

North West Grampians Newsletter

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August/September 2009

It's nearly spring and the days are getting longer and warmer! It's great to see the wattles and thryptomene in flower and everything looking green - good to be out and about! Let's hope it's a good season for farmers.

Good luck to our netball and football teams with finals coming up.

Liz Hopkins

Laharum Cricket Club



It's that time of the year when all good men start to get thinking about cricket and why they aren't possibly able to do better than our team currently touring England – 'Mang' Bourke excepted!

Our AGM and general meeting will be held at the Bull & Mouth Hotel Lounge **Wednesday August 12** at 7.30pm. It would be great to see a good attendance so that we can elect some office bearers and work out our team structures for the coming season. Interested past, present and future players, parents of juniors and the public in general are most welcome. Any enquiries please contact me on 5382 5691.

In the meantime, let's hope the footballers and netballers do well for the rest of the season.

Peter Levey

Laharum Tennis Club



The 2009/2010 tennis season is not far away and it is time to enter our teams for the Central Wimmera Tennis Association Competition.

Our AGM is to be held at the football clubrooms on **Friday August 14** at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. At the meeting we will finalise our teams for the coming season, so if you are a current or new player and cannot make it to the meeting, please let us know if you are interested by phoning me on 5383 8203.

Last season we had one junior team playing in the Saturday morning competition. Hopefully this season we may be able to involve more juniors which would be great for the club.

Deb MacInnes



1959 Premiership Reunion, June 6 – what a happy bunch!

Brimpaen Hall Social Committee

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday August 17**, 7.30pm at Brimpaen Hall. All committee members required and new members very welcome.

Any enquiries contact Mick Purcell on 5383 9273 or secretary Kerry-Anne on 5383 9266.
Kerry-Anne Chincarini

Grampians Wartook Promotion Group (GWPG)

Our next meeting will be held at The Wander Inn on **Tuesday August 18**, 7pm followed by the Annual General Meeting at 8pm.

Jenny Hill, Secretary 5383 6242

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will visit Laharum again on **Wednesdays August 19, September 2, 16 & 30**. Check the Mail Times or your Mobile Timetable. Remember you are all welcome, not just the kids!

Bryan Rohde

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Laharum Netball Club



Back: Maddie Iredell, Chloe McDonald, Beth Haxby, Nikki Ervin, Ema Iredell

Front: Kirsty O'Connell, Nat Edwards, Jarrah Kitchen

Laharum 15 & Under team travelled to Maryborough for a netball tournament on Sunday August 2. Forty eight teams entered from around Victoria - in total sixteen of them in 15U age group.

The girls played seven hard physical matches and were placed first in their pool. The girls were the only team in the whole competition that went undefeated in the preliminary rounds. They then played the semi final against Ballarat Identified Talent Squad which Laharum won 14 to 7. They also played Bendigo Rep side going down to them by one goal in extra time.

Overall the girls played fantastic netball and were approached by many coaches and officials who complimented them on their fantastic team work and beautiful netball skills. The girls really rose to the occasion and they should be really proud of themselves.

Christine O'Connell, Coach Laharum 15U Team

Wimmera Conservation Farming Association



'Caring for our soils to improve production'

Conference & AGM 2009: Farming into 2010 – Managing Risk

Thursday August 20, 8am-3.30pm at DPI Horsham, Grains Innovation Park. Free: morning/afternoon tea and lunch included. All welcome.

Topics: Global Context; Economics; Demographics; AgFutures; Agronomic Decisions and Farmer's Perspective. RSVP: 5362 2111.

2009 Wimmera Croplands Management Transect Report

Thursday September 10, 3.15–5pm. Free.

Refreshments provided at Yellowgum Room, DPI, Grains Innovation Park. Presented by Chris Pittock and Greg Antonoff - more information phone 5362 2111.

Integrated Pest Management Day Workshop

Thursday September 24, 8.30am–4pm at Horsham RSL, 36 McLachlan Street, Horsham

Cost \$90 per person, maximum 20 people. Morning/afternoon tea and lunch provided. Registration essential - contact DPI on 5362 2111. Conducted by Dr Paul Horne and Jessica Page. IPM Technologies P/L.

Further information regarding all sessions above – ☎ Greg Antonoff, WCFA Project Officer, 0427.688 716.

CFA Training



CFA first aid training July 2009

There is a Hazmat awareness course coming up at Laharum Oval on **Sunday August 23** from 9am until 4pm. This course teaches members about dealing with chemical spills and hazardous materials at a vehicle accident, etc. Please contact myself or Region 17 in Horsham if you are interested in attending.
Luke Dumesny

♪ ♪ Local Vocals ♪ ♪

Tuneful tantalising tonsil tickling!!

Laharum Hall

Leader – Merryn Eagle

THURSDAY AUGUST 20, 7.30PM

Please ring Liz on 5383 8207 to confirm arrangements

Supper included – no cost

Singing ability not necessary

Come along and join in some singing in a relaxed, warm & friendly atmosphere



Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



Tuesday August 25, 2pm musical afternoon at Brimpaen Hall – stall and afternoon tea.

Tuesday September 29 – visit to Sylvania Park Mohair Farm. Please contact me on 5383 9250 for full details.

Margo Hamilton

Horsham South Garden Club



Thursday August 27 – visit Wood's Museum, Rupanyup. Leave car park at 1pm. Afternoon tea, chair and cup – entry \$5 per person.

Thursday September 24 – Vanessa Drendel, Netherby on roses. Details to be finalised – please ring on 5382 4333.

Lola Ervin

CLASSICS in Wartook Valley Festival –

Fri-Sun September 4, 5 & 6

See Page 12 for details

Wonwondah Landcare Group



Following the recent windstorm that left a trail of destruction to member's paddocks and shedding, a working bee was organised through the group to remove tree limbs from paddocks that were in crop. Many neighbours pitched in time and equipment, with at least 8 four wheelers with energetic school kids on holidays, completing a huge task on three landholders' affected sites.

