

# North West Grampians Newsletter Inc

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*This newsletter has been printed by Alan Vickers of Vickers Printing for nearly 4 years. Alan was very particular with the quality and production of his printing and he was always very precise and helpful, even when ill. Our thoughts are with his family and friends following his death.*

*I am very pleased to have received \$1,536 from Wimmera Catchment Management Authority. This financial support helps continue the publishing and circulating of this newsletter.*

*Liz Hopkins*



*Melissa, Mayor Michael Ryan, Deb & Gil at opening of Laharum Hall extensions on April 18*



## 5<sup>TH</sup> Biggest Morning Tea

**Thursday June 3**

**11.30 am for lunch**

Donation \$15

Laharum Hall

**'Bring and buy stall'**

**Raffle – fantastic prizes!**

Enjoy our delicious lunch in a warm and friendly atmosphere - invite your friends along!

**Let's get together for a cancer-free future**

RSVP for catering purposes to

☎ Liz 5383 8207 or

☎ Judy 5383 8288

*Supporting research into the causes of cancer*

*Our thoughts are with family and friends following the passing of community members Don Matthews, John Geue and Stan Parfett.*

*We remember and appreciate their role in the community.*

## Laharum CFA



Minimum Skills Training will be offered on **Sunday June 6** commencing at 9am at CFA Training Ground, Longerenong. Please ring CFA office on 1800.608117.

Andrew Bos

## Brimpaen Craft Group



**Tuesday June 8**, 10am-2.30pm at Brimpaen Hall – we will be making a paper bead necklace. Please ring me on 5382 5559 for requirements list.

**Tuesday July 6**, 10am-2.30pm at

Brimpaen Hall – Jenny Hill will teach us how to make an embroidered picture.

**Tuesday August 3** – lunch outing in Horsham.

Venue to be confirmed.

Jill Sinclair

## Mobile Library



Next mobile library visits to Laharum are on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, namely **Wednesday June 9 & 23.**

All welcome.

Bryan Rohde

## Laharum Preschool



It's been really busy! Some of the things we have been looking at lately have been healthy bodies, hospitals, space, bugs and insects and families. We have been printing bug shapes, making space pictures with stencils, playing with our space station and hospital set and playing with some bugs on the light table. We cooked a delicious veggie soup a couple of weeks ago and it was great to see the children wanting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> helpings. Thanks to Kylie Purcell for helping with this. We also made some beautiful Mothers Day bracelets which the children threaded themselves and I hope every mum enjoyed these and had a lovely Mother's Day.

On Wednesday May 26 we visited Wimmera Base Hospital in Horsham. We travelled by bus and toured the hospital and then met with the ambulance to have a look at the vehicle. This was a great experience for the children to see what it looks inside accident and emergency and to meet some doctors and nurses. Thanks to Caroline Geue for driving the bus and to Babs Winfield for helping supervise.

While on the topic of hospitals, we will also be having the hospital podiatry team come to kinder to screen the children's feet. This is a free service and one which is completely optional. If there is a need to follow up consultations, parents will be notified. This will be happening on **Wednesday June 16**.

Regarding our grandparents - on **Wednesday June 9** we will be inviting our grandparents to kinder. This is the day before the schools grandparent lunch. Grandparents are welcome to come into kinder from 11am onwards and spend some special time with their grandchildren. I hope to see lots of grandparents here, but understand that some have long distances to travel.

A huge thank you to Matt Billet and Trevor for fixing and fastening our swing frame - this is now much stronger and safer. Also thanks to Don Sudholz for fastening a loose rail on our gate. These maintenance jobs are always popping up and are greatly appreciated.

A reminder to kinder parents that we will be picking olives at the Deirdre & Richard Baum's property on **Saturday June 5** starting at 9am. Many hands make light work!

Lastly we were successful in our application to pilot 15 hours at kinder. Sessions currently total 10 hours per week so the extra 5 hours will be great! Hopefully this will start next term. We will keep you updated on this process.

