



CleanUp Laharum Wartook Day Sunday March 2

Prior to cleaning up the roadside on Sunday March 2, many enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast at Laharum Hall, followed by our local Veggie Swap and a community lunch.

We have a vibrant, active and energetic community with plenty of events and regular activities to attend. Come and join in!

A great time of the year to be in the garden, bushwalking or just talking to the birds!!

Liz Hopkins



Happy Wanderer Holiday Park

Live Music

with Col Funky Williams 

Easter Sunday April 20

6.30-9.30pm

Adults \$5; Children free

All funds raised will support Laharum CFA

Barbecue available: Sausage sizzle 6pm

Shop Open

BYO Chair

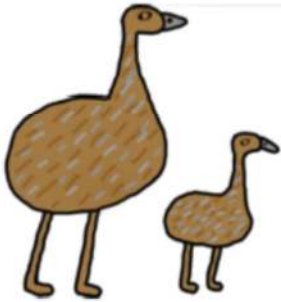
Bookings essential on 5383 6210



Meet 'Jeffrey' at the Exhibition of Local Artists Work 'Birds of a Feather' Thursday April 17-Sunday April 20



Birds of a Feather



Art work by by Ellie Cowan

You are invited to the annual

Art Exhibition & Big Emu Sculpture by Gariwerd Artists

Easter 2025

April 17–20 10am–4pm

Official Opening 7pm Thursday 17th April

Laharum Hall

1586 Northern Grampians Road Laharum

 **SUPPORTED BY HRCC COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM**

 **@gariwerdartists**



Thursday May 22

Laharum Hall



10.30am for morning tea

Our 20th Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser!
Please bring a plate of food to share

Alison Hicks - Guest speaker
McGrath Breast Care Nurse

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*

Invite your partner, friend, family and neighbour



Sorting rubbish collected on March 2

Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader - Merryn Eagle



Thursdays May 1 & 15, 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!"

"It lifts your spirits!"

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-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap.

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 first Sunday of the month at 10am sharp



April 6

Julie & Andy
230 Smiths Road, Laharum

May 4

Diane & Steven
2 Kimberleys Road, Wartook

June 1

Wendy McInnes
2155 Northern Grampians Road, Laharum

For further information contact
Wendy on 0428 840662



Gariwerd Artists

We are all working hard to finalise work for our Easter exhibition, 'Birds of a Feather'.

You are invited to join us for the official opening on **Thursday April 17, 7pm** at Laharum Hall.

Drinks and nibbles available. Please RSVP by **Monday April 14** to Gill on 0408 837530.

Workdays at Laharum Hall

Please note we have changed our Thursday meetings to the first Friday.

Fridays - April 4, 11 & May 2, June 6

Saturdays - May 17 & June 21

All welcome.

Gill Venn

Laharum Hall Committee



Catherine Britt will be performing on **Saturday October 25** at Laharum Hall. Save the date - tickets available in July.

Our AGM was held in February with Maurice Dumesny being re-elected as President and myself as Secretary/Treasurer.

We would like to thank the committee who do many tasks to keep the hall and surrounds in good order.

We have applied for numerous grants for items to assist all hall users. Please support the many activities which happen at the hall on a regular basis.

Hall subs are now due with \$10 per adult. Direct deposit BSB 063514 Account No. 10076686 Commonwealth Bank Horsham.

Judy Berendsen

Brimpaen Craft Group



Tuesday May 6 will be a trip to Stawell. Meet 9.30am at Dadswells Bridge.

Tuesday June 3, 10am-2pm at Brimpaen Hall. Please bring your own craft.

Tuesday July 1, 10am-2pm at UpTempo. BYO craft.

Loretta Emerson

FASHION PARADE
WED 23 APRIL, 2025 - 2 - 4PM
Horsham City Bowling Club - Park Drive

TICKETS \$25 Pre-purchase tickets from Lesley Lane - 0409 954 684
Includes afternoon tea Tickets will not be available at the door

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Wonwondah Community

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday April 15, 7.30pm** at Wonwondah Hall where we will organise the year's events and set dates.

For any enquiries or details, please contact me on 0438 304948.

