



Everyone enjoying morning tea at Laharum's Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea on May 22

It's great to have events at our hall in Laharum which brings people along from other areas, so we can 'show off' our wonderful hall and our hospitality!

Although the weather is cooler and some green can be seen, we are hoping for rain so that seeds sown can be watered along with our gardens.

Liz Hopkins



Alison Hicks, guest speaker at Laharum's BMT



Local Vocals at Laharum's Biggest Morning Tea



*'Birds of a Feather' Art Exhibition by Gariwerd Artists
Easter 2025 at Laharum Hall*



Gariwerd Artists

Meeting dates at Laharum Hall -
1st Friday June 6, July 4 and August 1
3rd Saturday June 21, July 19 and August 16,
10am-3pm. All welcome.

Come along to visit, participate or discover more.
Enquiries on 0408 837 530.

Gill Venn

Laharum Hall Committee



Laharum Hall Committee would like to thank the Geue family for their generosity in providing space for batteries to be deposited. We would also like to thank the community for contributing old batteries to be recycled.

Funds raised from the sale of these batteries are very important for the upkeep of the community facility.

Unfortunately the Catherine Britt concert won't be going ahead in October due to changes in their tour.

Laharum Hall has been successful in achieving a Horsham Rural City Council Community Grant.

Judy Berendsen

Brimpaen Craft Group



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

Tuesday August 5, 10am-2pm at UpTempo. BYO craft.

Tuesday September 2, 10am-2pm at Brimpaen Hall. BYO craft.
Loretta Emerson



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga will finish this term on **Wednesday June 25.**

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

Laharum's Biggest Morning Tea



On Thursday May 22, Laharum Community hosted their 20th Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea at Laharum Hall. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the delicious selection of savoury and sweet food. See photos front page.

It was another very successful event with 56 attending from the community, Dadswells Bridge, Horsham and Melbourne areas.

Our Local Vocal Group entertained everyone under the leadership of Merryn Eagle.

Alison Hicks was our guest speaker and is our local McGrath Breast Care Nurse who works in the Wimmera Cancer Centre. She informed us of the screening options for breast cancer and the local services available for cancer patients.

The entrance money and raffle tickets raised \$1,020 for the Cancer Council. Any money over \$1,000 helps provide equipment for a research team who are working in a laboratory on a new cancer treatment.

The morning concluded with our 'bring and buy' stall and the money raised, including donations, totalled \$650. This was given to the Wimmera Cancer Centre for ongoing patient care improvement.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up the hall and cleaned up afterwards. Another very successful fundraiser!

By hosting a Biggest Morning Tea, we are helping to fund essential services for cancer patients and their families, such as their 131120 Information & Support Line, and vital cancer research which will help save lives.

We have raised a total of \$31,859 since our community has been supporting this important fundraiser. A wonderful effort!

Liz Hopkins

Wonwondah Community

Our Casserole tea and Chocolate bingo will be held on **Friday June 20** at Wonwondah Hall.

Please bring a casserole to share, BYO drinks. Enjoy soup and dessert supplied by committee and a fun game of bingo afterwards with chocolate prizes. For more information please call me on 0438 304948.

Sue Ahern

Laharum Landcare Group



We had a good turnout for Project Platypus' Partnerships Against Pests Information and Demonstration Day on May 10 with several presenters - the Project Platypus Land Management Team, reps from DEECA, AgVic, Parks Vic and the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions, and over 20 locals keen to learn. One of the talks was also about work underway to monitor and assist the Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies, which includes fox control in Grampians/Gariwerd. See photo page 11.

Thanks to our Landcare Facilitator, Jen Gao for organising delicious catering from Halls Gap and to Diane & Steve Lowe for opening their property for rabbit and fox control demonstrations.

Helpful information for all kinds of pest animals and best management practices can be found at

<https://pestsmart.org.au/>

We're aiming to have two 'fill in' plant outs this winter and hoping the rain will cooperate. Leftover plants will be available to Laharum Landcare Group members. Nest box workshops and monitoring also to come!

Our next Landcare meeting is on **Tuesday June 10**. We'll start the evening at 6pm with a few talks by Wimmera Catchment Management Authority staff about McKenzie River programs, riparian area management, emergency preparedness and developing the new 10-year Wimmera Waterway Strategy. Our meeting will start after the talks at 7pm.

