



*The sound of bees buzzing on the flowers in bloom, the fruit trees budding up and the birds busy feeding their young; it's a great time to be enjoying the spring weather!*

*Let's hope for rain to water the crops and plants.*

*Liz Hopkins*



**SARA STORER CONCERT**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 25**  
**LAHARUM HALL**

***SOLD OUT!***

APEX Horsham CLUB 15  
providing barbecue tea at 6pm  
**CONCERT BEGINS AT 7PM**



*Stunning grass trees after Dadswells Bridge fire*



## Laharum Hall Committee



The new Acoustic Ceiling in the Supper Room has been installed and Split systems in the main hall and Supper Room have also been installed.

Thanks to the Building Department of Horsham Rural City Council & Locks Construction for bringing our Tiny Towns grant to fruition.

The new blow mould trestles have been purchased, thanks to Murra Warra Wind farm grant. These improvements have been greatly appreciated by all hall users to date.

Laharum Hall Committee has been catering for many visitors to the Raleigh Garden as part of a tour under the Banner of the Grampians Society for Growing Australian Plants. My thanks to the committee for assistance with hiring of chairs and trestles and catering. Without volunteers to put their hand up, so many things wouldn't happen!

Sara Storer and her brother Greg are coming to Laharum Hall on **Friday October 25** at 7pm. Apex 13 are providing a barbecue tea at 6pm. BYO drinks please.

Tickets to Sara Storer are **sold out** which is a great response and a wonderful opportunity to showcase our local hall.

**Judy Berendsen**, Secretary/Treasurer



*Preparing covers to protect plants at Griffith's property on Sunday August 11*

## Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader - Merryrn Eagle



**Thursday October 31, 7.30pm**

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!*

*Come and give it a try! Minimal charge  
Singing ability definitely not necessary*

## Yoga at Laharum Hall



*Yoga is back for another term!* Come and join the regular group on **Wednesdays**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall.

*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.

**Judy Berendsen**

## Gariwerd Artists

Our group will meet at Laharum Hall on **Saturday October 19, Thursday November 7 & Saturday November 16** from 10am-3pm.

All welcome to join in the creativity!

**Gill Venn**

## Laharum Landcare-Wartook Vegetable swap

**SPRING/SUMMER 2024 First Sunday of the month at 10am**

**November 3** Susan & Andrew Mathews  
376 Olive Plantation Road

**December 1** Pam & Des Geue  
1922 Northern Grampians Road

**January 5, 2025** - No swap

*See you all again in February 2025*

Thank you to everyone who has graciously hosted this popular social and sharing event.

For further information contact Wendy on 0428 840662



## Brimpaen Rural CFA



On **Wednesday October 16**, 5.30pm there will be a Burn Over Drill at Brimpaen Hall. A barbecue tea will follow at 6pm with a meeting at 6.30pm.

**Ken French**



## Brimpaen Craft Group



**Tuesday November 5**, Melbourne Cup at Loretta's, 167 Rosebrook-Glenisla Road, Wartook from 10am-4pm. Please bring your own craft.

**Tuesday December 3** – Christmas lunch at Up Tempo.

**Loretta Emerson**

## Laharum Cricket Club



Round 1 is finally here!

It's been a long wait, but we can now welcome everyone to 2024/25 cricket season.

We have a great bunch of energetic youngsters in the club, mixed with a bit of experience; we are confident that success/silverware can't be too far away.

The club will be fielding A and C Grade teams for the coming Horsham Cricket Association season. The season kicked off on October 12 with A Grade clash against Jung at Laharum and C Grade clash against Blackheath Dimboola at Dimboola. We wish all players well in the return to cricket for the year.

Horsham Cricket Association welcomes a new club this season; Brim Kellalac Sheep Hills have joined our competition. We look forward to meeting them on the field throughout the year and socialising afterward.

We have had a few working bees to remove the mound in the centre of the oval/cricket pitch area which has built up over many years. A massive thank you to Scott Smith and his team for their guidance and hard work smoothing this area out. Those efforts were coupled with many volunteer hours from a few familiar volunteers around the club – thank you gentlemen as well. See photo page 11.

A massive thank you to Barry Roberts for his tireless work looking after the outfield – it's really looking a treat.

