



Children attended Brimpaen's Christmas Tree gathering December 2023

We're getting back into the 'swing of things' after Christmas and the holiday break. First meetings for the year and community activities have been organised.

There's always plenty happening in our wide community. Join in and be part of it!

Liz Hopkins



These 'teenagers' are finding their way around Grampians National Park with 'dad'!

Hugh, Cheryl & Family
would like to invite you to
**Hugh Russell's
Nonagenarian (90th)
Birthday**

Date: Saturday 23 March, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Place: Laharum Hall

1574 Northern Grampians Rd
Laharum VIC 3401

RSVP: 1 March 2024

Cheryl Freeman 0427 827 170

Please, No Presents by Request of Hugh
BYO Drinks - Light afternoon tea provided

Local Vocals

Laharum Hall
Leader - Merryn Eagle



Thursday February 29, 7.30pm

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

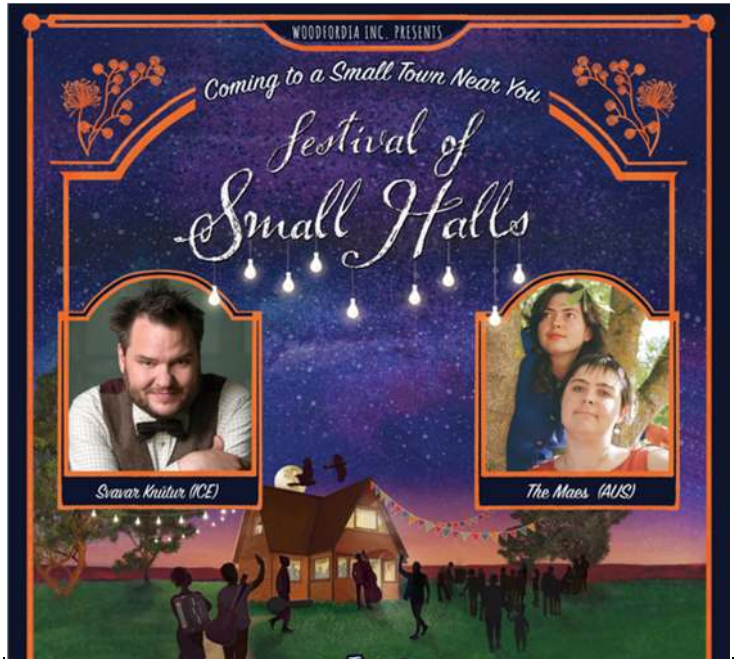
"Singing is not just about hitting the notes, it's about touching souls!"

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



Laharum Hall

Thursday March 7

Svavar Knutur, Iceland & The Maes, Australia

Buy BBQ tea - North West Grampians Lions Club

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets: \$25 adults; \$15 children under 12 years

BYO drinks and nibbles - tea & coffee available

Bookings: smallhalls@woodfordia.com

Then click on: Laharum Public Hall/Tickets
(Autumn Tour)

Clean Up



Laharum Wartook Day

Sunday March 3

Laharum Hall

9am Free Pancake Breakfast

10am Veggie Swap

10.30 Laharum Wartook

Clean Up Roadside

*Enjoy a yummy breakfast,
swap some veggies & fruit
before cleaning up our area!*



Laharum Hall Committee

AGM & Committee Meeting
Monday February 19, 7.30pm
Laharum Hall

All hall users most welcome to attend

**ALWAYS DIAL TRIPLE ZERO
TO REPORT FIRE**

Laharum Wartook Produce & Vegetable Swap

2024 SUMMER / AUTUMN first Sunday of the month at 10 am sharp

3rd Mar Laharum Hall
9-10am Free pancake breakfast
10-10.30am Veggie Swap
10.30-11.30am Clean Up Roadside

7th Apr Wendy McInnes
2155 Northern Grampians Road

5th May Prue & Will Pyke
445 Smiths Road, Laharum

For further information contact
Wendy on 0428 840662



Cancer Council | Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea

Preliminary Notice

Thursday May 23, 10.30am

Laharum Hall

Full details in the April Newsletter

Everyone welcome

Exhibition of Local Artists - Easter

Thursday March 28 to Monday April 1

10am-4pm
Laharum Hall

Work by local 'Gariwerd Artists'
including Grampians Wildlife Carers,
Old Rosemont Quilts, fabrics & Fibreworks Yarns

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga is back for 2024!

