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Edition 200



Participants enjoying Brimpaen's Australia Day Breakfast

We have certainly experienced extreme weather conditions over the last couple of months, and trying to maintain some energy levels has been challenging! Also a lot of stress is put on families & children, farmers & outside-workers, animals and of course keeping up the watering of our gardens. Let's hope for significant rain!

Liz Hopkins

International Women's Day Exhibition

Venue: Redrock Books & Gallery

Call for entries: Theme: #balanceforbetter

Monday March 4 - Saturday March 30

Any medium, must be 30 X 30 X 30cm including frame. Work does not have to be framed, but ready to hang. Full details from Redrock Books & Gallery.
info@redrockbooksngallery.com.au or 5381 0866.

Mobile Library



Laharum will be visited by the Mobile Library on **Thursdays February 14, 28; March 14, 28; April 11** from 9.30am in front of the primary school.

Greg Maybery

Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



On **Tuesday February 26**, 2pm at Brimpaen Hall we will be getting together for our annual meeting.

Ann Dyer

Laharum-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap

SUMMER / AUTUMN 2019 Sunday at 10am sharp



10th Feb Gill Venn
Tatlocks Bridge Brimpaen/Laharum Rd

***Please note date change to**

3rd March The Wander Inn

2637 Nthn Grampians Rd, Wartook

14th April Proo & Will Pyke

445 Smiths Rd, Laharum

For further information contact
Wendy McInnes 53 836220
or 0407 914498



Clean up Australia Day
Sunday March 3

NURSE ON CALL 1300 606 024



*Raising of the flag and singing the National Anthem
at Brimpaen Australia Day Breakfast*

Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader - Merryn Eagle



Thursday February 28, 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



Grampians Texture 19

Halls Gap

Saturday-Thursday March 16-21

Exhibitions, workshops, GrampianArts

Market Place and

Twilight Makers Market

Check the website for full details -

www.grampianarts.com.au

Wonwondah Landcare Group



Wonwondah Landcare Group's determination to try and control the spread of snail will be helped with a slug and snail management session at Wonwondah Hall on **Thursday February 14** from 9 -11.30am.

Entomologist Dr Michael Nash with Agriculture Victoria will present to those attending. Please register with Heather Drendel on 0427 868705 as soon as possible.

Further rabbit ripping will happen once it cools and is safe to do so in our area. Please notify us of any new areas requiring treatment.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday February 19**, 7.30pm at Guest's dairy - all are welcome.

Chris Guest

Wonwondah News

On **Saturday April 13** we will have our Autumn Gathering and Easter Egg Hunt – details still to be confirmed.

Wonwondah Sit & Sew



We will be meeting on **Fridays February 15; March 15 and 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.

Jill Warren

Brimpaen Craft Club



On **Tuesday March 5**, 10am-3pm at Brimpaen Hall we will be making small items for charity such as lavender bags for the Lutheran School Mother's Day raffle. BYO lunch.

Jill Sinclair

Laharum Hall Committee



A reminder to **all hall users** that it is your responsibility to leave the hall clean and tidy - floors vacuumed and/or washed as needed.

The Hall Committee is a **small group of volunteers** who do many maintenance jobs both inside and outside the hall to maintain our local facility. We endeavour to keep hire charges to a minimum to assist all groups who use the hall.

We have been successful with a number of grants and new floor covering and blinds will be installed in the near future.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary



North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club

Our new Project - Green Lake Driver

Reviver Kiosk is now in operation on weekends and Public Holidays at this stage.

We have been working towards this project for the last twelve months and are extremely grateful for our successful \$15,000 grant application from the Horsham Sports and Community Club. This grant, together with money from Lions Club International Foundation, and our own fundraising events, has enabled us to fully renovate the Kiosk to comply with the current standards required.

The original Kiosk was built by Horsham Lions Club members and donated to the community October 31, 1967. The main driver to build this Kiosk at that time was local Green Lake identity, and Lions Club member, the late Tom Varley.

The Kiosk has been unoccupied for the last 20 years. The makeover included: removal of old wooden benches and shelves which were replaced with new bench tops and cupboards; an under-bench fridge; new sink and hands-free basin; new stainless steel fridge and a paint job throughout. New steel serving window and doors were made and donated by Andy Ballinger. Power and plumbing upgrades took place and an all-abilities path to the Kiosk funded by Australian Lions Foundation.

