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A typical view of our countryside this spring!

It's been 'golden yellow' this spring with pretty wattles, canola paddocks, native hibbertia to name a few! The Grampians are looking magnificent with our local thryptomene, mint bush, heaths and so many orchids in flower. A great place to live and visit!

As part of the Community Development Grants Program Horsham Rural City Council will be forwarding \$1,580 which pay for some of the printing costs of the Newsletter.

Liz Hopkins

Laharum Hall Committee



The hall is now ready to re-open in a Covid safe manner. We are waiting for a directive from Horsham Rural

City Council when this can happen.

I would like to thank the few members of the committee who have sprayed grass in the hall grounds, cleaned surfaces and put up murals and honour rolls since our walls were repainted.

Thank you to Council staff who were involved in clearing the old tennis court area to a fire safe standard.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary

Laharum Tennis Club



Laharum Tennis Club will have an A Grade team this year with positive numbers. Things will be a little different

this season, but still enjoyable. The season starts on **Saturday October 10**. **Deb Bunworth**



NURSE ON CALL 1300 606 024









Wonwondah Landcare Group



Similar to all groups, our activities are very limited with some bridal creeper spraying happening.

The weather is one topic that can be focussed on and the weather stations are showing some significant variations within the district.

As of August: Green Lake - 290mm; Dollin - 266mm; Mockinya - 306mm; Wonwondah - 215mm since January. BOM data for Horsham Airport was - 242mm and Longerenong - 277mm.

The next meeting will be when the face masks are off and we can enjoy some good fellowship!

Chris Guest

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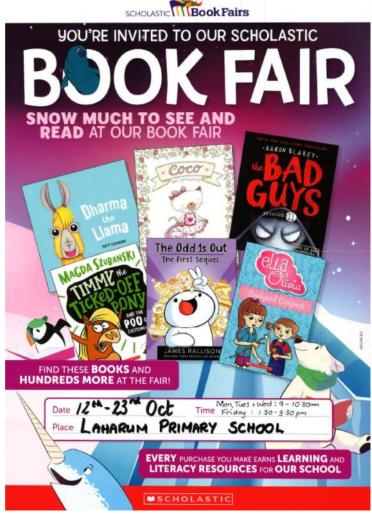


Books and DVDs can be delivered to Laharum for pick up at Laharum Primary School. This can be arranged by ringing Horsham Library on 5382 1777 or going

online at www.wrlc.org.au. You can check out the catalogue then put items 'on hold'. Staff will then ring when items are available and to make arrangements for delivery.

Ann Twyford, CEO

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Brimpaen Tennis Club



Following the easing of restrictions, the tennis season is able to kick off in early October. Unfortunately the season won't

look the same as it has in the past but at least we are playing!!

We are entering just one team this year. We will field an A Special team. Hopefully we can play some good tennis and have an enjoyable season.

Anyone keen for a game, please feel free to contact me on 0407 340937 or get in touch via the Brimpaen Tennis Club Facebook page.

Courtney Dunn





Laharum Rural CFA



Since the last newsletter, Laharum Brigade has only had one call out to a High Angle Rescue at Mt Stapylton. This was a multiagency event with Police, Ambulance and

SES attending. Fortunately we didn't have to climb up to the injured person as the air ambulance lifted them out. A patient transfer was then taken out at the Laharum Oval from air to road. The air ambulance has landed there a couple of times since this incident as the oval is a designated helipad for emergencies.

Vic Fire to Fire Comm - When responding to an incident, Vic Fire has changed its name to Fire Comm. So, you need to call 'Fire Comm' not Vic Fire. It'll take some getting used to, so don't feel bad if you forget!

Supplementary Alerting Service (SAS) App -There is a new phone app available to all members to basically get the pager messages on your own smart phone via this new app. It's simple to set up you'll need your membership number. This can be found on your membership card. Contact myself (0428 838242) or Francoise (0484 090150) if you're not sure of your number.