**Jo Bone**

## Horsham South Garden Club



**Thursday June 24** – CWA Hall, 1.30pm.  
Guest speaker is Terry O'Donnell on herbs – bloom, brag and stall.

**Thursday July 22** – CWA Hall, 1.30pm.  
Guest speaker is Greg Lawes on water divining – bloom, brag and stall. For enquiries or interest in the club, ring me on 5382 4333.

**Lola Ervin**

## EXHIBITIONS OF LOCAL ARTISTS

Organised by  
Wartook Valley Studio Gallery

'The Colours of warmth'  
Fri June 11 – Sun July 18

and

'Spring spectrum'

Mon September 6 – Sun October 10

10am–5pm

Admission free

Venue: Wartook Valley  
Studio Gallery



Open 7 days a week during school & public holidays -  
other times Tuesday-Sunday

Patchwork, lead lighting, pottery, knitting, crocheting,  
felted and other media

We welcome anyone interested in exhibiting their work  
with those themes in mind. Please contact Wendy on  
5383 6243 Fax/BH or 5383 6220AH

## Laharum School Parent Club



Thank you to everyone who supported our school at the Easter Market. Although we were light on support due to being in the middle of the holidays, we still had a successful day.

On Friday May 7 we managed to finally run our Memorial Bike Ride at MacInnes farm. All riders who partook felt a sense of achievement whether it was for the distance they rode, the fun they had on the way with friends, or the fact that they learnt to ride without trainer wheels.

The children have now sent out their invites to the Grandparent/Special Persons lunch, which is to be held on **Thursday June 10**. During the week prior to this day the children will be preparing food, flowers and decorations. We hope all who attend have a great time.

Future events the Parent Club are planning–

- Quiz Night on Friday July 30 for all ages – start planning your team
- School Disco on Friday August 13 – open to all primary school age children of the district
- Fun Run on Friday October 8 – children will be looking for sponsors
- Long Lunch in November – invite your friends to partake in a special experience!

**Jenny Carter**, Secretary



'Hutch' and the crew building Tanker A fire shed

## Grampians Wartook Promotion Group

We have a fantastic first for Wartook Valley! Minister for tourism, Mr Tim Holding will officially launch the new 'Grampians Tourist Guide' at The Wander Inn on **Saturday June 19**, 11am with 40 invited guests & dignitaries. There will be extensive media coverage. We see this event as a huge opportunity for you to showcase your tourist based products with displays; stalls etc and to capitalise on the day.

Next meeting of our group will be at The Wander Inn on **Tuesday June 8**, 7pm. We welcome your input and ideas!

**Alan Arnott**, Chairperson

## The Wander Inn



Open Tuesdays to Sundays from 10am-5pm for morning and afternoon teas and lunch - fresh seafood available on Friday evenings to 'eat in' or take-way.

**Saturday June 26**, 6.30pm – 'Flavours of the World'. Cost \$25 per head – bookings essential.

**Sunday July 25**, 12.30pm – 'Christmas in July' traditional Christmas dinner. Cost \$25 per head – bookings essential. Please ring 5383 6377.

**Jenny Wilson**

## Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



At our last meeting on Tuesday May 25, we raised \$300 for cancer research by auctioning goods such as fresh produce, pasties, cakes, teddy bears, magazines and more. Our club also donated \$100 so we will be sending a total of \$400 to the Anti Cancer Council – a great effort!

**Tuesday June 29** – we will be visiting Horsham Colour at 11am followed by lunch at the Royal Hotel.

**Tuesday July 27** – we are arranging a Birthday celebration – 50 years since the Brimpaen Mothers Club began - now 'Brimpaen Ladies Social Club'. 'Christmas in July' will now be an afternoon tea at the Brimpaen Hall, 2-4pm.

