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*The last couple of months have been challenging times for us all. Restrictions are gradually easing and students are returning to school, overnight stays are permitted, Grampians National Park is open, but there are still restrictions placed on caravan parks, sporting clubs, eating out, limited numbers for gatherings, etc.*

*We can be grateful for the beautiful environment we live in while we continue to look out for our family and friends.*

*The rain has helped with sowing crops, and it's great to see tinges of green. Our beautiful birdlife are busy fossicking for food and some are getting ready for nesting. It's also a pleasure to see orchids popping up!*

*Although the weather has turned cold, it's good to appreciate the changes in our environment. Keep well, active and stay safe.*

*Liz Hopkins*

## Laharum Hall Committee



Funds raised by the Hall committee have been used to sand and seal the floor of the main Hall while it has been closed. It looks great and will be much easier for volunteers to clean!

A big thank you to Pam & Des and Brad & Caroline for allowing the drop off point for batteries at their property.

Thank you to the community for dropping their old batteries there. These funds are valuable to the community hall.

Lah Arum book, told by the people of Laharum and district printed in 1987, is available for \$10. Learn about the district and its people from years gone by.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary 5383 6265

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



### LAHARUM PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

*Kindergarten is an important step in your child's education.*

*HDKA are currently taking kindergarten registrations for 2021 and beyond.*

**2021 Registrations close  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.**

Registration forms can be obtained from the HDKA Office, Shop 2/33 O'Callaghans Parade Horsham, online [www.hdka.com.au](http://www.hdka.com.au) or by emailing [enrol@hdka.com.au](mailto:enrol@hdka.com.au)

*Early registrations are essential for service provision and planning.*

All enquiries can be directed to HDKA on 5382 7997



*Gold miners huts Laharum Primary School students completed whilst remote learning*



## Laharum's Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser

**Laharum's Biggest Morning Tea fundraising will continue**, but unfortunately it has been decided to cancel the event this year. Our community has been hosting this very successful event for 14 years and greatly appreciate your attendance. We have raised \$23,626 over that time – a wonderful effort!

**However, we would like to give you the opportunity to make a donation.** As we have done in previous years, we would like to share funds between Cancer Council of Victoria for research, and Wimmera Cancer Centre for services to patients. Any donation you make will automatically be entered into a competition to win a voucher from the following -

RSL Horsham 2 vouchers; Horsham Plaza Butchers 2 vouchers; Victoria Hotel Horsham voucher; Café 22 Horsham Plaza 2 vouchers, Livefast Café Halls Gap 5 vouchers, Laneway Café voucher and Cancer Council mug. We are very grateful to these businesses for their generous donations!! **Let's support our local businesses as restrictions are easing!**

To make a donation, there are three options -

- **Direct Deposit** – Account name Laharum biggest morning tea  
Commonwealth Bank Horsham  
BSB 063 514 Account No 1059 7035. **Please type in your name, and also email your details to [giliz@activ8.net.au](mailto:giliz@activ8.net.au).** This way we can make contact with winners of the vouchers and send a receipt if requested.
- **Cheque** payable to – ABMT Cancer Council Victoria  
Post to – c/- Liz Hopkins, 267 Pohlner's Road, Laharum 3401 **or**  
**Cheque** payable to – Wimmera Cancer Centre  
Post to – c/- Liz Hopkins, 267 Pohlner's Road, Laharum 3401
- **Cash** – I can meet to receive a donation if this is preferred  
Mobile 0427 838207 or email [giliz@activ8.net.au](mailto:giliz@activ8.net.au)

Could you please make your donation by **Monday July 13**. Thank you.

We really value your donations for this all-important fundraiser.

**Liz Hopkins**, Facilitator

## Laharum Rural CFA



Hopefully everyone has been taking care of each other over the past few months with the whole corona virus situation. During this time, things have been reasonably quiet for Laharum Brigade. However, we did get called out to a couple of false alarms mid-April from smoke sightings of private burn offs.

Late April Laharum Brigade, as well as all the other brigades across District 17, were given access to funds which were donated towards the bushfires which occurred across the state from the general public. We were all given an equal share to go towards equipment.