Covid-19 - Now that restrictions are easing, brigades are allowed to conduct some training with Covid rules in place. But we are still required to wear masks in and around stations when taking tankers for a run and responding to incidents. P2 masks are to be worn around smoke eg bushfires and structural fires. Logging in and out with temperature checks are still required. Plus disinfecting touch points and equipment after use.

Laharum Wartook Fire Prevention Strategy - Not much has happened with this, but there is a meeting planned soon. With Covid restrictions, public engagement is going to be an issue - this will be discussed at the next meeting. Maybe looking at an electronic version sent out individually or put links on local Facebook pages to locals, as we can't currently have public meetings.

Training - Over the next month we'll be carrying out the required 'Entrapment Drill'. This is a chief officer's directive which all members need to complete annually to go to a fire. It's a very simple training exercise. We'll be offering numerous opportunities to attend as we can't do it in large groups because of Covid restrictions. If you didn't do it last year and want to do it this year, that is completely fine. Hazardous Tree training is a three year requirement, so most don't need to do it. For those who need to, we can arrange that too. We'll be sending out text messages, pager messages and making phone calls to capture everyone.

Tanker 2 - I received notification a few weeks ago that our new tanker will be here June 2021, if not before. We are still accepting donations to go towards the new tanker.

Fire Prevention - I'm hoping by now everyone is well and truly into their fire preparation works. It's starting to warm up so it won't be long until summer is here. Just be mindful of the weather if you plan to do any burning off or burn piles of sticks etc. Plus please log it as a burn off with Fire Comm on the burn off number 1800 668511.

The brigade plans to do its annual burn offs and works. We've added some more burning to our list - the roadside from the Brimpaen-Laharum Road turn off north to the end of the houses. We won't be doing this all at once. This will start in the next few weeks though - notifications will be done and signage will be in place.

Membership/ID Cards - As we're getting close to summer, it may pay to check your CFA membership/ID card's expiry date. Having an 'indate' card is vital to allow you through any road blocks to get back to your property. Replacing a card is simple by going into the CFA office in Horsham. They'll take a photo of you then send it out to you.

If you have any fire brigade enquiries, feel free to contact me on 0428 838242. 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

Luke Dumesny, Captain 0428 838242

Horsham Rural City Landcare Facilitator



I am pleased that our Laharum
Victoria
Wartook Produce/Vegie swaps will

recommence on Sunday November 1 - Covid restrictions permitting. Ross Floyed has kindly offered to host the first swap at Neve's house. He is happy to do a little tour of the renovations which he and Sue have been doing there.

Hopefully Horsham Urban Landcare (HUL) will also commence their Horsham swaps at the Patch on Sunday November 15.

HUL has recently held their AGM and have elected new committee members. Thank you to those who have volunteered to support HUL and Laharum Landcare groups.

A Wimmera Catchment Management Authority managed Working for Victoria crew has been a wonderful help getting the Patch Community Garden back in shape after forced neglect for so long. The Committee of Management is very grateful for this assistance.

Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar has been enjoyable and informative. It was a credit to the committee and presenters that they were still able to run this wonderful seminar despite the challenge of delivering it online.

Wendy McInnes, Landcare Facilitator 0428 840662



1800 333 000



aharum Cricket Club



After a long winter stuck in Covid lockdown with no sport or community events, the days are getting warmer and longer and we have some hope on the horizon. Cricket season is

almost here and we have been given approval to play.

This season Laharum Cricket Club will be going ahead with two senior teams and two junior teams along with the Junior Blasters Program.

Our senior teams will be A & C Grades. The season will kick off on Saturday November 7 with Bullants hosting C Grade at Laharum.

On the junior side, our Under 16s will be teamed up with Bullants again, being known as the Mountain Ants coached once again by Josh Mahoney. Their season kicks off a week earlier with a match at Murtoa against Dunmunkle Renegades. Training for the Under 16s will be Tuesday nights from 5pm rotating between Noradjuha and Laharum until West School becomes available. If any kids out there want a game of Under 16s, please get in touch with Sarge on 0427 748943.

Under 14s will be coached by Tony Borlase this year. They are playing Friday nights starting on October 30 with a match against Saints at Coughlin Park. Training at this stage will be Wednesday nights at Laharum – please get in touch with Deb Bunworth on 0400 838250 for more information. The Under 14s are always looking for more players to join in. It's a great format to learn how to play cricket.