A big barbecue lunch was enjoyed with a pot of hot soup provided by Janet Guest and many thanks to everyone that helped.

It was decided to investigate the purchase of a corner assembly post knocker adaptor for the group's post driver to assist driving in the pre-constructed corner assemblies.

The next meeting is planned for **Tuesday August 25** at 7.30pm with Rob Christie from Incitec Pivot Limited as guest speaker.

Chris Guest



Brimpaen Craft Group

Tuesday September 1 – felt making at Wartook Artist Studio.

Tuesday October 6, 10am-2.30pm at

Brimpaen Hall – making Christmas decorations. Please contact me on 5382 5559 for details.

Jill Sinclair

saturday 5th september

10 - 4pm
cost \$55

A day of detailed and comprehensive bread making lessons in an old Bavarian style, conducted by master baker Helga. Share in a sumptuous slow cooked winter lunch. Take home 20 year old sour dough culture, recipes and a rekindled love for home cooked goodies.

for bookings contact Jane on (03) 5383 8280 or info@mountzeroollives.com

Friends of Grampians Gariwerd



Red-Gum Walk – Once the new interpretive signs have been completed, a working bee will be organised. Please contact Margo Sietsma on 5356 4524 or 0429.201139 to register your interest.

Saturday September 12, 10am - spring picnic and AGM. Meet at the car park on Mirranatwa Gap. Please contact Stan on 5383 6349 for confirmation.

Thursday-Sunday October 1-4 - Grampians Wild Flower Show, Halls Gap.

Stan Parfett

Wartook
Artists Studio &
The Wander Inn
Spring
Market Day
Sunday 27th Sept
Delightful Market Day with lots of Family Fun, Honey, Charity Stalls Antiques, Produce, Crafts, Jewellery Preserves, Quality Bric a Brac, Books, Plants & Lots more.
10 am-3pm
Stall Holders Welcome
For all enquiries Ph: Wendy McInnes
Work 53 836 243 or Home 53 836 220
Email: wartookg@netconnect.com.au
The Gift-shop & inspiring Artists Studio are open from 10 - 5 for your enjoyment. The Restaurant 10am until late.
2637 Nthn Grampians Rd, WARTOOK VALLEY, GRAMPIANS

Threatened Species Group

Thursday September 24 – Spiral sun-orchid count *Thelymitra matthewsii*.

Thurs-Sun October 1-4 – Grampians Threatened Flora Display at Halls Gap Wildflower Show.

Thurs October 1, 7.30-9pm at Brambuk NP & Cultural Centre, Brendan Nugent - *Daviesia laevis* research.

Fri/Sat October 23-24 - searching for threatened species: *Borya mirabilis*, *Asterolasia phebaloides*, *Caladenia formosa* and *Daviesia laevis* in the Black Range State Park.

Sylvia van der Peet 5361 4001

Laharum Football Club



Our senior footballers have sealed a spot in the finals. They will finish fourth or fifth but their best football is capable of competing with the sides above them. A highlight of the season has been the significant roles played by young players such as Robbie Miller, Tom Easson, Jayson Thompson, Brenton Roberts, Pat Purcell, Jason Matthews and Heath MacInnes. Having these young players coming in to our senior ranks bodes well for the future of the club.

Our Reserves have settled in fourth spot with an outside chance of climbing into third. They have beaten sides above them and are improving every week. Our junior sides are both sitting in sixth spot and will need things to fall right for them to sneak into the finals.

On the netball court our 15 & Under team continue to take all before them and will finish the season on top of the ladder. A number of these girls are capable of being accomplished performers for our A Grade team in the next few years. C Grade is hanging on in fifth spot and is a good chance to see finals action as well. Unfortunately our other teams look like missing out on playing finals.

On **Sunday September 20** we will be having our Vote count for Junior and Seniors teams at the clubrooms. Junior trophies will be presented on this day. The following Friday night, 25th will be the Senior Trophy Presentation and Cabaret at the Town Hall.

Hoping to see you at the football - Go Demons!!!

Keith Haeusler, Chair – Laharum Football/Netball Club

The Wander Inn

Friday night seafood meals are available and we plan to have more monthly theme nights.

In the lead up to the Classics in the Wartook Valley Festival, we are running weekly raffles. The prize is a 'Classics' wine glass and a bottle of Avary wine which is drawn each Sunday.

We will be providing nibbles on **Saturday September 26** during the AFL grand final.
Jenny Wilson

Hello Garden Lovers!



Dates for the Horsham Spring Garden Festival this year are **Fri/Sat/Sun October 9/10/11**. Organisers are busy ensuring that the festival has even more for you this year, so come along and support this fantastic local event.

Keep your eyes open in the Mail Times for entry forms into the Garden Competition. After the lovely rain, our gardens are looking particularly green and lush!

Sue Winfield

Laharum School Parent Club



Here we are again at the beginning of another busy term. Parent Club has a number of events that we are preparing for this coming term. The children have their school sports day at the beginning of September and it is our turn to cater for the three schools participating.

We will be having a photography competition and exhibition later in the year - watch this space for details.

On **Thursday October 22** the children and Parent Club will be hosting a long lunch - this, along with our cookbook, will be our major fundraiser for the year and we hope that many people will be able to attend. We will have more details closer to the time.

This term we also introduced a new item to the school uniform - we now have navy blue fleece items with the school logo so the children can be warmer, along with looking very smart.

Deirdre Baum

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga has started again! Please ring me on 5383 6265 if you'd like more information on the benefits of yoga and what you need to bring to the sessions.

We are now incorporating the fit ball into our exercises and stretches. New members always welcome!

Judy Berendsen

Brimpaen Tennis Club



The tennis season is fast approaching and we at Brimpaen are ready to go! We are looking at having two teams again this year with teams being - A Special and B Special. Anyone looking for a game would be welcome at Brimpaen and can contact Luke on 5383 9299 or me on 5382 9203.

