

Netball and football season has finished with some great successes for Laharum netball teams. Let's hope for a good tennis and cricket season.

Although our weather appears to be cloudy and overcast, the canola crops make up for it with the vibrant colour of yellow.

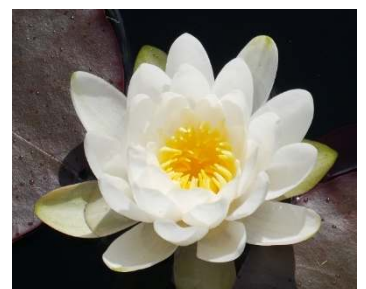
Our environment is busy with the sounds of tractors in the paddocks, the buzzing of bees, the calling of frogs and the singing of birds! ♪

Liz Hopkins

Horsham District Football Netball League
Premiership Winners Laharum 15 & Under →



Winners Laharum C Reserve team ↑





Leah Askew, Life member



Ema Iredell, Netball B & Fairest and League Best & Fairest Women's Football



Catherine O'Dea, Laharum's Best & Fairest Women's Football



Grampians Group and Laharum Brigade Invites you to attend the Multi-agency Pre Fire Season

COMMUNITY MEETING



Friday 10th October 7PM

WHO ?
Community members and family all welcome

Free Sausage Sizzle 6.30pm - 7.00pm, beverages at bar prices meeting start 7.00pm

Join us to hear from representatives of CFA, DEECA, Vic Pol, HRCC, SES Grampians Health and the Ballarat and Grampians Community Legal Service.

Topics covered include: Up-coming Seasonal Outlook for the 25-26 Summer season, Heatwaves, Storm planning, Fire Preparation and Vegetation Management, Insurance and Fencing, Policing matters and Local Brigade Information.

Cameron Oval Laharum

Heat can be fatal

H	Home and living conditions
E	Environment and social exclusion
A	Age and underlying conditions
T	Taking certain medications

There are ways to stay safe

S	Stay cool and drink water
A	Avoid being outside in the heat of the day
F	Phone family and friends
E	Emergency alerts and weather warnings

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SENIOR FOOTBALL 2025



DANIEL EASSON
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Laharum Football Netball Club



What a wonderful end to the 2025 season with two brand new premierships for our club.



After years of hard work and determination, the Red and the Blue have added fresh silverware to the cabinet, and we couldn't be prouder.

The Under 15s netball side claimed the premiership trophy - one that hadn't been won at the club since 2009. Playing under the expert guidance of coach, Peta Bond, the girls delivered a brilliant performance at Natimuk. They set the tone early, taking control in the first quarter against Pimpinio and holding strong to clinch the title with a 41–29 victory. Chloe Butsch was unstoppable in the ring, shooting 24 goals and being named MVP for her dominance.

Later in the day, our C Reserve Netball side brought home our second premiership, marking the first-ever flag in this grade for our club. This team was dominant all season, spearheaded by the outstanding scoring power of Charli Watts, who had already claimed the league's Best & Fairest Award and the Leading Goal Shooter title. Charli added even more accolades to her collection with both a premiership medal and the Grand Final MVP Award. Noradjuha Quantong fought hard to counter our shooters, but the Demons proved too strong, running away with a 52–33 victory.

Beyond these premiership triumphs, we also celebrate the many individual accolades achieved by our players this season:

- **Joel Plazzer** – HDFNL U14s Football Runner-Up Best & Fairest
- **Maya Przibilla** – HDFNL U15s Netball Runner-Up Best & Fairest
- **Charli Watts** – HDFNL C Reserve Leading Goal Shooter, Best & Fairest.
- **Rebecca McIntyre** – HDFNL Life Membership
- **Ema Iredell** – WFL Women's Football Best & Fairest
- **Ruby Mason** – WFL Women's Football Runner-Up Best & Fairest
- **Tarah Bond** – WFL Women's Football Leading Goal Kicker

The club capped off the season with a fantastic celebration at the Horsham Golf Club where we announced our Best & Fairest winners -

