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Life continues to be a challenge for us with restrictions remaining in place, the cancellation of local sports and with various groups unable to meet. We need to continue to look out for our friends and neighbours through this difficult time.

While we are hearing mostly bad news from the media, it is a good time to appreciate the beauty around us; enjoy our native birds and animals and take time to view our magnificent sunsets.

We hope there's some rain on the way to support the crops, our gardens and top up our tanks.

Liz Hopkins



Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo
(*Calyptorhynchus funereus*)

Laharum Hall Committee



The main hall has been painted recently. Thanks to Barry & Robyn Hinch for the work done.

We would like to thank Horsham City Council for a \$4,000 community grant towards this project with the balance coming from committee funds.

Re-opening of the hall may happen soon if strict Covid-19 Safe Rules are approved.

Wanting to catch up with our local history? Lah Arum book told by the people of Lah Arum and district printed in 1987 is a good read! Learn about the district and its people from years gone by. Cost \$10.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary 0417 056219



Grampians Peak Trail

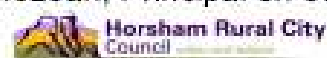
LAHARUM PLAYGROUP

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
MORNING TEA PROVIDED!



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

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



NURSE ON CALL
1300 606 024

Laharum Cricket Club



Another cricket season is approaching us quickly. I hope everyone is fit and well and remains that way.

We are busy preparing for cricket to go ahead this summer as normal. We are working through the return-to-play and return-to-training protocols for when the time is right to recommence training. I know there are many players getting excited already following the lack of winter sport this year.

Our presentation video was circulated on our Facebook page earlier in July. Congratulations to all the trophy winners.

Our AGM has been held and our office bearers remain the same. We will be entering the same teams/grades as we had last year.

The Junior Blasters program will run again in the same format for youngsters (~Under 10) on Sundays – please contact me on 0408 011319. We expect the junior age groups and formats to remain the same as last season.

We are looking for an U14 coach/coordinator in the coming weeks. U16 combined with Noradjuha will be known as the Mountain Ants with new shirts being ordered - these will be free for players. Thanks to some very supportive sponsors – Nuseed Pty Ltd, Elders Insurance and Lane Building Contractors. Please contact Josh Mahoney on 0427 748943 for more information.

The senior grades will wear blue pants this year and will be much easier to clean! Thank you to Wimmera Bearings for their support with these pants.

Thank you also to our long term sponsors for their support as well - Horsham Hydraulics, Ballarat & Horsham Family Healthcare, BuildPro, Cellarbrations, Lawrence & Hanson, Royal Hotel and Best Hire.

Head to our Facebook page for updates or www.playcricket.com.au for more information.

Here's hoping for a Covid-free summer of cricket. Players of all ages and experience are more than welcome.

Ben Peucker, President 0408 011319

Mobile Library



Books and DVDs can be delivered to Laharum for pick up at Laharum Primary School. This can be arranged by ringing Horsham Library on 5382 1777 or going

online at www.wrlc.org.au. You can check out the catalogue then put items 'on hold'. Currently this service is operating fortnightly.

Ann Twyford, CEO

Laharum Landcare Group



Recently the Committee met to discuss what we can do in the future, when we can meet again and under what conditions, and which tasks need to be undertaken now. Laharum Hall may become available under restricted conditions.

Landcare Facilitator positions have been funded only until the end of the year so now we have to work out how to comply with new unknown 'rules', what to do about applying again, and how the position will be administered. Lots for Laharum Landcare and for Wendy to work out! But we all definitely know that our Horsham RCC area needs a Facilitator to support all groups.

Sallow wattle has flowered again so must be removed before seeds develop if you don't want it to increase. Cape Tulip will soon be flowering, when it's best to control by spraying. Paterson's Curse may be controlled with selective herbicide or 'heavy' close grazing, or close mowing. Contact Gil if you want more information on 0490 830769.

The Grampians Ark video about fox control and Brush-tailed Rock Wallabies is now live on YouTube. Check the Grampians National Park article on page 7. Our Landcare group will also be working cooperatively with ParksVictoria for fox and feral cat control.

For further information or to join the group, please contact Landcare Facilitator, Wendy McInnes 0407 914498 or Secretary, Kelsey McDonald

laharumlandcare@gmail.com

Gil Hopkins, Vice President

LAHARUM PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL



**FUNKY
FOOTWEAR
FUNDRAISER**

This term Laharum Primary School are selling funky & colourful socks as our winter fundraiser.