This Driver Reviver Kiosk is located on the Western Highway at Green Lake, 13kms from Horsham towards Melbourne. Green Lake is an extremely popular rest stop for travellers on the highway. It is also the main recreational lake for hundreds of families throughout the year, but especially during the summer months.

This is a huge project for only 10 members, so we have invited other service and community clubs to help 'man' the Driver Reviver so that we may be able to run it during school holidays.

We would like to thank the Edenhope Lions Club for their donation of Driver Reviver signage. Also the Horsham Rural City Council, and VicRoads for their support; Natimuk Men's Shed and to all our volunteers who have helped in any way. Special thanks to our newest member Leonie Lawson, who is managing the Kiosk roster.

Keith Fischer, President

The Driver Reviver Kiosk at Green Lake was opened just prior to Christmas to provide free tea or coffee, and a great reason to take a rest stop for passing travellers on the Western Highway. Driver fatigue is a major cause of traffic accidents and we are providing this voluntary community service to do our bit to reduce this. Feedback from passing tourists has been extremely positive and the Driver Reviver team have also been able to pass on local knowledge and promote the local region.

A BBQ held at the Driver Reviver Kiosk on Australia Day Saturday January 26, 5-7pm was well attended and it was an opportunity to meet overseas visitors to our region, and to enjoy the cool lake breeze after a hot summer's day. Thank you to everyone who was involved. We are incredibly lucky to have a natural resource like Green Lake and it is surprising how frequently tourists who have stopped to have a cup of tea say "I didn't even realise there was a lake here!" See photos page 12.

Community groups or individuals are very welcome to get involved with the Driver Reviver project, and come along and enjoy the social aspect of drinking tea with interesting people in a spectacular landscape! Please call kiosk supervisor Leonie Lawson 0439 360275 for more information.

Thank you to all those people who spent many hours cleaning, painting and refurbishing the kiosk. And special thanks to Horsham Sports & Community Club for their sponsorship and on-going support.

Our branch meetings are held at Laharum Hall on the **first Tuesday** of each month, 6.30pm start, and new members or visitors are always welcome. We share a meal or nibbles and have a fun evening. Please telephone President Keith Fischer on 0417 691000 to confirm the date/time.

Beth McGennicken, Secretary



Volunteers Wanted

What: Sport outdoor event consisting of running, mountain biking and paddling

When: **Sunday March 24**, from 7am till 4pm

Where: Wartook Valley, HQ -Zumsteins picnic ground

Who: Race officials, course marshals, general HQ helpers

Details: www.grampianschallenge.com.au

The race brings participants and their support crews to Wartook and promotes this destination for future tourists as well. The event will not be possible without volunteers. Please help!

Contact via email info@adventurejunkie.com.au or 0466 968184 if you can help.

LAHARUM-WARTOOK VEGIE SWAP

Details on front page

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!

Brimpaen Tennis Club



Tennis is almost over for another year.

Our A Special team is travelling well, sitting on top of the ladder.

We have played one Friday night match which was really enjoyable. Natimuk have three courts under lights and it was nice to play at night for a change.

Our A Grade team have had a tough year. We have really struggled to find numbers each week which has meant we have had to forfeit a few games. Hopefully next year we can get a more consistent team together and push to play finals in both grades.

Courtney Dunn

Laharum Cricket Club



It's been a tough season for A Grade. After winning the first two games, player availability and a drop in form has seen only one win. This left the team sitting just outside the 4 and needing to win the remaining three games to be any hope of playing finals this season. On the positive side, several of the younger members of the team have continued to develop their skills with Cooper Tyler and Sean Wouters regularly batting in the top 6 and John Doyle bowling well. For the final 6 weeks, A Grade will be playing their games in Horsham.

C Grade is having a much better season, currently sitting 3rd on the ladder with six games remaining. The old heads have been leading the way with the bat with Ash Marra, Anthony Crute and Dan Mibus all making 50s this season, while guiding the development of our next generation of A Grade cricketers. We have also had the notable achievement of three generations of the Winfield family all playing on the same day! Great to see the whole family involved. Most of the remaining games for C Grade will be at Laharum. For the remainder of the season, the seniors will be training at West School nets, Wednesdays from 6.30pm.