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

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

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## Laharum Football Netball Club

### Season of Success and Exciting Future!



As the season comes to a close, Laharum Football Netball Club reflects on an outstanding year, filled with hard-fought victories and



individual achievements. Four of our teams made it to the Grand Final, demonstrating our strength across both football and netball.

Our A Grade and 13 & Under netball teams reached the Grand Final with A Grade team claiming the premiership after being undefeated all season. This remarkable group of players, after last year's grand final defeat, has led the club with determination, bringing the trophy home to Laharum.

On the football field, our Under 17s and Reserves team also advanced to the Grand Final. The Reserves side secured their first premiership since 2007, marking the end of a 17-year drought. The U17s, a combined side with Harrow Balmoral, exemplified resilience after facing early-season player shortages. The collaboration between both clubs allowed the players to keep competing, and reaching the Grand Final was a fantastic conclusion to their season.

Horsham & District Football Netball League (HDFNL) individual honours were a highlight with Caitlyn Jones-Story winning the HDFNL Goal Shooting Award and being named Best Opposition Player. Tom Dunn earned U17 Coach of the Year, while Chase Whelan took home the U14's Best and Fairest. Ava Bell's achievement as the overall Blue Ribbon Spirit of Sport Player of the Year during the Grand Final presentations was another proud moment for the club.

At the club's presentation night, we were delighted to award Life Memberships to Luke Dumesny, Deb Bunworth and David Laffy, thanking them for their decades of dedication and service to the club. Further awards included the Michele Mibus Award to Peter Both, Best Club Person to Hamish Roberts, and the President's Award to Mark Mintern, all of whom have provided exceptional leadership off the field. We are deeply grateful for their efforts.

As we look to the future, we're excited about what next season holds, especially with the introduction of our women's and girls' football teams. This expansion will see us take on new oppositions and extend Laharum's boundaries even further.

Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, supporters, members and sponsors. Your unwavering commitment has paved the way for a stronger, more vibrant club and we eagerly anticipate what the next season will bring. Go Dees! See photos on page 12.

**Rowena Doyle**, Secretary

## Laharum Rural CFA



Laharum Brigade has responded to 3 call-outs over the winter months. We were called to a false alarm at Glenisla, supported by Dadswells Bridge and Brimpaen brigades with truck fires.

**New Radios** - Thanks to all the brigade members who attended training for the new radios. No definite time frame has been given for the installation of the new radios, but hopefully before the fire season.

**Training** - Annual Entrapment Drill will be occurring over the next few weeks. We'll also be conducting Hazardous Tree Training for those members who need to train. It would be greatly appreciated if all members please attend one of the sessions.

Grampians Group Exercise – **Sunday October 20**, 9am-2pm at Longerenong Training Ground. All members of Grampians Group are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Françoise Thornton-Smith on 0484 909150 for catering purposes.

**Preparedness** - With summer fast approaching, it's vitally important you prepare your property to reduce the impact a bushfire can have on your property. Spraying, cutting grass, burning piles of branches, keeping gutters cleared, removing fire wood close to your house (once it warms up a bit). Also getting the pumps on your private unit serviced so it's in good working order.

With the dry conditions across the area, Grampians Group are also getting everything ready, with brigades double checking tankers and equipment. With minimal rainfall across the area over winter, water will be a lot scarcer than the last couple of years. In saying this, we will be calling in more tankers quickly. Also our brigades will most likely be called upon to help elsewhere. Brigades are planning to do their annual burn offs if conditions allow.

Emergency and fire agencies have advertised that the SW part of Victoria, which includes most of the Wimmera, is at a higher risk of bushfires. Please see the image opposite.

**Fire Fighting Aircraft** - The 2024/25 Fire Season

will see more firefighting aircraft based locally. Two Bombers will be based at Horsham Aerodrome over the Fire Danger Period. Aircraft will be able to carry water and foam out of Horsham.

Two Bombers will also be based at Stawell as well as Nhill over eight weeks during the harvest, around the North Western part of the Wimmera, so everyone should expect aircraft to arrive sooner at fires. If you are at a fire in a private unit, it's vitally important you let someone know you are there and use UHF Channel 10 so officers can let you know of aircraft working in the area. Aircraft won't drop loads

**Bushfire Outlook Spring 2024**  
Increased risk of fire in the far west and southwest parts of Victoria



if tankers or private units are working in the drop zone for safety reasons. This can potentially impact the strategic operations of controlling the fire.