**Margo Hamilton**

## Wonwondah Landcare Group



Our group continues to apply for funding to support ongoing programs that have been started on member's properties and to preserve the creek environments that flow through our district.

Snail baiting has ceased due to the current spell of dry weather, however the pellets have been purchased in readiness once the ground becomes moist and they move again.

The wick-wiper is currently helping with DPI trials in the Stawell area and will be available for use on its return.

Rabbit ripping will conclude during June for this year and should anyone find new warrens that are active, please let me know so they can be added to the program.

There will be no meetings until **Monday July 12** to give members a chance to conclude their cropping program.

**Chris Guest**

## Yoga at Laharum Hall



Come along and discover the benefits! *Everyone* is welcome including those who have not tried yoga before. There will be a break during Term 2 school holidays and we will resume on **Wednesday July 14**.

**Judy Berendsen** 5383 6265

## LAHARUM HALL AND 'CLASSICS IN WARTOOK VALLEY' COMMITTEES Invite everyone to the 'Red Faces' fundraiser night

Date: **Friday July 16**

Time: 7pm

Venue: Laharum Hall

Cost: \$25 adults; \$10 children

Come along and enjoy soup, casseroles and surprise dessert and then be entertained by the acts! It will be a fun night so get a group together and come along. Bring your small change for voting on your favourite act!

BYO glass & drink

For bookings phone Judy Berendsen on 5383 6265 or Loretta Emerson 5383 6233



## Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader – **Merryn Eagle**

**MONDAY JULY 12, 7.30PM**

**We will be rehearsing for the Red Faces night to be held on Friday July 16!**

Please ring Liz on 5383 8207 to confirm arrangements

Minimal charge

**Come along and join in some singing in a relaxed, warm & friendly atmosphere - singing ability not necessary**



## Festival dates

### Friday-Sunday September 10-12

Discover, experience and enjoy - a unique yet classic range of events and activities. Classics in Wartook Valley Festival will run for its second year from **Friday-Sunday September 10-12**. It will bring together an eclectic range of regional produce, local artists, classical music and vintage cars to the Grampians. It will combine those contemporary and vintage aspects of everyday life to present a classically inspired festival nestled amongst native bushland at the foot of the Grampians.

#### **Classics in Wartook Valley Festival Program - Friday September 10**

- Festival Launch at The Wander Inn
- Official Art Exhibition Launch by the Wartook Valley Studio Gallery
- Smorgasbord Meal
- Silent Auction
- Local Musicians

#### **Saturday September 11**

- Restored Horse Drawn Vehicle Display and Art Exhibition by Jennifer Sutterby at Wartook Views
- Photography Exhibition at Laharum Hall
- Nature Walk at Orchid Lane
- Open Garden at Wartook Gardens
- Tours & lunch available at Laharum Grove and tours at Toscana Olives
- Classic Films at Laharum Hall
- Recital from classical ensemble 'Accord' featuring ABC Radio presenter Emma Ayres, & harp by 9 year old Emily Matskows at Wartook Views
- Evening meal featuring local wine, produce and local musicians, Denise & Peter McGenniken

#### **Sunday September 12**

- Breakfast and music at Laharum Grove by Accord entitled 'Sunrise'
- Market Extravaganza at The Wander Inn
- Restored Horse Drawn Vehicle Display and Art Exhibition by Jennifer Sutterby at Wartook Views
- Photography Exhibition at Laharum Hall
- Nature Walk at Orchid Lane

For further details contact Melissa Russell, Festival Director on 0409.179 612; Jenny Hill, Deputy Director on 5383 6242; The Wander Inn 5383 6377.

## Open Garden Scheme



### 'Wartook Gardens'

Jeanne & Royce Raleigh

Sunday October 3

Cost \$10

Proceeds to Wimmera Health Care Group

## Laharum CFA



Laharum Tanker A shed is progressing very well and it will soon be completed. It has been a great training exercise for the WorkCo trainees.