The Under 14s continue their development every Friday night under the guidance of Rob and Jeck. Despite not chalking up many wins and struggling for numbers, the kids have been having a ball! If there are any kids out there looking to give cricket a go, come on down. Training is Wednesday nights at 4.30pm at Laharum, with games Friday nights from 5pm. There are still three games remaining, all of which are at Laharum. It's not too late to join!

To keep up to date with what's going on with the Cricket Club, join our facebook group. As always, if there's anyone out there who'd like to give cricket a go, come on down! No previous experience necessary.
Ben Peucker, President

GWM Water Load Limit restrictions for Bridges in Grampians Area



Arnotts Road/Old Wartook Road - 11 tonne load limit.
CFA Trucks have been given access to cross bridge for OPERATIONAL use only in 1st gear.

Winfields Road - 1.5 tonne load limit

Tramline Track - 2 tonne load limit

Works are scheduled to fix the Arnotts Road and Tramline Track Bridges in late March 2019.

Jo Gellatly, Brigade Administration Support Officer



Playgroups give children aged 0-5 and their families the chance to play, learn and meet others in a friendly environment. There are many different playgroups across Horsham Rural City Council. A full list can be found on the HRCC website.

These are the days/times for the HRCC run playgroups:

Monday - 10–11.30am and 1.30–3pm Kalkee Road Hub

Tuesday - 9–10.30am Kalkee Road Hub

10–11.30am Horsham Special School

Wednesday - 10–11.30am Natimuk Primary School

For more information about these or other playgroups, please contact HRCC Playgroup Facilitators Ruth 0408 086 313 or Ali 0427 532 856.

Alison Briggs-Miller, Supported Playgroup Facilitator

CFA WELLBEING SUPPORT LINE

One number to manage your wellbeing
1800 959 232

Providing CFA members and their immediate family access to 24 hour support 7 days a week

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 **Peers in Training**, Judy Berendsen 0417 056219 or Jenny Taylor 5359 6231.

Judy Berendsen



The first screening for 2019 is on **Monday February 25** at the Centre Cinema. The movie will be **Wajib**, The Wedding Invitation (2017) Israel; Lang. Arabic,

Comedy, 96 minutes. Drinks and nibbles served at 6.30pm with the film starting at 7.30pm.

There are 10 screenings per year on the 4th Monday of each month (except during school holidays) and includes 3 catered evenings.

Other screenings are on – March 25; April 29; May 27; June 24; July 22; August 26; September 16; October 28; November 25.

For a list of the films for the year and for more details, check out the Horsham Film Society facebook page.

**ALWAYS DIAL TRIPLE ZERO
TO REPORT FIRE**

Horsham Rural City Landcare Facilitator



Laharum Landcare Group has applied for funding through the National Landcare Program - Smart Farms

Small Grants and we are waiting on the Volunteer grants to be announced.

Laharum Vegie Swaps are going well with The Wander Inn as our **Sunday March 3** venue – please note change of date. See photos page 12. Next Laharum Landcare meeting will be **Tuesday March 12**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall. We welcome new and interested members.

Landcare Victoria Inc Biannual Forum – Friday-Sunday March 29-31, starting on Friday at 12 noon at Norval Lodge and House, Halls Gap. Cost \$10-\$60. Any queries, please contact the LVI office on 9207 5527 or email info@lvi.org.au. Learning between landholders has always been a strength of Landcare. In this Forum we investigate what we can learn from our traditional owners.

We also look at what farmers are doing to ensure productivity and sustainability. Guaranteed to be an amazing weekend of fun, learning, networking and inspiration. Everyone is most welcome.

Horsham Urban Landcare Group - Monthly Produce Swap on **Sunday February 17**, 9.30am at the Patch at the Salvation Army.

Passata making workshop on **Sunday February 17**, 2:30 pm at Salvation Army kitchen.

Social Sip on **Tuesday February 19**, 6.30pm at the Patch at the Salvation Army.