Come and join the regular 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

Laharum Tennis Club



The Christmas and New Year break is
now behind us with the first match for
2024 resulting in a win against Haven.

This pushed us up to second on the ladder. With a
bye the following round, the remaining matches of the
'home and away' season will be played at Laharum.

With the 2nd to 4th place on the ladder
separated by just one game, the home ground
advantage will come in handy to defeat the other two
contenders for second spot and securing the double
chance coming into the finals.

Our next match will be **Saturday February 10**
against Central Park who are on top of the ladder by
two games. Our only meeting this season was back
in November at Central Park, which we won 9 sets to
7. It will be interesting to see how we match up closer
to the end of season.

A big thank you to a number of players who
have assisted the team by filling in when we have
been short of regular players. It really is appreciated.

Tony Sykes

Brimpaen Craft Group



Our first meeting for 2024 was held on
Tuesday February 6 at Brimpaen Hall
where the Agenda for the year was
decided.

We will meet again on **Tuesday March 5** and
Tuesday April 2 at Brimpaen Hall.

Loretta Emerson

Gariwerd Artists

We first met on February 1 & 3 this year. We
will meet throughout the year on the first **Thursday**
and third **Saturday** of each month from 10am-3pm at
Laharum Hall.

We are planning our Exhibition this year
during Easter from **Thursday March 28 to Monday**
April 1.

Gill Venn 0408 837530

Knitwitz

Our first meeting will start again in March on
Tuesdays from 3-5pm at Redrock Books & Gallery,
Horsham.

Gill Venn 0408 837530

Happy Wanderer Holiday Park Live Music Labour Day weekend

with Col Funky Williams

Saturday March 9

5.30-9.30pm

Adults \$6; Children free

Sausage sizzle available -

Gold coin donation to

Grampians Wildlife Carers funds

Barbecue available - Shop open

BYO Chair

Bookings essential on 5383 6210

Wonwondah Landcare Group



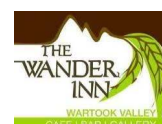
LANDCARE

Wonwondah Landcare Group has been
very quiet over the harvest period.
However, over previous efforts to stop the
spreading of snails in the district, we now
need to focus on the slug issue which affected many
of the grain crops.

The group now has three spreaders to assist
everyone's effort and they will be used a lot in the
coming months.

Our next meeting is set for **Tuesday**
February 20 where an Agronomist will be attending
to assist with questions and provide advice, given
they operate and travel in many different areas of the
Wimmera.

Chris Guest



Dianna

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

Laharum Football Netball Club



Excitement is in the air for the plans being developed for the 2024 season.



Senior coaches for the football and netball teams have been confirmed. We welcome back Robbie Miller and Shannon Argall to take the football reins and Rebecca McIntyre taking charge of the A Grade netball. All three of the senior leaders will take playing coaching roles. See photos page 11.

Recruiting in the football department is bringing smiles to our loyal fan base. Laharum Football Netball Club (LFNC) are thrilled to announce some stellar additions, bringing a wealth of talent and experience to the club. We also welcome another team to the demon fold with an Under 11 side set to take the field this year.

A Grade netball are motivated to avenge their 2023 grand final defeat and will take on the season with most players returning for the challenge. Caitlin Jones-Story, after moving to Ballarat, will travel the Western Highway and provide valuable support in an Assistant Coaching role. All grades of netball will be filled and be firing for what comes their way.

The U14 and U17s junior football teams were, in December involved in the first of a four part 'Ahead of the Game' program run by the AFL and Movember. Taking this program on the road is a first for the organisers and we are grateful to be included.

The sponsorship and social teams are working to finalise preparations for the 2024 season. The Cattleman's Club is a new initiative, bringing supporters of the club together for networking and fundraising opportunities which will benefit our great club.

The Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) is up and running in the State. LFNC can be nominated to receive your donation. These funds will be used for the sole purpose of upgrading facilities at Cameron Oval Reserve. Please consider sending your CDS refunds this way!

As we close the chapter on 2023 our centenary year, LFNC eagerly anticipates the challenges and triumphs which 2024 will bring.