Julie Groce, Secretary 0431 882164

laharumlandcare@gmail.com

Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader - Merryn Eagle

Thursday July 24, 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

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Laharum Hall subs are now due - \$10 per adult
Direct deposit BSB 063514
Account No. 10076686
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Brimpaen Rural CFA



After an eventful summer with the Grampians fires, we have had a rather quiet time recently, which is great.

I'd like to thank all those who conducted planned burns and permit burns to the best of their abilities and followed protocol. Happy to answer any questions on permit burns that anyone may have. Lots of us have burning to do, so let's do it right!

The biggest news from CFA is the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund. Personally and as Brigade Captain, this Levy is nothing short of a cash grab. Just reassuring us country people that Government has no idea or don't care.

There have been many different opinions on this, but Brimpaen will remain active at this time to serve our community, as we have always done.

On all fire fronts, keep vigilant, stay safe and anyone who wants to help, you're always welcome to join the CFA.

Gerard Matthews, Captain 0419 542569

North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



Well, it's supposed to be winter and wet.....!!!

We have been busy doing football gates and organising the Bushwackers Concert. Tickets are now available at Horsham Town Hall. Some tables are available, otherwise seating. It's on **Sunday June 22**, 1.30pm in the Heritage Hall. BYO nibbles.

We are saddened by the passing of our President, of nearly 10 years, Keith Fischer. His funeral was held on Monday June 2. Keith's enthusiasm, dedication and friendship has left a memorable mark on all our members.

Driver Reviver will be open once again over the Kings Birthday long weekend - **Saturday June 7, Sunday June 8 & Monday June 9** from 10am-2pm.

Our barbecue trailer is available for hire from Mal Griffiths on 0427 884874.

New members would be very welcome.

Libby Peucker 5382 5221

Wonwondah Landcare Group



Our group at the last meeting appointed David McGenniken as our new Treasurer and we now have a full complement of office bearers again.

Two rabbit warren sites have now been treated with more to do as they have become active again.

Nick Zordan from SMS Rural will be speaking at our next meeting on **Tuesday June 10** in dealing with the challenging season that is upon us and the changes growers are having to make with the lack of rain to date.

Snail and slug activity has been very quiet this year with the dry conditions, however we have baited the known sites to prevent them spreading further.

All are welcome to our meeting next week starting at 7.30pm.

Chris Guest

CFA District 17



District 17 is patiently awaiting announcement of permanent Assistant Chief Fire Officer. Chris Eagle has been filling the position during the interim with himself and a number of other candidates awaiting announcements for on-going roles within state. It is expected that the announcements will take place in coming weeks.

Election periods are coming to a close and although not an election year for Grampians Group, we'd still like to acknowledge the massive contribution each and every one of you give to keep your community safe and the district.

Training – There are a small number of opportunities left in the district for Medium Rigid Truck Licence funding available for operational members. If you are yet to express your interest, please do by **Saturday June 14**. Please contact your Captain or myself on 0437 303620.

Work Wear – A reminder that an initial set of work wear is still available to members at no cost. If you would like to be fitted, please visit the District Office. Each member is welcome to a set and we strongly encourage those who are still hoping to get fitted allocate their entitlement.

Wellbeing reminder – Ask **'R U OK? Any Day'** because life happens every day.

A lot can happen in a year, a month, a week. Whether it's your friend, family member, colleague, partner, or teammate, the people you care about go through life's ups and downs every day.

Regular, meaningful conversations with people close to you can help prevent the smaller things from becoming really big things. By checking in regularly, we're able to build trust and normalise talking about what's really going on.

So when the people in your circle find themselves struggling, they know you're someone they can talk to. **Ask R U OK? Any Day of the year because a conversation could change a life.**

CFA Wellbeing have many fantastic and under-utilised resources and programs readily available to members and family members at no cost. These include psychologists, counsellors, peer support and chaplains with no item too big or too small.

CFA Wellbeing Support Line is one number to manage your wellbeing, providing CFA members and their families access to free and confidential wellbeing support **1800 959 232**.

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

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One number to manage your wellbeing

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Horsham Rural City Council Landcare



Upcoming Events - We are coming into planting season!

Fruit Tree Pruning workshop with Horsham Urban Landcare on **Saturday June 14:**

<https://events.humanitix.com/fruit-tree-pruning-workshop-horsham>

Next Youth Nature Crew activity Thursday July 10 - We have Fair Dinkum Fauna coming back for a school holiday incursion, this time with their sugar gliders Goose and Maverick, 2pm at The Station, Pynsent Street, Horsham.