The Patch at the Salvos will be having an official gathering on **Tuesday February 12**, at 5.30pm for all those people who have volunteered to be involved. It will be an information sharing meeting which will give everyone a chance to contribute to the community garden's future growth and success.

The garden has been well cared for through a very hot January with volunteers managing the watering. We have had the garden open to the public two mornings a week. There is a Facebook page which gives followers regular updates. Everyone is also welcome to become a member of the Patch.

Heartland Horsham to be held from **Friday May 31-Sunday June 2**. The committee has finalised the host family registration ready to distribute to those showing interest.

If you are interested in becoming involved with a local Landcare Group or undertaking projects on your property, feel free to contact me on 5383 6220 to discuss and organise a catch up.

Wendy McInnes, Landcare Facilitator

Yoga at Laharum Hall



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

Judy Berendsen

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.

Laharum Landcare Group



It's so hot, dry and windy, but we also notice how all the plants and animals are affected. Lots of plants are dying and the Gang-gangs sit open-mouthed in a shady tree as the hot wind blows them about. But they come down for a drink later in the day. At least with the pipeline the troughs can supply farm animals.

There's been a change of plan and our first meeting is postponed to **Tuesday March 12**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall. This will be followed up by the 'Grampians Landcare Forum' at Halls Gap during **Friday-Sunday March 29-31** where lots of local groups will get together. Details and to register, contact LVI office on 9207 5527 or email info@lvi.org.au.

Then on **Tuesday May 14** we will meet again to plan for the 2019 planting weekend. We are also organising visiting speakers. More details in later newsletters!

We applied for funding to run workshops in noxious weed control, fire protection/stock containment areas, and indigenous vegetation protection and enhancement. So we may have some learning opportunities later this year.

If you need advice or help with noxious weeds, please contact me on 0490 830769.

Gil Hopkins, Vice President

CFA District 17



Pets and Horses

When preparing for fire, also remember your pets -

- Have bedding, food and water ready to go and make sure you have safe transport when leaving early
- Always put your own safety before the safety of your pets
- Make sure you leave early and your destination can accommodate pets
- Make sure your pets can be identified easily ie microchip them and include your details such as your phone number on their collars
- Have a plan for horses and livestock - a large, well-grazed area where they can move freely, with a supply of water is the safest. Removal of all gear from horses and always keep them contained on your property. Open internal gates to allow horses room to move. Do not allow them off your property - they are at serious risk on roads where visibility will be poor.

Jo Gellatly, Brigade Administration Support Officer

Grampians Olive Co

Open 11am to 4pm every day

Organic olive oils, olives, infused oils, honey, vinegars, dukkah etc. Gift packs available

Micro-roasting coffee on site and serving the finest espresso coffees

Lunch platters, press tours, free tastings

Greg Mathews 5383 8299



Laharum Rural CFA



Since the December issue of the newsletter, Laharum Brigade has responded to six fires.

No doubt the biggest one was the fire on Christmas Eve - the Laharum Barkers Rd fire. See photos page 11. This fire was the first running fire we've had to attend for a couple years. This fire started from machinery involved with harvesting operations and was purely accidental. Just shows the risks farmers have when harvesting! Even though it wasn't a Total Fire Ban Day, with the dry conditions we've had, a fire can take hold very quickly. So hopefully everyone can understand why the Grampians Group ask to cease harvest on TFB days.

At the peak of this fire we had 17 CFA tankers, 4 bombers with an air attack platform plane, council graders, bulk water tanker, numerous Forest Fire Management ultra-light tankers and their heavy tanker with their dozer and a contract excavator to remove hazardous trees. I'd like to thank all those who attended that fire. You gave up your own harvesting operations or your Christmas Eve activities to help others. Also thanks to those who gave up their Christmas morning to come down to continue blacking out. A huge shout out to the Forest Fire Management crews who come out to continue blacking out Christmas Day so CFA members can spend Christmas with family and friends.

I'd like to congratulate those who were directly involved in the first aid treatment of a landowner who received some burns trying to fight the fire. From what I've heard, you all remained calm and provided the appropriate care and treatment needed until medical help arrived. Well done, and it goes to show attending some sort of first aid course can help in knowing what treatment is needed.