**Hay and Harvest** - With hay and harvest season coming up, just a timely reminder for farmers to check over all machinery used during this time. Making sure exhausts are in good working order and wheel bearings checked. Also it's asked that all harvesting operations have an adequate fire-fighting unit in the paddock ready to go. That means hooked up to a vehicle, not parked in the gate way or under a tree.

With hay operations, Grampians Group had a couple of hay stack fires last year. Just another friendly reminder to monitor moisture levels in hay stacks.

**Pre-Season Meetings** –

Laharum Fire Brigade – **Monday October 14**, 7pm at Laharum Oval Clubrooms. Burn Over Drill from 6pm.

Brimpaen Fire Brigade – **Wednesday October 16** at Brimpaen Hall. Burn Over Drill 5:30pm, BBQ 6pm.

Grampians Group Meeting – **Monday October 21**, 7:30pm at Laharum Oval Clubrooms.

If you have any fire brigade questions, feel free to contact myself on 0428 838242 or any of the Brigade Management Team.

**Luke Dumesny**, Captain

## Laharum Tennis Club



The 2024/2025 Central Wimmera Tennis Association season commenced on October 5. Laharum Tennis Club is represented by one team in B Special competition. The team comprises four men and four women. Each match is in the doubles format and is a standard six game set. Each player participates in four matches with one of the four mixed doubles.

Although it is a competition, B Special is at a lower level which is reflected in the social interaction both within our own team and the six other teams this season. Enjoying the day is the most important part and is why anyone who would like to put their hand up to have a hit is more than welcome, as there are always opportunities throughout the season!!

Each Wednesday at around 6pm we have a hit at the Laharum courts. The first Wednesday of the month this year will also consist of a sausage sizzle which everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will also be available.

Also this year it has been proposed to purchase a number of training jackets which will commemorate each premiership winning year. This would be especially of interest to past players.

**Tony Sykes**

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## North West Grampians Branch of Horsham Lions Club



Our last meeting was held at Laharum Hall on Thursday September 26. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday October 17** at Horsham Sports & Community Club.

Congratulations are extended to Keith Fischer for his outstanding community service and assistance given to the BlazeAid team at Dadswells Bridge and Pomonal. He was presented with a plaque at our change over dinner - well done! See photo page 11.

Thank you to HRCC for their grant money to assist with our 'sensory garden' plantout at Green Lake. On Wednesday September 18, 18 students from Holy Trinity Lutheran College, 2 teachers and 8 Lions members completed the project planting out hundreds of shrubs. Thanks also to Annie Hobby who also assisted on her last project before heading to Bega for a new position. See photo page 11.

A huge thank you to Andrew Almond for designing, preparing and organising all the plants, the mulch, etc complete with a watering system. A sausage sizzle in the gazebo was enjoyed by everyone.

Driver Reviver at Green Lake was open during the school holiday weekend September 21/22, Friday September 27 for the Grand Final holiday and Sunday September 29. We were kept busy!

The Bushwackers Band will return in June 2025 - we are finalising a date soon.

The Footy Gates at Laharum Oval have wound up and we thank our members for 'manning' these from 8.30am-2.30pm on some cold, wet and foggy mornings!

On the weekend of **Saturday/Sunday October 26, 27**, the Sand Drags at Taylors Lake will be our next project, assisting with a barbecue and drinks.

**Libby Peucker** 5382 5221

**Keith Fischer** 0417 691000

## Wonwondah Landcare Group



Last month a farewell barbecue was organised and attended by district friends of Lance & Jill Warren who are retiring to Hobart. Lance has been the Treasurer of our group for 30 years and we are very grateful for his commitment.

At our last meeting, Warwick Stone from Crop Opti in Horsham spoke of their company's new fertilizer mixing facilities and crop agronomy in general.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday November 12** at Guest's dairy - all are welcome.  
**Chris Guest**

## Laharum Landcare Group



It's been a busy couple of months for the group. Although drier than preferred, we organised two successful plant-outs in August and early September getting about 1,500 plants in the ground near Laharum and Green Lake.

