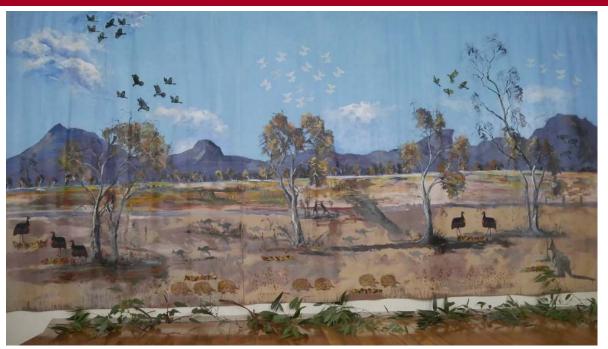


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Edition 231



Backdrop painted by Gariwerd Local Artists for their exhibition at Laharum Hall

On March 3 at Laharum Hall, community members were treated to a yummy pancake breakfast with Bruce McInnes as 'head chef' and Andy Jonas and Julie Groce as 'sous chefs'! We then swapped produce at our monthly Veggie Swap, followed by our Clean Up 'Laharum Wartook Day' along the roadside. Maybe one day this event won't be necessary?!!

Liz Hopkins

Laharum Wartook Produce & Vegetable Swap

2024 AUTUMN/WINTER first SUNDAY of the month at 10am sharp



May 5 Prue & Will Pyke 445 Smiths Road, Laharum June 2 Gill Venn - Tatlocks Bridge 366 Brimpaen/Laharum Road July 7 Bruce McInnes - Tatlocks Bridge 1365 Brimpaen/Laharum Road



For further information contact Wendy on 0428 840662



Opening Night of Gariwerd Local Artists Exhibition



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Clean Up 'Laharum Wartook' Day on March 3

Local Vocals

Laharum Hall Leader - Merryn Eagle

Thursday May 9, 7.30pm

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

"Singing is not just about hitting the notes, it's about touching souls"!

Enjoy the friendship - it's lots of fun! If you haven't been before, come and give it a try! Minimal charge Singing ability definitely not necessary



North West Grampians Lions Club cooking the barbecue prior to the Small Halls event







10.30am for morning tea Our 19th Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser Please bring a plate of food to share

Guest speaker



Cancer Service Improvement Facilitator, Wimmera Cancer Centre

Donna Bridge



Entertainment by Local Vocal group

Come and catch up with friends and help support the fight against cancer

Entrance fee by donation Great prizes - Tickets \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5

> Please bring your produce to sell and buy something different to take home

Entrance money raised will help provide support, care and hope to all Australians living with cancer

Stall money will go towards ongoing patient care improvement for Wimmera Cancer Centre and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Invite your partner, friend, family and neighbour





Wonwondah Community

The following are this year's functions -

- Casserole Tea/Chocolate Bingo Friday June 28
- Fleece & Flower Show Sunday October 27
- Christmas Tree Saturday December 14 For any enquiries please contact me on 0438 304948.

Sue Ahern

Yoga at Laharum Hall

Come and join the regular Yoga group on Wednesdays, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall. Yoga poses and stretches help to increase mobility and enhance the range of motion in various joints in the body.

It improves flexibility & balance; reduces stress & anxiety; improves overall health; enhances mental clarity & concentration; promotes better sleep; increases strength & tone; boosts self-awareness & self-esteem. Minimal charge towards hall hire. Judy Berendsen

Brimpaen Tennis Club



Another tennis season has come and gone. On the senior side of the draw Brimpaen didn't make finals this year. We had few wins throughout the year which

made for an enjoyable year. It was good to have some juniors filling in this year. Hopefully we can do better next year.

In the juniors we had a premiership!! Alex, Olivia, Archie and Cody took out a tough match in the Open Section - well done to all! Some great tennis as always.