Socks are priced at a very reasonable \$5.50 per pair and come in a range of colours, patterns & sizes.

Great gift idea for birthdays or Christmas presents.

Socks are available via the school office.

Please Phone 5383 6202 to arrange for a contact free pick up or just pop in.

Funds raised will go towards an end of year outing for students.

We thank you for your support - it is always appreciated!

**CORONAVIRUS CALL FOR HELP
HOTLINE 1800 195 114**

Laharum Rural CFA



Over the last couple of months it's been really quiet for Laharum Brigade with no call-outs, which is a good thing. However, we've been keeping up with the CFA

expectations to keep our members safe as possible against Covid-19. As the second wave escalates across the state, the same measures are in place.

Covid-19 - If you visit either station, whether it's for a call-out response or to take the tankers for a run, CFA asks that you log your name and time 'in and out' on the log sheet provided. Also there is a self-testing temperature machine. Please note your temperature on the log sheet too. If any temperature is over 37.6°, it is a CFA requirement that you return home and contact the captain or officer in charge. But we hope common sense prevails and if anyone has any symptoms they remain home. There are still disinfectant spray packs to spray over the contact points or equipment used. If we do have to respond to a call-out, it's recommended that all personnel have PPE masks close handy - these are supplied on each tanker. In saying all this, we still encourage everyone to take the tankers for a run when your turn is up on the roster as per normal.

Laharum Wartook Fire Prevention Strategy - Recently CFA along with FFMVic and Horsham Rural City Council met to consider the development of Fire Management Strategy for the Wartook Valley area. The working group consisted of the Laharum Captain, CFA Vegetation and Community Education Staff, FFMVic Planned Burning Team Members, and Horsham Municipal Fire Prevention Officer. The working group looked at the value of developing a strategy - who it would assist; what it should contain; what would be its purpose and who would benefit.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided to move forward and look at developing a strategy focusing on community engagement, bushfire management, property owner advice and an overall strategy to mitigate the bushfire risk to the communities of Laharum/Wartook.

It was recognised that a number of agencies have already undertaken work in the area and the strategy would look to provide guidance for the agencies in the development of their individual plans. In the coming months, it is proposed to engage with the community to determine the content of the strategy and gather community input.

Should you have any question or suggestion, please contact Luke Dumesny, Laharum Captain 0428 838242 or Tony Brady, Country Fire Authority Vegetation Management Officer 0400 573943.

Fire Services Reform - Locally as a rural brigade, the reform has no immediate change to our day-to-day operations. The staff who work in the district office remain the same and with the same contact details. There's a lot of water to go under the bridge to sort out the finer details which will most likely not

affect us. In upper management in Melbourne, a few people have come and gone, so hopefully this will settle shortly so all agencies can get on with everything.

Training - Face to face training remains on hold for the time being. However, there is a variety of online courses available for members to do. Please contact our Training Officer, Francoise Thornton-Smith on 0484 090150 or myself for further details if you'd like to participate in any training.

Tanker 2 - Still no news on this. We're still accepting donations to go towards the new tanker. Details are as follows:

Direct deposit - A/c name CFA & Brigades Donations Trust Fund BSB 063 225. A/c 1022 0603 Reference 17442 Laharum, then type in your name for CFA records and for your receipt. Please email me at lukedummo@hotmail.com if you require a written receipt.

Cheques - should be made payable to - Laharum Fire Brigade C/- 210 Snells Road, Wartook 3401.

Fire Prevention - It's been really good to see many land owners doing some fire prevention works around their properties by making the most of the current weather conditions and burning piles of sticks/leaves, etc. Summer is only 4 months away!! If you need some recommendations, don't be afraid to ask us and feel free to ring me.

If you have any fire brigade enquiries, don't hesitate to contact myself. Don't forget, if you've got a spare hour or so, don't be afraid to take the tankers for a run even if it's not your rostered week.

Luke Dumesny, Captain 0428 838242

Laharum's Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser

As our Biggest Morning Tea event was cancelled this year due to Covid-19, the community was given the opportunity to donate to this fundraiser.

A total of \$1,475 was raised. \$1,105 will be given to the Cancer Council of Victoria towards cancer research and \$370 to Wimmera Cancer Centre for services to patients.

Thank you greatly to our local community and outer areas for your generosity and support.