We had an informative afternoon in September at Glenisla with Ben Boxshall (Wood4Good) talking us through the many things to consider when setting up and managing trees for wood and timber production. Anna Senior with Connecting Country gave a terrific talk in early October about their long-term nest box monitoring program in the Mt Alexander region, along with demonstrating the use of a specially designed camera for viewing the contents of nest boxes. We can apply some of their learnings as we solidify ideas for monitoring the many nest boxes we've built and installed over the past year. See photo page 11.

Members have also been active with weed control. Get in touch if you have questions about weed identification or how to best control certain species.

Our Landcare facilitator, Annie Hobby has taken a new job in NSW. She was a great support to us the past few years and she will be missed! That leaves us between facilitators for the moment, but the goal is to fill her position soon.

Our regular meeting was held on October 10 where we planned our AGM for November.

At the AGM, all Executive Committee member positions will be vacated and nominations for the position of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Ordinary Committee Members can occur before or at the AGM.

Please contact me if you'd like a nomination form or are interested to learn more about the different roles.

**Julie Groce**, Secretary 0431 882164

[laharumlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:laharumlandcare@gmail.com)

## Wonwondah Community

**Wonwondah Hall Fleece, Flower & Family show - Sunday October 27**, 2pm onwards.



Please deliver your entries between 10.30am-12noon to the hall. All sections are free to enter along with free entry.



NEW category - Photography 'On the farm.... Photo'. Afternoon tea, hot and cold drinks supplied by the hall committee from 2pm.

Please enter via supper room. Guest speaker and prizes awarded at 3pm.

Please ring me on 0438 304948 if you would like a schedule and it will be emailed out.

**Sue Ahern**

[wonwondahhall@gmail.com](mailto:wonwondahhall@gmail.com)



## Horsham Rural City Council Landcare



LANDCARE

There are still lots of spring Landcare activities coming up! Details are provided and can be found on our website and social media sites. All events require registration.

**Horsham Urban Landcare** hosted a workshop on Edible Weeds, Sourdough & Sauerkraut on October 5 and learnt about different ways of managing weeds. The presenter demonstrated getting started with sourdough and sauerkraut.

**Rachel's Farm Film Screening** was held on October 11 followed by a Q & A with local producers and a light supper was provided.

**Sourdough workshop in Natimuk** – a full day of sourdough making with Laura Galpin on **Friday October 18**. Lunch is included and participants will be able to take home a loaf and a starter. Register here - **Sourdough workshop Natimuk | Humanitix** by October 20.

**Walk & Gawk at Mt Arapiles with Steffen Schultz** on **Saturday October 19**. Join local botanist Steffen Schultz for a flower walk around Mt Arapiles. Meet at the phone box at Pines Campground at 10am. Event is free but please register **<https://events.humanitix.com/flower-walk-and-gawk-with-steffen-schultz>**

**Bird week event at Taylors Lake with Brolga expert Inka Velthium** **Sunday December 1**

Horsham District Landcare Network is excited to bring Inka Velthium to talk to us about brolgas and specifically the Taylors Lake Brolgas! We'll have a walk and look around the lake and then head to Taylors Lake Hall for a presentation and morning tea. More details to come!

We also still have plenty of regular activities including Produce Swaps - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at Laharum/Wartook; 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Horsham; Boomerang Bag workshops 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and Repair Cafes 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.

Horsham District Landcare Network have a new 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>**.

Annie Hobby

## FOR SALE

Large quantity of second hand 70mm wide Merbau Decking in good condition

Please contact Brian Hill on 5383 6242

## Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is currently undergoing a restructure which is likely to impact some staff in the Wimmera District.

The number of field staff however, remains the same and new and returning seasonal project firefighters commence next week. New project firefighters will undergo several weeks of training which will include General Firefighter, 4WD, chainsaw training and more.

Over the past few months staff from across the district have supported the Avian Influenza response and conducted non-emergency works such as track maintenance and pest plant and animal control. Rehabilitation works recently commenced in the Grampians National Park in the area impacted by the Mt Stapylton Fire and will begin soon in the area impacted by the Bellfield Fire.