Because funds for the shed project are low, we conducted a sheep drive and as a result we raised nearly \$3,000. The average price of sheep or lambs donated was \$93. A big thank you to those who gave stock or donated money!

We are seeking further donations for the Laharum Fire Brigade from those who have not previously donated. If you are able to help, please forward these to Alison White, Laharum Fire Brigade, 75 Snells Road, Wartook 3401 and a receipt will be issued.

These donations are for the Laharum Fire Brigade and these assets are for the community, not CFA owned.

The fire season is over but keep your pagers handy. If there is a house fire or car accident, it is our main response call. Trucks need a regular run so please take them for a drive. Thanks.

**Mark Francisco**, Captain



## Horsham Rural City Council

urban rural balance

Council is currently finalising all works programs for 2009/2010 whilst preparing budgets for next financial year. It will be July before we can confirm next year's program when Council approves its 2010/11 budget.

Council has however, resolved to include in the budget allowances for special works at public halls for the connection where required, of water from the completed Wimmera Mallee Pipeline plus an allowance to provide a flagpole and National flag for community halls. Brimpaen has recently had their new flagpole installed and Council has also arranged for this to be flood-lit at night; this then conforms with flag flying protocols!!

Over the next two months Council will be doing gravel and earth grading in this area.

As many readers would now know, the successful Landcare program financed by the Federal Government is to end on June 30. Council has appointed a new interim Landcare Coordinator, Steve Talbot who is currently making contact with Landcare Groups to finalise their programs and to prepare for new arrangements in sustainable land practices. Steve will continue with Council after June 30 as an Environmental Assets Officer, a role where there is increasing responsibilities on Council and indeed us all for compliance. Steve will be available to assist on environment issues and can be contacted on 0427.514502. Best regards.

**David Eltringham**

*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 Landcare Group



We recently received the good news that our group will share use of a 4W motorbike (with spray pack) and a trailer watercart/firefighter with Horsham Golf Club. The Golf Club received funding as part of fire recovery, but needed to share with an incorporated community group in order to purchase the equipment. All this has been organised through the HRCC fire recovery program. At present we are developing the agreements and paperwork needed, and we expect that the Golf Club will need the equipment most of the time while they are revegetating the burnt areas.

We are getting quotes to purchase our own slip-on spray unit with 50m hoses and boom for use in weed control and establishing revegetation sites. Some infestations of Paterson's Curse, Cape Tulip and St John's Wort are now well beyond control by backpacks or hand pulling, so we are getting serious! We have been depending on borrowed equipment which isn't always available when it's needed.

Last month 14 enthusiastic members planted 200 plants of various species at Hugh Russell's property.

If Laharum/Wartook landholders have environmental weed problems please contact me on 5383 8207 so we can include your area on applications for funding for control programs.

As part of the Grampians to Little Desert Biolink, we applied for and received \$12,000 for remnant vegetation protection and enhancement. Jess Gardner will be contacting landholders with suitable areas to see if they want to participate in fencing and planting. If you are interested in such programs please contact John Fisher 5383 6263 so we can build up a list of potential areas and can apply for funding.

The biomass straw-into-electricity project is proceeding with Bill Gardner and Will Pyke on a Steering Committee for Laharum involvement, and Gil Hopkins on committees seeking support for funding applications across the Wimmera. It is expected that there will be a demonstration of a portable plant on Wednesday July 21 at Grains Innovation Park. Watch for adverts!

Laharum/Wartook landholders are reminded that they can access equipment and help with planting, pest plant and animal control, erosion, salinity, and conservation farming through Laharum Landcare Group. If we can't help, we know who can, and it only costs \$10 to join. Next meeting is **Tuesday June 8**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall.  
**Gil Hopkins**

### PERSONAL PROTECTION BLANKET

Cost \$275

**\$25 from each blanket donated to local CFA**

**To order - Phone 9818 5055; Fax 9818 5066  
or [www.creswickwool.com.au](http://www.creswickwool.com.au)**

## CALLING ALL THESPIANS! "LAHARUM'S GOT TALENT" NIGHT



Laharum Hall and  
'Classics in Wartook Valley'  
Committees are seeking more acts for

### Red Faces Night – Friday July 16

If you are a budding thespian and can play music, sing songs, perform an act, get up on stage, support the tourist industry, raise money for the hall or simply make a fool of yourself - then we need your talent!