Sue Ahern



POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE AND ONLINE REPORTING - CALL 131 444

Report non-urgent crimes and events to Victoria Police

ALWAYS DIAL TRIPLE ZERO TO REPORT FIRE

Laharum Landcare Group



LANDCARE

Thanks to everyone who helped with the roadside clean-up in Laharum Wartook area on Sunday March 2. We hauled in many bags of rubbish and recycling, energised by a delicious pancake breakfast. A big thanks to Wendy for organising breakfast and to Glenn and Ray for helping cook. See photos front page & page 2.

On **Saturday May 10**, Laharum Landcare Group (LLG) will host Project Platypus' 'Partnerships Against Pests Demonstration Day'. The day will focus on capacity building for landholders in pest animal control techniques including fox, cat, deer and rabbits. Guest speakers include Gillian Basnett, National Feral Cat & Fox Management Coordinator at Centre for Invasive Species Solutions; Victorian Deer Control Community Network; DEECA/Parks Victoria and Halls Gap Parks Victoria representative discussing Grampians Ark and Fire recovery. There will be talks in the morning followed by lunch and field demonstrations in the afternoon. More details coming soon.

We're in need of a rabbit warren for the demonstration day, located away from buildings/structures in the Laharum Wartook area to show the various activities in rabbit control. It doesn't need to be an active warren. Please contact me if you know of any options.

Under our current Victorian Landcare Grant, we have funding available through October for LLG members to help with weed control, rabbit control (warren ripping) and protection or infilling of previous plantouts. Please contact any LLG committee member if you're interested in assistance.

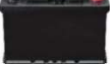
For those of you who acquired LLG nest boxes in the past 1-2 years, you'll hear from us soon to line up one or more visits this winter/spring for a peek inside the boxes with our nest camera.

We received a generous donation from the remaining members of the Wartook Environment Group as they closed out the group and its assets. Some of the funds will be used to purchase a tablet and mapping software to help us better track and report on LLG management activities. We're looking forward to the new technology. *Thank you!*

Our next LLG meeting is on **Tuesday April 8**, 6pm at Laharum Hall.

Julie Groce, Secretary 0431 882164
laharumlandcare@gmail.com

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.

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.

Brimpaen Rural CFA



First of all I would like to thank our previous Captain, Ken French on his work before and ongoing, supporting me as the new Captain. 2024/25 fire season has shown us all how vigilant we need to be. Living in close proximity to both the Grampians and Black Range poses great fire risks for us all every year. I thank those who volunteered their time to help with the Grampians fire effort. "*Many hands make light work!*" In saying that, there is always room for more help. Whether you want to fight a fire on a truck or whether you can help move some vehicles around at home whilst others are away, or even logistics. Fires require all community members to participate to help reduce our risk and minimise the damage.

Brimpaen conducted our annual road burn with great success. Working with Laharum volunteers who also came, thank you. Controlled burns are our best preventative process to help in a fire situation. The more we can do, the better our communities are. Once again this comes back to all of us coming together and giving our time to conduct these activities.

We are always looking for new volunteers or current volunteers to upskill and improve where they can. If you would like to join Brimpaen Fire Brigade or even just have some ideas, feel free to contact me. I'm here to serve our community and try to help keep us all safe and keep fires as small as possible.

Fire prevention isn't just something we do five minutes before summer! Have a survival plan, keep your property in its best possible state to defend and save. Also think about access for CFA.

Gerard Matthews, Captain 0419 542569

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga will finish on **Wednesday April 9**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall and will resume in Term 2 on **Wednesday April 30**. *Yoga stretches and poses 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.

If you wish to attend for the first time, please contact me on 5383 6265.

Judy Berendsen



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Greg Mathews 5383 8299

CFA District 17



Local landowners have now begun controlled burning in the area - Permits to burn have been issued to landowners during the Fire Restricted Period who have applied to conduct controlled burning. Permits are only issued for farming purposes to assist with the removal of stubble and grass and heavy fuels.

Permits are issued under the Country Fire Authority Act by Council Fire Prevention Officers. Permits to burn have very strict guidelines which must be complied with. Failure to comply with conditions will result in police attendance with possible legal action occurring. Council Officers, CFA and Police may inspect permits to burn which have been issued to ensure all conditions are met.