AFAC, the Australian and New Zealand Council for Fire and Emergency Services recently released the Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for spring 2024 which can be found at the following link: **[www.afac.com.au/docs/default-source/bushfire-seasonal-outlook/spring-2024/afac-seasonal-bushfire-outlook\\_spring-2024.pdf](http://www.afac.com.au/docs/default-source/bushfire-seasonal-outlook/spring-2024/afac-seasonal-bushfire-outlook_spring-2024.pdf)**

Preparations for the upcoming fire season are underway with pre-season briefings kicking off this week. For information about the Joint Fuel Management Program which includes FFMVic's planned burn program go to **<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program>**.

While most of the planned burn program is conducted during autumn, some planned burns go ahead in spring if weather and fuel conditions are suitable.

If you would like to stay up to date you can sign up to receive free SMS or email notifications for upcoming planned burning in your area at **[Planned Burns Victoria](#)**.

**Emily Kirton**, Senior Community Partnership Support Officer | Wimmera

## Brimpaen Christmas Tree

We will be celebrating our Brimpaen Christmas Tree on **Saturday December 7** from 6:30pm onwards.

Brimpaen Tennis Club will be playing at home, so feel free to come earlier and watch A Special play!

Please bring a salad and dessert to share with meat supplied - BYO drinks.

Cost will be \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Santa will visit later in the evening. Parents please bring presents up to \$15 for their children.

**Megan Gardner**

## Horsham Rural City Council



**Interim CEO appointed** - Horsham Rural City Council has appointed Craig Niemann as Interim Chief

Executive Officer until the newly elected Council appoints a CEO to replace Sunil Bhalla.

### **Roadside slashing program underway**

HRCC has started its annual roadside slashing program with crews already at work in the northern parts of the municipality where pastures have dried out. This is part of Council's efforts to prepare for the upcoming summer and fire season.

The roadside slashing program conducted by HRCC's operations team, typically begins in spring and is completed by December. The process starts in the drier northern areas before moving to the southern parts of the municipality. This strategic approach ensures that the grass is cut only once, aligning with the grass curing process to minimise costs for both the Council and the community. This season has been much drier than recent years, allowing for early season spraying, helping HRCC prevent growth & manage vegetation effectively.

Council aims to delay slashing as late as possible in the season to balance cost-efficiency with community safety. Residents are encouraged to contribute by maintaining their gardens and the nature strips in front of their properties. The roadside slashing program will continue until the end of December ensuring the municipality is well-prepared for the summer months ahead.

**Understanding HRCC's waste service charges** - With annual rate notices now being distributed, HRCC has provided an explanation of the waste service charges. Last financial year, the cost of collection, transportation and disposal of waste and recycling amounted to \$5.25 million.

This includes \$1.1 million for 7,297 tonnes of general waste from kerbside collection and transfer stations, and \$1.4 million for 1,239 tonnes of co-mingled recycling, glass, e-waste, cardboard skips, and green waste. Part of this cost is State government 'waste levy' which is charged as an incentive to reduce the amount of waste deposited at landfill sites. In 2023-24 the waste levy was \$470,000 for the municipal garbage collected from Horsham and deposited at the Dooen Landfill site.

**Horsham Rural City has launched a 'Whose Road Is It' tool** which is designed to provide residents with an interactive map which easily identifies the responsible authority of each road within the municipality. Accessible via Council's website, the tool offers residents a user-friendly interface to pinpoint road authorities, whether they fall under the jurisdiction of HRCC, Regional Roads Victoria or other government departments, simply by typing in the name of a road or zooming in directly on the map. HRCC encourages the community to report road issues to the relevant authority, so they can be

investigated and addressed promptly. It is important that concerns with roads are raised with the right authority, whether that be Council, Regional Roads Victoria or someone else. Teams are consistently on the ground, inspecting and repairing potholes and other road issues to ensure safety and smooth travel for all residents.

To access the 'Whose Road Is It' tool, visit

<https://hrcc.vic.gov.au/whose-road>

**Susan Surridge**, Coordinator Community Relations & Advocacy

## Grampians National Park



### **Deer and feral goat control operation October 14-17, 2024**

Parks Victoria is conducting an ongoing conservation program to improve the health of the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and Black Range State Park by reducing deer and feral goat populations. Annual herbivore control operations commenced in late April 2024 and will continue for the remainder of 2024.