Hopefully we can repeat the success we had last year, but most of all, have an enjoyable season.
Courtney Dunn

Laharum Fire Brigade



Thanks to all those who have been taking the tankers out for a run. Please look for your name in the new truck roster included in this newsletter.

Now is a great time to start your preparations around the home for the upcoming summer. Don't leave it until it's too late. Take care.

Don Sudholz, Captain

Brimpaen Fire Brigade



Victorian Bushfire Commemorative Badges are available for CFA members. Please contact me on 5383 9266 if you are interested in one.

Andrew Chincarini



Council has approved the 2009/10 budget and there is similar funding for general works as previously mentioned. Special works include a further section of widening on the Dadswells Bridge/Wonwondah Road, gravel re-sheet including Reynolds Road, Arnotts Road, Victoria Valley Road and Knonagels Road. These works will be in addition to our normal grading and gravel patching program.

There has also been a major gravel re-sheet project undertaken on the 5km access section of Geue/Grimble Road to give access to the pipeline storage. This work was financed by GMMWater, as part of the pipeline project. Of interest, the cost of gravel re-sheeting is about \$13,000/km, so the program outlined is in excess of \$100,000!!!

Work on the pipeline has been very difficult in the wet conditions. For more details, see GMMWater article.

Waste Management Services will continue unchanged after the new seven year contract was awarded to Wastebusters Recycling who have provided good service during the past seven year contract.

Some minor improvements will be carried out at the Mt Zero Transfer Station. We are still concerned at the 'contamination' of recyclables at the Laharum drop off area and as previously reported, that facility is being reviewed.

As part of our preparations for the 2009/10 fire season, we are going to have an additional nine fire tank installations, similar to those successfully used in the northern sector. These tanks, combined with fireplug installations will give the area a reliable and accessible assured water supply for fire suppression operations.

In regard to Landcare, Melissa Douglas will resume with her Landcare Coordinator role after a secondment to DSE on Native Title issues. During her absence, we have been very fortunate to have had the service of Julia Holbery in the Landcare role and she has carried out the role with great ability and enthusiasm. Council and Landcare groups have been most fortunate to have Julia with us and we are making arrangements for her skills to be directed to other environmental programs.

Finally, I wish to thank all residents and landowners who have assisted and been patient after the windstorm of June 30, followed by very difficult weather conditions. These events have been most disruptive on our road systems and we realise there is still more to do. We will however continue to take remedial action when the opportunity presents! The cost of the storm clean up currently exceeds Council's costs after February 7 fires!!!

David Eltringham

Laharum Landcare Group



Laharum Landcare Group has been operating for 15 years. A function will be arranged to celebrate this occasion sometime in the near future.

The storm that passed through last month caused a lot of damage in places and community working bees have taken place to help with some of the worst affected areas in crops and boundary fences. If landholders or members require help, please contact me 5383 8218 to see what can be arranged.

We have a Caldwor drill with small-seeds box available for cheap hire across the area.

As our rabbit control funding is low, we need to know if anyone needs warren-ripping done. When all funding is used, future funding can be applied for.

Our fox bounty continues and we now also have a hare bounty of \$2 per scalp with both ears (we won't be splitting hares!). Please contact me on 5383 8218.

Please keep a look out for weeds. A newsletter on weeds was posted out to all landholders in the area several months ago. Cape Tulip and Bridal Creeper is obvious, but all Creeper has been treated with fungus spores so it should take effect soon. If weed infestations are seen, ring John Fisher 5383 6263.

A number of farmers have enrolled in the FarmPlan21 course. These members will be notified soon about the starting date.

Mark Francisco

Historic James Muller Conservation Farming Award Open for 2009

Are you an innovative person with conservation farming your goal and making a significant contribution to the practice of conservation farming? WCFA is calling for nominations for the biennial WCFA Muller Award - \$3,000 will be awarded to advance conservation farming practice. The recipient is expected to use the funds within two years and provide a report to WCFA board and members.

The award is open to all Wimmera based farmers and agricultural industry people with a passion for conservation farming, who has innovative or new approaches, and willing to promote conservation farming.

You can nominate yourself or another person and the closing date is August 31. A process of interview of nominees by WCFA will then determine the award winner.

Letter of application detailing activities and how the award would be utilised to benefit conservation farming can be sent to: WCFA Project Officer, Greg Antonoff, DPI Private Bag 260, Natimuk Road, Horsham 3400. Further information contact Greg Antonoff 0427.688 716 or WCFA President, Michael Speirs 0427.808 601.



Photos and articles for this newsletter are always appreciated

Laharum Preschool



It's been a cold start to the term but our shade sail has survived. Thanks to Caroline for looking after the canaries over the break.

We have been focusing on winter activities and African animals. The children are also starting to role play fire fighters in their play, so a visit from the fire truck might be on the agenda. We have been doing art activities such as blow painting, easel rollers and will be making a giant rainbow to go on the wall. We have had snow play with polar bears and an African animal play set up in the room. The indoor plants donated by Ewen Johnson look fantastic with this. Thanks Marie for the extra plants.

We had our clean up day on the first day of term and thanks to everyone who gave up not only the kids' session, but their own time to come in and help. The storeroom looks absolutely fantastic and we can actually move around in there now. There has also been a marked reduction in mice and hence, smell, so it's great. Now that we've had a good clean out, I'm ready to restock materials and equipment with things I like to use, so if you have any bits and pieces at home, I'd love to have them. What I don't need, I can throw out! Thanks Katrina for the loan of the horse float too.

Thanks also to Katrina Knight for mowing and tidying the playground. It looked great just in time for our open day. This was held recently and we had one new enrolment eventuate. We welcome Salina Winfield into our occasional care day. Salina will be attending 3 year old kinder next year.

Thanks Bea Sykes for coming in to be our committee rep for the hour.