- **Senior Football:** Daniel Easson
- **Reserves Football:** Daniel Down
- **Women's Football:** Cat O'Dea
- **A Grade Netball:** Ema Iredell
- **B Grade Netball:** Hannah Plazzer
- **C Grade Netball:** Isobel Cameron
- **C Reserve Netball:** Charli Watts

We also honoured our invaluable volunteers and life members, whose work underpins everything our club achieves -

- **Michele Mibus Unsung Hero:** Steph Ervin
- **Chairperson's Award:** Barry Roberts
- **Best Club Person:** Peter Both
- **Life Membership:** Leah Askew

For a full list of award winners and photos from the night, please visit our Facebook page. See photos on front page and page 2.

As we reflect on the 2025 season, we recognise how rich our club is, not just in trophies, but in the dedication of our volunteers, the loyalty of our players, coaches and families, and the unwavering support of our sponsors. To our sponsors, we offer a heartfelt thank you. You help keep the lights on, both literally and figuratively.

And so, we shuffle the cards and get ready to play another round in 2026. With bigger and better things already in the works, we can't wait to see you back supporting the Demons next year. Hearts beating true. *Go the Red and the Blue!*

Rowena Doyle, Secretary

Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader - Merryn Eagle

Thursday October 23, 7.30pm

Tune up your voice and come and join us for a happy and relaxing singing evening

"It's a great joy to sing together with friends"

Enjoy the friendship - it's lots of fun!

If you haven't been before, come and give it a try!

New members welcome - minimal charge

Singing ability definitely not necessary



Gariwerd Artists

Meeting dates at Laharum Hall, 10am-3pm on **Saturday October 18, Friday November 7, Saturday November 15 and Friday December 5.**

Tea & coffee supplied. BYO lunch.

All welcome.

Please bring a project you're working on or start something new.

Gill Venn 0408 837530

Laharum Hall Committee



Laharum Hall Committee would like to thank Horsham Rural City Council for their continued support.

Council will undertake repairs to the fence from the tree branch storm damage. The asbestos audit which is done five yearly has been completed.

Regular hall users are always appreciative of the standard of the hall. Committee members have been completing numerous jobs at the hall.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary/Treasurer

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga will resume again in October. Please contact me on 5383 6265 if you're interested in attending for the first time.

Judy Berendsen

Laharum Rural CFA



Well, October is here and let's be honest, we haven't seen the rainfall we've been after to fill up our storages. This will obviously lead to some challenging times ahead for the summer. Some forecast models are still saying some wet weather over the spring, but I'll believe it when I see it! Preparation is key to protect your property for bushfires and time is getting away, so please get as much as you can done before it's too late.

Since the start of August, Laharum Fire Brigade has been called out four times. We had a generator fire in a shed, to a car fire on the Henty Highway and a false alarm near Cherrypool, as well as another false alarm car fire near Mt Zero. Thanks to all members who continue to respond to these call-outs.

Emergency Services Volunteer Fund - With many rate notices being issued out by councils, rate holders who are members of the CFA can now apply for the rebates. CFA members can apply via the CFA members' online. You'll need to know your membership number to do this. Follow the link to the rebate forms once you are logged in.

Ultra-Light Tanker - Laharum Brigade is still accepting donations towards the new Ultra-Light Tanker. Again, thanks to everyone who has already donated so far. Unfortunately it won't be delivered until 2026 due to the amount of vehicles which are to be built.

Pagers - CFA are issuing new pagers to replace the out of date ones. Information about the pagers which need replacing are on the local social media posts. Otherwise it's encouraged that if you are unsure, please take your pager into the District 17 CFA office in McLachlan Street Horsham and get it checked if it needs replacing. If there are members who are wanting a pager, please contact your brigade captain.

Hay and Harvest Season - With hay and harvest also fast approaching, we are asking that all machinery is serviced and checked especially harvest equipment. Make sure all fire extinguishers are checked also. Monitor haystacks once baled and stacked for any foul odours. This usually is an early sign of high moisture in the hay and is close to catching fire - pull stacks apart and monitor.