The next control operation is scheduled **October 14-17, 2024** (subject to favourable weather).

Qualified and experienced contractors will undertake aerial shooting operations across identified sectors of the park where these animals are damaging vegetation and cultural values. Parks Victoria staff and contractors will also be supporting these efforts with staged ground-based operations throughout the year.

During operations, parts of the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and Black Range State Forest will be temporarily closed or restricted while herbivore control activities are underway.

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

Deer and goats cause serious damage to native plants, animals and habitat by trampling and destroying plants, increasing grazing pressure, ring-barking young trees, fouling waterholes, causing soil erosion, and spreading weeds. The most effective method for controlling deer and feral goat populations is shooting.

This program is funded through the Victorian Government's Protecting Biodiversity Program. A fact sheet and map can be viewed using the website link below.

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park>

Under the 'This area has reported issues' tab.

Further information, please contact 13 19 63.  
**William (Bill) Playne**, Ranger, Visitor & Community Western Region

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## CFA District 17



**Operational Pre-Season Preparedness a top priority for CFA** - New aerial capability confirmed for district this summer. It is with pleasure we announce that ACFO Mark Gunning has been successful in securing additional aviation fleet for the Wimmera for 2024-2025 summer. The fleet includes two SEATs (single engine air tractors) situated at Horsham for fire season. In addition to this, two SEATs will be situated at Nhill for harvest but extended to 8 weeks commensurate with the elongation of different harvests across the Wimmera.

A Birdog Air Observer Aircraft will also be allocated to west region and based at Horsham. Mark has worked tirelessly in a bid to ensure the Wimmera had additional aerial capability at a local level for the summer. This has been a big win for District 17 CFA ensuring we are prepared for the summer ahead.

**Summary of Seasonal Outlook** - For Spring, an increased risk of fire is indicated for the far west and south western parts of Victoria, extending through the Wimmera, Grampians National Park and into Mallee country. The current level of landscape dryness in these areas is strong enough that without significant rainfall over the spring period, the flammability of fuels in forest and woodlands remain high. As a result, it is highly likely the bushfire season will begin early in these regions, with the risk extending across areas of both private and public dry forest and woodlands, and along roadsides.

Grasslands abutting these areas are likely to be variable with some paddocks dominated by residual cured grass, while many paddocks have superficial green-up, concealing underlying dryness (known as 'green drought'). Curing is likely to advance earlier than normal in these areas.

**Community Engagement opportunities** - If the community would like to host an information session for members to engage in all things fire preparedness, including best residential practices and bushfire ready safety, please contact Jenny McGenniskien or the local District office to express your interest.

**New Pager Roll Out** - The State is currently going through an upgrade and replacement for pagers. Please ensure you have located your pager and have this ready for replacement as the new pager roll out commences within District 17. We would like to remind all operational members, although the SAS app system is in place, this is a 'Supplementary Alerting System' as the name suggests and it is best that all operational members still carry a pager especially in Fire Season.

**CFA ID renewals** - A reminder that in date ID cards play a critical role in access to traffic management points when deployed. As per the traffic management point JSOP all emergency service personnel responding to an incident require both PPC and their CFA ID card. Members can self-renew on

the member online portal or visit the D17 office for assistance.

### New Gen Wildfire PPC – UPDATE

Most Shipments of new Generation PPC have arrived and deliveries remain to each brigade as the new PPC. Please note if you have not yet measured up for the new Gen Wildfire PPC, we strongly encourage you do so before summer commences.

**Reminders CFA Work Wear** - Members are encouraged to visit District 17 Head Quarters to be sized up for CFA work wear to members. Please contact District 17 office to arrange a time for fitting

**Entrapment Drill (Burn-over Drill)** - It is time to start completing the annual Burn-over Drill for the upcoming fire season. Please talk to your brigade Training Officer or Captain about arranging sessions. This is required for a firefighter to be 'operational'.

For further information please get in contact.

**Lily French**, Brigade Administrative Support Officer  
0437 303620 [Lily.French@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:Lily.French@cfa.vic.gov.au)

## Brimpaen Tennis Club



Tennis has kicked off for another year. Brimpaen has entered an A Special team this season.