Laharum has decided to put our share towards a reversing camera for Tanker 1; a replacement trailer for the quick fill, as well as a hooligan tool, which is a metal bar with a spike and a claw to assist in opening locked doors, etc. To everyone who has donated, we thank you for your generosity.

**Tanker 2** - Still no further news on this.

**Truck Roster** - We've made a few adjustments on the truck roster. Every member operational and non-operational should now be on the roster. If you aren't, please let me know and we'll find a spot for you. Because we have a lot of members, everyone should have the opportunity to take each tanker out at least once for the year. But if you have any spare time, feel free to take the trucks on a run even if it's not your week. Also while you're there, go around the tankers and look in the lockers to familiarise yourself with all the equipment.

**Fire Preparations** - Don't forget to continue your clean ups on your property. Burning of heaps, cleaning gutters, pruning of access roads in and around your property. Please register any burns with the Burn-off Notification Number on **1800 668 511** to prevent any call-outs to smoke sightings.

**Bi-annual/Post Season Meeting** - We'll be keeping an eye on the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions so we can hold this meeting. But information suggests it won't occur until at least August-September.

**Training** - Things have been quiet around training. There are some online courses members can do. If you have any queries on what options are available, please contact our Training Officer Francoise Thornton-Smith on 0484 909150 or myself on 0428 838242 prior to doing the training. As per the chief officer's requirement, we'll be running the Entrapment Procedure Drill as well as the Hazardous Trees for anyone who still wants to do it later in the year. We'll advertise this well so everyone has the opportunity to do it.

**Luke Dumesny**, Captain

## Laharum Football Netball Club



Well, what a crazy time it's been over the last few months. With still no sport going on, it's sometimes hard to comprehend what this pandemic is doing to our community.



Over the last few months, we have had a number of HDFNL meetings via zoom with some great discussions on the current situation. We have been sitting on our hands waiting for more government updates to make decisions on 'return to play'.

In the last couple of weeks, the AFL has released 'return to training protocols', which came into action last Monday with groups of only 10, and a maximum of 20 on the oval at any one time.

LFNC Board and coaches have decided not to go ahead with this training until we get clearer understanding from the state government/AFL on when and if, the season will go ahead.

After the government released more easing of restrictions, we are waiting to see what the AFL will decide going forward.

This has been a very frustrating time for everyone involved, and even more frustrating when other leagues are starting to cancel their seasons.

So, unfortunately all we can do is sit and wait for more direction.

In a positive to this, we have been able to get a few little jobs done around the club which we have all been looking at, but never had the time to do!

The ground and surrounds are looking magnificent and we should certainly appreciate what we have in our community.

LFNC Facebook page will have all the updates when they come to hand. Stay safe.

**Tim Nagorcka**, LFNC Chairman

***Do you have excess fruit and vegies? Horsham Christian Food Centre will be grateful to receive them.***



They are open Monday to Friday from 1-4pm. This centre provides emergency food supplies and emergency relief to people in need.

Their address is 28 Firebrace Street but everyone is asked to **park at the back of the building** (large car park). Donations to be left on the loading ramp at the back door then walk up the stairs and ring the bell. Someone will come to the door to acknowledge the donation and will collect them from the landing.

## North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



Sadly due to the COVID-19 virus, we have had no meetings or activities. A July meeting date is yet to be confirmed.

We are considering doing Driver Reviver on the long weekend in June as restrictions seem to be lifting on travelling.

We would like to express our sympathy to Lion Mark on the death of his father Fred Uebergang, a life time resident of our district. Also sympathy to Pam & David Pratt on the death of David's mother in Queensland.

Congratulations to Coral & Ivan Smith on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and to Beth McGennissen's Dad, Viv who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sadly with COVID-19, these families were not able to have the normal farewells and celebrations with family and friends, which they deserved.

Until a vaccine is found, we will have to live, work and travel very differently. Remember to keep up the phone calls and support each other during this time!