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

Saturday/Sunday July 19-20 – Horsham District Landcare Network is planning a big community revegetation weekend, and we need plenty of hands to assist with planting 3,500 trees and shrubs in the Natimuk area! Catering provided.

Thursday July 24 - Another planting day of 500 Creeping Boobialla is planned at Grass Flat to provide habitat for the endangered Golden-rayed Blue Butterfly, endemic to salt lakes in the Wimmera. This planting is in partnership with Zoos Vic, and we'll have Jessie Sinclair from ZV sharing her knowledge on butterfly and invertebrate conservation. Come plant and learn!

Recent event recap – On May 10, Horsham District Landcare Network supported Project Platypus and Laharum Landcare to host a 'Partnerships Against Pests' Day in Laharum. Landholders learnt about best practice and latest science in the control of invasive species from expert guest presenters. We spent a lovely sunny afternoon in the field being shown rabbit control techniques, deer exclusion fencing and more. It's safe to say every attendee went home with some new knowledge! See photos page 11.

In early April, Youth Nature Crew enjoyed an incursion from Fair Dinkum Fauna and their 'froggy' friends. Participants learnt all about frogs and then went searching for frogs at the Police Paddock! See photo page 11.

Do you need help with environmental restoration work? Woodcroft College will be back in October and November for their annual Year 9 camp in Wartook and they're keen to get involved in environmental restoration activities. If you're a landholder with suitable tasks for a small group of students, please get in touch - I'm currently putting together a list of host sites.

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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Laharum Cricket Club



We are well in the depths of the offseason for the cricket club at the moment, although with this extended dry, it 'sorta' feels like we could still be playing cricket most of these days. We are all looking forward to some winter weather quick smart.

We had a bit of a twist with our post season presentation celebrations this year, hosting the event at Horsham Golf Club with a beautiful lunch. None of our volunteers had to prepare it, so this was quite relaxing. A 'bragging rights' golf tournament kicked off the day early on in the morning on April 6. It was fantastic to see so many of our cricketers 'attempt to' prove their skills on the golf course. I believe that the secretary may have rigged the tournament rules in his favour and as a result ended up limping to victory in the golf stakes!

The presentation of awards for the 2024/25 cricket season were as follows, a massive congrats to these fellows for their efforts.

A Grade

Queale-Bunworth Cricketer of the year:

Josh Mahoney (649 points)

Batting Aggregate: Ben Peucker, 280 runs @ 28

Batting Average: Josh Mahoney, 279 runs @ 34.88

Bowling Aggregate: Josh Mahoney, 24 wickets @ 12.46

Bowling Average: Joel Pymmer, 16 wickets @ 11.13

Captain's Award: Jackson Hoffmann

C Grade

Peter Levey Memorial Award: Lewis Hofmaier (572 points)

Batting Aggregate: Josh Hutchinson, 258 runs @ 32.25

Batting Average: Tristan March, 204 runs @ 34

Bowling Aggregate: Lewis Hofmaier, 22 wickets @ 12.05

Bowling Average: Daryl Scollary, 16 wickets @ 5.31

Captain's Award: Jack Bardell

Club Awards

- Frank Clark Memorial Bowling aggregate: Josh Mahoney 24 wickets
- Legend's Award: Harrison Hoffman
- A Grade Century: Ben Peucker, 127 runs vs Jung, Round 7, 23/11/2024
- Josh Mahoney: 5 for 22, A Grade, Round 10 vs Bullants, Laharum CC 2024/25
- Josh Mahoney: 6 for 44, A Grade, Round 12 vs Colts, Laharum CC 2024/25
- Jim McInnes: 5 for 19, A Grade, Round 1 vs Jung, Laharum CC 2024/25
- Jackson Hoffmann: 5 for 7, A Grade, Round 2 vs West Wimmera, Laharum CC 2024/25

See photo page 12.

Other than the above, probably not a great deal to report. We haven't yet locked in a date for our AGM, although this will be communicated via facebook in the coming weeks.

We are always on the hunt for new players to join our ranks. If you are looking for a game of cricket or know someone who is, please send them our way.

A massive thank you to our volunteers and our sponsors for their ongoing support.