The Junior Blasters will be run again on Sunday mornings by Ben Peucker. This is a great introductory program for kids to learn the basics of the game in a non-competitive environment. Head over to playcricket.com.au to register for any of the junior programs.

Senior training for the first part of the season will be on Thursday nights at Laharum from 6pm. This will be reviewed as the season goes on and Covid restrictions change.

For those of you heading to Cameron Oval for any reason, there are QR codes stuck in windows of the booth at the gate, the clubrooms and change rooms. Please scan these with your phone when you arrive to register your attendance. This is a Covid requirement. Please ensure that you're socially distancing when watching any cricket this season, and do not touch the ball unless you are playing. We thank you all for your assistance in following the guidelines in place.

This year we are doing some fundraising through the Toyota Good For Cricket Raffle. All proceeds from ticket sales go straight back into the club. Major prizes include Toyota cars. Tickets can be purchased from -

https://toyotagoodforcricket.raffletix.com.au/laharum cc?v=1

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Hope to see you all at some stage over the summer; be it either as a player or spectator. Yours in cricket.

Ben Peucker, President 0408 011319

North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



We would love to hear from anyone interested in joining our small group of

Due to Covid, our group has had a very quiet time since the last newsletter.

Congratulations to Lion Brian Walsh on his recent engagement and very best wishes for his future happiness and his move to Warracknabeal.

Our Driver Reviver still remains closed as we wait further instructions from Dan. We have received new signage and will restock biscuits and drinks for the holiday season in preparation for when we can reopen.

The barbecue trailer is available to hire. Please contact Mal Griffiths on 0427 884874 or Keith Fischer 0417 691000.

Until next time, take care, stay safe and be kind.

Libby Peucker 5382 5221



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

Saturdays 11am-9pm - lunch and dinner. Sundays 11am-4pm.

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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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Education News



The year is slipping away faster than anticipated! From a teaching perspective, we believe the students have coped really

well with remote learning. The personal capabilities developed during phase one and phase two of remote learning will be more advanced in comparison with the students working on site. Capabilities such as independence, organisation, problem solving and initiative to seek a solution are key areas important to remote learning.

Communication skills have developed with emails, WebEx meetings and the usage of telephone conversation; the ability to explain something unseen to someone is another skill that has certainly improved with all the students. There is a silver lining to learning remotely; it has strengthened learner capabilities which are life-long skills. Well done to our students – we have travelled through a strange time with success as a team.

Mr Bruce maintained the **Sporting School** Orienteering program for Term 3. The time Mr Bruce spent in developing the program is above and beyond the program expectation – we were very lucky to have an experienced and dedicated teacher supporting our curriculum program.

Thank you to Frank who assisted the school and families in the transportation of the learning tubs. It seems the arrangement worked well for everyone. Thanks Frank – your support has been appreciated. **Tree Trimming** – The tree trimming has commenced. A tree hanging over part of the playground was cut down. Luckily it was identified as a hazard - not only was it hanging over the playground, it was also partially eaten by white ants in the centre! We have a number of other trees which will be lopped to meet with our Bushfire Preparedness Program Guidelines. The HRCC has attended to a couple of dangerous and leaning gums at the front of the school and the tree debris to the south of the school. Timber from any fallen trees will be available for the sum of a donation. Please contact the school on 5383 6202 if you are interested.

Book Fair – We are conducting a book fair at school at the start of Term 4 to celebrate Book Week. The fair will be set up in the Mod 5 building and will be conducted under our Covid-operational guide with 'enhanced cleaning'. A great opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts for grandchildren, nieces, nephews or your own children. The Book Fair will be open each day in the morning and Friday afternoon. Please contact the school to confirm a time if you are unsure. See flyer page 2 for more details. Activities for Term 4: Inclusive Ed Program -Pottery & Art (hands on) with Wendy & Jenny McInnes; Cooking; Sovereign Hill Visit to Laharum PS; Mr Bruce, specialist PE if swimming is unable to proceed, and a Quantum Virtual Incursion about

design via WebEx (students use a new design program). We are hoping we will be able to have a couple of excursions later in the term. It is still an uncertainty at this stage.