If you believe it is not a controlled burn, call **000**. Burn Off Notifications Line is 1800 668. A message from Chief Officer, Jason Heffernan –

“As the fire season draws nearer to a close, D17 would like to thank our members for their ongoing efforts in supporting the Victorian community throughout the season. There were a number of notable fires in February, particularly in the western part of the State in the national and state parks, including the Otways, Grampians and Little Desert.

CFA members in West Region have been challenged with two difficult, consecutive seasons with brigades and groups going above and beyond for prolonged periods. The tireless dedication, bravery and unwavering commitment of those in this part of the State, and those deploying to assist them, is to be applauded and does not go unnoticed”.

As we approach the cooler months, our service delivery will shift as will the associated risks. It is important that members familiarise themselves with the content of this update to be aware of potential risks and CFA expectations leading into autumn.

As Easter is fast approaching, the team at D17 would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy Easter. We hope you all get to spend some well-deserved down time with your families and friends. Happy Easter!

Easter District 17 Office Hours –

Monday–Thursday April 14-17, 8.30am-4.30pm
Friday April 18 Good Friday Public Holiday – **Closed**
Saturday/Sunday April 19 & 20 – **Closed**
Easter Monday April 21 Public Holiday – **Closed**
Tuesday–Thursday April 22-24, 8.30am-4.30pm
Friday April 25 Anzac day – Public Holiday – **Closed**

Lily French, Brigade Administrative Support Officer
0437 303620 lily.french@cfa.vic.gov.au

Brimpaen Tennis Club



It's hard to believe we have wrapped up another tennis season. Unfortunately no finals for Brimpaen again this year. The elements were against us a little bit, as there were a number of weeks when we couldn't play.

Here's hoping next year we are bigger and better and Pete gets to have a crack at singles to get his UTR up and running!!!

Courtney Dunn

North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



Enjoy our lovely autumn weather! The first term of the school year finishes on **Friday April 4**. Our local football netball starts on **Saturday April 5** and our Lions Club will be doing the gates once again.

Driver Reviver will be open over the school holiday break - *providing volunteers are available* - on **Sundays April 6, 13, 20 & Friday April 18**, 10am-2pm.

Our new sensory garden at the site is doing extremely well – the growth is amazing.

The Bushwackers are locked in for **Sunday June 22** at Horsham Town Hall. Tickets will be available very soon.

Next meeting will be held at Green Lake Gazebo on **Tuesday April 15**, 6.30pm for a barbecue meal.

Our office bearers for 2025 remain the same.

Keith Fischer, President; Tim Eagle, Secretary; Pam Pratt, Treasurer.

Libby Peucker, 5382 5221

Keith Fischer 0417 691000

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

Wonwondah Landcare Group



The group's last meeting nominated a replacement treasurer being David McGenniken, giving us a full complement of office bearers to move onto this year.

The new Landcare Facilitator, Jennifer Gao attended the meeting, introducing herself and explaining her role and how she can help the group with the ever increasing demands for reporting to government and others.

Sam Gabbe from Western Ag spoke to the members recapping on the past season and explained some of the challenges that lay ahead with chemical use and availability.

Our next meeting will be in July past the sowing season.

Chris Guest

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**

Horsham Rural City Council Landcare



I'd like to acknowledge the impacts of bushfires this summer on the environment and people. If you've been affected by the fires and are needing recovery support from a Landcare perspective, eg. Revegetation, habitat restoration (including nest box installation), weed control, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Victorian Landcare Grants are open now – closing **Wednesday April 16**. If you're a landholder with ideas for your property, reach out to me or your landcare group for further information and support.

Partnerships Against Pests Demo Day - Project Platypus in partnership with Horsham District Landcare Network and Yarrilinks Landcare will be delivering a Pest Demonstration Day on **Saturday May 10** at Laharum - a workshop discussing invasive animal and plant species, the latest science and best practice in delivering control.

We aim to build landholder capacity for pest animal control, including fox, cat, deer and rabbits. We will hear from experts in Laharum Hall and then proceed outdoors to view practical demonstrations at nearby site/s.