Ben Peucker

Horsham Rural City Council



Emergency services levy hike unfairly burdens Horsham region - Horsham Rural City Council (HRCC)

is deeply concerned about the Victorian Government's decision to increase the Emergency Services Levy – a change that will hurt our municipality more than most. Due to the high proportion of farming land in our total property base, HRCC ratepayers will see one of the highest percentage increases across the State. The levy will raise an additional \$3.26 million from our residents – an increase of more than 84 per cent. All property owners, both rural and urban will pay this levy increase via their council rates bills. However, forcing local governments to collect a Victorian Government tax is unfair.

Council Calls for Changes to Proposed Mining Licence

- Horsham Rural City Council is urging the Earth Resources Regulator to exclude the Wimmera Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT) from the proposed mining licence area for WIM Resource's Avonbank project near Dooen.

The proposed 3426-hectare mineral sands mine to be developed over 38 years, is currently under assessment. Council finalised its submission this week, following a community session at Dooen Hall that drew about 100 residents and helped inform Council's response.

Council's submission argues that WIFT, a Council-owned strategic freight terminal with no current link to the mining project, should remain separate from the licence area to preserve its long-term freight potential.

Other key points include a request for a two-kilometre buffer between mining operations and nearby homes or businesses, and concern that the WIM Base Area (WBA) sits outside the licence, leaving part of the project outside State regulatory oversight.

Council also highlighted issues such as truck routes, air quality, land rehabilitation, radiation management, and the need for social and mental health support for affected landholders. It called for clear land access agreements, a workforce accommodation strategy, and a plan for unplanned closure of the site.

Horsham Regional Livestock Exchange (HRLE) was buzzing last Wednesday as a bumper yarding and strong demand led to a record-breaking sale. More than 7,000 lambs and 2,000 mutton were yarded, with one pen of lambs reaching a remarkable \$403 per head, briefly setting a national record before it was topped later by a sale in Warracknabeal.

Across the heavy lamb pens offered, most consistently reached \$300 per head, reflecting the strong quality of stock and high buyer interest. The impressive prices were driven by a combination of factors, including ongoing dry conditions. Many producers have resorted to hand-feeding lambs, with grain and protein-rich diets contributing to the animals' excellent condition and presentation. Additionally, rough seas in the Bass Strait have disrupted Tasmanian supply, placing further pressure on the mainland market.

This result highlights the importance of HRLE as a key selling centre in western Victoria, continuing to attract strong competition and delivering outstanding returns for local producers.

Council urges residents to keep batteries out of bins - Horsham Rural City Council is urging residents to keep

batteries out of general waste and recycling bins, following a growing number of rubbish truck fires across Victoria and Australia linked to improper battery disposal. The warning comes after Fire Rescue Victoria's annual report released last month, revealed the service is responding to almost one fire per day caused by lithium-ion batteries and the trend is forecast to worsen.

In regional areas like Horsham, the risk is especially concerning. Numerous garbage truck fires have been reported across country Victoria, including a recent incident in Colac which led to a full truck load being dumped and extinguished by firefighters.

Lithium-ion batteries, commonly found in devices such as mobile phones, laptops, power tools, vapes and e-scooters, are highly energy dense and pose a serious fire hazard. They can catch fire when overcharged, used with non-compliant chargers or crushed or damaged such as when compacted in garbage trucks.

Batteries can be taken to -

- Horsham Transfer Station, 93 Kenny Road, Haven
- Civic Centre, 18 Roberts Avenue, Horsham
- Horsham Library, 28 McLachlan Street, Horsham.

Council continues to work with State agencies to raise awareness and improve battery disposal options. Residents can visit the HRCC website or contact Council on 5382 9777 for information on local disposal points.

Let's work together to keep our waste collection safe - batteries *don't* belong in the bin!

Susan Surridge, Coordinator Community Relations & Advocacy

Laharum Tennis Club



The 2025/2026 tennis season is to start on **Saturday October 4** and will consist of 15 rounds plus finals. It is expected that all rounds will be played on Saturday afternoon. It is likely that we will have just the one senior team as we have had in the past few seasons.

All new players are more than welcome as are those who have played before and had a break. If interested, please contact myself on 0403 155246.

Confirmation of our team/s and further dates such as general meeting will be posted when known.