The visits to the Mobile Library have been going very well and all the children have enjoyed borrowing their own books of choice. We'll continue to visit each fortnight. A reminder, if you wish to borrow books for home, just go into the library truck anytime from 9-11am and help yourselves.

I attended a music workshop recently with Hillary Henshaw who has produced a number of children's CDs. This was great as I was able to bring back some excellent musical activities that I can use with the children. Keep buying the photos!

Thanks to the committee for ongoing support and effort with fundraising over two recent weekends. We also ask the community for their support in some fundraising events that will be coming up. Keep your eyes on this spot and the school newsletter.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Jo Bone



Family movie

Friday September 18, 6pm

Meal provided at minimal cost - screening 7pm
Laharum Hall

Proceeds to Laharum Preschool
Free movie & popcorn



Wonderland Loop Track Re-opens

Fire recovery work on Mackey's Peak Track to the Pinnacle Lookout has now been completed. Visitors to the

Grampians National Park can once again enjoy the magnificent walking experience to the Pinnacle Lookout by taking the historic Wonderland Loop walking track from Halls Gap. The eastern side of the Wonderland Loop has been one of our most difficult recovery projects. The terrain is very steep and the area was badly eroded from fire and the impact from the many years of walkers using the track. Some of the challenges in completing this walk included – three helicopter operations to fly materials and equipment in and out. Some of the features of the walk include 400 stone steps quarried by a stone mason on site and then winched into place; 375 steel steps and 18 steel boardwalk panels. The new infrastructure has all been constructed in fire resistant materials and replaces previous timber structures.

The completion of this last part of the track finishes this important track network in the Wonderland Range. Parks Victoria staff would like to thank our local Grampians VICs and local operators in supporting us through the restoration of the Wonderland Track network after the Grampians fires in 2006.

Prue Daley



Pipeline works – Pipe laying for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline has ceased until the end of September due to the wet conditions. Concerns about site safety, access and damage to public roads by

construction machinery have triggered this action. Managing muddy ground conditions, particularly with the rehabilitation of the pipeline area after pipe installation, is also proving difficult for contractors. Where possible work will continue on the completion of storage and pump stations; pressure testing sections of pipeline and the installation of meters.

The project is still on target for completion in the first quarter of 2010. Pipelaying is yet to be completed in the area east of Charlton, south of Rupanyup to Glenorchy and in Supply System 6 south of Horsham. Since November 2006, 7790km of pipeline have been laid.



GENERATOR WANTED

The Classics in Wartook Valley Festival Committee is seeking an 8KVA+ generator to assist with the running of the market extravaganza on Sunday 5th September 2009.

If anyone is able to help or assist the Festival Committee in sourcing a generator this would be highly appreciative and help immensely.

Please call Melissa Russell on 0409.179 612 or 5382 9779.
Thank you.

Riding for the Disabled



Most people with even a passing interest in horse racing know that August 1 is set as the horse's birthday (regardless of whether the animal is born on that day or not!). And in order to take advantage of this fact;

Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia has claimed the first week of August as RDA Awareness Month. However, it must be said that for many of our four-legged team mates, actual birthdates are well and truly lost in the depths of time!

RDA Awareness Month is a chance for us to raise the profile of this great organisation a little more than usual. One way our Centre will do this is to host members of the Horsham Rotary Club to come and watch one of our Friday rallies. Another way is to invite you also to come along and watch us in action. It doesn't have to be during the first week of August either. We have our rallies on the morning of every Friday and the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays during the school term.

There are *absolutely* no conditions set on anyone who wishes to come and look at our Centre. We only want to have more people become aware of the work we do and the benefits that our riders receive. Of course, it might be that some may be inspired to take another step and try their hand at helping us out, and of course we would be *extremely* grateful for that. But our primary reason is to lift our profile...honest!

For any more information about our rallies or RDA in general, you can contact me on 5382 2346 or our President Jan Hutton-Croser on 0429.935 382.
Tina Pallot

Laharum Hall Committee



Renovations at the Hall are progressing well, so we will soon have some of the extra facilities decided at our original Community Workshop as part of the

Community Building Initiative.

Meanwhile we are trying to cater for all the normal activities and bookings, and are participating in discussions about the future of the school, Hall and sports facilities.

We are also looking into funding possibilities for shifting the Hall to a future Cameron Oval complex.
Gil Hopkins



Work in progress!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The inaugural Classics in Wartook Valley Festival is seeking volunteers to help out over the Festival weekend of the 4th – 6th September 2009.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and pack up of the events, ticketing, conducting surveys, meet and greet, waiting tables, photographing the festival, kitchen hands and more.

Your help, assistance and support are crucial to ensure the Festival runs smoothly, and what better way to get involved!

**For more information or to register please contact
Melissa Russell on 0409.179 612 or 5382 9779.**

GARAGE SALE AT BENNETT'S

115 Rosebrook-Glenisla Road, Wartook

Sunday September 5, 10am-2pm

Tools, saddles, bridles, pony cart,
household goods and bric-a-brac

In appreciation

Thank you to the 'local lads' who came half an hour after the storm on June 30 and cleared my driveway and gave me access to Winfield Road. Also thanks for the follow up working bees.

Margaret Ryan

**Wednesday September 30,
1.30-3.30pm**

Craft afternoon at Laharum Hall
\$5 each

Please ring Deb to register on
AH 5383 8203 BH 0438.377453



*Opinions expressed in articles appearing in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the editor.
For further information or discussion please contact the author of the article.*

Laharum Primary School



Library Week! Charlotte's Web -

What a terrific day we had celebrating Library Week - the students looked fantastic! Following the costume parade (thanks to the parents who attended) we then broke into three activity groups. Throughout the morning students made spiders, webs and chocolate spiders. Thanks to Paula and Bryan's donation from the Mobile Library the students and community then enjoyed a free sausage sizzle for lunch. Students also received a fabulous show bag celebrating Library Week. Big thanks to Jenny McInnes and Helen Francisco who helped with the cooking and to Helen for providing the delicious pikelets. With rather full stomachs, students then watched Charlotte's Web DVD which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. If you get a chance or you have your own copy, I'm sure students would really enjoy the chance to read or to be read, this fantastic classic children's story.