**Libby Peucker**

## Laharum Landcare Group



Our group helped Wartook Rise landholders spray noxious weeds on their properties late last year and on another Laharum property more recently. All Laharum Landcare members have access to equipment and advice and maybe chemical, for environmental or noxious weeds. Providing chemical depends on funding so we need to know where the weeds are and who wants help so we can apply for funds. And not all weeds are funded! Please contact me on 0490 830769.

Unfortunately rabbit ripping did not occur but we expect to run a program late this year. We are also looking at purchasing more rabbit control equipment, and a new type of fox control system which is safer to everything but foxes.

Plantouts may occur later this year. So we can be prepared for next year, please tell Wendy if you are interested in revegetating waterways, making linkages, or conserving bush areas, so we can apply for funding and organise plants.

See you at Vegie Swap later in the year, plantouts or meetings, (possibly August 11) when they get going again. Notices will be on the Wartook Laharum Community Facebook page.

**Gil Hopkins**, Vice President



### Batteries

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

**NURSE ON CALL**  
**1300 606 024**

## Education News



Congratulations to our students and home helpers upon the first six weeks in Term 2 with remote learning. Students have been able to follow timetables and develop communication skills using email. Telephone etiquette communication has been improving with a greeting and a final comment for closure of a conversation now inclusive in conversation.

Students returned to face to face learning at school on May 26. Department of Education & Training has very strict guidelines for operation, and 'enhanced cleaning' is a requisite for school operation. We are very fortunate to be a small school as it is easier to manage and ensure our students are as safe as possible.

Transition has commenced for our Year six students with the paper work and virtual tours available for viewing the secondary schools. The playgroup has been on hold whilst restrictions are in place. We look forward to the resumption in the near future.

Despite remote learning we have been able to start our Breakfast Club. Students have been able to receive breakfast goodies to have at home – we shall continue the program at school. The initiative is fully funded by Foodbank – we have a minimal cost of bread for toast.

Our students will be able to tend to our vegetable patch and complete winter plantings. The students enjoyed our 'Granny' cooking sessions using garden produce earlier in the year – we hope to resume the sessions when guidelines enable us to do so.

Normally we have an open day for Education Week but unfortunately we cannot enact this activity at the moment. In Term 3 we hope the lifting of restrictions will happen and we can invite our community back into the school. Sadly, we are unable to enjoy our volunteers each week – this too we hope changes in Term 3.

Please promote our school to any possible enrolments for 2021. Laharum Primary provides an education that caters for the individual needs of a child whilst promoting values to create great citizens of our community. See advertisement page 8.

**Jane McLean**, Principal

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TO REPORT FIRE**

## Laharum Cricket Club



Well, it has been a quiet couple of months for us all at the Cricket Club,

After a bit of delay, we have managed to order and take delivery of all our trophies for the senior grades. We have commenced the process of making recordings for a 'social distancing' presentation video. This has proven a bit of a task so far, but we are getting close to completing it.

Thank you to all the trophy presenters who have braved the camera to assist with this process so far. The presentation video will be shared via our facebook page on a Friday or Saturday evening in the not too distant future. Please keep an eye out for this!

Since the awards have not yet been announced/video presented, I can't share a full summary of all of the winners just yet.

I would like to make the readers aware though, that we will have two new perpetual trophies awarded this summer.

*'Queale Bunworth 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricketer of the year'*. This all-rounder award will go to the person who accumulates the most points across batting bowling and fielding over the summer in *A Grade* (or top grade if we change grades in the future). This award has been named for these families as they contributed significantly to our cricket club over decades and have held many of the club records across batting and wicket keeping especially.

*'Peter Levey Memorial 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricketer of the year'*. This all-rounder award will go to the person who accumulates the most points across batting bowling and fielding over the summer in *C Grade* (or second grade if we change grades in the future). This award has been named for Peter as he contributed significantly to our cricket club as a player and volunteer. He was President for 13 years and kept the club going in the right direction during a tough period for participation through to 2013.

The club is very proud to be presenting these two awards this season. A full list of trophy winners will be included in the next article.

Please continue to support our club sponsors wherever you can. Hoping we can return to some normality soon. Stay safe everyone.