*Come and have a great night with plenty of  
laughs amongst friends!*

To register your act please contact  
Alison White on 5383 6263

## Laharum Hall Committee



On Sunday April 18 we officially opened the extensions to the Laharum Hall. Mayor Michael Ryan spoke of involvement of the Federal and State Government in funding of the \$200,000 project. Those who attended were treated to a scrumptious afternoon tea and were able to inspect the new facilities. In attendance were Robin Neilson and Andrea Murphy from Horsham Rural City Council, Cr Mandy Stewart, and Joe McClelland from Regional Development Victoria. Thank you to Deb MacInnes for being our Community Facilitator during this Community Building Initiative project.

The Monte Carlo night, our joint fundraiser with Classics in Wartook Valley Committee was a very successful night. The games were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Some very encouraging croupiers managed to extract lots of Laharum monopoly money from players. Winnings were able to be used to bid on great auction items. Thanks to both committees for assistance with food and games. Funds raised will go toward more air conditioning at the hall. Don't miss 'Red Faces' night **Friday July 16!**  
**Judy Berendsen**

## Wartook Christian Home Meeting



Our group meets 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**

## Riding for the Disabled



Things have been coasting along quite well at Horsham RDA. We're well into the second term, getting used to some new riders and some new horses and we have been fortunate that several new people have come along to help us out.

It can be a challenge to learn a new skill at the best of times, but volunteers starting out with us have to learn how to handle a horse, understand all the rules and regulations as well as decipher a whole new 'horsey' language. While we ran a training day at the start of the year, those who started with us in the last month or so probably feel like they have been 'dropped in the deep end'!

While we endeavour to train all new volunteers when they start, it is often as part of the busy rally session, where there are usually many things all happening at once. It has become clear that the coaches should include more training, even during a rally and ensure that our new helpers have time to get used to their tasks without being frightened off! So that is our goal for the last two rallies for Term 2.

It should be remembered that training never really ends, and this applies to RDA coaches as much as to new volunteers. Coming up in early July the National governing body RDA Australia is holding its biennial National Coaching Workshop at Geelong. Coaches from all over Oz gather to update and improve their skills and knowledge. Horsham RDA will endeavour to take along as many of our coaches as we can so that we can all learn and pass on some fresh ideas to our volunteers and riders.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer with Horsham RDA or simply would like to find out what we do is very welcome to join us at the Riverside Equestrian Centre in Riverside Road, Horsham - you will be very welcome.

For any more information about our rallies or RDA in general, you can contact Tina Pallot on 5382 2346 or our President Jan Hutton-Croser on 0429 935 382.

**Tina Pallot**

### LAHARUM COMMUNITY LINKS OFFICE - LAHARUM HALL

**Open Wednesday mornings 9am-12noon**

providing the following services:

- \* Computer use
- \* Internet access
- \* Emailing
- \* Printing
- \* Photocopying
- \* Faxing
- \* Laminating



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Enquiries to Deb MacInnes 5383 8203 Mobile 0428.838203  
Email: [debbie.macinnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:debbie.macinnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au)



## Wimmera CMA MacKenzie flow doing the job

Wimmera CMA's Greg Fletcher is confident wildlife refuge areas along upper areas of the MacKenzie River are responding strongly to an environmental water release. He said latest analysis showed the six-month 490mL flow between Wartook and Laharum was 'doing its job' and consolidating high-value habitat.

He said the release, which simulated a summer-autumn flow pattern, was maintaining critical respite for animal and plant life recovering from drought.