Training - The Grampians Group Exercise is being held on **Sunday October 19**, meeting at Laharum Recreation Reserve at 8.30am. There are many exercises planned to help get members brushing up their skills. All brigade members are invited to attend. For catering purposes, please call Kylie Spiers on 0403 716120 or Françoise Thornton-Smith on 0484 909150 if you want to attend.

Over the next few weeks we will be offering more opportunities for members to complete the annual Entrapment Drill Course and the Tree Hazard Assessment for those who need to complete it. This summer could be rather busy, so all brigades are asking all members to do this training to help lighten the load and ensure everyone can remain as safe as possible on the fire ground. Please keep an eye out on the local social media pages or expect a few text or pager messages with the details of the trainings.

Community Information Evening - There is a Multi-agency Community Information evening being held on **Friday October 10** at Laharum Recreation Reserve from 6:30pm. A sausage sizzle will be available prior to the meeting starting at 7pm. All residents within the Grampians Group are invited and encouraged to attend. Agencies which will be present are DECCA (FFMV), Horsham Rural City Council, Grampians Health, Vic Police, Ballarat & Grampians Legal Service, SES as well as CFA. This will be a one-stop shop family friendly event with most of the major emergency agencies present to provide the information you need or are after.

Please remember if you have some spare time, feel free to take either of the tankers for a run, even if you aren't on for the rostered week. Keep familiarising yourself with what's in the lockers and give the pump a run with the water recirculating between the tank and pump and back into the tank.

Remember if you want to burn off, please register your burn offs on 1800 668511.

If you have any enquiries for the fire brigade, please call myself on 0428 838242.

Luke Dumesny, Captain

Laharum Tennis Club



The 2025/2026 tennis season commenced on Saturday October 4.

Laharum will again have the one team in the B Special Division of the Central Wimmera Tennis Association which includes Natimuk, Haven, Central and two teams from Horsham Lawn.

Our matches commence at 1.30pm on a Saturday with play normally concluding around 5pm. This season having a total of 15 rounds. There is no play in January with four rounds in the New Year before finals.

For a number of years we have participated in the finals and hopefully this season will continue the run.

For the majority of these years it has been difficult to consistently have a team, comprising of 4 women and 4 men, to represent Laharum each Saturday afternoon. We are always looking for anyone who would like to come down and have a hit in a competition which is competitive, but at the same time doesn't take it too seriously and enjoys the social side as well.

I encourage anyone who is interested in playing on a regular basis or someone we can contact on an ad hoc basis to fill in when our numbers are short, which happens regularly. Please contact me on 0403 155246.

Tony Sykes

Brimpaen Craft Group



Tuesday November 4, 10am-4pm

Melbourne Cup at Loretta's, 167 Rosebrook-Glenisla Road, Wartook.

Tuesday December 2, 10am-3pm Christmas lunch at Kaye's, 1963 Laharum Road, Laharum.

Loretta Emerson

Wonwondah Landcare Group



During early winter, the group completed rabbit ripping in the northern part of the group's area.

In the next couple of months there are sites throughout the southern section which will receive attention.

It is the time of the year to be on the lookout for unwanted weeds growing on the roadsides and property boundaries and to treat them before they have a chance to seed.

The group's next meeting **Tuesday October 21** is at Guest's dairy, 7.30pm and a guest speaker will be present.

Chris Guest

Laharum Landcare Group



Landcare members and visitors were delighted to get up close with native Australian wildlife in August at Laharum

Hall, where Fair Dinkum Fauna showed and talked about Darwin Carpet Pythons, Water Dragons, Spiny Leaf Insects, Sugar Gliders, Hopping Mice and more. We had a great turnout for the event and a delicious lunch which followed - thank you Gill. Many stayed to help construct more nest boxes, this time with a focus on Antechinus and Australian Owllet-nightjars. Thanks to Bruce for all the prep work in advance.