We can't wait to see our community back at Cameron Oval, cheering on our teams and creating memories which will last a lifetime. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Rowena Doyle, Secretary

Laharum Hall Committee



Laharum Hall has been successful in achieving a grant from Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) which is funding for remote, rural and regional communities. The grant is going to bring the Festival of Small Halls back to Laharum Hall on **Thursday March 7.**

We are kicking off their Victorian tour and are extremely lucky to be seeing the artists perform prior to Port Fairy Folk Festival. This year we have Svavar Knutur from Iceland and the Australian duo the Maes performing. Our extremely popular Peter McGennisken will be playing for us once again. Two years ago when the event came to Laharum, it was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

I suggest you go online to purchase your tickets at the Festival of Small Halls website smallhalls@woodfordia.com. Cost \$25 adult and \$15 children under 12 years. Some tickets will be available at the door, however I encourage you to purchase online to secure your seat. Doors open 6.30pm and the concert will commence at 7pm.

North West Grampians Lions will be providing a barbecue tea prior to the event at a small charge. BYO drinks and nibbles - tea and coffee will be available.

This is a fabulous opportunity to see world class artists locally as well as supporting Laharum Hall. See full details on page 2.

Laharum Hall trestles and chairs are available for hire at reasonable rates - phone 0417 056219.

Judy Berendsen, Secretary/Treasurer

CFA District 17



We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and have had a pleasant start to the New Year.

District 17 Office welcomes Lily French to the BASO team having commenced on Monday February 5. Contact details will be emailed out to brigades once confirmed.

BASO's Rachele Smith on 0427 572417 and myself on 0438 743148 will continue to support the Grampians Group until then. Could all non-urgent requests be emailed to d17.baso@cfa.vic.gov.au or you can call the office on 5362 1700.

With the unusual weather, a number of calls across the district have been to single tree fires due to lightning, haystack fires and to support SES with storm damage.

For non-urgent incidents of trees impacting roads, Horsham Rural City Council can be contacted on 5382 9777 or an online service request lodged to assist. If urgent please call **000**.

Shannon Arnott, Brigade Administrative Support Officer s.arnott@cfa.vic.gov.au

Laharum Hall subs due for 2024!

\$10 per adult

Direct deposit BSB 063514 Account No. 10076686
Commonwealth Bank Horsham

Laharum Rural CFA



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period with family and friends.

This summer has been a bit of a weird one, with numerous rain events occurring. This not only held up harvest operations but has also brought forward summer weeds. The wet conditions have also increased the risk of hay stack fires, especially stacks that are not under cover.

Brigades from the Grampians Group have responded to two haystacks catching fire in the Green Lake and Wonwondah Brigades with reports of a few others being close to catching fire, but were monitored by farmers and pulled apart when required.

Just a friendly reminder to continue monitoring stacks either outside or under cover. There have been quite a few stacks across District 17 burnt from spontaneous combustion igniting stacks, either from baling with too much moisture or moisture from rainfall getting into the hay.

Harvest - With harvest wrapped up across the area, we hope farmers had a great year despite the weather interruptions. We want to thank everyone for their cooperation who 'ceased harvest' when conditions deteriorated. Across the Grampians Group, no harvest related fires were reported.

Storm Damage/Flooding/Fallen Trees & Branches - As mentioned, this summer has brought many rain and storm events to our area. Just a reminder, if you come across trees/branches down over roads, to please call the SES on **132 500**. SES is the lead emergency service when it comes to storm damage either on roads or buildings. Calling that number will firstly report it to the SES to come and clean up, but also activate the police for traffic management. The SES or police will then activate Council or Vic Roads to assist with machinery to help clear off the road.

CFA can be called upon if a larger event occurs to assist SES. Like the other week when the storm went through the Brimpaen area which resulted in numerous trees and branches over the Henty Highway. If you believe the situation is a life threatening emergency, please call **000**.

Permits to Burn Off - Permits to burn off 'grass and stubble only' will once again be available for farmers to prepare paddocks for the upcoming cropping season; most likely from a similar time to last year in early March.

If farmers are already starting to prepare paddocks, just a reminder about the permit conditions which we presume will be the same this year as last year. A six metre mineral earth break (cleared of flammable material) around the perimeter of the planned area to be burnt and mineral earth break around trees or timber. Six metres is 6 metres! If you don't have that, and your burn-off gets away, you will be in breach of your permit and you face the penalties enforced under the CFA Act. We will let

everyone know when permits will be available via messages, local facebook groups as per previous years.

So far this summer, Laharum Brigade has responded to seven call-outs. Two have been unattended camp fires within the National Park which Forest Fire Management handled; a couple of lightning strikes in single trees; the haystack fires at Green Lake and Wonwondah, and the storm clean up at Brimpaen on the Henty Highway.

Once again we thank the volunteers amongst our community who continually respond to these call-outs.