**Ben Peucker**, President 0408 011319

## Mobile Library



It is possible to have books and DVDs delivered to Laharum for pick up. This can be arranged by going online at [www.wrlc.org.au](http://www.wrlc.org.au), check out the catalogue then ring Horsham Library on 5382 1777 to put items 'on hold'. Currently this service is operating fortnightly.

**Ann Twyford**, CEO

## Horsham Rural City Landcare Facilitator



What a beautiful area we live in!. I'm sure I'm not the only one to have found this extra time at home a chance to really appreciate how beautiful our district is with the Grampians (Gariwerd) creating a beautiful backdrop and our natural environment enriching our lives.

I'm taking part in some terrific webinars, Dr Christine Jones (NSW) with The 'Under Story' a Cascade of Colour and a Channel for Carbon. I highly recommend her online workshops drawing attention to the importance of soil and plant biodiversity. Also Melissa Pouliot with her fascinating Fungi ID workshops - it's worth noting for those who eat wild mushroom! It is well worth familiarising yourself with the Death Cap '*Amanita phalloides*' because it is deadly and the Yellow Stainer '*Agaricus xanthodermus*' which is toxic and looks like edible mushrooms. It can have a slight square look to the cap and of course turns yellow where the stem or cap is touched. If the mushroom is a little older it may not show much yellow. See photo page 11. It also smells different. It's been a lovely season for fungi and I have no doubt our First Nation's people would have feasted on the edible varieties.

An opportunity not to be missed is the annual Horsham Rural City Council's Rural Revegetation Program. Online orders and payments can be made online at [www.hrcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au) until 4pm **Friday June 5**. Locals with properties larger than one acre are eligible to order from the 22 species of subsidised native plants subsidised at 50 cents each. For further details telephone the Environmental Resource Officer during business hours on 0418 574862.

With numerous Landcare events cancelled, I'm looking forward to Schools Tree Day on **Friday July 31** with Laharum Primary School students and National Tree Day on **Sunday August 2** with Laharum Landcare Group and any other community members who wish to get involved. We will wait for Government advice on school excursions and volunteer events.

Our local Vegie Swaps will hopefully recommence in September with locations to be advised.

Agriculture Victoria is the lead agency in a state wide weeds and rabbit's survey. Landholders are being invited to take part and can complete the survey at [weedsandrabbits.com/survey/](http://weedsandrabbits.com/survey/)

Landcare groups across the state have received some good news with the Minister, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio announcing a 6-month extension to Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program until December 31, 2020. EOI will be sought from groups for further funding in 2021 and beyond. My phone number is 0407 914498- *No landline*.

**Wendy McInnes**, Landcare Facilitator

## Grampians National Park



Grampians National Park may have closures in place from natural events such as storms, floods and bushfires; park operations; projects and other circumstances. Before visiting the park always check for closures on the list below. Please adhere to signs and notifications and do not enter closed areas.

**Campgrounds** – due to current restrictions, all campgrounds in the national park are closed until further notice.

### **Walking Tracks –**

**Buandik Picnic Area** – access has temporarily changed due to road works on Harrop Track. The picnic area is only accessible by 4WD via the Goat Track. This is expected to stay in place 'til June 15. Other tracks in the area are also closed due to Harrop Track roadworks.

**MacKenzie River Walk** – temporarily closed between the base of MacKenzie Falls and the top of Fish Falls due to damage to steel steps. MacKenzie Falls remains open.

**Major Mitchell Plateau Walking Track** – closed between First Wannon Hiker Camp and Jimmy Creek Campground until mid-2020 due to Grampians Peak Trail (GPT) works. First Wannon Hiker Camp remains open and accessible as a return walk from Sheep Hills Carpark, Mt William and/or Kalymna Campground.

**Stapylton Loop Walk** – The eastern half of the loop is overgrown and indistinct in many places. A new alignment associated with the Grampians Peak Trail (GPT) is due to open in late 2020.

**Longpoint East Hiker Camp to Boroka Lookout Walking Track** – permanently closed due to a new GPT track alignment. Please do not use this walking track which may still appear on old mapping publications.