We had a great afternoon in September with bird expert Jonathan Starks, learning about birds which use tree hollows, getting familiar with some of their calls and wandering through the bush on a local property. We even tested out our nest box camera on some natural tree hollows and found a nest with eggs! See photos page 12.

Our other activity in September was learning to set up a 20-metre diameter fenced area as an 'exclusion plot' to exclude rabbits, deer, kangaroos and wallabies and to see how the vegetation responds over time. See photo page 11. If you couldn't join us that day or want to reinforce your fencing skills, we plan to host another exclusion plot workshop at a local property on **Saturday October 18**.

Save the date for our AGM and end-of-year dinner! Join us on **Tuesday November 18** at Stapylton Campground - more details coming soon.

Our next Landcare meeting is on **Tuesday October 14**, 6pm at Laharum Hall.

Julie Groce, Secretary 0431 882164
laharumlandcare@gmail.com

Horsham Rural City Council



Horsham Steps Up to Shape Australia's National Food Security Future - HRCC has welcomed the

opportunity to contribute to the Australian Government's National Food Security Strategy through a formal submission to the recent Discussion Paper.

With deep agricultural roots and a strong role in the national food production landscape, Council has positioned itself as a key voice in the development of a strategy which will influence the future of food security across Australia.

The Australian Government's Feeding Australia: National Food Security Strategy will be informed by submissions to the discussion paper and HRCC is proud to be among the regional leaders speaking for sustainable, secure and inclusive food systems.

Help Shape the Future of Animal Management in Horsham - If you care about cats, dogs and the people who live alongside them, HRCC wants to hear from you. The Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2026-2029 is now open for public feedback & this is your chance to help create a safer, friendlier and more pet-positive community.

New Committee to Keep Horsham's Community Halls Alive & Thriving - HRCC has endorsed the establishment of the Halls Community Asset Committee, ensuring the ongoing community-led management and activation of ten much-loved public halls across the municipality. At the Council meeting on September 22, Council formally adopted the Committee's Terms of Reference and confirmed the process for appointing members. The volunteer committee plays a vital role in overseeing Council-owned community halls, many of which serve as the social, cultural and emergency hubs of rural and township life.

"Community halls are the heart and soul of our smaller towns," the Acting Mayor said. "They bring people together, support connection and provide a space where local life happens - from community meetings to celebrations and beyond. This Committee gives passionate local volunteers the ability to shape how these halls are used, maintained and improved."

The Expression of Interest process for the Committee ran from August 6-17 with all existing committee members formally invited to apply for a role in the newly formed group.

The Committee will take on the stewardship of ten Council-owned halls - Dadswell's Bridge Hall, Hamilton Lamb Memorial Hall, Jung Hall, Laharum Hall, Mitre Hall, Natimuk Community Centre (NC2), Natimuk & District Soldier's Memorial Hall, Sailor's Home Hall, Taylor's Lake Hall and Telangatuk East Hall.

The Committee will focus on coordinating hall use, encouraging local participation, raising funds and advising Council on improvements and emerging community needs.

Susan Surridge, Co-ordinator Community Relations & Advocacy



Grampians Group Training Day

Sunday October 19, 8.30am

Laharum Recreation Reserve

New radios, burn over, hazardous trees, truck equipment checks and much more! Guest speakers - BBQ lunch provided. RSVP to your Training Officer by October 15 for catering purposes.

Horsham Rural City Council Landcare



Throughout August and early September, plant-outs with local schools have continued. The Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar was a 'sold-out' success with 100 people learning about 'Creatures of the Night' in Dimboola on September 4.

On Saturday September 20, Horsham Urban Landcare hosted two workshops at The Patch community garden in Horsham. Attendees of the Veggie Growing Workshop learnt tips and tricks for growing veggies with Ant Mair from Quamby Farm in Halls Gap.

In the afternoon a joint event with Youth Nature Crew involved eight young people and their families who built nest boxes for small parrots and small marsupials guided by local expert Bruce McInnes. Thirteen boxes were donated to a property which lost wildlife habitat in this year's Little Desert bushfire, helping provide new homes for western pygmy possums and other native species. See photo page 11.