Frog monitoring citizen scientists needed -

Do you like frogs? Do you want to learn more about frogs? The Horsham District is home to a range of interesting frog species including the vulnerable Growling Grass Frog. HDLN is planning a frog monitoring program this year involving citizen scientists. Training provided. If you would like to learn more, please fill out the EOI form (takes less than 2mins.): <https://forms.office.com/r/dUmcF6Kw2r>

Friends of Grampians-Gariwerd (FOGGS) -

Upcoming events: Sallow Wattle Control at Halls Gap Transfer Station on **Thursday April 10** and Presentation on Small Mammals by Dr John White Deakin University in Halls Gap on **Friday May 9**.

For more info see:

<https://friendsofgrampiansgariwerd.org.au/calendar-whats-on/>

Horsham District Landcare Network have a website and social media pages! 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

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Horsham Rural City Council



Help Shape our Community's Future

Council is currently reviewing its Community Vision and other key strategic documents and would like to hear from the community about their hopes, aspirations and priorities for how Horsham Rural City Council should look and feel in 2041.

An online survey is available by visiting www.haveyoursay.hrcc.vic.gov.au or by visiting the City Centre.

In-person workshops will be held from **Tuesday April 29 to Thursday May 1** and will cover the following topics – Economic Growth; Cultural & Creative; Public Spaces & Recreation; Community Services; Infrastructure, Environment & Waste, and Roads.

Susan Surridge, Coordinator Community Relations & Advocacy

Laharum Rural CFA



With the dry conditions continuing, Laharum Brigade has been called out seven times since the previous newsletter. We had a minor flare up within the control lines from the Wallaby Track Fire, a couple of small grass fires, tree fires and a couple of false alarms.

A big thank you to everyone who responded to these call-outs.

Given the current conditions, we ask that everyone continues to think about the risks when going about your day to day activities.

Ultra-Light Tanker – An information sheet with details to make a donation to Laharum Fire Brigade will be delivered to each property owner this week. These donations will help towards our portion of the grant and will be greatly appreciated.

Fire Restrictions - The lifting of restrictions will depend on weather conditions. This will most likely happen after Easter. Permits are available to burn off grass and stubbles. So far there has been no breaches of permits and no escape burn-offs. We thank everyone for following the permit conditions.

Once restrictions are lifted, please be cautious and monitor regularly after burning off either paddocks or piles of timber.

Training - There continues to be numerous training opportunities for CFA members. Keep an eye on the socials or contact your Brigade Training Officer if you are interested.

End of Season Meeting - Laharum Fire Brigade's 'End of Season meeting' will be held on **Monday April 14**, 7pm at Laharum Recreation Reserve Clubrooms. All brigade members and community residents are invited to attend.
Luke Dumesny, Captain



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Call anywhere in Victoria for flood, storm, landslide, tsunami and earthquake emergency

Laharum Football Netball Club



On Saturday March 1, Robbie Miller completed an extraordinary 24-hour run to raise funds for 'Cuddle Cots', an invaluable resource which allows families of babies born sleeping to spend precious time meeting and saying goodbye.



This touching cause has seen overwhelming support, with donations still being accepted via Bears of Hope at the following link:

<https://makeadifference.gofundraise.com.au/page/Robbie-45579777>

The current amount raised exceeds an impressive \$56,000. Cameron Oval was alive with activity as all user groups came together to support the day. A cricket match, football training camp, netball training, and tennis games kept the community engaged while cheering Robbie on. Throughout the gruelling 24-hour effort, Robbie managed to complete an astounding 166km, finishing alongside his wife Sarah and children, Henry and Gerry with a large crowd celebrating this incredible achievement. Congratulations to Robbie and the entire Miller family on this massive feat! See photos 12.

Excitement Builds for the New Season - With the season fast approaching, Laharum Football Netball Club is thrilled to be gearing up for another exciting year.

Our first and only practice match was played on Saturday March 22 against Lexton, providing a great opportunity for the team to fine-tune their game.

Our Women's Football side also took to the field for the first time in a match against Cavendish. It was fantastic to see this team in action, and we are looking forward to their continued progress throughout the season.

The official season kicks off on **Saturday April 5** with a highly anticipated home game against our old rivals, Kalkee FNC. This match will be particularly special as it marks the Michele Mibus Memorial Round and Ladies Day. We encourage everyone to come along, show their support, and help us launch the season in style.

