had a love for Landcare and all my interactions with her confirm that for me.

Horsham Urban Landcare has been nominated for the Landcare Group Category, undoubtedly a very busy active urban group with many friendly dedicated committee and membership. Good luck to these two amazing women and Horsham Urban Landcare. Laharum Landcare was privileged to win this group award in 2015.

I'm hoping to run an event with Stawell Urban Landcare, Project Platypus and World Turtle Day in Stawell in May. Plans are still being made so the date is still to be announced. I was very interested when I learned how incredible turtles are at cleaning up our river systems. Trials were run where turtles were introduced to some waterholes after fish kills and not to others. They were able to consume vast amounts of the dead fish whereas the turtle free ponds remained toxic contaminated with fish carcasses. This proved how valuable they are to the health of our catchments. So creating pockets of habitat everywhere is important. The other day there was one sitting on our lawn; I told Emily and she decided I was joking until she saw for herself!

Our local Vegie Swap was held at The Wander Inn in March. Thank you Vicki and staff for making us so welcome in your garden. Nice to catch up with other locals for a nice coffee and chat. I think we solve the world's problems on these mornings, well maybe not, but we often learn a little more about what's growing well and where. What an amazing big watermelon and sweet cantaloupe shared by Pam Geue. Thank you to everyone for regularly coming along with such fresh tasty produce. See photos pages 1 & 11.

Horsham Urban Landcare is running a Cheese Making workshop on **Sunday May 19**. Check out their Facebook page for details and other events.

Laharum Landcare Group plan a plant-out with Laharum Primary School on **Tuesday June 18** and also plan a release of the Rabbit RHDV1 K5 Calicivirus to about five locations around Wartook, Laharum and Wonwondah.

The announcement has just come through that the Victorian Government is continuing funding for the Local Landcare Facilitators like myself, for another year. This is a relief as I am very fortunate to have a job I enjoy and I'd like to thank those involved including the State Government of Victoria, Horsham Rural City Council and Laharum Landcare for making it possible.

**Wendy McInnes**, Landcare Facilitator

## Yoga at Laharum Hall



Please note, yoga will be in recess until later in the year.

**Judy Berendsen**

## Laharum Cricket Club



Another season has come and gone too quickly! A massive thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout the year - especially those who have helped with the junior program, the groundkeepers Pat Herson & Brian Burke, who have had the grounds looking immaculate week in week out. Not to mention all the 'fill-ins' we've called on to help field teams.

The junior end of year celebration was held at Horsham Lanes & Games on March 15. A massive thank you also to all those youngsters for their performance and attitude during the year, and to the parents for their hard work on Friday nights as well. See photo front page.

Unfortunately both our A & C Grades finished the season in 5<sup>th</sup> position and missed out on finals action.

Senior Presentation evening was held at the Royal Hotel on Sunday March 31. The Awards for 2018/19 were presented as follows -

- Bill Distin Cricketer of the Year - Daniel Mibus (619 points)
- Frank Clark Memorial Bowling Aggregate - Josh Mahoney 24 wickets
- C Grade Batting Average & Aggregate - Daniel Mibus: 361 runs @ 45.13
- A Grade Batting Aggregate - Daniel Griffiths: 454 runs @ 30.27
- C Grade Captain's Award - Jim McInnes
- A Grade Captains Award - Shane Wouters
- A Grade Batting Average - Damien Bunworth: 218 runs @ 31.14
- A Grade Bowling Average & Aggregate - Josh Mahoney: 24 wickets @ 15.63
- C Grade Bowling Aggregate - Ashley Marra: 14 wickets
- C Grade Bowling Average - Connor Cowan; 11 wickets @ 17.91
- Milestone 5/38 Josh Mahoney A Grade Round 6
- Milestone Dan Mibus 1,000 career runs was passed during the season
- Milestone Ash Marra 2,000 career runs was passed during the season

Finally, a huge thank you to our sponsors who have looked after us again this year. We really appreciate your contributions - Australian Wildflowers; Horsham Hydraulics; Lawrence & Hanson; Horsham Family Healthcare; Cellarbrations; Royal Hotel; Best Hire & Buildpro.

**Ben Peucker**, President

## Brimpaen Tennis Club



Tennis is over for another season and Brimpaen A Special are premiers!! We managed to defeat Central Park 8 sets to 6 to take home the win - it was a very close day! The result was still unclear until the final couple of sets. Everyone played well; we celebrated well too! See photos page 11.