We welcome Mrs Sally McKenzie to our staff who will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays until the end of the year. Sally's work will be across the school, but mostly in the senior room Grades 3-6.

Over 60's and Special Person's Luncheon - Once again, another fabulous event which I know is very much appreciated by the community. The feedback from people was wonderful – an overwhelming success! It was made even more special as the pre-schooler's grandparents were involved and joined us in the Laharum Hall following a performance by the younger students at the kindergarten. A huge thank you to the Parent Club for taking on this role and for creating a wonderful three course meal which was very much enjoyed. Thank you for the wonderful way you all worked with the students prior to the luncheon, actively involving them in the cooking and preparation process.



Students performing!

Thank you to Judy and the Helping Hands Committee for instigating this wonderful idea and for providing ideas and funding for the hamper goodies.

A huge thank you to the students from Preps to Grade 6 for all their efforts in food preparations, menu and place-card decorations, waiting and clearing and performing. It was just another great example of the student's wonderful manners, enthusiasm and commitment to doing the best they can for Laharum Primary School. I know that they thoroughly enjoyed their special treat at the end of the day!



Community members enjoying the Over 60s lunch

Lightning Premiership - As part of our sports program, all Years 4-6 students participated in the Lightning Premiership carnival which was held June 24 in Horsham. Students participated in the Horsham Rural teams for soccer, football and netball. This is a great opportunity for students to compete with other schools and to develop their skills. Goals! Goals! It was a lovely day in Horsham, but it was certainly raining goals at the Dudley Cornell oval. Congratulations to the Horsham Rural soccer team who, for the second year in succession, will head to Swan Hill to compete at the Regional level. Well done to Jimmy, Clay, Billy and Dane for their contribution to the winning team. The team won all three games and did not have a goal scored against them – well done boys!



Congratulations to all the senior students who competed in the Lightning Premiership. Everyone's behaviour and sportsmanship were exemplary.

The footballers experienced some tough competition and didn't score in the first two matches. To their credit, the team then really gelled, played as a team and had two competitive games. Congratulations to Ambrose, Rueben, Ashley, Brodie and Cameron for their efforts. Ambrose kicked 2 goals and was Runner Up Most Valuable Player.

The netball team also experienced some tough competition – well done to Alana and Shaeleigh who tried their best and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Prep, One, Two Room - We have started to learn about the role of a chef and what they do in their kitchens. We looked at menus, planned our own menus, made chef's hats and did some cooking on June 24. We made some fresh pasta, gnocchi and a very simple dessert! The P-3 students had a fantastic day cooking. Thank you to the parents, Jenny G, Jenny C, Bea and Wendy who assisted Kath and Helen. The food must have been good - I heard that there wasn't enough left for seconds!

Robyn Jones, Principal

Dept Sustainability & Environment



Planned Burning - Public Consultation

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for the management of fire prevention and suppression on public land.

DSE together with its partner agencies prepare Fire Operations Plans for Victoria's parks and forests as part of Victoria's Bushfire Strategy - *Living With Fire*.

These plans include details of nominated planned burns as well as other fire prevention works such as strategic fuelbreaks.

Planned burns don't prevent bushfires but do help to minimise the risk of intense bushfires that can threaten lives, homes and ecosystems.

DSE also conducts planned burns to assist in the management of native plant and animal species, many of which depend on fire for critical life stages.

If you would like to attend a local public meeting, or view and comment on the draft plan for your district

- visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires
- visit your local DSE office; or
- call 136 186.

Draft Fire Operations Plans for 2009/10 - 2011/12 for all districts are available for viewing from 1 - 28 August 2009.

Please note the draft Fire Operations Plans relate to Victoria's parks and forests, and do not cover fire preparation on private property.

www.dse.vic.gov.au
Customer Service Centre 136 186



Mark Corr, Acting District Manager

Wartook Christian Home Meeting



Our group continues to meet every Friday evening from 7pm, venues vary. Any resident of Laharum, Wartook or Brimpaen is welcome to join our meetings. Good supportive fellowship is assured.

Please ring Garry on 5383 6368 or Peter on 5383 6334 for more information.

Garry Newman

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Please contact
Heath MacInnes on 5383 8203



Please note our new email address
giliz@laharum.vic.au

You can change your email address as well!

Follow the information on the next page

Check out the websites
www.laharum.vic.au and
www.wartook.vic.au

If you misplace your newsletter or your friends/family would like to read it - it's on the website

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Users of the recycle bins at Laharum Hall please make sure **all materials** are put in the bins.

Anything left on the ground will not be collected!

Johno's Bricklaying



Bricklaying, rendering, concreting, tiling, paving, small building jobs, bobcat - post holes, small tip truck

Phone Johno on 0419.116 711 or AH 5383 6285

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Count Down to Launch Local Websites!



The CBI Steering Committee decided that an appropriate time to launch the community websites was the Classics in Wartook Valley Festival September 4–6. This doesn't leave much time to develop the sites but with other's help I think we can have www.laharum.vic.au and www.wartook.vic.au operating successfully in the next month.

Strengthening our Community

These sites provide great opportunities to develop our community and connectedness but ultimately depend on people contributing to and using the sites. **You can be involved by registering an email address, entering your organisation's news on the sites, contributing articles/photos, responding to items or developing links to other sites.** Please have a go at this and help make our sites a truly community-building facility.

Community Organisation Pages

The Committee has endorsed a policy for the sites that focuses on local community issues and the character of our area. We are inviting our community organisations to publish their news and advice on the sites and maintain their own pages of information. The opportunity for groups to provide information to their members and the wider community via the World Wide Web should be a convenient, immediate and easily accessible method of contact and presentation.