Tony Sykes

Library Collection Lockers & Returns Bin at Laharum Hall

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

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

Wimmera Library Headquarters

Laharum Rural CFA



Well, since the last newsletter the dry conditions are continuing. Very little rain has fallen across our area, which means the fuel loads are still relatively dry. Many treed areas like roadsides, creek lines and forested areas will still carry fire despite the cooler conditions. So, if you are planning to do some burning, please be mindful of this.

Luckily, the Laharum Brigade has been very quiet since the last newsletter, not receiving any call outs.

Winter Fire Risks - As we are now into winter, please make sure you maintain fire safety inside your house.

If you haven't already, get your flue checked/cleaned on your wood heater and maintain regular maintenance on clothes dryers, cleaning filters after each use. Keep your clothes drying at a safe distance from the heater.

If you have a gas heater, make sure it's serviced properly, especially for no carbon monoxide emissions and is kept at a safe level.

Emergency Services Volunteer Fund - This has been a very hot and controversial topic lately. This affects every land owner and the Laharum Brigade does not support this. Like many other brigades across the State, we marked our Tanker 1 off line in protest, but keeping our Tanker 2 on line. Recently our Tanker 1 is back online as per normal. Where possible, we'll continue to advocate for the scrapping of the tax. Our Tanker 1 will remain online for the foreseeable future. Community Safety is and always will be our priority and at no stage was anyone at risk.

I know many have mixed feelings about the tax, but I'd kindly ask all members not to resign. No one has that I am aware of.

Some members may reduce their availability for fires which is up to each individual, however the Laharum Brigade would appreciate that all members continue to respond to all call outs. Your own family, neighbour and community may require your help.

Ultra Light Tanker - Firstly, on behalf of the Laharum Fire Brigade, I'd like to thank everyone who has donated towards this project so far. It's been very pleasing that we have raised over \$8,500 of our \$10,000 target within the first couple of months with a bit of advertising.

As we are coming up to the end of the financial year and if you would still like to donate before June 30, you have time for this tax deductible donation.

The brigade cooked a barbecue at Happy Wanderer Resort on Easter Sunday, despite the cooler conditions. We also made some funds to contribute towards the Ultra-Light Tanker. Huge thanks to all the brigade members who went along and cooked the barbecue. Special thanks to Horsham South Lions Club for allowing us to borrow their barbecue trailer.

Fire Restrictions - With the Fire danger period ending and restrictions lifted, we'd like to thank everyone who followed the permit conditions when burning off. There were no reported escaped or breaches across our area.

Training - There continues to be numerous training opportunities for CFA members. Keep an eye on the socials or contact your brigade training officer.

There is First Aid Training coming up on **Sunday June 22** at Laharum Recreation Reserve 1900-2200. This also includes CPR and Refresher. CFA members can register via the CFA Learning Hub online. Otherwise,

please call the Grampians Group Training Officers Françoise Thornton-Smith on 0484 909150, Kylie Spiers 0403 716120 or Anne Radford at the CFA office on 5362 1754 to register.

Please remember if you have some spare time, feel free to take either of the tankers for a run, even if you're not on for the rostered week. Keep familiarising yourself with what's in the lockers and give the pump a run with the water recirculating between the tank and pump and back into the tank. If you have any enquiries for the Fire Brigade, please call myself on 0428 838242.

Luke Dumesny, Captain

Grampians National Park



Background - In December 2024 a bushfire started from dry lightning on Mount William Range in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park. Extreme weather and dry vegetation caused the fire to spread quickly, affecting both the park and adjacent private land. Less than a month later, additional fires ignited from lightning on the western side of the park, burning across Victoria Range, Victoria Point and the Victoria Valley. In total, the Grampians fires burned 135,000 hectares, nearly 80% of the park. Biodiversity, cultural sites & visitor assets were severely impacted.

Biodiversity impacts - All six significant conservation areas within the park were affected, including important habitat for priority species like the critically endangered Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby (BTRW), Long-nosed Potoroo, Southern Brown Bandicoot, Heath Mouse and Smoky Mouse. The biodiversity recovery programs commenced during the fire have continued to ensure the long-term recovery process for the landscape and wildlife species which are protected under State and Federal legislation.

Brush-Tailed Rock Wallabies - During the fires, strategies were put in place by Parks Victoria, Department Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and the Horsham Incident Control Centre to help protect the critically endangered southern Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby (BTRW) in an area of the Serra Range.