Other responses were to Halls Gap, Horsham and Brimpaen but weren't required. We also supported Green Lake at a haystack fire. The most recent one was the fire on the east side of Green Lake which started on a Total Fire Ban day. Luckily it ran into a summer feed crop which slowed it right down and allowed crews to contain it quickly. Otherwise it may have run all the way to the northern end of the Grampians. Thanks to all those who have made themselves available as known crews on the TFB days.

Burning Off Preparations - Like previous years, potentially farmers may be able to burn off during the Fire Danger Period when permits are available through Horsham Rural City Council, possibly after the Field Days. But please check local papers and Grampians Group Facebook page. The CFA's zero tolerance continues with property owners on watch to adhere to permit conditions. Local CFA brigades have worked hard to convince authorities to bring in permits earlier to help farmers burn their stubbles. Any escapes or non-compliant burn offs will be investigated by Police and fines and imprisonment may occur. So Brigade officers throughout the Grampians Group are asking all farmers to follow the rules properly. If you can't say YES to all the terms and conditions on the permit, don't burn off! We don't need any conflicts between local CFA members/officers and local property owners if permit conditions are broken. Throughout the Grampians Group there's been a couple of issues with property owners accidentally burning some trees during their burning off operations. Further protection works maybe required to prevent this from occurring ie. Mineral

Earth breaks, or putting a wet line around the trees further out or changing lighting patterns and not allowing the fire to get a good run up to the trees. Please register your burn offs on the notification number **1800 668511**.

For the Laharum farmers, I'm happy if you do one of the following options to give me a copy of the permit. Either hand deliver a copy or if you get it via email, you can forward it on to me or take a photo of it and text/inbox it to me.

New Equipment - A Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) has arrived to the Grampians Group and is located in the group FCV. Some group members were trained on this just recently. It is now available for use and is registered through the CFA call centre. If needed it will be paged out through the Grampians Group Management Team.

A fridge has been installed in our Tanker 1. We are still waiting to hear if we're successful through the grants for a new chainsaw.

Summer is far from over, and our water supplies are drying up, so the threat of fire still remains! We'll continue to respond with more tankers early to obviously keep fires as small as possible. Please remain vigilant over the next few months to minimise the risk of fire on your property.

Luke Dumesny, Captain

Grampians Ag News



On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants Program

These grants' are available in Horsham local Government area 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-FarmDrought-Infrastructure-Support-Grant-Guidelines.pdf

For more information about drought assistance for Mallee and Wimmera farmers and dry seasonal conditions support, go to www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons

Snail and slug management workshops

Growers and advisers are invited to one of six interactive presentations being delivered by snail and slug management expert, Michael Nash. Dr Michael Nash will provide the latest information on managing snails and slugs and cost-effective control.

Program

- Hands-on identification of snails and slugs
- Lifecycles of the most concerning species
- Market access
- Control strategies including best bets for baiting
- Q and A discussion

Snail and slug management workshops will be held at Wonwondah Hall on **Thursday February 14**, 9-11.30am or Taylors Lake Hall **Thursday February 14**, 12.30-3pm. Registration is essential. Go to - <https://buff.ly/2RsrHQO> or phone Heather Drendel on 0427 868705.

More information can be found on the GRDC website - go to: <https://grdc.com.au/>
Justine Severin, Regional Media/Communications, DJPR

Laharum Football Netball Club



Now that Christmas, New Year and holidays are out of the way, we are back into the full swing of things at LFNC.



Senior footy re-commenced training on January 17, under the leadership this year of senior coach Robbie Miller and assistant Tom Crawford, who have been with LFNC since their juniors.

Some exciting new recruits this year include Josh Morrow, Tim Leahy, Mitch Howlett, and Alex Stef. They are currently training on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Haven Primary School until we move out to Cameron Oval at the end of February. Our Reserves this year are under the leadership of Heath and Jarrod Mibus.

This year our U17's will be coached by Tony Cameron who comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge, and will be fantastic with the young men of our club. We have good numbers this year, and I'm really looking forward to seeing the future of our club have a great year. They will commence training at Haven school on **Tuesday February 19**, at 5pm.

This year the U14's will be coached by Scoop McCluskey again, and although numbers are ok, we would still like a few more. If you know any young Roosters who might enjoy a run around, bring them along on **Thursday February 28** from 5pm.