Hopefully we can have a few wins and lots of fun again this year.

**Courtney Dunn**

## 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.

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## Batteries

Used vehicle batteries can be left at  
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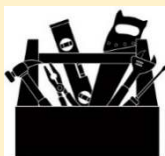
Under cover storage area for single horse float  
in the general Laharum to Horsham area

Open sided shed ok

Will pay \$40 per month, negotiable  
Dianne Noy 0428 311449

## CARPENTRY

Design  
Timber resawing  
Tree felling



**Lincoln Shepherd**

Registered builder **0417 856786**



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Jillian & Phill Goullet



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

**Dianna**

**NURSE ON CALL**  
**1300 606 024**



## FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTERS

### October-December 2024      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 - **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
14/10/2024	Paul van der Plank	Flip Stein	Mal Griffiths	Ray Zippel
21/10/2024	Mark Francisco	Dane Francisco	Nathan Metcalf	Marieke Dam
28/10/2024	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson	Mark Uebergang	Jenny Uebergang
04/11/2024	Stuart Gardner	Gary Hallam	Maurice Dumesny	Glenn Steadman
11/11/2024	Francois van der Plank	Marieka Dam	Luke Dumesny	Beth McGenniken
18/11/2024	Ed Johnson	Paul Johnson	Bruce McInnes	David Wegman
25/11/2024	Andrew Crawford	Daniel Berendsen	Francoise van der Plank	Jenny Gaulke
02/12/2024	Rob Launder	Charlotte/Ambrose/Reuben	Jack Shields	Adam Shields
09/12/2024	Damien Knight	David Pratt	Rob Jess	Daniel Doherty
16/12/2024	Jo Gardner	Jenny McInnes	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn

### BRIMPAEN

	Tanker 1 Driver	Tanker 1 Support	Tanker 3 Driver	Tanker 3 Support	Tanker 2 Glenisla Driver
Week	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
14/10/2024	Peter McGenniken	Rachel McGenniken	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Rod Miller
21/10/2024	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Luke Barber
28/10/2024	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Matt Barber
04/11/2024	Courtney Dunn	Shannon Arnott	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Ken French
11/11/024	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Steve Jager	Ben Starick	Rod Miller
18/11/2024	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Peter McGenniken	Rachel McGenniken	Luke Barber
25/11/2024	Andrew Bell	Hamish Bell	Andrew Chincarini	Kerryanne, Tristan, Hugo Chincarini	Matt Barber
02/12/2024	Gerard Matthews	Sarah Matthews	Cameron McDonald	David Schmidt	Ken French
09/12/2024	Jamie Parfett	Caroline Price	Brenton Roberts	Amanda Britten	Rod Miller
16/12/2024	Luke Dunn & Josh Dunn	Rod Miller	Des Roberts	Christine Roberts	Luke 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](https://cfa.vic.gov.au/wellbeing)**

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





*Ben Boxshall (left) Director of Wood4Good discusses tree anatomy & management during his regenerative forestry 'walk and talk' in Glenisla*



*Lions City Club President Kaz Maltry presents Keith Fischer with a plaque for BlazeAid work*



*Anna Senior from Connecting Country demonstrates the use of a nest box inspection camera after giving a talk about monitoring nest boxes*



*Sensory Garden plant out at Green Lake on September 18*



*Plant out with student groups near Green Lake early September*



*Laharum cricket pitch after removal of mound*



**Photos courtesy of Wimmera Mail Times**



A Grade Netball from left – equal third Liv Jones-Story, Best & Fairest Caitlin Jones-Story, Runner-up Ema Iredell & equal third Maddie Iredell.  
Absent Coach's Award Mel Russell



Laharum Senior Football from left – Most Improved Cody Richards, Most Determined Reuben Launder, Runner-up Robbie Miller, Coach's Award Sean Wouters & Most Consistent Brett Ervin.  
Absent Best & Fairest Daniel Easson



Laharum A Grade Netball defeated Rupanyup



Laharum Reserves defeated Swifts



Life Members –  
Luke Dumesny, Deb Bunworth & David Laffy



Best Club Person – Hamish Roberts