Remote cameras were used to monitor the animals and an emergency feeding operation commenced to support their survival. This included food drops from helicopters and drones which moved bulk supplies of food to 17 monitored feeding stations across 5km of remote and rocky escarpment. These feeding sites continue to be serviced weekly by ground crews. Cameras have confirmed BTRW at all 17 ground-feeding stations, including the far east of the escarpment, a major increase in their local range since their reintroduction to the landscape in 2008. The cameras have also confirmed that they are actively feeding and drinking from the feeding stations and include images of 3 young healthy joeys.

Enhanced monitoring - A new and enhanced monitoring program has been established by staff to expand the monitoring area throughout the colony.

Additionally, scat collection for the colony survey has been ongoing with over 100 samples collected so far. More than 500,000 camera trap images have been taken since late December with 55 cameras at both locations. Habitat and vegetation on-going assessments are also being carried out at both colonies to allow for adaptive management of the ground feeding program.

Prue Daley, Community Engagement/Tourism Western

Laharum Football Netball Club



As we reach the halfway point of the 2025 season, there is so much to celebrate at Laharum Football Netball Club. Thanks to the incredible work 'on and off the field', we are proud to announce that Laharum is currently sitting at the top of the Horsham & District Football Netball League (HDFNL) Club Championship Ladder – a true testament to the dedication, teamwork and spirit of everyone involved with our great club.

A standout achievement this season has been the official launch of our two female football teams – U14.5 Girls and Women's – competing in the newly formed Female Football League within the Wimmera League. This league is the first of its kind for our region and Laharum is leading the charge as the *only club* in the district league to field female football sides. It's a proud moment for our club and a sign of our commitment to growth, inclusion and innovation.

Our female teams have already made their mark, competing admirably against tough opposition in Horsham FNC and Minyip Murtoa FNC with the U14.5 side taking on a combined Minyip Murtoa/Warracknabeal team. A massive congratulations to all the women and girls who have stepped up to make this possible.

Special thanks to our dedicated coaches Rocket Hogan and Scoop McClusky, our President Hamish Roberts, and our Football Directors Mark Mintern and Kelli Both for their vision and hard work in making this dream a reality.

Across all football grades, our teams are performing strongly with three teams currently in the top five on the ladder. We've also seen several U17 players stepping up into the senior ranks, a great sign of the club's depth and development. One standout is Chase Whelan who has been selected in the School Sports Victoria U15 Boys Football Team. Chase plays two levels above his age group for the club. He's not only a star on the field but also becoming a media sensation – well done, Chase!

Our netball teams are also shining this season with A Grade and C Reserve teams leading the ladder and another three sides sitting in the top five. A special mention to Maya Przibilla, Georgia Foster (15s) and Ava Smith (13s), who proudly represented the HDFNL at the Central Victoria Netball Association Championships – a fantastic achievement and experience for these young athletes.

We recently took part in the 'Battle of the Rock' Indigenous Recognition Round at Natimuk United – a round first launched by Laharum last year. We are thrilled to share that the perpetual trophy is coming home to Cameron Oval, with Laharum winning the day - 6 games to 5. Congratulations to Phil Butsch (football) and Tara McIntyre (netball) who were awarded MVP honours, as voted by the umpires. See photo page 12.

To mark National Reconciliation Week, we were honoured to hang the original Indigenous design artwork in our clubrooms – a powerful gift from artist Kenita-Lee McCartney. We extend our gratitude to Wayne McGinness from Aboriginal Steel Art for designing our trophy and to Imigo Dawn for the stunning medal designs.

It was fantastic to see players and supporters proudly wearing our Indigenous jumpers, and all netball teams wearing custom Indigenous position bibs, reflecting the club's deep respect and commitment to reconciliation.

Off the field, our annual Gold Bullion Raffle is now open! If you haven't got your tickets yet, you can purchase them from club members or online at laharumraffle.com.au

We've also got a stacked social calendar coming up:

- Table Tennis Tournament – June 14
- Premiership Reunion – July 5
- Laharum Ball – July 12
- Goods & Services Auction – July 26.

With National Volunteer Week recently behind us, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our amazing volunteers. Whether you're scoring junior games on cold mornings, cooking in the canteen, running water, coaching or helping behind the scenes – you are the backbone of our club. Your time, energy and passion do not go unnoticed.

Enjoy the well-deserved break over the King's Birthday Long Weekend. Let's hope we're watching rain fall outside, bringing better times ahead for our farmers and the wider community.