A Strong and United Club - Our teams, both on the field and on the courts, are looking stronger than ever, and we anticipate some fiercely competitive matches ahead. Alongside the sporting action, the club's social calendar has been carefully planned, providing plenty of opportunities for members and supporters to come together, celebrate and strengthen our club community.

As reported in the February Newsletter, our club announced four Awards in the Wimmera Regional Sports Star Awards to Hamish Roberts (Administrator/Official of the Year); A Grade Netball (Team of the Year); Bec McIntyre (Coach of the Year) & the 3WM Tom Gawith Spirit of Community Award.

Further congratulations also went to Georgia Foster (15U Netball) for her athletic achievements which awarded her the 'Junior Athlete of the Year' and the 'Ian Niblett Scholarship'. See photo with Awards page 12.

Additionally, the club is running a Lamb Drive to support fundraising efforts (**March 25 to April 13**). Those who wish to contribute can reach out to Peter 'Dutchy' Velthuis to arrange delivery on 0428 990907. Your generous support is always greatly appreciated.

We can't wait to see you all at the club for what promises to be another fantastic season for the Red and the Blue! Go Dees!

Rowena Doyle, Secretary

Laharum Cricket Club



Another cricket season has finished too quickly! A Grade managed to win their Round 12 match outright to give themselves a slight chance of playing finals. Whilst we enjoyed a Round 13 bye, results of other matches didn't go our way, finishing the season in 5th place on the ladder. Although a disappointing finish, a very fun season for all involved.

C Grade played an exciting final at Minyip with some tight bowling and quality fielding, restricting the opposition to 9/146 off their 40 overs. Although unfortunately we came up short with the bat, being bowled out for 75 to a star studded side and the eventual premiers in West Wimmera. A great season to have made the finals gents!

A special mention to Lewis Hofmaier for winning the C Grade Bowling Aggregate for the association. See photo page 12.

A Pop-up Cricket Blast Program was scheduled for February and early March - these sessions were held at Laharum on Sunday mornings from 10am. The sessions were well attended and much fun was had. Thank you to all those who participated and to Josh and Brodie for their efforts coordinating the sessions.

Thank you to our sponsors listed below for their support. When you shop with these businesses, please let them know that Laharum Cricket Club appreciates them - Australian Wildflowers, Horsham Hydraulics, O'Brien & Smith Lawyers, Siemens Gamesa, Cellarbrations Horsham, Wimmera Bearings and Best Hire.

Presentations will be held on **Sunday April 6** at Horsham Golf Club from 12pm. Lunch will be schnitzel and fish & chips with salad at \$15.20 per head.

We will be having an Ambrose Comp beforehand for those who are interested. Please contact Josh Mahoney on 0427 748943 if you want to play and we will make up some teams at random, just to keep it interesting! Non golf club members will have to pay green fees. Please RSVP for the golf and the presentations by **Tuesday April 1** so we can put everything in place accordingly.

We have sadly lost two of our treasured Life Members since our last article. A massive thank you to Trev Winfield and Lois MacInnes for their decades of contribution to the Cricket Club, both will be sadly missed.

Enjoy the winter and stay safe everyone. As always, if you are interested in a game of cricket, please reach out; new players are always welcome. Yours in cricket.

Ben Peucker, President 0408 011319



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Jillian & Phill Goulet

Grampians National Park



What's open in the Grampians? After a long summer of fire activity, popular (non-fire affected) visitor sites within the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park have re-opened to the public.

Towns such as Halls Gap, Dunkeld and Wartook are open, and businesses across the region are welcoming visitors back.

There are still large areas of the National Park which remain closed. Please view the link below for a clear insight into what is open in the Grampians.

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/things-to-do/what-is-open-in-the-grampians>

Wildlife Recovery - The Yarram Gap and Wallaby Rocks fires in the Grampians NP have burned an area of 135,677ha, which represents over two-thirds of the park. Since mid-January 2025, the transition from fire response to recovery has driven shifts in work priorities for most of the staff at the Grampians work centre in Halls Gap. In particular, the speedy response of the Grampians Ark team to enable wildlife recovery, received worthy media attention. Below is a summary of the achievements on this front from Joe Terry, Grampians Ark Coordinator.