**Grampians Peaks Trail** – for the latest Grampians Peak Trail information please visit –

[parks.vic.gov.au/projects/Grampians-peaks-trail](http://parks.vic.gov.au/projects/Grampians-peaks-trail)

For further up to date information on Victoria's national parks go to –

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/covid-19-update>

## Wonwondah Landcare Group



Activity within our group has been minimal with everybody planting this year's crops, and no meetings due to the virus.

An extensive campaign on snail baiting has been undertaken in the usual areas of infiltration, and success is showing through where they have been treated each year with follow-up treatments.

Next meeting is planned for July and this will depend on the rules applied as to how many can gather at that time. Ample notice will be given.

**Chris Guest**



[ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn)

FOREST FIRE  
MANAGEMENT VICTORIA

Forest Fire Management has seen a very busy time over the last few months. The Planned Burn Program across the State was seen to be an essential activity coming off the back of such a devastating bushfire season. As a result in the Wimmera district, strict protocols were put in place to try and ensure our workforce safety and people still able to operate under the new COVID-19 hygiene and social distancing rules. Some examples included teams and offices divided and put into buddy systems, varied start and finish times, strict wipe down and cleaning of vehicles, soap handwashing on all vehicles, all briefings went to radio (in vehicle where possible) and minimal contact with anyone during the day. Teams stayed busy track clearing, doing maintenance and as the situation evolved so quickly, closing public land, facilities and campgrounds became a priority.

Due to a number of very good weather 'windows' and the rare occasion of working in a busy National Park that was closed to the public, some crucial and long planned burns have been completed in Grampians National Park. These include the Boronia and Plantation Burns around Halls Gap, Lake Bellfield, Wonderland car park and Silverband Road. Great conditions to also complete Serra Range, Mt William, Green Creek Road (Mirranatwa) and Stoney Creek Road. See photo page 11.

Many of the internal boundary burns were also completed in Little Desert National Park with some of the last being completed last week. Planned burning will continue both in the Little Desert as weather permits and we will now see winter burning/ecological burning in Southern Grampians at Childs Lane and Syphon Road.

As part of the Job Keeper Package, the State Government has approved FFMV to extend all Project Fire Fighter (PFF) contracts to June 30, 2020. Based on performance evaluations, all our returning PFFs from DELWP and Parks Vic are being offered a contract for 2020/2021 summer season. This has been done to minimise the recruitment process later this year and reduce the number of face to face interviews needed. Fire tower lookout observers (FLOs) have also been offered contracts for next season. All will still need to pass medical and fitness tests, as required for their roles.

New facilities at Victoria Valley Airbase are waiting on some final finishing touches and will be ready to use prior to 2020/2021 fire season. New facilities include a kitchen, rest area and ablutions to replace the old, run-down ex Forestry Commission buildings. The building process has been extremely innovative, with a 'no dig build' implemented to minimise environmental impact to the National Park

and to avoid impacts on cultural heritage values. This facility will ensure that any land management and fire management activities run out of the airbase in the future, will meet current health and well-being guidelines for many years to come.

We thank the public for their patience and understanding over this time and we hope to see you all soon (when conditions allow) back out in this beautiful part of the world soon.

**Danielle Leehane**, Senior Community Partnerships Officer

## Volunteers Celebration

Volunteer Week was May 18-25, and on behalf of Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) Horsham Centre, I decided to reconnect with some of our amazing past volunteers. We have had many from the Wartook area, some serving above and beyond.

So..... I gave Hennie & Bill Neve a call. They are now living in Western Australia on 40 acres in the Chittering Valley. Hennie is proudly 88 and Bill is 90. They are living, in Bill's words "like hermits", as our doctor said if we get COVID-19 we will die! They do feel lucky they are on 40 acres and in a valley that has many fruit orchards. Like all of us 'oldies', they miss their grandchildren and look forward to when they can see them again.

On the home front, Horsham RDA is not operating and it looks unlikely that we will be back any time soon, as we have vulnerable participants and volunteers, but be reassured we will get back when it is safe to do so.

Horsham RDA has the biggest Carriage Driving Program in Australia. John Bennett (deceased) formally from Wartook was the one who started Carriage Driving at Horsham RDA. I wish I could tell him! John was supported by Norma Gillies, Bill & Hennie Neve and Betty Story.