Liz Hopkins



Police Assistance Line
131 444

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



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

Laharum Football Netball Club



Well, it's seems like a long time since I last posted! Hopefully most of you have been up-to-date on the



Laharum Football Netball Club Facebook page.

The 2020 Horsham District Football Netball League season has now been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We were hoping to still get some junior action later in the year, but that too has now been cancelled.

So that's it, done and dusted for 2020!! It's been frustrating for the leadership team at the club with league zoom meeting after meeting; trying our best to make something work, but with the safety of the community. We as a league whole, have opted with the decision to let the season go.

In the light of that, it now gives us some time to work on 2021 without too much pressure. As some of you may have noticed driving past the ground, it has given us the opportunity to do some jobs around the establishment. We've all talked about this, but never seemed to get the time to do them.

Hopefully when we start next year, our facility will look the best it possibly can. So thanks to those who have not only donated their time, but who have donated materials to make these works possible.

Hopefully when the current situation eases, we can enjoy a community get-together down at the oval. In the meantime, stay safe and we will see you all soon.

Tim Nagorcka, LFNC Chairman

Wonwondah Landcare Group



Wonwondah Landcare Group, along with everybody else has been very quiet due to the virus.

In the coming months there will be a campaign on certain weed control and those who have noxious varieties requiring treatment, please get in touch with the group. There is good evidence our snail baiting program a couple of months ago has been successful with very little activity of snail movement.

The group's four weather stations are now showing us exactly what is happening with the rainfall and its effect on the available soil moisture as the moisture probes are located under the growing crops. The total rainfall for this year is as follows – Green Lake 248mm, Dollin 236mm, Mockinya 261mm and Wonwondah 188mm.

The soil moisture graph for Wonwondah shows last year's pattern and the February rains and now the drying effect of frosts and light rain to date. See graph page 11.

Given the virus is still hanging around, there will be no meeting until September. Keep safe.

Chris Guest

CFA District 17



Welcome to new commander - In the last month we have welcomed Commander Eddie Lacko to District 17 Catchment

Team. Eddie has returned to CFA after 22 years in Queensland with the QFES. Eddie is the Commander for the Horsham Rural City Council catchment, which includes the Grampians Group, and completes our team of four catchment officers.

The BASOs have been taking Eddie out for tours of the district to get to know the area and meeting some of the volunteers, within the scope of restrictions. Eddie visited Edenhope recently checking out an FFMV Unimog.

Office - District 17 Office remains closed, however staff is available by appointment. Please call staff directly to make a booking, or for general queries call 55362 1700 during normal business hours.

Online Training - CFA have a number of training courses which can be completed online. Some that may be of interest to our members are:

- Tree Hazard Awareness (required every three years for firefighters)
- Covid-19 Cleaning
- CFA Driving Policy & Legislation
- Protect & Preserve the Incident Scene

These can be accessed through

www.members.cfa.vic.gov.au. A login and password are required. If you don't have one already set up, please contact myself on 0438 673144 or l.mcgillivray@cfa.vic.gov.au and I will set it up for you. Please be aware once set up it can take 48 hours to become activated before you can commence training.

Covid-19 for Members - CFA is required to be notified if our members have contracted the Covid-19 virus and/or are isolated due to close contact or perceived contact with infected person. If you are affected, please call either the Duty Officer 1800 608 117 (24 hours) or the catchment team to be registered. This is so we can support the wellbeing and safety of our members and manage the impact of active cases on brigade response.

Face Masks - We strongly urge everyone to wear face masks in situations where social distancing is difficult. Please note, the P2 masks, or other type of masks which are on your appliances should only be used for firefighting operations and are not recommended for personal use as a barrier for Covid-19. Please do not remove these masks. We are trying to source Covid-safe masks for brigades most at risk, but supply and demand is making it difficult to obtain stock.

Louise McGillivray, Brigade Admin Support Officer



1800 333 000

Education News



Welcome back to Term 3 at Laharum Primary School. How fortunate we are to reside in a beautiful, open space and not be in lockdown as our poor Victorian city folk have been placed. To be able to **maintain face to face teaching/learning is wonderful** and we all hope it remains and our regional areas are not placed in restricted living conditions. We have been advised by DET that **we are not to allow students from Melbourne into our schools** if they have been staying in regional Victoria. The restrictions are in place for good reasons and we wish to maintain our safety in the regional schools. We are living in unusual times and adapt to our current social climate.