We also had Brimpaen representation in the Girls Section 2 - even if they were playing for Haven!! Charlie, Elly, Hannah and Imogen tried their best all day but unfortunately couldn't get the job done. Well done girls. See photos page 11. **Courtney Dunn**

Gariwerd Artists

Our group will be meeting on *Thursday* May 2; Saturday May 18; Thursday June 6 and Saturday June 15, 10am-3pm at Laharum Hall. New members are welcome. No details for workshops yet. Gill Venn 0408 837530

Knitwitz

Our first meeting started in March and are on Tuesdays from 3-5pm at Redrock Books & Gallery, Horsham. Gill Venn 0408 837530

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Brimpaen Craft Group



We will meet at Up Tempo on Tuesday May 7, 10am-2pm, and Tuesday June 4 & Tuesday July 2 at Brimpaen Hall from 10am-2pm. Please bring your own craft to

all activities. Loretta Emerson

Wonwondah Landcare Group



Wonwondah Landcare Group had a belated Christmas dinner and it was a wonderful get together for the districts

Already members have been baiting snails as they were very evident on the trees and power poles and they are continuing to spread even with our concerted effort to control them.

There will be a rabbit ripping run soon now the weather has cooled and it's less dangerous in the long grass.

Spraying of bridal creeper has been effective and no doubt will show up again this spring. Please report any new growth.

Our next meeting will not occur until late June/July.

Chris Guest

aharum Hall Committee



At Laharum Hall AGM in February, Maurice Dumesny was elected as President. I look forward to working on hall projects with Maurice in the future.

I would like to acknowledge the 32 years of service Gil Hopkins has given as President of Laharum Hall.

A very successful Festival of Small Halls event was held on March 7 with high class artists entertaining us - see photo page 11. North West Grampians Lions Club provided a delicious meal before the event – see photo page 2. This event was possible through gaining a grant from Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR).

The committee has been catering for a few events at the hall and much praise has been given for the lovely food prepared by our volunteers. All funds raised will go towards projects at the hall. Judy Berendsen, Secretary/Treasurer



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Laharum Tennis Club



The tennis season has come to an end with Laharum Tennis Club having a bumpy ride with highs and lows.

Coming into the last two weeks prior to finals, we required one win to take second position on the ladder having the double chance in the finals. It didn't start well as we forfeited the first game. The next week being comfortably beaten by Natimuk (12 sets to 4 sets). This resulted in an elimination final against Natimuk, with another win to Natimuk (11 sets to 5 sets), leaving us bundled out of the finals. The following day however, the Central Wimmera Committee advised, due to Natimuk having an ineligible player, the scores were amended to 8 sets a piece with Laharum winning with the most games. The close matches continued into the preliminary final with sets tied at 8 each against Horsham Lawn. Laharum again won on games, which led us to the Grand Final. The Grand Final opponents were Central Park with the match held at Central Park.

At the tea break, scores were tied at 4 sets each. After the break, the B Special Premiership Shield was stamped 'Laharum Tennis Club'. The final score: Laharum 10 sets to Central Parks 6 sets. All sets were highly contested and at times passionately - 5 sets requiring a tie breaker to decide them. **Awards** - Each year Wimmera Tennis Association has an award for each grade acknowledging the most games won based on a percentage of how many games played - in our premiership season!!! Congratulations to Jayke Greig in his first season with Laharum winning B Special Award. Great effort!!

The following awards were based on the total number of games won. Congratulations!!! *Most Games Ladies*: Vanessa Lenehan; *Most Games Mens*: Tony Sykes.

Acknowledgments - I would like to thank Lauren Sykes, Keely Elliott, Adele Rohde, Stephen Lenehan, Zyla Nelson, Riley Cross, Marli Roberts and Cass Roberts who each played at least one game during the season and assisted greatly.

A big thank you to Vanessa Lenehan who basically *is* the Laharum Tennis Club! All the jobs were done with some going unnoticed, some not, which made the season not only successful, but great to be part of!

Although Maurie Dumesny was not in the grand final team due to commitments with CFA in another part of the State, he played in 9 matches and was a big part of our success.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported throughout the season and celebrated with us on Grand Final Day (and night)!

Premiership Team: Lucy Butler, Vanessa Lenehan, Mia Geue, Stacey Peucker, Caroline Geue, Reuben Launder, Oliver & Tony Sykes and Jayke Greig. **Tony Sykes**

CFA District 17

Thank you to all CFA volunteers and the community for their efforts over the Fire Danger Period, compliance with paddock operations and preparation for the season have kept local fires to a minimum. The Grampians Group were well represented in Strike Teams who supported at the Dadswells Bridge and Bayindeen (Beaufort) Fires

- your work was very much appreciated.