Thank you all for being part of the Laharum spirit – and here's to a huge second half of the season! Go Dees!
Rowena Doyle, Secretary

Laharum-Wartook Produce & Vegetable swap.

WINTER 2025 first Sunday of the month at 10am sharp



6 th July	Gill Venn
	1366 Brimpaen-Laharum Rd
3 rd Aug	Bruce McInnes
	1365 Brimpaen-Laharum Rd
7 th Sept	Proo & Will Pyke
	445 Smiths Rd Laharum

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Bottle Shop. Open 7 days 9am-5pm.
Phone 5383 6210.

Email: admin@hwresort.com.au and website:

www.happywandererresort.com.au

Jillian & Phill Goulet

BEST HIRE

12 SEAT MINI BUS HIRE

CALL BEN 0408011319

BEST.HIRE@OUTLOOK.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.

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**



POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE AND ONLINE REPORTING – CALL 131 444

Report non-urgent crimes and
events to Victoria Police

Mount Stapylton Wines

**WINE TASTING BY
APPOINTMENT**

CONTACT - 0429838233
www.mountstapyltonwines.com.au
Contactless Local Delivery

DOB IN A LITTERER

1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC)

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



FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTERS

June - August 2025 IN CASE OF FIRE DIAL 000



The trucks need to be driven at least 30km a week, and water pumped for at least 5 minutes. Fuel, tyres, lights checked. Refuel if less than ¾ full. Fill in the log book.

Immediately report any problems to the Captain.

*Captains are: Laharum - **Luke Dumesny 0428 838242**; Brimpaen – **Gerard Matthews 0419 542569**.*

Truck radio will be on Vicfire Channel 517 for emergency callout (UHF Channel 10 for Grampians Group)

Call Grampians Remote 275# before taking the truck on a run. When returning change back to 517#

LAHARUM

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

	Tanker 1		Tanker 2	
Week	Name	Name	Name	Name
02/06/2025	Stuart Gardner	Gary Hallam	Jack Shields	Adam Shields
09/06/2025	Francoise van der Plank	Marieka Dam	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty
16/06/2025	Ed Johnson	Paul Johnson	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
23/06/2025	Andrew Crawford	Daniel Berendsen	Paul van der Plank	Stuart Combe
30/06/2025	Rob Launder	Charlotte/Ambrose/ Reuben	Will Pyke	Htoo Kaw Jah
07/07/2025	Damien Knight	Jack Shields	Francoise van der Plank	Vicky Stevens
14/07/2025	Jo Gardner	Jenny McInnes	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel
21/07/2025	Allan Parfett	Mark Mintern	Nathan Metcalf	Leigh Mibus
28/07/2025	David Pratt	Adam Shields	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang
04/08/2025	Gary Staehr	Rob Staehr	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman

BRIMPAEN

	Tanker 1 Driver	Tanker 1 Support	Tanker 3 Driver	Tanker 3 Support	Tanker 2 Glenisla Driver	Tanker 2 Glenisla Support
Week	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
02/06/2025	Peter McGennicken	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Andrew Bell	Rod Miller	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
09/06/2025	Cameron McDonald	Shannon Arnott	Gerard Matthews	Ben Starick	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
16/06/2025	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
23/06/2025	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
30/06/2025	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
07/07/2025	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGennicken	Rachel McGennicken	Matt Barber	Jo Barber
14/07/2025	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Ken French	Theresa & Hettie French
21/07/2025	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Rod Miller	Sue, Alana, Will & Harry Miller
28/07/2025	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Luke Barber	Stephen Barber
04/08/2025	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Matt Barber	Jo Barber

EMERGENCY HOTLINE 1800 226 226

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

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

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

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

ALWAYS DIAL TRIPLE ZERO TO REPORT FIRE



Steve showing attendees deer exclusion fencing



Steve demonstrating ripping rabbit warrens



*Youth Nature Crew learning about frogs
in early April*



*Project Platypus team member demonstrating the use
of smoke to identify and mark rabbit warren entrances*



Laharum Football Netball Club Women's Senior Team



A Grade Netball side (both teams wearing LFNC Indigenous Uniform)



Jackson Hoffman & Harrison Hoffman with their Cricket trophies

Phil Butsch Battle of the Rocks MVP Football & Hamish Roberts, President of LFNC



Laharum Seniors Football side