On July 14 we **celebrated Bastille Day** with warm croissants, ham, cheese or jam for a 'school breakfast'. The tasty French pastry was received with some enthusiasm by our students! We did slip in a little research about Bastille Day and discussed the origins of the day. See photo page 12.

We plan to go ahead with our local **community tree plant on Friday July 31**, however the plant out will be **on the school site**. Thank you to Wendy and Laharum Landcare - we are always grateful to be given the opportunity to give back to our environment within the community.

This term students started an **outdoor education program** focusing upon **orienteering** for the first part of the program. Mr Bruce will be providing the students with experiences to develop the skills in this unit of work. It shall work in well with the **town planning** students are developing in **numeracy project**. See photo page 12.

Thank you to Horsham Rotary who have donated \$150 to our student welfare budget. The funds are much appreciated and will **help fund an excursion** for the students to enjoy later in the year.

Funky Socks –Laharum Primary is fundraising through selling socks. Each pair of socks cost \$5.50. This is a different **fundraiser** and we hope to gain support from people who are not immediately associated with the school. Please speak to Jenny in the school office if you would like to purchase some socks. We have opted for adult and medium sizes - there are a few smaller sizes too. See advertisement page 2.

We hope to host a big **Book Fair in Term 4**. This will be a great opportunity to buy presents for Christmas and enable the community to support the school event. Dates to put in the diary are **Monday October 19-22**.

From funds previously raised we have **purchased new laptops** for the students. We hope the laptops arrive by the end of July and are in use as soon as possible. It is always a priority that funds raised are directly spent on activities or items/equipment for the students.

With some restrictions still in place for school management, we have been unable to have the annual VIP morning tea and session with students. We can only hope that this event will happen in a month or two as we do enjoy hosting our special guests at school. Keep warm and safe. Regards.
Jane McLean, Principal

Horsham Rural City Landcare Facilitator



It's been a little quiet with the local Landcare, but I'm pleased to say that the 'Working for Victoria' crews co-ordinated through Wimmera CMA expect to plant 40,000 trees this winter, which is a big plus for our local environment. They will be working with Wimmera CMA, Landcare and community groups until at least the end of this year.

I've just heard that 20 new positions have just been announced with applications closing on August 7. If anyone would like to get involved in a variety of community, environmental and agriculture projects, then apply now! Also anyone else with ideas on how these crews could be helpful in our area, please get in touch with me on 0407 914498 and I can email you an EOI form.

Landcare groups 2019-20 Health Surveys deadline has been extended by DELWP to **Sunday August 16** so I'm encouraging groups to give this feedback to provide the state government with a snapshot of the strength and contribution of Landcare and environmental volunteering groups in our area.

The Environment and Planning Committee of the Australian Parliament is undertaking an Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria and measures to restore habitats and populations of threatened and endangered species. The closing date for submissions is **Monday August 31**.

I have been assisting with three Junior Landcare Biodiversity grant applications with nest boxes being a key to a couple of these applications.

Horsham Urban Produce and Laharum Vegie Swaps are still cancelled with fingers crossed to recommence so I can give everyone involved more details in the next newsletter. If you would like to host a vegie swap and show off your garden be it native, exotic or vegetable, please just let me know. Keep safe and warm everyone.

Wendy McInnes, Landcare Facilitator

KnitKnaX & KnitWitz

We are now meeting on Tuesdays from 4-5pm. As there is limited space, please call Redrock Bookshop on 5381 0866 if new to the group.

Gill Venn

North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



Our first meeting since the start of the 'Covid-19 pandemic' was held at the Green Lake Yacht Club on June 9. It took the form of a barbecue get-together where Kaye Jess was warmly welcomed as a new member. We hope her time with our small group will be rewarding. She has already supported us on many Driver Reviver shifts.

Due to Covid-19, our Driver Reviver has also been closed. While state borders remain closed, we are doing new signs and improvements. We are extremely grateful to Horsham City Council for a grant to supply new picnic table and chairs at this location.

On July 9 we met socially at the Sports & Community Club. They are very supportive of Driver Reviver and many community projects.

Due to the extra cases of Covid-19, we have decided not to have our August meeting.

Our Lions Club Barbecue Trailer is available for hire. Further any enquiries please contact Keith Fischer or Mal Griffiths.

Remember phone calls and support one another; wash hands; wear masks and stay safe!