On September 24, eleven Youth Nature Crew participants explored Grampians NP enjoying waterfalls, wildflowers and learning about local plants and animals. Both this excursion and the nest box workshop were supported by a Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant, inspiring the next generation of nature stewards. Thanks to Horsham Youth for the support. Register for updates on future Youth Nature Crew adventures:

<https://forms.office.com/r/4zx4jZx21c>

Recently The Patch had a new shade sail installed & will provide much needed shelter.

On Sat/Sun October 4-5, HDLN had their Spring Weekend of Conservation on Frog ID & Citizen Science Monitoring workshop & Boneseed Bust Community Weeding day at Gorokey. It was a great opportunity to learn more about local species. Horsham District Network's AGM is on **Monday November 10**, 6pm. All welcome, Please RSVP by November 8 if you're able to attend for catering and dietary needs.

Horsham Urban Landcare has a Sharp Tools, Smarter Gardening workshop on **Saturday October 25**. Learn how to sharpen your garden tools!

Check out Laharum Landcare & Wonwondah Landcare to get involved with your local group.

Horsham District Landcare Network is now able to receive tax-deductible donations through the Landcare Victoria donation facility. If you would like to support our work, you can make a tax-deductible donation through the Landcare Victoria website. Make sure you put 'Horsham District Landcare Network' under group name. Your donation will support biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture in the Horsham district.

Visit <https://www.hdln.org.au/> for more information and follow us

<https://www.instagram.com/horshamdistrictlandcare/> and

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561150481872>

Jen Gao, Landcare Facilitator 0407 914498

facilitator@hdln.org.au

Grampians National Park



Being out of the fire impacted areas, the north of the park has proven popular this spring. A busy grand final public holiday weekend saw most campgrounds fully booked, with car parks and visitor sites at capacity. Popular activities included bouldering, rock climbing, day walking, hiking on the Grampians Peaks Trail and orchid hunting. The area is likely to remain busy throughout October with many school group bookings.

On the fire recovery front, the latest phase of reopening's included Buandik Campground, Strachans Campground, Burrong Falls walk, Paddy Castle walk (pending Glenelg River Road reopening), Teddy Bear Gap Loop walk and Red Rock Picnic area. We are happy with the progress in opening visitor sites and grateful for the efforts of a broad team which has enabled this.

In a few weeks, seasonal roads will be reopened across the park with assistance from members of the Wimmera, Hamilton and District four-wheel drive clubs. Also, the GPT100 Miler event lands in early November. Over the past month, event participants have played a volunteering role in supporting Grampians Peaks Trail fire recovery works in central areas. We are still delivering critical works and addressing key safety measures to support the re-opening of the fire impacted areas of the Grampians Peaks Trail for day walkers and the safe running of the event.

Charlie Richardson, Area Chief Ranger

Laharum Cricket Club



Ah, Cricket season is finally here! Round 1 is kicking off for A Grade at Laharum on **Saturday October 11** against St Mary's and C Grade at Laharum on **Saturday October 18** against the Saints. We are all looking forward to the coming season.

We have a great bunch of energetic youngsters in the club, mixed with a bit of experience, success - silverware can't be too far away.

We will host a pop up blasters session for the youngsters in the New Year - this program was really popular earlier this year.

As always, if you are interested in a game of cricket, please reach out - new players are always welcome.

Ben Peucker, President

0408 011319 ben.peucker@outlook.com

Brimpaen Tennis Club



Brimpaen will enter an A Special team this year for tennis. We are looking forward to some good tennis again this season.

Courtney Dunn

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TO REPORT FIRE**

Brimpaen Community Hall

Save the date! The community is invited to our annual Brimpaen Christmas Tree on **Saturday December 6** from 6.30pm. Attendees are asked to bring a salad and dessert to share with meat supplied, BYO drinks. Entry costs \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Santa will visit later in the evening with presents up to \$15. We look forward to celebrating the end of the year with our community.