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 Françoise Thornton Smith on 0484 909150.

Luke Dumesny, Captain

Horsham Rural City Council



Riverfront events still to come this summer - Horsham Agricultural Society's 150km 'Feast Food Truck & Wine

Festival' will be held on **Sunday February 25** from 12-6pm at Stable One in the Maydale Reserve.

The Festival is sure to be a hit with foodies and wine lovers and will feature a range of food trucks and wine vendors.

Community Grants opened February 1 - Councils Community Grants are changing in 2024 - There will be four community grant streams with different guidelines and opening dates:

- Community Development Grants – **Open now**
- Community Events Grants - Opening in May
- Youth Grants - available from July 1
- Quick Response Small Grants available from July 1

Come along to one or all our workshops or visit the website for further details at

<https://hrcc.vic.gov.au/CommunityGrants>

The Grants Guy, Keith Whelan will be speaking at each workshop on Volunteer and Organisation Capacity Building as well as grant opportunities.

To find out more about Keith's Workshop, visit <https://hrcc.vic.gov.au/CommunityGrants>

Workshop - Monday February 19, 6-8pm at Horsham Civic Centre, Roberts Avenue.

Susan Surridge, Coordinator Community Relations & Advocacy

DOB IN A LITTERER

1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC)

Report pollution of the environment to the 24 hour EPA pollution hotline

Laharum Landcare Group



Laharum Landcare turns 30 this year! Let's celebrate the group's achievements throughout the year. We would love to compile photos, documents or stories illustrating changes on local properties which were influenced by Laharum Landcare Group over the years and share that with the group. If you have Landcare success stories to share or have ideas for ways to celebrate, please get in touch!

It was decided at our November meeting to request annual membership renewals each financial year. This will help us keep better track of members for insurance purposes and stay updated with contact information. If you have not joined or renewed in the past six months and are interested in doing so, please contact Julie on 0431 882164. The cost is \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families.

The Committee has drafted a calendar of activities for the year including learning about native grasses, animals that use nest boxes, how to make cider, agroforestry and recording plants and animals on your property.

We'll do roadside clean up in March (see details on page 2), plant outs around June and host some activities for school groups. More details at our February meeting.

Hope to see you at our first meeting of 2024 on **Tuesday February 13**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall. **Julie Groce**, Secretary 0431 882164, laharumlandcare@gmail.com

The intermittent rainfall will probably keep many weeds growing and seeding so it's best to remove them when you see them. St John's Wort could continue to flower and seed so at least slash or mow if you can't spray. Saffron Thistle may also continue so at least destroy seed heads and flowers. Stinkwort is already a menace and needs to be controlled.

Weedy introduced grasses will be happily seeding unless controlled or removed. Laharum Landcare Group will be having at least another weed information day this year.

We have a nest box program and Bruce McInnes is currently installing nest boxes on member's properties. See photos page 12.

If you would like a local calendar for weed control please contact me at giliz@activ8.net.au or text 0490 830769.

Gil Hopkins, Vice President

The editor reserves the right to reduce the size of articles so the Newsletter fits 12 pages. Opinions expressed in any articles are not necessarily those of the editor. Please contact the author of the article for further discussion.

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

North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



Welcome to the 2024 New Year with new projects and ideas.

Happy Australia Day - we are certainly a lucky country! The Lions Club held a small sausage sizzle in conjunction with the Driver Reviver at Green Lake to celebrate the day.

The grain harvest seems to be complete after a frustrating, stop-start season, affected by many rain events. Hopefully everyone has had time for a break before children went back to school and the normal work year resumed.

Driver Reviver at Green Lake has been busy over the weekends of the school holidays. We are pleased that so many drivers are taking the opportunity to have a break with a free coffee and biscuit. We have been open for 12 days over the school holiday weekends serving over 200 adults plus 60 children who visited our site. Thank you to all our volunteers especially Peter Freckleton, Trevor Atwell and Tony Gilpin.

This year's project will be tree planting and improving areas at the Green Lake site. Footy gates will also be starting soon. We will also be assisting Laharum Hall Committee with a barbecue tea at the Small Halls Concert on **Thursday March 7**.

We are now selling mini Lions cakes as a fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday February 15** at Green Lake Barbecue Gazebo, 6.30pm tea 7.00pm start, barbecue and salads.

We hold our meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Laharum Hall or at Green Lake. You are very welcome to join us. Please phone Keith Fischer on 0417 691000.