Due to Covid-19, our change-over dinner could not be held, so our office bearers will remain the same for the next year – President, Keith Fischer; Vice President, Mal Griffiths; Secretary, Tim Eagle and Treasurer, Pam Pratt.

If you are interested in joining Lions, please get in touch. We welcome new members.

Libby Peucker 5382 5221

GRAIN AVAILABLE

We have some seconds wheat suitable for chooks and other poultry.

Small and cracked grain plus weed seeds mainly ryegrass. Free to good home, but would like the bags back sometime.



Please ring in the evening on 5383 8288 to arrange pick up.

Bill and Jude

Vale

We are saddened by the death of Mr Robert Aisbett of Horsham.

He was a well-loved Laharum school bus driver during the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

Condolences to his wife Jan and her family.

Free Flora Field Trips in the Grampians

Come and join some enthusiastic local volunteers and learn about the flowering plants of the Grampians region. These trips are suitable for everyone - no botanical knowledge is required, just a desire to learn, experience and enjoy this special place. If you do have some knowledge to share, that would be most appreciated too!

Bring along any flower books you have and come prepared to walk at a leisurely pace. Each session will last for about 1.5 hours, followed by afternoon tea, BYO everything.

The trips are free for anyone and bookings are not required. Note that during the Covid 19 pandemic we ask that you adhere to social distancing rules. In the event that more people turn up than are allowed to gather under the Covid 19 rules, we will split into smaller groups.

There are several trips during August and September. The first 2 are on **Wednesday August 5** – Halls Gap Botanic Garden Field Trip. Meet in the shelter at the Botanic Gardens at 2pm and **Sunday August 9** – Mt Zero Field Trip. Meet in the picnic area at Mt Zero at 1.30pm.

For more information about other dates and activities, please contact Monica Coleman on 0412 378128; monicaandphilcoleman@gmail.com.

Something to smile about!

A group of 40-year-old work mates discuss where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Lowenbrau Keller restaurant because the waitresses there are beautiful and have good figures.

10 years later, at 50 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally, it is agreed that they should meet at the Lowenbrau Keller because the food there is very good and the wine selection is good also.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally, it is agreed that they should meet at the Lowenbrau Keller because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant is smoke free.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally, it is agreed that they should meet at the Lowenbrau Keller because the restaurant is wheel chair accessible and they even have an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally, it is agreed that they should meet at the Lowenbrau Keller because they have never been there before!! ☺☺

**ALWAYS DIAL TRIPLE ZERO
TO REPORT FIRE**

Grampians National Park



In Aboriginal culture, the Grampians National Park and surrounding landscape is known as Gariwerd. Within this landscape, six distinct weather periods are recognised. For more information on the Gariwerd six seasons visit

brambuk.com.au/gariwerdsixseasons.htm and www.bom.gov.au/iwk/calendars/gariwerd.shtml

June/July was the 'Chinnup: Cockatoo Season' being the coldest time of the year; fungi coming alive and orchids beginning to flower.

Possums have young in the pouch, sugar gliders give birth and echidnas are searching for mates. Yellow-tailed black cockatoos are on the move seeking new feeding grounds, large flocks of pink eared ducks are seen on lakes, brown thornbill and scrub wrens are nesting and magpies and lapwings are dive bombing - watch your head!.



Late July to late August is 'Larneuk' season of nesting birds and changeable weather.

Pest animal control - During May, an aerial control program targeting deer and feral goats was undertaken in the Grampians National Park and Black Range State Park. This important program supported the protection of sensitive cultural heritage rock art sites and environmental values.

The operation was funded by the Victorian Government's Biodiversity Response Planning program and is helping to ensure that Victoria's natural environment is healthy, valued and actively cared for.

Grampians Ark: 25 years of protecting the Grampians - Established in 1996, the Grampians Ark program is one of a family of 'Arks' in operation across Victoria that use baiting programs to control populations of foxes. Foxes are highly efficient hunters that can kill a large number and a variety of mammals, birds and reptiles, as well as preying on livestock on neighbouring properties. Large-scale baiting has proven an effective control method for foxes.

The Grampians Ark program has assisted in re-establishing a population of critically endangered [brush-tailed rock wallabies](#). This year, Parks Victoria is aiming to expand the Grampians Ark program to include feral cats, which are being detected more frequently on the Park's surveillance and monitoring cameras in many remote areas of the park. Feral cats are a declared pest animal that exist over much of Australia and have colonised many habitats. They are skilled hunters and a threat to the survival of many native species including small mammals, birds and reptiles.