Thank you to those who attended our annual hall working bee or helped out at a different time.

Hall subs are now due! The committee is asking residents and landholders for a donation of \$30 per household to keep our facilities available to our local community and user groups and for general public use.

The hall relies solely on donations and government funding to exist. Please pay subs by **Sunday November 30** and can be made by direct deposit to Brimpaen Recreation Reserve: BSB 033629 Account: 190252. Westpac - please use your name as a reference.

Cheques can also be made payable to Brimpaen Recreation Reserve and forwarded to Secretary/Treasurer Megan Gardner, 414 Roberts Road, Brimpaen, 3401.

Sarah Matthews, Chairperson

Wonwondah Community

Wonwondah Fleece and Flower show is on **Sunday October 19**. Afternoon tea and guest speaker Tom Silcock, after 3 pm. Entry queries or to get a copy of the schedule, please contact me on: 0438 304948. All entries must be at the hall prior to 11am on the day. Fleeces must be delivered the day prior or collection can be arranged. Any Fleece queries to Andrew Bell or Leigh McGennissen.

Wonwondah Hall Christmas Tree & Santa will be held on **Saturday December 13**. Santa and Horsham City Band will be playing. For more details please contact me

Sue Ahern

North West Grampians Branch of Green Park Lions Club



Welcome to spring time! Our members have been operating the Driver Reviver site at Green Lake over the school holiday weekends. We have served over 100 people during that time and met some very interesting travellers.

Our new sensory garden at the site is growing well with most of the natives flowering at the moment. See photo page 11. Lions Christmas cakes large, small and mini cakes are available throughout the town.

Our next meeting is to be held on **Tuesday October 21** at Green Lake Barbecue Gazebo, 6.30-7pm start. We will be attending the Lions Zone Convention on **Sunday November 9** from 9am at Stawell.
Libby Peucker 5382 5221



Extreme heat, places stress on everyone's health and wellbeing. Heatwaves can be life-threatening. The Heatwave

HELP project recognises that no-one knows a community better than local people who have been living with and managing heat health emergencies for generations.

Your group or club may be interested in a 'Heat Safe' session to help one another prepare for the heat this summer.

With your leaders, we can facilitate an opportunity to learn about -

- why everyone is at risk
- how some of us are at more risk of the ill effects of heatwave than others
- where and when our risks of harm can change, what steps we can take together to help everyone prepare for a 'Heat Safe' summer.

For more information about arranging a 'Heat Safe' session, please contact me on 0448 904947 or email: kerrie.godbold@gh.org.au

The Heatwave HELP project is funded by the Australian Government in partnership with the Victorian Government under the National Partnership Agreement for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Kerrie Godbold, Heatwave HELP Co-ordinator, Horsham

Grampians Public Health Unit | Grampians Health

Sharp Tools, Smarter Gardening!



Saturday October 25, 9-11am
Horsham Neighbourhood House – 'Hands-on' workshop to learn tool

maintenance basics, sharpening techniques using files & stones and safety tips for handling sharp tools. Extend their life the sustainable way!

Please bring your secateurs, loppers and hedge clippers - safety gloves recommended

Cost: \$30 Horsham Urban Landcare members
\$50 non members

Guest instructor Tama from 'Sharp as Sharpening'

'Sharp as Sharpening' will be operating from 11am-3pm in the Neighbourhood House carpark, 13-15 Robins Street to sharpen knives, scissors and garden tools. Online bookings will be given priority over walk ups. Booking form:

<https://forms.gle/gg6wAXS3oyrEkYE2A>



Batteries

Used vehicle batteries can be left at Pam & Des Geue's property at 1922 Northern Grampians Road.

Spare pallets can be left behind the shed. They are useful for storing the batteries. Batteries help raise funds for Laharum Hall.

CFA WELLBEING SUPPORT LINE

One number to manage your wellbeing

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CFA District 17



District 17 News - Our team has been busy preparing for summer readiness activities. Recent feedback from brigades across the district has been positive with strong community engagement during planned burn-offs and preseason briefings.