Groups should nominate a person responsible for placing material on the sites. On accreditation these 'editors' will be given access to their group's pages to enter the information as they see fit within the 'use policy'. Training will be provided to 'editors' so they can use the website successfully.

Put your organisation on the site at the time of the launch by registering your interest in the online form or a note/phone/email to: Administrator, Laharum/Wartook Community Website, 886 Smiths Rd, Wartook 3401 5383 6247 administrator@wartook.vic.au

Individual Contributions

Any community member can send material for uploading to the site, provided it falls within our policy of local significance and adheres to conditions of acceptable standards for public display. You can read the access policy on the sites that are under construction at the above internet addresses.

Locality Email Addresses

By registering online for an email account you can obtain an email address showing your locality, like JoeCitizen@laharum.vic.au or MyBusiness@wartook.vic.au This is the only way you can get these local addresses.

Running Costs

The charges set out in the table are used to pay for the registration and hosting of our sites and any excess will be used to improve our administration of the websites or contributions to community enhancement.

Service	Use	Cost
Site administrators	David Thompson (Wartook) Debbie MacInnes (Laharum)	
Organisation Pages	Nominee from each Community Organisation	No Charge
Contributions	Any interested Person	No Charge
Community Links	Hyperlink to Local Service	\$5 pa or reciprocal linking
External Links	Local Services and Businesses	\$10 pa or reciprocal linking
Email	Personal	\$5 pa
	Organisation	\$10 pa
Classified Advertising	Local Community Members	\$2 per 100 characters

Images for Sites

I am seeking images/photos of our district to add colour and interest to our sites. If you would like to contribute images please send them via either of the above addresses so I can provide them to those helping to design the sites. Photos of the local environment would be especially useful. All photos used will be acknowledged.



David Thompson for CBI Steering Committee

Community Building Initiative

Laharum/Wartook Community Links News

Works to Laharum Hall are underway! Under very wet and muddy conditions Locks Constructions started work at the end of June and expect works will be completed by October. It is expected that the main hall will still be available for use throughout the process with only the supper room inaccessible. Activities such as yoga and movie nights will still be happening.

Master planning for the new site at Cameron Oval has begun with the first meeting of the new Planning Committee held on Thursday July 16. This committee includes representatives from HRCC, DEECD, Laharum School, Laharum Preschool, Cameron Oval Management Committee, Laharum Hall Committee and Laharum Community Links Committee. This Planning Committee has been formed to ensure that all stakeholders and end users have input into the development of the proposed shared facilities at Cameron Oval starting with the master planning for the site and importantly will provide a vehicle for information flow and coordination of effort.

At this meeting we learnt that the process to acquire the land at Cameron Oval has taken longer than expected and will probably not happen until next year with works on the school unable to commence until 2010/11. Unfortunately this has meant that the applications by Laharum Primary School to the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution Program will not include funding to assist the relocation of Laharum Hall to Cameron Oval. Horsham Rural City Council has resolved to support the relocation of the hall and work with the community to source other funding to finance the relocation of the hall.

If anyone has any suggestions for activities or adult education courses for next term, please let me know.

Deb MacInnes

Laharum Community Links Facilitator

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LAHARUM / WARTOOK ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009

Date & Time	Venue	Activity
Wednesdays starting August 12 7.30pm	Laharum Hall	Yoga \$5. Everyone welcome.
Thursday August 20 7.30pm	Laharum Hall	Local Vocals. Community sing-along just for fun. Supper provided – no charge. Please ring Liz on 5383 8207 to confirm arrangements.
Friday September 18 6pm	Laharum Hall	Movie night – family movie to be decided. Movie screens at 7pm. Meal provided at minimal cost. Proceeds to Laharum Preschool. Free movie and popcorn.
Wednesday September 30 1.30-3.30pm	Laharum Hall	Craft. \$5 each. Please ring to register – 5383 8203.



Working bee removing part of verandah



Step by step!



More progress!



Friday 4th September Start 6pm Venue: The Wander Inn

OPENING NIGHT- Official Festival Opening & Launch of the Inaugural Classics in Wartook Valley Festival

Celebrate the official festival opening with special guests, local musician Rowan Smith and opening night celebrations. Join in the festivities and get the festival off to a great start in what will be the beginning of an ongoing and success event.

EXHIBITION - Timeless Landscapes Friday 4th September–Sunday 11th October. Venue: Wartook Artists Studio

The artists of Wartook Artists Studio have compiled their works to create a varied but exciting array of inspirational pieces from fungi to fauna. Photography, ceramics, textiles, felt, paintings and patchworks on display.

MEAL - Smorgasbord Meal and Silent Auction 7pm Start. Venue: The Wander Inn \$35 per person includes Meal & Film.

Following the official opening proceedings, enjoy a hearty and classic range of home-style favourites and side dishes. Take the opportunity to purchase local goods and services during the silent auction.

FILM - Classic Australian Film 9pm Start. Venue: The Wander Inn

Horsham Film Society presents a special screening of the classic Australian film, 'The Overlanders'.

This black and white 1947 film will be shown on 16mm projector.

Saturday 5th September

TOUR - Nature Walk Guided Tours 10-11am & 2-3pm; Self Guided, 10am–4pm. Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th

Located on 40 acres of natural bushland on the edge of the Grampians National Park, 'Orchid Lane' offers you the chance to experience local wildlife, birdlife and wildflowers at its best. Explore and observe native orchids unique to the area.

Venue: Orchid Lane Cottages, Crutes Road, Dadswells Bridge. Free entry.

Contact Web. www.orchidlanecottages.com.au Phone.5359 5209.

TOUR - Wartook Gardens B & B Open Gardens Time: 10am–5pm, 2866 Northern Grampians Road, Wartook

Set on 70ac and from a bare paddock, hosts Royce and Jeanne have developed a multi-award winning and internationally recognised Australian plant and exotic garden of 10ac with over 115 bird species and approximately 1,000 species of Australian plants.