On the Netball scene - this year we have Caitlin Story and Erin Mellington as our A and B Grade coaches. Training has started for the ladies with good numbers already on the track.

Other coaches this year are C Grade, Carmen Driden; C Reserve, Steph Price; U15's Carmel Quick; U13's Caroline O'Donnell, and the Modi's have Shannon Arnott. We are still looking for a U17's coach. It's great to see some strong commitment from our community helping out in these roles, so thanks to all.

This year we have a major fundraiser catering at the Field Days *each day* on **Tuesday-Thursday March 5-7** at one of the stalls. This will be a great boost to the financial side of the club, but will be a lot of work! This will assist with the resurfacing of the netball courts which is in the pipeline and at a huge cost!

This fundraiser will involve cooking a barbecue of egg & bacon muffins from 7am; serving tea & coffee and making sandwiches & wraps. Another way to help could be child minding, giving a donation! A meeting will be arranged soon to organise details.

If there are people in the community who may be able to give us some help, even for a couple of hours, please contact Cam Mibus on 0429 435068. The club would find it pretty tough going if we didn't have these types of fundraisers.

Our first game is on **Saturday April 6** at Cameron Oval against Noradjuha/Quantong. It's always a great time, so look forward to you all having a day out, and coming down to support all the teams. You can catch all the latest updates on the LFNC facebook page.

I would personally like to extend a warm welcome to all in the community to come down to the clubrooms on a Thursday night or a home game, for a very reasonably priced meal and maybe a cold one or two, and enjoy some great company in a great atmosphere.

Tim Nagorcka, Chairman 0412 784365

Brimpaen Australia Day Breakfast

Once again breakfast was served on Australia Day at Brimpaen. We enjoyed a lovely cooked breakfast and a great catch up with locals from all over.

Our guest speaker this year was Eh Doh Soe Hserhei wearing his traditional clothing. He has made his way from being a Karen refugee to now a supervisor for Australian Wildflowers in a short time. He spoke about his past which for much of the time was very bad. He then changed focus to the work he does now in his homeland.

He, along with other members of the Karen community based in Laharum, are working hard to try and secure a future for the kids back home. With the help of Australian Wildflowers, Ed Doh Soe has set up schools to try and ensure the kids can get an education which is something they are not assured of normally. Ed Doh Soe's story certainly touched the people in the hall and made us appreciate how lucky we are to live in Australia.

We finished with the flag raising by Ed Doh Soe and singing our National Anthem accompanied on guitar by Peter, Barry & Dan. See photos pages 1 & 2.

Courtney Dunn



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.

Lauren Black, botanical; **Lorette Broekstra**, illustration/mixed media; **Joe Cartwright**, watercolour; **Helen Cottle**, acrylic; **Penelope Gilbert-Ng**, pastel; **Jody Graham**, drawing/life drawing; **Basil Hall**, print; **Brett Jarrett**, wildlife; **Robert Knight**, acrylic & charcoal; **Jan Martin**, watercolour; **Deb Mostert**, sketch books; **Lynette Orzlowski**, introduction to materials; **Ross Patterson**, watercolour; **Julie Payne**, botanical; **Herman Pekel**, watercolour; **Cheryl Peterson**, mixed media; **Bronwyn Rees**, print; **Sam Sosnowski**, print; **Ann Rayment**, acrylic & mixed media; **Maxine Wade**, watercolour; **Todd Whisson**, oil

W: www.grampianarts.com.au
PH: 0428 825 971



Tuesday-Thursday March 5-7

Grampians National Park



Rhonda McNeil is Grampians National Park new Area Chief Ranger.

Recovery (2014 Fire and Flood) - A

number of road, walking track and park asset redevelopment projects were completed late last year and focus now shifts to completing the following projects:

- Nagamadjidj walking track, carpark and art site interpretation signage redevelopment
- Stapylton loop walking track repairs
- Zumsteins Cottages Pise repair works
- Zumsteins heritage site interpretation signage
- Coppermine 4X4 bush camp redevelopment
- Coppermine Group Hikers Camp redevelopment
- Longpoint west Hikers camp redevelopment
- New Dead Bullock Creek campground development. (Replacement of Troopers Creek).