We have three Carriage Driving Horses and four Carriage Driving Coaches. We are supported by fifteen volunteers from all walks of life who are the life blood and enablers of our organisation. I give a big 'shout out' to all volunteers across Australia - you are the real deal! See photo page 11.

**Jan Croser**, Chair RDA Australia 0429 935382

## GRAIN AVAILABLE

We have some second's 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**



**COVID-19 Pandemic** - This year has been a very challenging one for our community and our world with COVID-19 changing the way we are living, working and interacting with each other. Council services have been impacted as have many businesses in our community. As we now move into a phase in Victoria where we are seeing the easing of some of the restrictions. Please refer to our website <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Public-Health/COVID-19> for the latest changes to Council services.

We are encouraging people to stay informed about health matters directly with Victoria's leading agency [DHHS](#). This is where the most up-to-date information can be found.

**Reopening** - Public playgrounds, skate parks and outdoor communal gym equipment are now open with a maximum of 20 people allowed to use equipment at any one time. Physical distancing and gathering rules apply at all times. Council staff will be removing closure signs and installing new signage at more than 30 facilities. The new signage will reinforce social distancing, limits to the size of gatherings and hygiene requirements for those who wish to use playground and skate park facilities.

**National Reconciliation Week May 27 to June 3** - Horsham Town Hall is showing an outdoor screening of Indigenous film 'Marngrook' projected on the building, as part of National Reconciliation Week (NRW).

This is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation.

Marngrook, written by Titta Seacombe, was created in collaboration with Goolum Goolum last year as part of a NAIDOC Week exhibition and it is based on the notion of how Australian rules football developed from 'Marngrook'; a ball game played by Aboriginal people in north west Victoria more than 150 years ago.

The film's story takes place at the foot of Duwul, the highest mountain in the Grampians and the traditional country of the Djab-Wurrung and Jardwadjali clans. When central character Wawi notices that the children only have old toys to play with, he goes for a walk to see what he can find.

'Marngrook' will show every day during NRW between 5am and 7am and 6pm and 10pm. The best spot to view the five-minute film, which will be on a continual loop, is on Pynsent Street where the community can adhere to social distancing regulations.

**Rural Revegetation Order your trees now** - Online orders for Horsham Rural City Council's Rural Revegetation program are now being taken. People

who live in the municipality with a property that is 0.4 hectares (one acre) or larger are eligible to order a selection of subsidised native plants. The tube-sized trees are just 50c each and people can order up to 300 plants depending on the size of their property. There were 22 species available as part of the 2020 Species Guide. The three categories are shrubs to 4m; small trees to 10m and large trees.

Orders and payments are being processed online [here](#) until **Friday June 5** at 4pm. Plants can be collected from the Selkirk Drive depot on **Friday/Saturday June 26/27**.

**Pool registration** - On December 1, 2019 new laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety came into effect in Victoria. The State Government has introduced new registration, inspection and certification requirements for property owners. These changes require owners to register their pools and spas with their local council with a one-off fee of up to \$79. Deadline for this registration has been extended to November 1.

Once registration is complete, the Council will inform the pool owner of the date by which they must organise their first inspection and certification of their safety barrier.

In addition, owners must have a registered building surveyor or inspector certify the continuing compliance of their safety barrier every four years.

Owners who fail to register their pool or spa with their council by **Sunday November 1** may face an on-the-spot fine of \$330.

For more information on the Victorian Government's pool safety reforms, visit [vba.vic.gov.au](http://vba.vic.gov.au). To register your pool or spa with Council and for more information about the requirements, please follow the link <https://www.hrcc.vic.gov.au/Planning-and-Building/Building-Services/Swimming-Pool>

**Council backs continuation of the Mode Shift Incentive Scheme** - Horsham Rural City Council (HRCC) continues to advocate to Victorian Government for the continuation of the Mode Shift Incentive Scheme (MSIS) into the new financial year.