Libby Peucker 5382 5221

NURSE ON CALL
1300 606 024

HRCC Landcare Coordinator



I hope everyone enjoyed a break over Christmas and New Year. Landcare across the district is starting to get going again with lots of plans for

2024!

Laharum has started planning for the year with the following upcoming events – Veggie Swap **Sunday February 4**; Identifying native grass day (date TBD); general meeting including mapping weeds and pests on **Tuesday February 13** & March Veggie Swap, Pancake Breakfast & Clean Up Australia Day event **Sunday March 3** - see page 2.

Horsham Urban Landcare will be starting regular events up again in February with the Produce Swap on **Saturday February 17**; Boomerang Bags on **Wednesday February 21** and the Repair Café on **Saturday February 24**.

We will also be holding a Repair Café information night before our first session for anyone interested in learning more about volunteering with the Repair Café or wanting to know more about what we do.

I am also involved in starting a Youth Environmental Group. The aim of this group is to provide opportunities for young people aged 10-18 years to get involved in environmental and sustainability activities and learn more about the incredible place in which they live. If you know anyone who would be interested, please come along to our information night on **Wednesday February 21**. More details to come!

There is currently a grant available for education and training around pests and weeds. If you're interested in gaining more skills in pest and weed management, get in touch and we can work on putting a project together.

Zoos Victoria have been surveying across the Wimmera for the Golden-rayed Blue Butterfly over summer. There have been a couple of exciting moments with more butterflies found on a nature strip in Horsham and a new population in Douglas! This is a species that just has to be looked for! They are getting toward the end of their season, but please keep an eye on your Creeping Boobialla which they feed from.

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

Grampians National Park



With initial long-term forecasts of a hot summer yet to eventuate, keen bushwalkers have taken advantage of the less extreme summer weather out on the walking tracks.

Our two new Seasonal Rangers have been out and about engaging with visitors in campgrounds and running heat health 'pop-ups' at key sites throughout the park.

The Safer Together engagement day on January 27 at Halls Gap brought together the SES, Ambulance Victoria, Victoria Police, DEECA, CFA and Parks Victoria for a great day of community engagement. Helping prepare our communities for bushfires and other emergencies, personal fire plans, campfires safety, heat health, and general safety while visiting the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park.

Have your say on Parks Victoria's booking system - We'd like to hear your ideas on how you book with us. Your feedback will be used to refine the booking system, and guide priority improvements. Learn more and have your say before **February 21**. Visit www.engage.vic.gov.au/parks-booking-system

Email engage@parks.vic.gov.au with your feedback
Autumn Plan Burns - We encourage you to become familiar with this program through the following planned burn links. These indicate the proposed autumn 2024 planned burn areas in the Grampians. The exact timing and occurrence of planned burning is subject to the presentation of favourable conditions.

<https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/>
<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program>

William (Bill) Playne, Ranger Visitor & Community



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Jillian & Phill Goulet

Laharum Cricket Club



Well, how the time is flying by, welcome to 2024 and hopefully everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year. The Cricket Club have shown some rusty signs entering 2024 following the Christmas break.

Prior to Christmas, A Grade had a good win against Saints at Coughlin Park which saw our Captain Daniel Griffiths, return to bowling crease for 1, but also the wicket taking list for 2, with a match turning spell of 3 for 27 off his 9 overs. Josh Mahoney led us to victory with a patient half century.

Last week in our round 10 two day match, we saw the best that Joel Pymer has to offer as our full tilt opening bowler at Murtoa - he captured 5 wickets for 19 runs off 20 overs bowled. This is a fantastic effort, well bowled Joel! We will miss Joel in the last part of the season as he starts his adventures into parenthood in the coming days - again congratulations and good luck!! See photo page 11.

C Grade suffered a narrow loss pre-Christmas to Lubeck Murtoa with the old gem Matty Whelan the top scorer in our miserly total of 93. This year games only commenced this last week with our Round 11 match against Blackheath Dimboola being played at Dudley Cornell Park #2 Oval, and what a match this proved to be!

A massive congratulations to our up and coming Josh Hutchinson for his massive 176 runs not out. This is the highest personal score for our club in almost 20 years, a fantastic effort by our home grown champion. A fantastic sign for the future of cricket in our area. This massive score from Josh allowed the team to post a formidable score of 2 for 312 from our 40 overs - see photo page 11. Notably Chase Whelan, another familiar surname in Laharum sport over many decades, also contributed a personal best, 64 runs to this total.