Students will be using the new laptops for their return to school for Term 4. The ICT chap is busy imaging the desktops ready for action-inclusive of the special program for our Quantum incursion.

Many thanks to students, families and staff for the tremendous effort over Term 3 period. We look forward to a positive, engaging and happy Term 4 at school. Stay safe and keep smiling. Jane McLean, Principal

Laharum Landcare Group



Our next meeting on Tuesday October 13, 7.30pm will be online for at least our executive again and maybe members, but it will be great to all get together again eventually. If members have any issues please contact Wendy.

On August 25 our committee met online. We decided that Laharum Landcare Group would apply for a facilitator position for the Horsham Rural City area (same as the present facilitator position), as soon as we get the details from the Victorian Government. There will be a lot to work out as we don't know what the 'new' rules will be, how many applicants there could be, and even if our area will be chosen to have a facilitator. We are also separately pursuing some Federal funding for projects which the new facilitator can pursue, as we don't know whether particular project funds will be available.

Some of our members viewed the online Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar, which was also recorded and will be available if anyone wants to see information on local orchids, insects, butterflies, fungi, etc and opportunities like Bush Kinder and ParksVic involvement. Please contact Wendy for information on 0407 914498.

Our group has access to fox and rabbit control measures and cat traps. We also have some chemicals and equipment for noxious weed control and in the group there is a lot of experience and qualifications for using our equipment. We apply annually for funds to carry out projects, including protecting and enhancing native vegetation. So if you want some advice or help with any of these activities contact Wendy.

Cape Tulip with orange/pink flowers and Bridal Creeper now in flower are noxious weeds and we have funds to help you control them. Paterson's Curse has been flowering for some time. African weed orchid is becoming prominent locally in damper areas, and St John's Wort will soon be ready for control. Please contact Wendy on 0407 914498 or me on 0490 830769.

Gil Hopkins, Vice President



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Defibrillator Demo with a Trainer

Facebook live stream *Friday October 16*, 10-10.45am

Submit your questions beforehand by replying to - St John Ambulance Victoria mailbox@stjohnvic.com.au by 6pm Wednesday October 14 and tune in then!

Click 'going' on the Facebook event to be reminded on the day!

Live on their Facebook page with Training Team Leader, Katie Van Woerkom.

Katie will show you how to use a Defibrillator, the importance of having one and the difference between adult and child pads.



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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	र 1	LAHARUM TANKER 2		
WEEK START	DRIVER	CREW	DRIVER	CREW	
12/10/20	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson	Francoise van der Pl	ank Jenny Gaulke	
19/10/20	Stuart Gardner	Gary Hallam	David Pratt	Adam Shields	
26/10/20	Francoise van der Plank	Marieka Dam	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty	
02/11/20	Ed Johnson	Paul Johnson	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn	
09/11/20	Andrew Crawford	Daniel Berendsen	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe	
16/11/20	Rob Launder	Charlotte, Ambrose, Reuben Launder	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	
23/11/20	Damien Knight	Jack Shields	Francoise van der Pl	ank Vicky Stevens	
30/11/20	Jo Gardner	Jenny McInnes	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel	
07/12/20	Allan Parfett	Mark Mintern	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus	
14/12/20	Brad Geue	Caroline Geue	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang	

BRIMPAEN

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12/10/20	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	David Grimble	Luke Barber	Jack French			
19/10/20	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Matt Barber	Jo Barber			
26/10/20	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGennisken	Ra McGennisken	Robert Barber	Will Barber			
02/11/20	Anthony Smith	Mick Purcell	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French			
09/11/20	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Andrew Chincarini	Kerry Anne & Tristan Chincarini	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller			
16/11/20	Gerard Matthews	Steve Price	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Luke Barber	Jack French			
23/11/20	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Matt Barber	Jo Barber			
30/11/20	Luke Dunn & John Dunn	David Grimble	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Robert Barber	Will Barber			
07/12/20	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Anthony Smith	Mick Purcell	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French			
14/12/20	Peter McGennisken	Ra McGennisken	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller			