The weather has cooled down and fire danger period has ended but there is still a risk of fire please take care when burning.

Before burning off, ensure –

- You are following regulations or laws by CFA and your local council.
- You notify your neighbours if your activity will generate fire and smoke.
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the activity and a few days afterwards.
- Establish a gap in vegetation or fire break with no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.
- There are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.
- You notify **Triple Zero Victoria**.

Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be called out unnecessarily.

Register your burn-off -

Notify Tripe Zero Victoria of your planned burn Online (preferred) – Register online through the Fire Permits Victoria website. You can do so if your burn-off commences more than two hours from now.

- By phone If you wish to start your burn-off immediately, or do not wish to utilise the online form, you may register your burn-off by calling Triple Zero Victoria on 1800 668 511, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. National Relay Service Users can ring 1300 555 727 and ask for information to be relayed to Triple Zero Victoria via 1800 668 511.
- By email Complete the Burn Off Notification Form (PDF 191.5KB) and email the form to <u>burnoffs@triplezero.vic.gov.au</u>.

For further information, please visit <u>https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off</u> Shannon Arnott, Brigade Administrative Support Officer <u>s.arnott@cfa.vic.gov.au</u>

Telstra Priority Assistance

For people with life-threatening medical conditions, Telstra will provide an 'immediate response' to telephone connection if your landline breaks down – phone **13 22 00**





Laharum Rural CFA



Well summer eventually got here, as did the fire season!

Over this summer we saw in our area two 'Catastrophic' fire danger ratings. The first

one was the day the Mt Stapylton fire started from lightning and burnt into Dadswells Bridge, as well as the Pomonal fire started. Our area was extremely lucky no fires started within the Wartook Valley area from the same lightning storm. Laharum Brigade as well as Grampians Group, supplied tankers and crews for a number of days following the fire.

The second Catastrophic Day was when the Buangor Fire started. Grampians Group supplied crews and tankers for three days at that fire with strike team duties.

Laharum Brigade has also responded to a few other call-outs; smoke sightings that were false alarms; a fire over north of Clear Lake, as well as the car accident at Mockinya where unfortunately a loss of life occurred.

A big thanks to everyone who helped out over the past couple of months responding to call-outs and helping out on strike teams.

Tanker 2 - The Engel fridge is now installed in the new Tanker 2. This was funded from a sponsorship Horsham Sports & Community Club gave us. A big thanks to them for their sponsorship.

Permits/burn offs - As of April 15 permits are no longer needed to burn off. Grampians Group didn't have any reported breaches of permits, so a big thank you to all the farmers adhering to the permit conditions.

If anyone still wishes to burn off grass/stubble or piles of timber etc, please continue to register it with the Burn Off Notification hotline. This will save brigade call-outs to false alarms. A handy tip if you are burning piles of timber, register it for 24 hours or the amount of time you think it will take to burn down. End of Season Meeting/Election of Office Bearers

On Monday April 8 we had our End of Season Meeting and Bi-Annual Election of Office Bearers.

Our new Brigade Management Team are – Captain - Luke Dumesny; 1st Lieutenant - Angus Martin; 2nd Lieutenant - Francoise Thornton-Smith; 3rd Lieutenant - Mal Griffiths; 4th Lieutenant - Allan Parfett; 5 Lieutenant - Rob Launder; Secretary/Treasurer – Marieke Dam.

At our meeting it was voted that Laharum Fire Brigade apply through the upcoming Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) for an Ultra-Light Tanker (ULT). The VESEP program is the same one as we got Tanker 2 from. Once we know if we are successful with the application process, we will advertise for donations from the community. The brigade needs to roughly raise \$10k. We'll do the same as Tanker 2 - get flyers sent out, advertise via social media etc with details. We believe this will be a great asset to our community and surrounds for quick access to small fires in 'hard to get' locations. The ULT will be a 550lt firefighting unit based on a Ford Ranger Cab-chassis. Keep a lookout for further details.

Winter Fire Prevention - As we move into winter, fire safety now turns internal to your home. As daylight savings has finished, make sure you have changed the batteries in your home, and other houses/dwellings you own. It is the owner's responsibility to change the batteries in rental properties. Make sure you check that the flues on your wood heaters aren't blocked, and that they are clear of soot on the walls. Get your gas heating serviced and checked for carbon monoxide levels.