A Grade had a rough year, but with lots of juniors coming through, the future will be bright. We held our breakup after the grand final.

Most Sets prizes were awarded to Luke and Hettie. Encouragement Awards were given to Mia, Josh, Ben and Alex from A Grade team.

**Courtney Dunn**



## Laharum Football Netball Club



Well, the start of the district league season has come around pretty quickly, kicking off on **Saturday April 6**.

Everything is just about ready around

the establishment with the help of some great people. Cleaning up around the rooms and grounds; getting rid of excess dirt, etc from the new building, and keeping the ground in tip top shape - with no help from the kangaroos! It really is looking good.

**Netball** - numbers are really good from the juniors through to the seniors with lots of new faces. Finally we have filled all the coaching positions with some great quality spread around.

**Football** - seniors are looking good after two practice matches, beating Cavendish and Warrack Eagles over the past couple of weeks. Numbers are not too bad, but would be good to have a couple more. Numbers are really good in the U17s and the young men are looking good on the training track. U14s have just got enough players but would love a couple extra.

Our first game is at home, followed by a great meal and some live entertainment and a change room cinema for the kids. Looks to be a ripper night, so I would extend a warm welcome to the community to join us for a reasonably priced meal and a drink or two. Come and have an afternoon out and enjoy the magnificent scenery that we are blessed to have at our ground.

Thank you to the many who helped with catering at one of the stalls during the Field Days last month which was a major fundraiser for the Laharum Football Netball Club - see photo page 11.

**Tim Nagorcka**, Chairman 0412 784365

## Horsham South Branch of VFF

After the Wonwondah Landcare meeting in March, financial members of the Horsham South branch of Victorian Farmers Federation took the opportunity to meet and discuss what was to happen with the Horsham South branch. Since the amalgamation of branches, the active members of Horsham South have been regularly attending meetings of the Wimmera Branch. It was decided at this meeting to disband the Horsham South branch and officially join the Wimmera Branch of VFF.

The branch's funds will be dispersed with \$300 going to each of Wonwondah and Laharum Landcare Groups. The \$500 which was already allocated for Young Agribusiness Professionals (YAP) will be used for a young farmer's education night on **Wednesday April 17**, with the remaining funds given to the Wimmera VFF Branch.

The YAPs dinner funded by the Horsham South VFF Branch will be held at Jason Pymer's outdoor area on **Wednesday April 17** at 6pm. All 18 to 35 year old farmers and farm workers are invited to attend. David Jochinke, VFF President and Patrick White, Rural Financial Counsellor will be speakers on the future direction of young farmers, family succession planning and banking issues. We will be contacting the young farmers in the area who we know.

If there is anyone you know who would be interested in attending, please contact me on 5384 6217. Barbecue and refreshments will be provided.

**Neville McIntyre**



## Education News



Term 1 has been a whirlwind and continues to travel to a quick pace with extra-curricular activity, community involvement and of course the exciting building project. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> we officially moved into the revamped classroom and administration building. The freshness, light and renewed ceiling, flooring and cabinets have brought a new life to what was a worn work area. We are still decanting support materials into the room as required. If you have not been for a viewing, please feel welcome to pop in and see the final product.

Laharum Primary School conducted the Annual General Meeting to form the School Council for 2019 school year. Acknowledgement was made to the 2018 councillors and for the work and guidance given for governance of the school in 2018. Special mention to councillors, Rhonda McNeil, Rob McInnes and Graeme Wood who retired from their terms as councillors. The support given to the school over a number of years is recognised and appreciated, thank you.

Thank you to the executive members of school council who had a huge role last year in the year of review at Laharum. Katrina as President had a role on the review panel which is a huge responsibility. Thank you also goes to sub-committee members who assisted with the early stages of the building works, finance and policy. Team work certainly makes an effective and positive council. We congratulate and welcome our new councillors and returning councillors to the Laharum Primary School Council. Our council is formed by Katrina – President; Flip – Vice President; Caroline – Treasurer; Mark, Deb and community project members Jamie and Rob and DET rep is Helen.

Council approved the formation of four sub-committees for 2019. Finance, Building and Grounds, Policy and Fundraising committees will meet to discuss matters and then report to council. We look forward to working with our new council throughout the year and embracing the shared load of governing a school.