Staff have also been coordinating with local government partners on pre summer planning and updating response protocols ahead of peak season. A reminder that any brigades with operational members are required to complete Tree Hazard Refresher training & Entrapment Drill, no later than the end of October.

We welcome some new members to the District.

Sharelle Newcombe – 4th BASO commenced her role on September 3. Sharelle is local to District 17 and had spent 32 years in Emergency Services as a Nurse and Paramedic with Ambulance Victoria. She has also worked in the Wellbeing space. At this stage no BASO assignments will change after FDP Services. We will look at re-assigning catchments into 4 groups, not 3.

Millie McElroy, Administration Trainee. Millie commenced a 12 month administration traineeship about 5 weeks ago. She is new to the District, yet another significant loss to South Australia! Millie is proving to be exceptionally helpful as she learns her role & will do her best to assist any members where she can.

Scott Connor, A/Commander – We also welcome Scott Conner from Mildura Fire Station as an Acting Commander to District 17 for the next 52 weeks. Scott had relieved as an Acting Commander in the District for a number of weeks earlier in the year and we are very happy to have him return and secured for 12 months.

Pager Replacement Roadshow – Members who carry a pager with Serial Numbers beginning with **ASNPP**, **ASPNP**, **ASNPS** are encouraged to replace their pager for a new one on **Monday October 13**, 2-4pm or **Thursday October 16**, 9am-12noon or 1-4pm. Pagers can be replaced at other Brigades as well. Members can also visit the district to replace their pagers at the D17 Office. A courtesy reminder that pagers are the primary alerting service for operational members and that the SAS application is supplementary.

PPC Reminder - Operational members are encouraged to check over their gear and advise District if anything requires replacement before summer kicks off.

Summer 2025 Expectations

- Dry conditions persist and the region continues to experience dry conditions with deep soil moisture deficits which will likely elevate fire risk during the summer months.
- **Increased Bushfire Risk:** The seasonal bushfire outlook for Victoria indicates heightened fire danger across western and north-western regions including District 17 due to long-term rainfall deficits and potential for increased temperatures.
- **Community Preparedness:** Residents are urged to
 - Maintain clear firebreaks and reduce vegetation around homes.
 - Monitor weather conditions and fire danger ratings via the Vic Emergency app.

- Register any private burn-offs and notify neighbours to prevent emergency callouts.

Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Terry Fradd has emphasised the importance of responsible burn-off practices and ongoing vigilance, even as the weather sets in. The CFA continues to support community education and encourages proactive fire planning.

On behalf of CFA, Laharum Brigade & Grampians Group and the local community, you are invited to attend a multi-agency pre-season fire meeting on **Friday October 10** at Cameron Oval, Laharum. There will be a free sausage sizzle from 6:30–7pm with refreshments available - meeting kicks off at 7pm. Get ready for summer with vital information from emergency services and HRCC. Learn how to prepare your property, protect your family and stay safe. All community members and families welcome. Let's come together, share knowledge and continue our work in building a safe and strong community.

There will be multiple emergency service representation and community organisation representatives in attendance where community members will be provided with up to date and relevant information around the summer season. This will include seasonal outlook, significant weather event preparation, property preparation & vegetation management, insurance & fencing, policing matters and local brigade information.

Lily French, Brigade Administrative Support Officer

Library Collection Lockers & Returns Bin at Laharum Hall

For those wanting Wimmera Library items delivered to Laharum Lockers located at Laharum Hall or wanting to return items via the Laharum Returns Bin, Wimmera Libraries will be picking up returned items and dropping off held items fortnightly on Thursdays.

How to get items delivered to Laharum Lockers? When placing a 'hold', choose Laharum as your pick up location. Once items are placed in a locker, you will be emailed access details or you can ring Wimmera Libraries on 5382 5707 to organise/change your 'holds' to be delivered to Laharum on your behalf.