Key response activities for the Critically Endangered Brush-Tailed Rock Wallaby (BTRW)

Aerial feeding conducted by helicopter and drone for both the Moora Moora and Asses Ears colonies included four helicopter operations and two drone operations to date, alongside aerial reconnaissance to assess habitat impact, water supply and colony survival.

- Ground feeding operations commenced February 17, which involved sling loading bulk supplies for 23 monitored ground feeding stations over 5km of the escarpment sites, to be serviced weekly.
- Volunteer programs coordinated with Friends of the Grampians and Halls Gap Landcare, prepared aerial feeding care packages.
- An enhanced monitoring program is underway, replacing burned cameras throughout the colony and quadrupling the established monitoring area, along with scat collection for colony survey and genetic analysis.
- Camera images have confirmed the survival of the BTRW colony, featuring three separate joeys.
- Additionally, an enhanced predator control program is in place, involving ground and aerial shooting operations.
- We are also establishing a monitoring and predator control program for the Asses Ears BTRW population.

Key response activities for the endangered & threatened small mammals in high conservation areas

- Deployed 160 Habitat Pods across two high-value conservation sites affected by the Yarram Gap fire scar. See photo page 11.
- Monitoring cameras set up to monitor the habitat pods and support the overall recovery efforts for small mammals following the fire.
- Volunteer programs coordinated with Friends of the Grampians and Halls Gap Landcare to support the assembly of 320 habitat pods.

- 160 habitat pods are scheduled for deployment at two more high-value conservation sites impacted by the recent Wallaby Rocks Fire.
- An enhanced predator control program is being implemented around the habitat pod locations and other critical conservation areas.
- In March, deployed 190 more habitat pods into more high conservation areas.

Partnerships and stakeholders -

- Re-establishing the 36 long-term monitoring sites for the Great Gariwerd Bird Survey and Deakin University's long-term small mammal monitoring program, which was initiated after the Mount Lubra fire, to assess the long-term responses of small mammal populations to landscape-scale wildfires. Of the 36 sites, 34 have been impacted by fire, necessitating tree hazard assessment and treatment.
- Supporting an enhanced community baiting program in the Victoria Valley post-fire which involves 38 adjoining landholders.

Grampians Peaks Trail – Trailheads Project

The Halls Gap trailhead works are starting to take shape and expected to be open in early April 2025. See photo page 11.

For more information on this project visit:

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/western-victoria/grampians-peaks-trail>

William Playne, Ranger, Visitor and Community Grampians (Gariwerd) Western Region

IMAGINE YOU NEED THE FIRE BRIGADE

Let's hope you never do – but just pretend....!

You call 000 – you wait 5 minutes; 10 minutes; 20 minutes! But you can see the roof of the local fire station. You can see the antennas on top of the tower. But you can't hear a fire truck yet!

"What if CFA volunteers just didn't volunteer?"

"What if we all said "someone else will do it!""

We need volunteers all the time!

We need a constant trickle of new members.

We can still respond to your calls, but what if we couldn't?!

Wonwondah Fire Brigade needs more volunteers. All new members are very welcome.

If you'd like to help our community and you're interested in joining, please send Wonwondah CFA a message and one of our management team will reach out and provide the information you require - . Jason Pymmer 0428 820195; Jenny Sherry 0457 826332 or myself on 0497 589776.

Remember, bad things happen when good people do nothing!

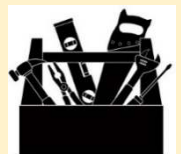
Robert Armstrong

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Design

Timber resawing

Tree felling



Lincoln Shepherd

Registered builder **0417 856786**

Laharum Tennis Club



After finishing third on the ladder at the conclusion of the 'home & away' games, Laharum won the first Semi Final against Central Park (13 to 3 sets). The Preliminary Final was a similar result against Drung, who had finished the 'home & away' on top of the ladder.

Our winning ways came to an end on Grand Final Day at Horsham Lawn, where we were beaten by Horsham Lawn Tigers (13 to 3 sets). Although the score may have appeared lopsided, all the team gave it their best with the score not a true reflection of the effort against a team that were always going to be difficult to beat.

Now to the congratulations section which we have more than a few!! Firstly, to our winners for most games won in both the Laharum Club and overall B Special Grade.