Our vegetable garden is back in action after the hot summer and the chook yard/shed is all set to accommodate 'the feathered girls' when they are able to stay with us. Thanks to Mr Pallot for his time and assistance in preparing the shed. The working bee on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> was a fantastic team effort – many hands did make light work! Thank you to all for your time and support in improving our school grounds and the functionality of the sports equipment. I would still be muddling – appreciation for your assistance. ☺.

The athletic sports were attended with gusto and success. The rural team was surging out in front all day across Dudley Cornell Oval. It was great to see the rural team members getting to know each other and building a network between students from other schools. The rural team won the senior day in very warm conditions – well done to all! Great effort from Archie and Simon who attended the junior sports. We followed up a week later by going to Haven for the Knowledge is Power Health Program for Years 5 and 6, the Cross Country and interaction with same age peers for Years 2, 3 & 4. See photos page 12.

Parent Teacher Interviews; Student Leaders in Melbourne for the Young Leaders Conference; Athletic sports with Horsham West – as the Rural Team (inclusive

of Natimuk and Haven); students designing early exploration ships as part of their humanities-history studies; community volunteer programs in and out of the classroom and the student transition program, provide a snippet of the happenings in the first term at Laharum Primary. A busy one when you add the building project as another layer of activity!

The Annual Report was presented to Council at the March meeting. A copy of the report is available at the school in the foyer and on the website for anyone interested in the community.

We start Term 2 on **Tuesday April 23**. An ANZAC Service will be conducted by the Year 6 students on **Wednesday April 24** at 10.45am. Everyone is welcome.

**Jane McLean**, Principal

## GWM Water



**Mt Zero Borefield** - GWMWater recently prepared a report reviewing the take-and-use of groundwater from its Mt Zero borefield over the past five years as required by the conditions groundwater of the take-and-use licence.

The licence enables a limited volume of groundwater to be accessed as a contingency supply for Horsham and Natimuk, supplementing the primary surface water source at times of low availability from Lake Wartook.

The borefield has not been required for urban supply purposes since the millennium drought. Our licence was reissued in 2013 with a right to extract 1,200ML per annum or a maximum of 2,400ML over five consecutive years. A total volume of 135ML has been extracted over the most recent five year period for firefighting, testing of bore pumps and water quality sampling and analysis.

Monitoring the network of observation bores in the vicinity of the borefield has indicated very little fluctuation in groundwater levels in response to the small volume of extraction since 2013. The hydrographs for the observation bores are available on GWMWater's website at [www.gwmwater.org.au/news](http://www.gwmwater.org.au/news). The graphs show that the aquifer is generally quite responsive to pumping by the drawdown in groundwater level of 5 to 12 metres in various bores in 2011. The quick seasonal recovery and stabilisation of groundwater levels is also apparent.

Although GWMWater has not needed to access groundwater from the Mt Zero borefield for urban supply in recent years, it continues to provide an important supply contingency for Horsham, Natimuk and rural customers between Horsham and Natimuk.

**Breanna Russell**, Communications Trainee

## Laharum Hall subscriptions are due

Subscriptions \$10 per adult. These subs are very important for the upkeep of our hall. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed.

If paying by direct deposit please include names. Details as follows –

Commonwealth Bank Horsham  
BSB 063 514 Account No 1007 6686  
Or post to – Laharum Hall, C/- Judy Berendsen  
PO Box 621, Horsham 3402



## Grampians Ag News

**Fox and wild dog bounty continues** - Victorian Government's fox and wild dog bounty is continuing until October. Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Officers have been at designated collection centres. Eligible participants can submit entire fox scalps for a \$10 reward during scheduled collection times.

Collection Centre Schedule for Horsham (fox only) is on **Wednesday April 17**, 5384 Horsham-Noradjuha Road.