There have been alignment changes to Briggs Bluff and the Mt Difficult walking tracks.

Roads - Dry summer conditions have resulted in many dusty and corrugated sections, but unsealed roads cannot be graded until there is an increase in soil moisture.

Environment and heritage - The Grampians team was successful in receiving funding to run research and monitoring projects and on-ground management of environmental threats including the spread of Sallow wattle, herbivore overpopulations (rabbits, feral goats and deer), and predator management (foxes and cats).

Rock Wallaby population - New cameras with remote data communication abilities allow Rangers to rapidly detect fox and cat activity on site and respond accordingly. The cameras also allow the team to better understand wallaby numbers and home ranges.

Hard rubbish dumping is fast becoming a major issue in our smaller reserves surrounding the Grampians. Local residents are encouraged to make use of council rubbish facilities and report all illegal dumping to Parks Victoria or the EPA.

Fire and Emergency - The Halls Gap fire crew have continued with fire-line slashing works, burn preparation for the autumn and spring program, and have also assisted the wider team with Junior Ranger education programs and a community information stall in Halls Gap. With several large bushfires burning in Gippsland, local staff have also been deployed to provide relief to weary Gippsland crews. Parks Victoria is part of Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV). To learn more about FFMV's role and responsibilities please visit

<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/who-we-are/forest-fire-management-victoria>.

Upcoming activities and events:

- **Sunday March 3** – 'Clean Up Australia Day' - help clean up Grampians National Park
- **Active April** - Kids and adult activities to get active in our parks

To get involved with these activities please email hannah.auld@parks.vic.gov.au

To assist with emergency response, Parks Victoria has recently installed over **110 emergency markers** throughout the National Park. See photo page 11. These can be used to quickly locate lost or injured walkers, and reduce response times of emergency services.

Grampians Peaks Trail - Though summer weather conditions have been harsh, construction works on Mt Difficult to Halls Gap section remain on schedule for

completion by September. Hiker camp construction is set to start by April. Follow the progress of the GPT at: <https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampians-national-park/plans-and-projects/grampians-peak-trail>
Tammy Schoo, Ranger Team Leader Visitors/Community

Education News



Laharum Primary School welcomes everyone to 2019. We look forward to a positive year in our remodelled, refurbished building with programs involving the community and network schools. Our building works were not ready for the start of the school year and we look forward to moving in at some point during the first term. When we are settled into the new rooms, please feel free to pop in and have a look – lunch time (1pm), morning recess (11am) or after school would be optimal times.

We are seeking numbers for a possible playgroup/kindergarten at Laharum. I shall be attending a meeting to discuss the future of the Laharum Kindergarten in early February. Thank you to the couple of people who have made contact with the school. If there is anyone else interested, please indicate to the school as soon as possible. It is important for the community as it is a link to the future of the Laharum Primary School.

We finished the 2018 school year with the annual end-of-year celebration of student work at Laharum Hall. The students presented items with enthusiasm and can be proud of their achievements. Congratulations to Arwyn McInnes and James McNeil upon the scholarships from Horsham College and the Rotary Club. We wish Arwyn and James all the best for their future endeavours. Acknowledgement to Rhonda, Gus, Amanda and Rob for the many years of support given to the Laharum Primary School. We hope the association with the school continues as community members.

One of the last responsibilities Arwyn and James performed as Year 6 students was to select and purchase gifts for children and place them under the K-Mart Wishing Tree before Christmas – see photo page 12. The tradition of 'Helping Hands' has long been with the school, and remains to be a part of the student well-being program. We hope to involve the community a little more this year as part of the program. If you would like to be a part of a program at the school for one day; a regular program, or to be part of a special event, please contact the school and we can chat about what aspect you may like to be involved with. It can range from assisting with the BBQ each week, reading, mathematics, cooking, special programs or sport. We can assist with applying for a volunteers Working with Children Check if need be.

Help! If anyone is interested or knows someone who may be interested in teaching music or singing either as a private tutor or volunteer, please contact us. Unfortunately music talent/skill is not one of our strengths, however we would like to make it available. Last year I worked in a school where local folk provided a service for students to have paid private tuition. This worked very well and I believe would be a great addition to our school program if we can source a musician or vocalist.