During the second half of the year, Parks Victoria is planning to bait areas that are known to

be frequented by feral cats, with results monitored through a partnership with Deakin University.

Grampians Ark is one of a number of conservation programs being delivered in the Grampians National Park this year. Other activities include aerial and on-ground operations to control populations of deer and feral goats; control of the invasive Sallow Wattle; and ecological burns designed to create a diversity of habitats for wildlife while contributing to management of bushfires and fuel loads.

To recognise the 25th year of Grampians Ark, Parks Victoria has produced a video of this important conservation program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00AyYpUOkYw&feature=youtu.be>

Visitor site refresh - While the Park was closed, the Park operations team have been busy replacing bollards, concreting new fireplaces in ground and removing hazardous trees at Borough Huts, Jimmy Creek and Wannon Crossing Campgrounds. See photo page 11.

Planned burning and fire prevention works - Several planned burns were undertaken over recent months using hand and aerial ignition methods including Mt William Range, Serra Range and Mt Difficult Range adjacent to Mt Victory Road. Positive results were achieved and objectives were met for fuel reduction and ecological values management. In addition, roadside mulching and slashing works to strengthen fire lines and breaks have been undertaken. These include Grampians Tourist Road along the northern entrance to Halls Gap, Pomonal Fireline and Smiths Road in the Northern Grampians. See photo page 11.

Illegal waste disposal - Unfortunately Parks Victoria has continued to see illegal dumping of rubbish in parks and reserves across the state. This creates not only an unsightly mess, but can lead to waste entering waterways, the spread of weeds and pests, and the destruction of native vegetation and wildlife habitat. Dumping waste in parks and reserves is illegal and may result in large fines being issued.

Please report illegal rubbish dumping to the Environment Protection Authority on 1300 372 842 or by visiting <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/illegal-waste-disposal>

Welcome Mike Wadge - Grampians team would like to welcome Mike Wadge to the team. Mike has worked for Parks Victoria for several years as a Project Fire Fighter and now joins the park operations team in a full-time capacity. Mike brings a wealth of practical skills and experience to the role which will be valuable in maintaining the parks infrastructure and visitor areas into the future.

Stapylton loop walking track works - Works were recently undertaken to realign a short section of the

Stapylton Loop Walking Track at Stapylton Campground. This work improves walking track flow and safety when crossing Millar Road and improves track definition with new gravel. Staff carrying out this work followed the public health guidelines for hygiene and physical distancing. See photo page 11.

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

Grampians Peak Trail - Making the fourth and longest walk in the Walk Victoria's Icons series, the Grampians Peaks Trail will provide a world-class walking experience of 160kms which can be experienced in sections, or as one 13-day journey. See photo page 1. Peaks Trail please visit parks.vic.gov.au/projects/grampians-peaks-trail

Seasonal Fauna Species - Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*) identified by their black bodies with yellow patches on the ear, tail and edges of feathers. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos are often seen in small groups in wet forests and woodlands. They feed on seeds and grubs that live in logs and trees. They have a harsh, high pitched screeching call that resonates through the landscape. See photo page 1.

Seasonal Flora Species - Have you been for a walk lately and noticed the abundance of Fungi growing? It is estimated there is over 250,000 species of fungi in Australia. However, very little is known about Australian Fungi with only 10% of Fungi named. The study of fungi is called Mycology and is a branch of biology that has plenty of room for growth. The Australian National Botanic Gardens has a fantastic webpage if you would like to learn more about fungi: <https://www.anbg.gov.au/fungi/index.html>

Matt White, Ranger 8427 3632

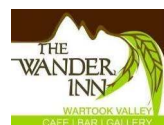


Horsham Rural City Council hosted a Coronavirus information webinar on July 23 with health physician and former Wimmera GP, Dr Rob Grenfell. This can be replayed by going to HRCC website www.hrcc.vic.gov.au. Dr Grenfell joined the CSIRO in June 2016 as Director of the Health & Biosecurity Business Unit.

Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group (WSMRTG) represents six Western Victorian municipalities and has called for an immediate injection of \$50 million by State Government to make 30 of the regions worst C class roads safe for users. Almost 5,000km (about 15%) of the key transport links within and between the municipalities of Buloke, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Northern Grampians, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack municipalities and servicing neighbouring regions are categorised by Regional Roads Victoria as C class roads and almost all of them have been found to be unsafe due to their narrow seals.