In the field, we had the god father collect 3 wickets for 5 runs in his 5 over spell; this included his 200th wicket for the club, a fantastic effort by you! Congratulations Daryl Scollary being the 17th member joining the 200 wicket club, and with his bowling average over his career, Daryl will be well within the top 4 or 5 bowlers, in terms of average, to have ever bowled a ball for the Laharum Cricket Club in our history - see photo page 11.

The Mountain Ants have had a successful couple of games since we last spoke with plenty of runs being scored and wickets taken. Unfortunately we haven't won any games since we last spoke, but there are plenty of positive signs in the development of these youngsters, with many also stepping up to play senior cricket in recent weeks. A massive shout out to Josh Mahoney and Sean Wouters for the leadership which they are providing to the next generation of Laharum legends, thank you.

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 is put in every week looking after it all.

As always, if anyone wants to give cricket a go, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our club members. Thanks always to our amazing sponsors - Australian Wildflowers, Horsham Hydraulics, O'Brien and Smith Lawyers, Siemens Gamesa, Cellarbrations Horsham, Wimmera Bearings & Best Hire.

Ben Peucker, President

Brimpaen Australia Day Breakfast

Brimpaen Hall held their annual Australia Day Breakfast this year on a beautiful cool January morning. Approximately 50 people were in attendance and enjoyed bacon and eggs for breakfast before listening to Councillor, Ian Ross speak.

Ian helped to raise the flag whilst we sang along to Peter McGenniken on the guitar leading us in Advance Australia Fair. See photo page 12.

Thank you to Horsham Rural City Council for funding our ongoing breakfast, to Ian & Kathy for attending and our wonderful group of locals who helped organise, set up, clean up and attend.

Megan Gardner



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 ■ Contact a professional tradesperson to repair damage or remove debris, if required.



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FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTERS

February – April 2024

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Immediately report any problems to the Captain.

*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#

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	
05/02/2024	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman	
12/02/2024	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGennicken	
19/02/2024	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus	Bruce McInnes	David Wegman	
26/02/2024	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang	Francoise van der Plank	Jenny Gaulke	
04/03/2024	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman	Jack Shields	Adam Shields	
11/03/2024	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGennicken	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty	
18/03/2024	Tim Martin	Angus Martin	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn	
25/03/2024	Paul van der Plank	Flip Stein	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe	
01/04/2024	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah	
08/04/2024	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens	

BRIMPAEN

	Tanker 1		Tanker 3		Tanker 2	Glenisla
Week	Driver	Support	Driver	Support	Driver	Support
05/02/2024	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
12/02/2024	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
19/02/2024	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
26/02/2024	Peter McGennicken	Rachel McGennicken	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
04/03/2024	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
11/03/2024	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
18/03/2024	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
25/03/2024	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
01/04/2024	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGennicken	Rachel McGennicken	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
08/04/2024	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugh Chincarini	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber

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

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

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



Laharum Football Netball Club A Grade & Modi Netballers 2023



Daryl Scollary & Josh Hutchinson



↑ A Grade coach Rebecca McIntyre



↗ Football joint coaches, Robbie Miller & Shannon Argall

Joel Pymer with a ball he claimed 5 wickets
(Courtesy of Wimmera Mallee News) →



Junior Laharum football coaches (from left to right):
U14 Coach: Dale Dridan
U14 Assistant Coach & Junior Football Director: Matt Arnel
U17 Joint Coaches: Jarrod Kemp & Tom Dunn
U17 Assistant Coach: Astrin Morrison (absent)
Auskick Coach: Jason Prizbilla (absent)

HORSHAM REPAIR CAFE

DON'T THROW AWAY

A SECOND LIFE IS POSSIBLE

Participants offer their skills and experience to assist with repairs of small appliances, jewellery, clothing and more!
COME AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIX

4th Saturday of each month 2-5pm
Afternoon tea provided
Horsham Neighbourhood House
13-15 Robin Street
Contact: Annie Hobby 0407 914498



Bruce McInnes installing bird nest boxes

➤ *Denise & Peter McGenniken receiving a gift last December for their long running contribution to singing Christmas Carols at Brimpaen Hall*



Keith Fischer & Mal Griffiths helping at Driver Reviver, Green Lake



Community enjoying the Brimpaen Australia Day Breakfast

OLD ROSEMONT QUILTS
Patchwork and Quilting Studio
138 McTavishs Rd, Laharum
Open by Appointment
Contact Isabelle Martin
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