If you have any fire brigade questions or if anyone wants to become a member of the brigade, feel free to contact myself on 0428 838242 or any of the Brigade Management Team. Luke Dumesny, Captain

Grampians National Park



Parks Victoria is conducting an ongoing conservation program to improve the health of Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park by reducing deer and feral

goat populations. Annual shooting operations are planned to commence in late April and will continue for the remainder of 2024.

The first operation will begin between April 29 –May 3, subject to favourable weather. This will be undertaken with certified volunteers from the Sporting Shooters Association Australia (SSAA) and the Australian Deer Association (ADA). All volunteers are expert shooters who have been through an assessment process prior to selection for Parks Victoria operations.

Shooting operations will be carried out during both daylight hours and also between dusk & dawn under strict conditions designed to ensure safe, effective & humane control of target pest animal species. During operations, parts of the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park will be temporarily restricted while shooting activities are underway.

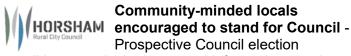
To ensure visitor safety, warning signs will be placed at closures and major road access points to the control area. Visitors are encouraged to follow all instructions on permanent and temporary signage.

Deer and goats cause serious damage to native plants, animals and habitat by trampling and destroying plants, increasing grazing pressure, ringbarking young trees, fouling waterholes, causing soil erosion and spreading weeds. The most effective method for controlling deer and feral goat populations is shooting. This program is funded through the Victorian Government's Protecting Biodiversity Program. Further information please visit our website or contact 13 19 63.

william.playne@parks.vic.gov.au 0477 293757 William (Bill) Playne, Ranger Visitor & Community



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candidates are invited to attend information sessions being held around the State, both in-person and online. They are now encouraging the community to stand for Council. For more information and to register, go to the Municipal Association of Victoria website - <u>www.mav.asn.au/</u>

Hub long day care plan progresses - More than 90 new long day care places will be available in Horsham by August under a Horsham Rural City Council plan to ease the Wimmera's severe childcare shortage.

Rooms at Kalkee Road Children's and Community Hub will be available for long day care after Emerge Early Learning Services shifted its kindergarten program to a new Horsham North facility. Maternal and child health services and supported playgroup will continue to operate from the Hub alongside the long day care.

Help us re-open The Wesley - Custodians of Wesley Performing Arts Centre are working to reopen the beloved Roberts Avenue building with the help of public fundraising. The campaign aims to raise \$2 million to fully restore the Wesley building and give it a refreshed purpose as a niche performing arts space.

The planned upgrades include a flat floor all the way through the whole venue from street front to back of house, improving access and removing mobility issues.

For more information about the Re-Open Wesley Campaign visit: <u>hrcc.vic.gov.au/reopen-</u> wesley

Road grading program underway following recent rainfall - Horsham Rural City Council's rural road grading program is gearing up following recent rainfall in the municipality. The operations team will soon be undertaking maintenance grading and resheeting in several areas, including Polkemmet, Pimpinio, and Laharum.

Works are also being carried out on the outskirts of Horsham and the program is scheduled to ultimately cover all areas within the municipality.

HRCC acknowledges the backlog of rural road maintenance which has accumulated. The dry period before Easter limited opportunities to grade rural roads due to their unworkable nature. However, with the recent rain, conditions have improved allowing council to address this backlog effectively. **Susan Surridge**, Coordinator Community Relations & Advocacy

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HRCC Landcare Coordinator

LANDCARE

Happy birthday and huge congratulations to Laharum Landcare who celebrated their **30th birth** H PPY

An amazing effort from a very dedicated group.

Going through old documents, I was able to work out that the group has received at least \$750,000 over the 30 years (and probably quite a bit more!). It's great to see that pest and weed control and revegetation have remained the pillars of the group, but there have also been some changes such as salinity, which no longer is an issue, and a move to more habitat for threatened species.

There have been a few events recently, and grants that may be of interest! Horsham Urban Landcare hosted a Produce Swap and Working Bee on April 20 and Repair Café was on April 27. The annual fruit tree pruning workshop will be on **Saturday June 15** with more information to come!