A webinar was also held on July 30 to provide Wimmera people with the chance to learn more about Horsham's evolving plans for a riverfront water play area. See photo page 12 for an example of a water play area. Council applied to Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV) for an additional \$3 million to fund a riverfront water play park with the outcome expected soon. The wider Riverfront Activation project already has a guaranteed \$3 million in funding with contributions from the Commonwealth and State Governments and Horsham Rural City Council.

Susan Surridge, Coordinator Community Relations & Advocacy



Open Fridays 5.30-9pm for dinner – eat-in and take-away.

Saturdays 11am-9pm – lunch and dinner.

Sundays 11am-4pm.

Take away fish & chips and pizza available - please ring to order. Bookings are essential via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheWanderInn/> or call me on 5383 6388.

Dianna

Grampians Olive Co

Our farm shop is currently closed due to COVID-19. We continue to accept & deliver orders via our website www.grampiansoliveco.com.au.

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Thank you for your support and we look forward to re-opening when safe to do so.

Greg Mathews 5383 8299





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Meet The Team...

1/69 Hamilton Street
Horsham Vic 3400



| Day | Open | Close |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Monday | 8:30am | 5:30pm |
| Tuesday | 8:30am | 5:30pm |
| Wednesday | 1:00pm | 7:45pm |
| Thursday | 8:30am | 5:00pm |
| Friday | 8:30am | 5:00pm |

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FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTERS

August - September 2020

IN CASE OF FIRE DIAL 000



The trucks need to be driven at least 30km a week, and water pumped for at least 5 minutes. Fuel, tyres, lights checked. Refuel if less than ¾ full. Fill in the log book. Immediately report any problems to the Captain.

Captains are: Laharum - **Luke Dumesny 0438 838242**; Brimpaen - **Ken French 5380 1500**.

Truck radio will be on Vicfire Channel 517 for emergency callout (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 |
| 03/08/20 | Will Pyke | Htoo Kaw Jah | Damien Knight | Jack Shields |
| 10/08/20 | Francoise van der Plank | Vicky Stevens | Jo Gardner | Jenny McInnes |
| 17/08/20 | Mal Griffiths | Ray Zippel | Allan Parfett | Mark Mintern |
| 24/08/20 | Rob McInnes | Leigh Mibus | Brad Geue | Caroline Geue |
| 31/08/20 | Mark Uebergang | Jenny Uebergang | Gary Staehr | Rob Staehr |
| 07/09/20 | Maurice Dumesny | Glenn Steadman | Steve Suter | Nigel Hallam |
| 14/09/20 | Luke Dumesny | Beth McGennissen | Bill Gardner | Gavan McGennissen |
| 21/09/20 | Tim Martin | Angus Martin | Gil Hopkins | Eh Doh Jah |
| 28/09/20 | Paul van der Plank | Flip Stein | Jim Carter | Graeme Wood |
| 05/10/20 | Mark Francisco | Dane Francisco | Bruce McInnes | David Wegman |
| 12/10/20 | Campbell Ellifson | Alex Ellifson | Francoise van der Plank | Jenny Gaulke |

BRIMPAEN

| Date | Tanker 1 Brimpaen | | Tanker 3 Brimpaen | | Tanker 2 Glenisla | |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 27/07/20 | Cameron McDonald | David Schmidt | Steve Price | Gerard Matthews | Luke Barber | Laura Anderson |
| 03/08/20 | Brenton Roberts | Amanda Britten | Des Roberts | Chris Roberts | Brian Campbell | |
| 10/08/20 | Peter McGennissen | Ra McGennissen | Anthony Smith | Ben Starick | Robert Barber | Will Barber |
| 17/08/20 | Ron Winfield | Courtney Dunn | Andrew Bell | | Ken French | Teresa & Hettie French |
| 24/08/20 | Andrew Chincarini | Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini | Dean Winfield | Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim | Rod Miller | Sue, Alana & Will Miller |
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Total Fire Bans – Fire Restrictions - Bushfire Planning – Major Fires

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Planned burning and fire prevention works



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Season View





Laharum Primary School students enjoying Bastille Breakfast ↑



Dress up day end of Term 2 ↑

Students playing basketball →



← *Example of a water play area*