We have a busy term ahead with athletic sports, Young Leaders Conference in Melbourne for Years 5 & 6 and Cross Country at Haven. We hope to see you at some stage throughout the year.

Jane McLean, Principal

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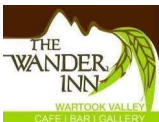
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evenings

Spacious restaurant
Now available a new pizza 'the Flame'
Live music and gallery coming soon

We will also be offering a special
Valentine's Day menu on **Thursday
February 14** to be announced shortly
on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheWanderInn/>

Bookings for dinner would be appreciated via Facebook or
call Vicki on 5383 6388.

Vicki Plunkett



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Batteries

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





LAHARUM FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

February - April 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
11/02/19	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco	Bruce McInnes	Jessica Bettess
18/02/19	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn	Jamie Parfett	Adam Shields
25/02/19	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco
04/03/19	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
11/03/19	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel	Robert Jess	Daniel Doherty
18/03/19	Robert McInnes	Leigh Mibus	Tim Martin	Angus Martin
25/03/19	Brad Geue	Steve Suter	Roger MacInnes	Deb MacInnes
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

BRIMPAEN FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

Date	Tanker 1 Brimpaen		Tanker 3 Brimpaen		Tanker 2 Glenisla	
09/02/19	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Des Roberts	Chris Roberts	Brian Campbell	
16/02/19	Peter McGennissen	Ra McGennissen	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber
23/02/19	Ron Winfield	Courtney Dunn	Andrew Bell		Ken French	Teresa & Hettie French
02/03/19	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Dean Winfield	Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim	Rod Miller	Sue, Alan & Will Miller
09/03/19	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Steve Price	Gerard Matthews	Luke Barber	Laura Anderson
16/03/19	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Des Roberts	Chris Roberts	Brian Campbell	
23/03/19	Peter McGennissen	Ra McGennissen	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber
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	

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: February - April 2019

February

Sunday	10	10-11am	Laharum Wartook Vegie Swap – Tatlocks Bridge, Brimpaen Laharum Road
"	14	9-11.30am	Slug/snail management workshop – Wonwondah Hall
"	14	12.30-3pm	" " " - Taylors Lake
Tuesday	19	5pm	Laharum U17's football training commences
"	19	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare Group – Guest's dairy
Tuesday	26	2pm	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – Brimpaen Hall
Thursday	28	5pm	Laharum U14's football training commences
"	28	7.30pm	Local Vocals – Laharum Hall

March

Sunday	3	10-11am	Laharum Wartook Vegie Swap – The Wander Inn, Wartook
"	3	day	Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday	5	10am-3pm	Brimpaen Craft Group – Brimpaen Hall
Sunday	24	7am-4pm	Grampians Challenge - Wartook Valley Headquarters

April

Saturday	6	day	Laharum Football Netball commences
Saturday	13	day	Wonwondah Gathering/Easter Egg Hunt – Wonwondah Hall
Sunday	14	10-11am	Laharum Wartook Vegie Swap – 445 Smiths Road, Laharum

Mobile Library – Thursday February 14; 28; March 14; 28; April 11, Laharum Primary School

Horsham Urban Landcare meetings – Sun Feb 17, 9.30am; Sun Feb 17, 2.30pm; Tues Feb 19; Tues Feb 12; Fri-Sun May 31-June 2

Laharum Landcare meetings – Tuesdays March 12, May 14, Laharum Hall

Grampians Texture – March 16-21, Halls Gap

Grampians Landcare Forum – Friday-Sunday March 29-31, Halls Gap

Wonwondah Sit & Sew – Fridays February 15; March 15; April 26, 9.30am-3pm

International Women's Day Exhibition – Monday March 4-Saturday March 30, Redrock Gallery & Books



Laharum-Barkers Road Fire taken on Boxing Day from Firebird 300



Laharum Tanker 1 crew blacking out Christmas morning



Emergency Markers throughout Grampians National Park





Gill and Pam



A family taking the opportunity to use the Driver Reviver Kiosk at Green Lake on Australia Day and to have a cuppa



Laharum Primary School Swimming program last November



Arwyn and James at Kmart's Wishing Tree Christmas last year selecting & purchasing gifts for children ➔