Natimuk Urban Landcare has started a community garden and have had great success over summer hosting regular produce swaps. They are also planning for planting along Natimuk Creek later this year and on a private property.

After the success of our mushroom growing workshop earlier this year, Urban Kulture is returning to Horsham on **Wednesday May 8** for another evening session on how to grow your own mushrooms. We are again partnering with Urban



Kulture to offer our members a discounted price on the two workshops for \$120. For those wanting to attend, sign up <u>https://www.urbankulture.co/events</u> and use the coupon code '*Landcare*' to access the discount. See the website for more details and what the workshop includes. Check out some of the successful growing from the last workshop!

Natimuk and Horsham are teaming up to deliver a Fungi Ecology workshop on **Wednesday June 5** with the wonderful Alison Pouliot. Keep an eye out for registration details; places will be limited.

Landcare Grants are currently open for projects in 2023-24. Get in touch if you have an idea for a project or would like Landcare assistance on your property. The Bushbank Program for revegetation on private land is open again for EOI's. Find out more and apply here:

https://cassinia.com/bushbank/. There is also a fencing grant available through Landcare Australia for riparian or farm dam fencing:

https://landcareaustralia.org.au/gallaghergrants/.

For more information about anything here, please feel free to contact me on 0407 914498. <u>annie.hobby@hrcc.vic.gov.au</u> **Annie Hobby**, Landcare Facilitator



Laharum Cricket Club



Another ripping summer of cricket has come

to an end. Our presentation was held at Laharum Clubrooms on Sunday April 21.

Awards were presented to players.

Club Awards

- Frank Clark Memorial Bowling Aggregate 2023/24 Josh Mahoney 22 wickets
- Queale-Bunworth Cricketer of the Year Josh Mahoney (501 points)
- Peter Levey Memorial Award Josh Hutchinson (799 points)
- President's Award Josh Mahoney .
- Legend's Award Max Bunworth
- Career Milestone 200 Wickets Daryl Scollary •
- Career Milestone 100 Wickets Connor Cowan • **Senior Awards**
- A Grade Batting Average & Aggregate: Ben Peucker, 273 runs @ 30.33
- A Grade Bowling Average: Joel Pymer, 17 wickets @ 13.71
- A Grade Bowling Aggregate: Josh Mahoney, 22 wickets @ 15.82
- A Grade Captain's Award: Jude Borlase
- C Grade Batting Average & Aggregate: Josh Hutchinson, 559 runs @ 55.90
- C Grade Bowling Average & Aggregate: Matthew • Whelan, 17 wickets @ 15.76
- C Grade Captain's Award: Josh Hawker
- C Grade Century: Josh Hutchinson vs Blackheath • Dimboola, Round 11, 2023/24
- C Grade Century: Josh Hutchinson vs Homers, • Round 13, 2023/24
- Josh Mahoney, Hattrick, A Grade: Round 1 vs Jung, Laharum CC 2023/24
- Josh Mahoney, 5 for 26, A Grade: Round 11 vs • Bullants, Laharum CC 2023/24
- Joel Pymer, 5 for 19, A Grade: Round 10 vs Lubeck • Murtoa, Laharum CC 2023/24

Mountain Ants Under 16.5 Awards

- Champion Batter: Brodie Foster 148 runs @ 14.8 •
- Champion Bowler: Josh Hawker 9 wickets @ 18.78
- Champion Player: Josh Hawker 269 points •
- Player of the Season Josh Hawker •
- 2 x Coaches Awards Zarli Knight & Cody Stewart • A massive thank you to Barry Roberts for the professionalism that he has applied to the oval management this year; every week, without fail. The oval has looked an absolute treat to the envy of our opponents! We are grateful for the work that was put in every week looking after it all.

If anyone wants to give cricket a go, please reach out to any of our club members.

Thanks always to our amazing sponsors -Australian Wildflowers, Horsham Hydraulics, O'Brien & Smith Lawyers, Siemens Gamesa, Cellarbrations Horsham, Wimmera Bearings, Best Hire.