### On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Support

**Grants** are available in several areas including Horsham where dry seasonal conditions have impacted heavily. An infrastructure grant of up to \$5,000 is available to assist eligible farm businesses implement on-farm infrastructure improvements such as water and fence infrastructures or stock containment areas. Farm businesses provide at least dollar for dollar matching funding co-contribution. Guidelines for the infrastructure support grants are available at:

[https://www.ruralfinance.com.au/uploads/grant\\_files/On-Farm-Drought-Infrastructure-Support-Grant-Guidelines.pdf](https://www.ruralfinance.com.au/uploads/grant_files/On-Farm-Drought-Infrastructure-Support-Grant-Guidelines.pdf)

Resources: Dry seasons support webpage

[www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons)

**Annette Cannon**, Regional Media/Communications Officer

## LAHARUM-WARTOOK VEGIE SWAP

Full details on page 2

Everyone welcome to come along 'empty handed' or with goodies such as vegies, fruit, preserves, cooking, seeds, seedlings, second-hand magazines to swap!

**Come and catch up with your neighbours!**

## Wonwondah News

On **Saturday April 13**, 6.30pm we will have our Autumn Gathering and Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring pasta and Easter eggs to share.

### Wonwondah Sit & Sew

We will be meeting on **Friday April 26**, 9.30am-3pm at Wonwondah Hall. BYO lunch and sewing supplies. Tea/coffee and afternoon tea supplied. Gold coin donation please. All newcomers are welcome – bring a friend or come alone and meet some new friends.

**Sue Ahern** 0438 304948

Jenny Ervin is the Booking Officer for Wonwondah Hall. She can be contacted on 5384 6202 or 0409 175012.

**Kylie Zelle**

**Iluka Fine Minerals Project**, about 8km north of Toolondo (Jallumba Marsh/Redgum Swamp area) has an update available from me at

[giliz@activ8.net.au](mailto:giliz@activ8.net.au).

**Gil Hopkins**

## Something to read and think about!

- Single-use plastic bags take around 1,000 years to break down
- Australia's waste is growing at twice the rate of the population
- Australia is one of the most wasteful countries in the developed world
- 85% of soft plastics from bags and packaging end up in landfill

These are just a few of the shocking stats out there regarding how wasteful we are as a nation.

Waste and in particular plastic, is everywhere! It is an environmental epidemic and the sad part is a lot ends up in our waterways and/or on our beaches, irreparably harming our marine and birdlife, as well as the ecosystem.

We've all seen those disturbing pictures and videos floating around the internet whereby marine animals have a straw permanently wedged in their nose, or fishing line caught around them, or plastic rings stuck around their necks.

It's heartbreaking to see but the reality is, this is caused by us and it needs to stop!

***Let's all do our bit to help reduce the use of plastics!***



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### Batteries

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

## 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](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/wellbeing)

## CFA PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

CFA's Wellbeing Department provides support to CFA people and their families. This covers a wide spectrum of accidents and incidents. One-on-one or brigade support can be provided.

Peer support can be obtained from - **Max Maher**, District 17 Peer Coordinator 0427 596272; 5382 2851; **Maggie Bridgewater**, District 17 Deputy Coordinator 0427 891370; **State Wellbeing Support Line** 1800 959232; **Chaplaincy Program** 1800 337668; **Simon Risson**, Local Chaplain 0417 376312 and **Jenny Taylor** 5359 6231.  
**Judy Berendsen**



### FOR SALE

**Fowlers Vacola**

**Preserving Bottles, Lids & Clips**

**\$3 or nearest offer**

### Money donated to Laharum Hall Committee

Size 20 - 40 bottles available

Size 36 - 41 " "

Size 31 - 11 " "

Stainless Steel lids & clips available for the above

Size 42 - 6 bottles available

Size 39 - 1 " "

Size 27 - 1 bottle available and 30 Stainless Steel lids available to fit this size

Number of clips to fit all sizes

Please contact me on 5383 6200 to make arrangements for purchase and collection.

**Royce Raleigh**

## SAVE THE DATE

Laharum Primary School invites both present & past families, relatives, volunteers, local community members to come along to our End of Year Celebration featuring -

### The BILLY TEA BUSH BAND



**Thursday December 12, 2019**

**Laharum Hall**

Incorporating LPS Year 6 Graduation Evening

Further details to follow Term 3

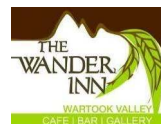


## Explore new skills and be inspired!

Fantastic tutors presenting 2, 4 & 6 days workshops, including oils, charcoal, watercolours, drawing, mixed media, pastel, printmaking, acrylics, botanical, landscape, contemporary and traditional.

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Bookings for dinner appreciated via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheWanderInn/> or call Vicki on 5383 6388.