Cost \$5 entry - Children free. Contact Web www.grampiansnationalpark.com Phone 5383 6200

TOUR - Restored Horse Drawn Vehicles & Photography Exhibition - 'The Way We Were'

Time: 10am–4pm. Venue: Wartook Views, 3036 Northern Grampians Road, Wartook. Cost: \$10 entry

Enjoy a unique private collection of fully restored horse drawn vehicles nestled amidst the valley. From a massive May and Millar wagon built locally in Horsham, to a Pony Phaeton built in Boston by Thomas Goddard. A photographic exhibition will also be on display with historic black & white images of yesteryear rich in history and culture from the local area.

CLASSIC - Devonshire Tea & Scones Time: 10am–3pm. Venue: The Wander Inn

Come along and enjoy a classic morning or afternoon tea with scrumptious scones with jam and cream and Devonshire tea.

RECITAL - Classical Ensemble Accord & Feature Guest Emma Ayres Time: 2pm - to be seated prior to commencement

Enjoy the sort-after sounds and beautiful composition of Brenton Fyfield, Miranda McDermott, Rohan Mack and ABC radio and television identity Emma Ayres. Accord is a group of enthusiastic musicians trained classically in the best tradition of music-making. Transform your afternoon with a recital taken from the classical and romantic era of Mozart and Boccherini with duets and classical string quartet compositions to follow.

Venue: Laharum Hall. Cost: \$25 per person, seats limited. Includes recital, tea/coffee and sweet & savoury tasting platters.

GALA DINNER - Inaugural Gala Dinner & with Guests Accord & Emma Ayres Time: 6.30pm. Venue: The Wander Inn.

Saturday evening offers a chance of a lifetime to stimulate your senses at an exclusive gala dinner. Guest feature artists Accord will come together once again this evening to present classic Irish, English and Scottish folk music.

Cost: \$60 per person, seats limited. Includes 2 course meal and whole evening program with Accord & the Jazz Traders.

LOCAL MUSICIANS - Featuring the Jazz Traders Time: 8.30pm. Venue: The Wander Inn

Local 6-piece jazz band, The Jazz Traders, will entertain you with everything jazz inspired from classic jazz and Dixieland to the Beatles.

Cost: \$20 per person, tickets limited. Includes entertainment and finger food.

Sunday 6th September

MARKET- Classic Market Extravaganza Time: 10am–4pm. Venue: The Wander Inn

Take this opportunity to enjoy a family-friendly day out. Browse, enjoy, sample and purchase an amazing array of local produce from the Grampians region. Why not try a picnic hamper, cheese board and pate, or simply enjoy a Father's Day luncheon with gourmet pies and tarts?

Explore a vibrant art exhibition showcasing the region's many textures, observe artist demonstrations and semi-abstract limestone sculptor Kevin Free at work. Complete with children's entertainment, the market will display classic and vintage vehicles and motorcycles.

Bookings: The Wander Inn 5383 6377 (*programs now available*); Horsham Rural City Council, Melissa Russell 5382 9779

or email info@classicsinwartook.com.au. For more information visit www.classicsinwartook.com.au



North West Grampians Newsletter - Community Calendar of Events

Activities and meetings in the district 2009

August

Wednesday	12	7.30pm	Laharum Cricket Club AGM & general meeting – Bull & Mouth Hotel
Friday	14	7.30pm	Laharum Tennis Club AGM – clubrooms
Monday	17	7.30pm	Brimpaen Hall Social Committee AGM – hall
Tuesday	18	7pm	Grampians Wartook Promotion Group AGM – The Wander Inn
Wednesday	19	morning	Mobile Library - Laharum Primary School
"	20	8am-3.30pm	Wimmera Conservation Farming Association, Conference/AGM - GIP
Thursday	20	7.30pm	'Local Vocals' Singing – Laharum Hall
Sunday	23	9am-4pm	Hazmat Awareness Course – Laharum Oval
Tuesday	25	2pm	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – Brimpaen Hall
"	25	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare Group meeting
Thursday	27	1pm	Horsham South Garden Club – visit Wood's Museum, Rupanyup
Friday	28		Closing date to view Draft Fire Operations Plans for 2009/10
Monday	31		Closing date for James Muller Conservation Farming Award

Have you developed and registered your community website?**September**

Tuesday	1	daytime	Brimpaen Craft Group felt making – Wartook Artist Studio
Wednesday	2	morning	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School

'Classics in Wartook Valley' Festival

Friday	4	6pm onwards	Official Opening; Meal; Silent Auction; Film – The Wander Inn
Saturday	5	daytime	Tours – Wartook Gardens; Orchid Lane, Dadswells Bridge
"	5	10am-4pm	Tour – Restored Horse Drawn Vehicle/Photography Exhibition - Wartook
"	5	10am-3pm	Devonshire teas – The Wander Inn
"	5	2pm	Recital – Classical Ensemble Accord & Emma Ayres – Laharum Hall
"	5	6.30pm	Gala Dinner with guests Accord and Emma Ayres – The Wander Inn
"	5	8.30pm	Local musicians featuring the Jazz Traders – The Wander Inn
Sunday	6	10am-2pm	Garage sale at Bennett's
"	6	10am-4pm	Classic Market Extravaganza – The Wander Inn
"	6	10am-4pm	Tour – Orchid Lane, Dadswells Bridge
Saturday	5	10am-4pm	Sour dough bread making demonstration – Mt Zero Olives
Thursday	10	3.15-5pm	Wimmera Croplands Management Transect Report – GIP
Saturday	12	10am	Friends of Grampians Gariwerd – red-gum walk
Wednesday	16	morning	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School
Friday	18		Term 3 ends
"	18	6pm	Family movie – Laharum Hall
Thursday	24	8.30am-4pm	Integrated Pest Management Day – RSL
"	24	daytime	Excursion to Netherby
"	24	daytime	Threatened Species Group – spiral sun-orchid count
Sunday	20	daytime	Laharum Football Club – junior/senior vote count – Laharum Clubrooms
Friday	25	evening	Laharum Football Club – senior trophy presentation/cabaret – Town Hall
Saturday	26	daytime	The Wander Inn – AFL grand final nibbles
Sunday	27	10am-3pm	Spring Market Day – Artists Studio & The Wander Inn
Tuesday	29	daytime	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – visit to Sylvania Park Mohair Farm
Wednesday	30	morning	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School
"	30	1.30-3.30pm	Craft afternoon – Laharum Hall