Ben Peucker, President 🖌

North West Grampians Branch of **Horsham Lions Club**



Lions Club members have been busy with Driver Reviver over the school holiday weekends and Easter. Good Friday was extremely busy serving 130 cuppas. Traffic Accident Commission organisation was also set up

on Saturday April 6. Andrew Almond, Keith Fischer and other

members have spent many days assisting BlazeAid in the Dadswells Bridge and Pomonal areas. BlazeAid have done a great job cleaning up after the fires and rebuilding fences. If you would like to help with fencing or assisting with an evening meal, please contact Keith Fischer on 0417 691000. Cash donations are also welcome.

On Saturday April 20 we started doing the footy gates for all home games. We also had a meeting on Thursday April 18 at Horsham Sports and Community Club.

Libby Peucker 5382 5221

Laharum Landcare Group



We had a lovely dinner gathering on Tuesday April 9 to celebrate 30 years of Laharum Landcare with photos and LANDCARE minutes from the inaugural March 15,

1994 meeting on display. See copy of the first minutes on page 11. This group was initially called 'VFF Farm Tree & Land Management Groups'. Thank you to Wendy McInnes for catering the delicious dinner and to Ross Floyed for the fabulous orange cakes!

Dinner was followed by a great presentation about Squirrel Gliders given by Elia Pirtle, Landcare Facilitator and Communications Officer with Project Platypus. See photo page 11. It was interesting to learn about their research and the focus of some of the Landcare groups on the eastern side of the Grampians. To learn more about Project Platypus or subscribe to their newsletter, go to

https://www.platypus.org.au/follow-us.

An upcoming activity we are planning is an apple cider talk and demonstration by Bruce McInnes on Saturday May 4. More details soon by email.

Contact Julie any time if you'd like to join or renew your membership - \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. Also please get in touch to join our email list or if you need to update any contact details.

Our next regular meeting will be on *Tuesday* June 11, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall. Julie Groce, Secretary, 0431 882 164 laharumlandcare@gmail.com



Laharum Football Netball Club



If our first three rounds are an indication, we are in for an exciting season ahead. There's a vibrant energy at Laharum



that's contagious. Our teams are hitting the grounds and courts with determination and focus, preparing for the challenges and victories that the season promises. We welcome new faces and familiar ones, each player is a crucial part of our journey and we eagerly anticipate their stellar performances. The theme song of the 'Red and Blue' is being sung with gusto by players and supporters alike - for the Senior side twice for wins against Kalkee and Kaniva Leeor, and twice for the Reserves side for victories against Pimpinio and Kaniva Leeor.

The junior football sides are also providing outstanding performances. The Under 14 team is currently undefeated and U17s was triumphant over our rivals Kalkee.

Matching enthusiastic cheers are ringing out for our Mountain Maids. Our A Grade champions are undefeated and dispatching opponents with ease and the 15 & Under team is also one to watch, putting together excellent performances. All our netball teams are working hard, driven by the passion and pride & a collective commitment that defines our club.

A warm welcome to the U11's, our new football team entering the HDFNL. The new age limits for junior football released by the AFL, has certainly been a challenge to work through, but we are working with the conditions and hope to continue to promote our junior players to their skill level.

This season is not just about the present; it's also a celebration of our rich history. Join us as we honour the champions of yesteryears with the 'Teams of the Decades' event. We'll shine a spotlight on the best players from the 1990s and 2010s, reminiscing about the skills and dedication that shaped Laharum's legacy. And let's not forget the monumental three-peat football premiership victories in 1962, 1963 and 1964 – a milestone that continues to inspire us today as we celebrate 60 years since those glory days.

Beyond the field and courts, our social calendar is packed with events to keep the community engaged. With first club function, we honoured the memory of Michelle Mibus with the Michelle Mibus Memorial Round; a fixture etched with significance on our yearly calendar as our A Grade Demon Dames battled Kalkee with a triumphant win. The 'Ladies Day' followed in the afternoon with guest speakers, champagne and nibbles, music and raffles. This event was well received and we gratefully welcomed and thanked our Kalkee sisters for supporting this function. From the elegance of the cocktail night to the thrill of bingo and trivia nights, the excitement culminates in the not-to-be-missed 'Miss Laharum'. *Who will don the crown this year*? This season we introduce the Indigenous Round during National Reconciliation Week, symbolising our respect for the indigenous communities. Natimuk United will stand as our opponents, marking a gesture of acknowledgment and unity. This 'Battle of the Rocks' will see Gariwerd's (Grampians) team Laharum FNC take on Dyurrite (Arapiles) team Natimuk FNC.