The MSIS subsidises transport operators to move freight from road to rail, aiming to increase efficiency and the cost-effectiveness of rail. However its state funding is due to expire on June 30. HRCC is a long-time advocate of the MSIS and believes it should continue until at least June 30, 2022.

The transport of containerised exports by rail where practical, instead of by road, benefits our community in many ways including reducing the congestion and improving safety on our roads for all users.

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

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## Laharum Primary School



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Principal: Mrs Jane McLean

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## ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2021

Please contact the school for a tour,  
chat and the options offered at Laharum  
Primary School for catering to your child's  
individual developmental needs.

We **welcome** enquiries, please  
**consider your options** and do not overlook  
**an option at your doorstep.**

## KnitKnaX & KnitWitz

We are uncertain when our knitting group will  
commence again. Please ring Redrock Bookshop on  
5381 0866 to confirm starting date.

**Gill Venn**



## Police Assistance Line 131 444

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non-urgent crimes and events



## OLD ROSEMONT QUILTS

138 McTavishs Road, Laharum  
Isabelle Martin

5383 6229 or 0457 661335

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## Grampians Olive Co

Our farm shop is currently closed  
due to COVID-19. We continue to accept  
and deliver orders via our website  
[www.grampiansoliveco.com.au](http://www.grampiansoliveco.com.au).

For locals, pick up can also be arranged -  
please email [greg@grampiansoliveco.com.au](mailto:greg@grampiansoliveco.com.au) if  
you would like to arrange an order.

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

**Greg Mathews 5383 8299**

## CFA WELLBEING SUPPORT LINE

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## FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTERS

**June - July 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
01/06/20	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel	Bill Gardner	Stuart Gardner
08/06/20	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus	Gil Hopkins	Eh Doh Jah
15/06/20	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang	David Pratt	Pam Pratt
22/06/20	Bill Gardner	Stuart Gardner	Roger MacInnes	Deb MacInnes
29/06/20	Gil Hopkins	Eh Doh Jah	Gary Staehr	Robert Staehr
06/07/20	David Pratt	Adam Shields	Francoise van der Plank	Marieka Dam
13/07/20	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty	Ed Johnson	Paul Johnson
20/07/20	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn	Andrew Crawford	Daniel Berendsen
27/07/20	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe	Rob Launder	Charlotte/Ambrose/Reuben

### BRIMPAEN

Date	Tanker 1 Brimpaen		Tanker 3 Brimpaen		Tanker 2 Glenisla	
01/06/20	Peter McGenniken	Rachel McGenniken	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber
08/06/20	Ron Winfield	Courtney Dunn	Andrew Bell		Ken French	Teresa & Hettie French
15/06/20	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Dean Winfield	Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana & Will Miller
22/06/20	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Steve Price	Gerard Matthews	Luke Barber	Laura Anderson
29/06/20	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Des Roberts	Chris Roberts	Brian Campbell	
06/07/20	Peter McGenniken	Rachel McGenniken	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber
13/07/20	Ron Winfield	Courtney Dunn	Andrew Bell		Ken French	Teresa & Hettie French
20/07/20	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Dean Winfield	Maggie Winfield Bailey Pilgrim	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana & Will Miller
27/07/20	Peter McGenniken	Rachel McGenniken	Anthony Smith	Ben Starick	Robert Barber	Will Barber

### 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 & SKY News TV

#### Dates for your calendar!

##### June

Friday 5 4pm Deadline to order plants from HRCC  
Fri/Sat 26/27 day Collect HRCC plants Selkirk Drive Depot

##### July

Monday 13 Deadline donation to Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser  
Friday 31 day Schools Tree Day planting

##### August

Sunday 2 National Tree Day



*Laharum Primary School students at work and at pleasure!*



*Yellow Stainer mushroom  
Agaricus xanthodermus*



*Jan Croser with the Riding for Disabled horses*



*Forest Fire Management undergoing planned burns*



## Our beautiful environment!

*Mt Stapylton*



*Superb Fairy-wrens*

*Golton Gorge*



*Wax-lip Orchid*  
*Glossodia major*

*Golton Gorge*

*Pobblebonk (Banjo) frog*  
*Limnodynastes dumerili*