"This is a step in the recovery of this critical stretch of river which, although it has suffered badly from the very worst of drought conditions in the last couple of years, has maintained enough viability to recover with adequate water. This stretch of river between Dad and Dave Weir and Distribution Heads has as many aspects that are as close to pristine as we can find in the region. It is still capable of supporting a broad diversity of indigenous aquatic life and that's why it's of high environmental value."

Mr Fletcher, Wimmera CMA's Waterways Project and Planning Officer, said establishing a healthy habitat was crucial in protecting the river's fragile platypus population identified in the river as under threat from 'localised' extinction.

"We need to get the balance in the river right so the platypus population can recover in this area. But we have to remember of course that the platypus, albeit perhaps the most charismatic part of the food chain, is only part of a delicate eco-system," he said.

The environmental water release, which started last December, will continue until May this year as part of an ongoing river-health project.

**Bronwyn Bant**

### Bravura Cleaning Service

- Steam cleaning carpets and upholstery
- Window washing
- Vacant house cleaning
- Vacant blocks mown



Contact Conrad on 0488.435 083

**Conrad and Amanda Winfield**

*This newsletter can be viewed at*

[www.laharum.vic.au](http://www.laharum.vic.au) and

[www.wartook.vic.au](http://www.wartook.vic.au)



**COOINDA  
BURRONG  
SCOUT  
CAMP**  
5km north of  
Zumstein  
Picnic area

**Volunteers required to help 'open and close' Cooinda Burrong Scout Camp**

Please contact Quinn McLean on 5382 1817AH or 5382 0650BH; 0409.861003; Fax 5382 1814 or email [g.mclean@laserelectrical.com.au](mailto:g.mclean@laserelectrical.com.au) or Terry McLean on 5382 4263

Cooinda Burrong Scout Camp accommodates 2 huts with bunk beds for 50 people, 4 people per room. It has a well equipped kitchen with a 6 burner gas stove and oven, gas barbecue, 2 electric refrigerators, an urn and a microwave.

In 1969 when Arapiles District was looking for a campsite, the Forestry Commission suggested a site near Cherry Pool. In 1973 this site was declared unsuitable and the current site of Cooinda Burrong was chosen. Cooinda means 'meeting place' and Burrong means 'in the mountains'. The 2 accommodation huts were purchased from Serviceton where they had been used as railway barracks. They were dismantled and transported in sections in 1974.



*Sunbeams shine in Wartook!*

On the weekend April 17/18, 20 members of Sunbeam and Talbot Car Club visited the Grampians.

The dozen Sunbeams which toured our area ranged from a 1954 Sunbeam Mark 3 Saloon and a 1955 Sunbeam Alpine convertible through to 1960 Sunbeam Alpine and Tiger sports cars.

Perfect weather made for enjoyable 'tops-down' touring with Saturday lunch at local club members Rob Lucas & Bonnie Gelman. On Sunday members enjoyed a lovely lunch at The Wander Inn before departing for home. Thanks to car enthusiasts, examples of fine true British cars still survive!

**Rob & Bonnie**

**Laharum Netball Club**



Members of the netball club are again having a great year!

Off the court the committee has been working hard to ensure that everyone enjoys their experience at the club. It seems to be working with a real buzz of enthusiasm around on Thursday nights and Saturdays.

It is always dangerous to mention names because there have been so many people helping out this year, but I would like to give a big thank you to Rox for her huge effort in getting all of the administration tasks completed at the beginning of the year. Also Dutchy for taking on the treasurer's role and Frenchy as groundsman - I think it's great having a significant portion of the committee being males. And thanks to Carmen for doing such a good job with the sponsorship and getting our new shelter underway.

We are also doing just as well on the court. All the teams are very competitive including the U13 and U15 who struggle to win on the scoreboard, but are building for the future whilst enjoying their sport, and the 'modies' who are getting goals this year! This is happening at the same time that we are 'bleeding' new coaches in three of the seven grades (that's five coaches or six if you include Steff who helps out with the U13). All of them continue to improve every week, setting us up for a big future.