Vanessa Lenehan with 63.74% games won, not only won the Laharum Club Award for the Ladies, but also was Ladies Runner-Up in B Special Grade. See photo page 12.

Reuben Launder won the Laharum Club Award with 61.14% games won.

Maurie Dumesny was awarded a Life Membership to the Laharum Tennis Club. Maurie started playing cricket for Laharum, but eventually came over to tennis where he enjoyed the opportunity to be paired with family members. He won awards for most games numerous times and was part of premiership team. He is team orientated and regularly foregoes his place in the team (including finals) to give junior players an opportunity. Off the court Maurie is always happy to get his hands dirty helping out and is always seeking ways to make the club successful over many years. See photo page 12.

Herb Hallam was given a Life Membership to the Central Wimmera Tennis Association. Herb served as the President from 1994 to 1998. He has served 23 years in a number of roles in the association. He has also played for Laharum Tennis Club as well as other clubs whilst serving with the association. Like Maurie, Herb is always happy to help out and his efforts do not go unnoticed. See photo page 12. *Congratulations to Vanessa, Reuben, Maurie and Herb!!*

This was the 100th year of the Laharum Tennis Club. As an acknowledgment, it was decided that everyone who played a game this year would receive a commemorative glass. If you fall into this category and are yet to receive the glass, please advise us so we can get it out to you.

Our training jackets have arrived and those who preordered, have hopefully received one. There are still a few available and as all junior and senior teams are listed with their winning season, they would make a great gift for past players.

As the season has now come to a close, I would like to say thank you to Vanessa Lenehan who does the majority of work behind the scenes.

A further thank you to our sponsors for their support this season - Australian Wild Flowers, Wimmera Mallee Ag, Yarrabera Suffolk Poll Dorset, CHS Broadbent Shaw & Sons Contracting, Nuseed & Meringa Springs.

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LAHARUM

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

Week	Tanker 1		Tanker 2	
	Name	Name	Name	Name
07/04/2025	Rob McInnes	Leigh Mibus	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens
14/04/2025	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel
21/04/2025	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman	Nathan Metcalf	Leigh Mibus
28/04/2025	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGennissen	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang
05/05/2025	Tim Martin	Angus Martin	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman
12/05/2025	Paul van der Plank	Flip Stein	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGennissen
19/05/2025	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco	Bruce McInnes	David Wegman
26/05/2025	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson	Francoise van der Plank	Jenny Gaulke
02/06/2025	Stuart Gardner	Gary Hallam	Jack Shields	Adam Shields
09/06/2025	Francoise van der Plank	Marieka Dam	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty

BRIMPAEN

Week	Tanker 1 Driver	Tanker 1 Support	Tanker 3 Driver	Tanker 3 Support	Tanker 2 Glenisla Driver	Tanker 2 Glenisla Support
	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
07/04/2025	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
14/04/2025	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Luke Barber	Jo Barber
21/04/2025	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGennissen	Amanda Britten	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
28/04/2025	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Andrew Chincarini	Christine Roberts	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
05/05/2025	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Cameron McDonald	Shannon Arnott	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
12/05/2025	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Hamish Bell	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
19/05/2025	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Sarah Matthews	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
26/05/2025	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Courtney Dunn	Caroline Price	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
02/06/2025	Peter McGennissen	Rachel McGennissen	Andrew Bell	Rod Miller	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
09/06/2025	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Gerard Matthews	Ben Starick	Matt Barber	Jo Barber

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Attendees at the community lunch, which was provided by Horsham Rural City Council as a 'thank you' after the fires and a 'welcome' to new landholders by Mandi Stewart, Manager Community Services



A choice of veggies & fruit!



Family and supporters welcoming Robbie Miller after his 166km run on March 1 to raise funds for 'Cuddle Cots'



Lewis Hofmaier
C Grade Bowling



Vanessa Lenehan
Laharum Tennis Award



Herb Hallam, Tennis
Life Membership, CWTA



Maurice Dumesny, Life
Membership, Laharum Tennis



Left to right - Adele Rhode, Bec McIntyre, Georgia Foster, Hamish Roberts & Rowena Doyle holding Laharum Football Netball Awards