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Article from Lah Arum book printed in 1987

Lah Arum Cricket Club's records date back to 1935, with the discovery recently of score books which are almost complete. There are reports in the Horsham Times of 1931-32 indicating the team was playing in a competition, probably the Horsham South Cricket Association. This association comprised Lah Arum, Brimpaen, North Wonwondah and East Wonwondah. Earlier, it is likely that the Brim Springs team covered the southern part of Lah Arum and East Wonwondah the northern part. In 1934, East Wonwondah cricket team chose its captain by drawing names from a hat. The ground was next to the hall and players included Captain Harry Griffen; Ian, Alec, Les and Athol Millar; Les, Frank and Norman Clark; Bill Rose; Tom Francisco; and Jim and Charlie Smith. About this time the ground in Jack Griffiths' paddock was used for cricket matches. This era lasted until 1984-85 when the club moved matches to the football ground. The little ground on the south side of the road beside the hall was the scene of memorable cricket matches. Great players walked out to the matting pitch, later to the best malthoid strip in the Horsham area. Local people remember Alf, Frank and Len Millar; Cyril Carter; Malcolm MacInnes; Proposches; and Dalys. Norm Clark made over 2,000 runs in four seasons. In the 1948-49 season, playing against Riverside Cricket Club, Norm made 63 runs off two eight-ball overs on the small Lah Arum ground. Frank Clark, his brother, made 6,159 runs and took 1,109 wickets and 178 catches. Frank Clark first played for Lah Arum in 1938-39 and was a regular member after the war until the early 1980s. He still plays for Colts in Horsham.

Three generations of the MacInnes family played for Lah Arum. The Dunns, Combes, Bunworths, Arnotts, Dumesnys, Robert Queale and Noel Ferguson have also been stalwarts. Arguably the best batsman to play was Maurie Huf who farmed locally for several seasons and holds the club record of 184 for the highest individual score. Former VFL footballer Doug Wade was described as a bit of a dasher with the willow. Playing for Horsham Methodist Cricket Club, he clobbered a massive 207 in little over an hour against some of the cream of Lah Arum bowlers. On another occasion when Homers played Lah Arum on the present Horsham High School ground, Homers gave Lah Arum one hour to hit the big total of 180 runs to win the match, a feat Lah Arum achieved. Many Lah Arum cricketers have represented the association at Ballarat Country Week with Bernie Bunworth captain on several occasions. Several have played at Melbourne Country Week. The club has enjoyed its greatest successes in B Grade competition; and since 1958 the club has regularly provided two teams.



Lah Arum Cricket Club 1947-48 from left -Back - Alex Miller, Laurie McIntosh, Edgar Daly, Bill Askew, Malcolm MacInnes, Jack Eagle, Frank Clark, Len Miller, John Griffiths, Colin Knipe (umpire) Front - Bob Carter, Norm Clark, Len Dumesny,

lan Miller, Ian MacInnes

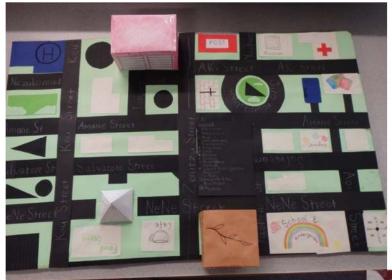
Lah Arum B Grade Premiers 1976-77 from left -Back - Leigh Arnott, Peter Davies, Ron Ward, Gary De Wit, Graeme Combe, Keith Pfeiffer, Frank Clark Front - Maurie Dumesny, Robert Queale, Bernie Bunworth, Roger MacInnes, John Ward





Laharum PS students planting day at the end of July





Laharum PS students' numeracy project relating to angles, shapes and spatial concepts. New 'town planning' models.







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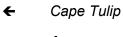


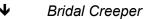
Noel & Lynda Arthur's Landcare project



Noxious weeds in flower to look out for which grow locally -









African Weed Orchid