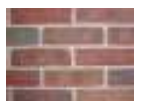
Finally thank you to all of the coaches for their guidance and commitment to the teams whilst considering all the facets of our great club.

Before I go, if you are free 10am-3.30pm on **Sunday June 20**, please come and pick some olives at Toscana Olive Farm to raise money so that we can install more lights at the courts. Extra lighting will be great for our community. It will make training safer for our netballers, provide lighting for tennis and open up other evening activities for the community that probably haven't been thought of yet!

Go Saints...oops, I mean Dees!

**Alistair Griffiths**

**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

**RED FACES NIGHT**

**Friday July 16, 7pm**

**Laharum Hall**

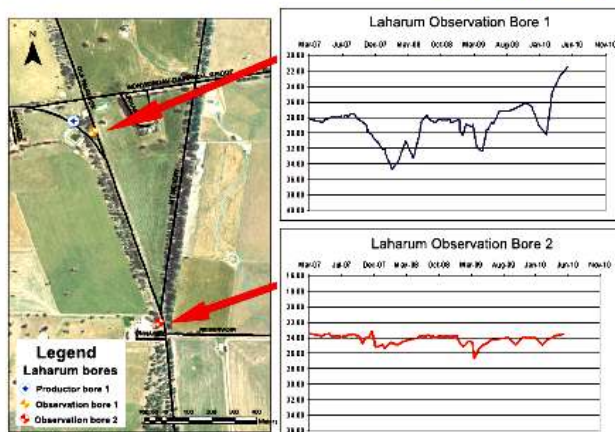
**Start planning your act now!**

## Laharum bore field update



Update 25 May 2010

GWMWater



GWMWater has continued to monitor the groundwater levels at the Laharum bore field on a regular basis.

Production Bore 1 has continued to be used at a reduced rate of between 0-1ML per day. Production Bores 2 and 3 have remained unused over this period.

Water levels adjacent to the extraction are continuing to show a response to the very low pumping rates - refer to Laharum Observation Bore 1. This response in the water levels is a recovery from the very dry period at the time the monitoring program started. Similar responses are also being seen at some other bore fields across the region following this dry period in 2006.

GWMWater will continue to provide regular updates on bore levels in the Laharum area. If you require more information please contact our Sustainable Resources Division on 1300.656961.

### Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Update

Pipeline construction in the Supply System 6 area is now complete with all tappings and meters installed. Customers should contact GWMWater if any further tappings are required. Commissioning of the Brimpaen and Wartook pump stations is well advanced and will be completed over the next few weeks. All Supply System 6 customers can now access an emergency water supply from the pipeline with water to the Laharum area currently being sourced from Lake Wartook.

Further information will be provided to customers when the pipeline becomes fully operational.

## Community Plantings

**Sat June 5**, from 1pm & **Sun June 6**: Horsham Golf Course - Tim Warren 0418.149907

**Sat July 3**: Grampians to Little Desert Biolink - Melissa Douglas 0409.613748

**Sat/Sun July 17 & 18**: Project Platypus - Leigh Blackmore 5358 4410

**Sat/Sun July 31 & Aug 1**: Yarrilinks - Ray Zippel 5382 1544

**Sat/Sun Aug 14 & 15**: Hindmarsh - Trevor Barker 5391 4444

## FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

### COOK SAFELY THIS WINTER

To avoid cooking becoming a recipe for disaster this winter:

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Turn pot handles away from 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

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.

More information on winter fire safety can be found at the campaign's official website, [www.homefiresafety.com.au](http://www.homefiresafety.com.au)

### FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR HOME

Small house fires can quickly get out of control, so every home should have basic firefighting equipment within easy reach.