**Vicki Plunkett**



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Report pollution of the environment  
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## LAHARUM FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

April – June 2019 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.

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
01/04/19	Ed Johnson	Jim Johnson	Gary Staehr	Robert Staehr
08/04/19	Jim Carter	Graeme Wood	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang
15/04/19	Bruce McInnes	Jessica Bettess	Bill Gardner	Stuart Gardner
22/04/19	Jamie Parfett	Adam Shields	Gil Hopkins	Eh Doh Jah
29/04/19	David Pratt	Pam Pratt	Bruce McInnes	Jessica Bettess
06/05/19	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco	Jamie Parfett	Adam Shields
13/05/19	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco
20/05/19	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
27/05/19	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty
03/06/19	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel	David Pratt	Pam Pratt
10/06/19	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus	Tim Martin	Angus Martin

## BRIMPAEN FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

Date	Tanker 1 Brimpaen		Tanker 3 Brimpaen		Tanker 2 Glenisla	
30/03/19	Ron Winfield	Courtney Dunn	Andrew Bell		Ken French	Teresa & Hettie French
06/04/19	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Dean Winfield	Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim	Rod Miller	Sue, Alan & Will Miller
13/04/19	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Steve Price	Gerard Matthews	Luke Barber	Laura Anderson
20/04/19	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Des Roberts	Chris Roberts	Brian Campbell	
27/04/19	Peter McGennissen	Ra McGennissen	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber
04/05/19	Ron Winfield	Courtney Dunn	Andrew Bell		Ken French	Teresa & Hettie French
11/05/19	Peter McGennissen	Ra McGennissen	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber
18/05/19	Ron Winfield	Courtney Dunn	Andrew Bell		Ken French	Teresa & Hettie French
25/05/19	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Dean Winfield	Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim	Rod Miller	Sue, Alan & Will Miller
01/06/19	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Steve Price	Gerard Matthews	Luke Barber	Laura Anderson
08/06/19	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Des Roberts	Chris Roberts	Brian Campbell	

## VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE INFORMATION LINE 1800 240 667

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

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

## Community Calendar of Events: April - June 2019

### April

Saturday	6	day	Laharum Football Netball commences
Saturday	13	day	Wonwondah Gathering/Easter Egg Hunt – Wonwondah Hall
Wednesday	17	daytime	Collection fox bounty – 5384 Horsham-Noradjuha Road
"	17	6pm	Young Agribusiness Professional – Jason Pymer's
Friday	19	daytime	Good Friday Appeal – MacKenzie Falls
Tuesday	23	daytime	Term 2 School commences
Friday	26	9.30am-3pm	Wonwondah Sit & Sew – Wonwondah Hall
Sunday	28	2-5pm	Live Music – The Wander Inn

### May

Tuesday	14	7.30pm	Laharum Landcare Group – Laharum Hall
Thursday	16	7.30pm	Local Vocals – Laharum Hall
Sunday	19	daytime	Cheese making workshop – Horsham Urban Landcare
"	23	11.30am	Biggest Morning Tea – Laharum Hall

### June

Tuesday	18	daytime	Laharum Primary School plantout
"	25	daytime	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club

### July

Tuesday	9	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare Group – Guest's dairy
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**Laharum Wartook Veggie Swap** – Sun April 14; Sun May 12; Sun June 9, 10-11am

**Brimpaen Craft Club** – Tues May 7; Tues June 4

**Mobile Library** – Thursdays April 11, May 9, 23, June 6, 20, 9.30am, Laharum Primary School

**Driver Reviver Kiosk** – Sat/Sun April 6/7, 13/14; Fri-Mon April 19-22; Thurs April 25, Green Lake

**Brimpaen Ladies Social Club** – Tues April 30; Tues July 30





*Brimpaen A Special premier tennis team!*



*Gerard with Freddie & Sarah with Brimpaen A Special tennis trophy*



*Helpers who catered for the Field Days as a fundraiser for Laharum Football Netball Club*



*Vegie Swap at the Wander Inn in March  
and more of the produce*







Volunteers having a well-deserved lunch at Laharum Hall during the fencing working bee on February 7

Gathering before the working bee →



← Laharum Primary School girls designing

Simon Ship ↓



Tilly sprinting at the  
Athletic Sports at  
Dudley Cornell Oval →