This year the Football Netball Club are running a major raffle. Get ready to score big with our football and netball club's most thrilling event yet! We're thrilled to announce our major raffle where you could win a glittering prize worth \$15,000 - a stunning gold bullion! Purchase a ticket at the club which not only supports our club but also enters you into the draw for this incredible prize.

Club Developments - Stay updated on all things Laharum through our Facebook page and the website <u>www.laharumfnc.com.au</u>. Event details and registration information glimpse into our club's rich history & the support of our fantastic sponsors; Facebook page & the website are your go-to sources.

The newly acquired club bus has been busy transporting players to and from Horsham. The Cattleman's Club is a new avenue to support the club and network with other like-minded farming enterprises. Exciting developments at the grounds include the debut of the electronic scoreboard for the football club, repainted club rooms with new furniture and electronic honour board, new sound system, a netball seating stand and behind the goal netting – with more in the pipeline.

Gratitude to Sponsors and Volunteers - A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors for their unwavering support. We encourage our members to include them in their shopping lists as a token of our appreciation. Equally, a massive shout out to our dedicated volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes – your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are immensely grateful.

We can't wait to see you all on the sidelines, cheering for Laharum, catching up with friends or meeting new ones at the club rooms for dinner or a chat. You will be welcomed. The season is promising to be one for the books filled with triumphs, celebrations and the spirit that makes Laharum truly special. Go the mighty Dees! **Rowena Doyle**, Secretary



For more information - or if you have something to donate including sheep, hay, land, cattle or other goods and services - contact Laharum Football Netball Club Directors of Agriculture, Gerard Matthews: 0419 542 569, or Joel Pymer: 0459 552 606.







Batteries

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



Due to staffing considerations we are only managing weddings and events. We will keep the community posted when we have changes.

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Captains are: Laharum - Luke Dumesny 0428 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#

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06/05/2024	Rob Launder	Charlotte/Ambrose/ Reuben	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman						
13/05/2024	Damien Knight	David Pratt	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGennisken						
20/05/2024	Jo Gardner	Jenny McInnes	Bruce McInnes	David Wegman						
27/05/2024	Allan Parfett	Mark Mintern	Françoise van der Plank	Jenny Gaulke						
03/06/2024	Brad Geue	Caroline Geue	Jack Shields	Adam Shields						
10/06/2024	Gary Staehr	Rob Staehr	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty						
17/06/2024	Steve Suter	Nigel Hallam	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn						
24/06/2024	Gil Hopkins	Eh Doh Jah	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe						

BRIMPAEN

	Tanker 1		Tanker 3		Tanker 2 Glenisla	Tanker 2 Glenisla
Week	Driver	Support	Driver	Support	Driver	Support
29/04/2024	Luke & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
06/05/2024	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
13/05/2024	Peter McGennisken	Rachel McGennisken	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
20/05/2024	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
27/05/2024	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
03/06/2024	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
10/06/2024	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
17/06/2024	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGennisken	Rachel McGennisken	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
24/06/2024	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller

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Svavar Knutur & the Maes at the Small Halls event



Elia Pirtle, Landcare Facilitator and Communications Officer, Project Platypus Speaking at Laharum Landcare's 30th *birthday*



Hugh Russell cutting his 90th birthday cake with his grandsons at Laharum Hall

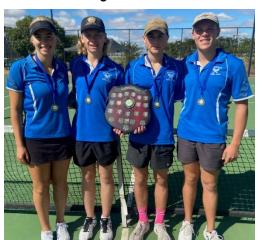


Carole Bunworth presented Captains Award to Jude Josh Mahoney Cricket of Year Award



Brodie Foster presented Captains Award to Jude Borlaise ward

VFF FARM TREE AND LAND MANAGEMENT GROUPS



Olivia, Archie, Cody & Alex Open Section Premiers Brimpaen Tennis



Charlie, Imogen, Hannah & Elly Section 2 Girls Runners Up Brimpaen Tennis







Some of Gariwerd Local Artists work exhibited at Laharum Hall