Wimmera Library Headquarters

Laharum-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap

SPRING-SUMMER 2025 at 10am

November 2

Judy & Barry Berendsen
1266 Staehrs Road, Laharum

December 7

Susan Fowler & AJ Bone
1530 Winfields Road, Laharum

January 4, 2026

Swap free month

For further information contact
Wendy on 0428 840662



Brimpaen Rural CFA



Another year rolls on and once again we're looking at another fire season. Like every year, we should all plan ahead. Clean up our properties, have emergency plans in place and if you're not a member of the CFA, join! Our area is such a fire prone region and at some point we will all encounter fire. The best thing we can do is work together when this happens to minimise the effect.

For those who are members, please remember to be up to date with your training; take the truck for a run when you can and make yourself known and available to your Captains on high risk days and during fire events.

Gerard Matthews, Captain



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FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTERS

October - December 2025 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 0428 838242**; Brimpaen – **Gerard Matthews 0419 542569**.*

Truck radio will be on Vicfire Channel 517 for emergency callout (UHF Channel 10 for Grampians Group)
Call Grampians Remote 275# before taking the truck on a run. When returning change back to 517#

LAHARUM

Your rostered week as paged/SMS'd may be earlier than printed in the newsletter

	Tanker 1		Tanker 2	
Week	Name	Name	Name	Name
06/10/2025	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty
13/10/2025	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
20/10/2025	Jim Carter	Nathan Metcalf	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe
27/10/2025	Bruce McInnes	David Wegman	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah
03/11/2025	Francoise van der Plank	Jenny Gaulke	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens
10/11/2025	Jack Shields	Adam Shields	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel
17/11/2025	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty	Nathan Metcalf	Leigh Mibus
24/11/2025	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang
01/12/2025	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman
08/12/2025	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGennissen

BRIMPAEN

	Tanker 1 Driver	Tanker 1 Support	Tanker 3 Driver	Tanker 3 Support	Tanker 2 Glenisla Driver	Tanker 2 Glenisla Support
Week	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
06/10/2025	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
13/10/2025	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
20/10/2025	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
27/10/2025	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
03/11/2025	Peter McGennissen	Rachel McGennissen	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
10/11/2025	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
17/11/2025	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
24/11/2025	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
01/12/2025	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
08/12/2025	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGennissen	Rachel McGennissen	Matt Barber	Jo Barber

EMERGENCY HOTLINE 1800 226 226

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

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

CFA WELLBEING SUPPORT LINE 1800 959 232 cfa.vic.gov.au/wellbeing

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

ALWAYS DIAL TRIPLE ZERO TO REPORT FIRE



Bruce McInnes teaching a family-friendly nest box sensory workshop at the Patch community garden in Horsham



Native plant flowering in the garden at Green Lake



Horsham College students helping revegetate the Foundry



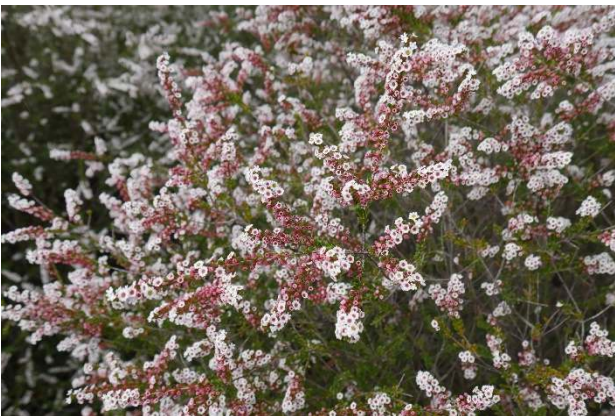
Installing an 'exclusion plot' to exclude macropods, deer and rabbits



'Fair Dinkum Fauna' showing native wildlife at Laharum Hall



Sugar Gliders found in one of Laharum Landcare nest boxes using the telescopic arm



Thryptomene



Glenn Fitzgerald holding Laharum Landcare's 'telescopic arm' to look into a tree hollow with Landcare members and Jonathan Starks