October

Thursday	1	7.30-9pm	Threatened Species Group - Brambuk
Thurs-Sun	1-4	daytime	Grampians Wild Flower Show, Halls Gap
Sunday	4		Daylight savings begins
Monday	5		Term 4 commences
Tuesday	6	10am-2.30pm	Brimpaen Craft Group – Brimpaen Hall
Fri-Sun	9-11	daytime	Horsham Spring Garden Festival – Horsham Botanic Gardens
Thursday	22	daytime	Laharum School Parent Club – long lunch
Fri-Sat	23-24	daytime	Threatened Species Group search

Yoga – Wednesdays 7.30-9.15pm – Laharum Hall (not during school holidays)

Wartook Christian Home Meeting – Fridays from 7pm, venues vary

LAHARUM FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

August 2009 – January 2010

WEEK STARTING	LAHARUM TANKER		TANKER A	
	DRIVER	CREW	DRIVER	CREW
2/8/09	Don Sudholz	Judy Johnson	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
9/8/09	Chris Vincent	Barry Berendsen	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
16/8/09	Ed Johnson	Bruce McInnes	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson
23/8/09	John Fisher	Paul van der Plank	Robert Jess	John McIntyre
30/8/09	Bruce Winfield	Colin Flack	Luke Dumesny	Jenny Dumesny
6/9/09	Deb MacInnes	Caroline Geue	Bill Gardner	Judy Gardner
13/9/09	Alison White	Vikki Stevens	Dale McIntyre	Damien Knight
20/9/09	Brad Geue	Roger MacInnes	Mal Griffiths	Tim Martin
27/9/09	Hugh Russell	Howard Black	Rob Launder	Andy Crawford
4/10/09	Leigh Mibus	Pat Mibus	Gary Staehr	Gil Hopkins
11/10/09	Alan Arnott	Norm Booth	Trevor Winfield	Ray Zippel
18/10/09	Will Pyke	Francoise van der Plank	Mark Francisco	Campbell Trewin
25/10/09	Jim Carter	Rob McInnes	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
1/11/09	Andrew Bos	Steve Suter	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
8/11/09	Don Sudholz	Judy Johnson	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson
15/11/09	Chris Vincent	Barry Berendsen	Robert Jess	John McIntyre
22/11/09	Ed Johnson	Bruce McInnes	Luke Dumesny	Jenny Dumesny
29/11/09	John Fisher	Paul van der Plank	Bill Gardner	Judy Gardner
6/12/09	Bruce Winfield	Colin Flack	Dale McIntyre	Damien Knight
13/12/09	Deb MacInnes	Caroline Geue	Mal Griffiths	Tim Martin
20/12/09	Alison White	Vikki Stevens	Rob Launder	Andy Crawford
27/12/09	Brad Geue	Roger MacInnes	Gary Staehr	Gil Hopkins
3/1/10	Hugh Russell	Howard Black	Trevor Winfield	Ray Zippel
10/1/10	Leigh Mibus	Pat Mibus	Mark Francisco	Campbell Trewin
17/1/10	Alan Arnott	Norm Booth	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
24/1/10	Will Pyke	Francoise van der Plank	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
31/1/10	Jim Carter	Rob McInnes	Campbell Ellifson	Alex Ellifson

If you are unable to do your run please call Don Sudholz on 5383 6205.

If you notice a fault with the truck during the run, please notify Don Sudholz immediately and always complete the logbook at the end of your run.

Thanks!

North West Grampians Fire Brigade News



June 2009

Cook safely this winter!

The CFA are urging all Victorians to check hotspots in the kitchen to avoid becoming victims of fire. In the event of a fire, it is important to remember to smother the flames rather than pour water on it, as this can cause the flames to spread and burn you or those around you.

- The CFA, recommend the following to avoid cooking becoming a recipe for disaster this winter:
- never leave cooking unattended
- turn pot handles away from the stove edge
- keep stoves free of grease and fat build-up
- hang tea-towels away from the stove
- wear tight-fitting sleeves when cooking
- ensure the exhaust fan above the stove is clean and free of grease and fat build-up
- have a fire blanket and extinguisher in the kitchen
- ensure your smoke alarm is working
- have a fire escape plan in place

Protect children from Fire this winter!

The CFA are recommending that parents, guardians and carers check the following areas to prevent their children from suffering burns this winter:

Kitchen

- use stove guards and keep pot handles turned inwards so little hands can't grab them
- keep children out of kitchen when cooking and educate them on the dangers of hot surfaces

Dining room and lounge room

- never drink hot drinks with a child on your lap
- always use a fire guard around heaters and open fires to prevent young children touching hot surfaces and receiving contact burns
- use non-slip placemats instead of tablecloths - young children are able to pull on tablecloths, potentially dragging dangerous items off the table such as hot drinks

Bathroom

- hot water temperatures when bathing children should be around 36-38° C
- use tap covers so children cannot turn on the hot water during a bath

General

- keep matches and lighters well out of reach of children or lock them away
- if a child receives a burn or scald, stop the burning process by placing the affected area under cool, running water for 20 minutes and organise transport to the closest medical facility

More information on winter fire safety can be found at the campaign's official website,
www.homefiresafety.com.au