- Ensure your house has a properly maintained fire extinguisher and fire blanket, and know how to use them. Look for products that meet the Australian Standard AS 2444.
- It's a good idea to keep these in the kitchen as this is where most house fires start.
- If the fire is small and localised and it is safe to do so, extinguish it using the fire blanket or fire extinguisher.



These are available from hardware shops and many supermarkets, or can be ordered from CFA's Fire Equipment Maintenance Department. Go to [www.fem.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.fem.cfa.vic.gov.au) for more information.

### WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES...

Building regulations state that every home in Victoria must have a smoke alarm complying with Australian Standard AS 3786. Existing homes may install battery-powered smoke alarms, but all new houses must be fitted with hardwired-in smoke alarms prior to occupancy.

### Tribute to fire authority history

Spirit of CFA, an Art piece tracing the history of the Country Fire Authority will hang on the walls of every Wimmera fire station. All profit from the sale of any prints is being donated to CFA, and prints are available from CFA Region 17 headquarters. CFA members receive a special discounted rate of \$59.95, plus postage.



## LAHARUM / WARTOOK ACTIVITIES PROGRAM JULY 2010

Date & Time	Venue	Activity
Monday July 12, 7.30pm	Laharum Hall	Singing Group – practising for Red Faces! Supper Minimal charge. Please ring Liz on 5383 8207 to confirm
Friday July 23, 6pm	Laharum Hall	Movie Night - family movie to be decided. Movie screens at 7pm. Gold Coin Donation.



### North West Grampians Newsletter

### Community Calendar of Events 2010

#### June

Thursday	3	11.30am	Biggest Morning Tea cancer fundraiser – Laharum Hall
Saturday	5	9am	Laharum Preschool – olive picking at Olive Grove
Sunday	6	9am	Minimum Skills Training CFA Training Ground Longerenong
Tuesday	8	10am-2.30pm	Brimpaen Craft Group – Brimpaen Hall
“	8	7pm	Grampians Wartook Promotion Group – The Wander Inn
“	8	7.30pm	Laharum Landcare Group – Laharum Hall
Wednesday	9	9.30am	Mobile Library - Laharum Primary School
“	9	11am	Laharum Preschool – Grandparents day
Monday	14	8pm	Laharum Neighbourhood Watch Rural - Laharum Hall
Saturday	19	11am	Grampians Tourist Guide Launch – The Wander Inn
Sunday	20	10am-3.30pm	Laharum Netball Club – olive picking at Toscana Olives
Wednesday	23	9.30am	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School
Thursday	24	1.30pm	Horsham South Garden Club – CWA Hall
Saturday	26	6.30pm	The Wander Inn – ‘Flavours of the World’
Tuesday	29	11am	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – visiting Horsham Colour

#### July

Tuesday	6	10am-2.30pm	Brimpaen Craft Group – Brimpaen Hall
Monday	12	7.30pm	Singing group ‘Local Vocals’ – Laharum Hall
“	12	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare Group – at Guests
Friday	16	evening	‘Red Faces Night’ – Laharum Hall
Thursday	22	1.30pm	Horsham South Garden Club – CWA Hall
Sunday	25	12.30pm	The Wander Inn – ‘Christmas in July’
Tuesday	27	2-4pm	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – ‘Christmas in July’
Friday	30	evening	Laharum School Parent Club – Quiz night

#### August

Tuesday	3	lunch	Brimpaen Craft Group – venue to be confirmed
Friday	13	evening	Laharum School Parent Club - Disco

#### September

Fri-Sun	10-12	day/evening	‘Classics in the Wartook Valley’ Festival – various venues
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#### October

Sunday	3	daytime	Open Garden Scheme – Jeanne & Royce Raleigh’s
Friday	8	daytime	Laharum Primary School – Fun Run

**Yoga** - Wednesdays 7.30-9.15pm, Laharum Hall. No yoga June 30 & July 7 – resume July 14.

#### Exhibitions of local artists

- Fri June 11 – Sun July 18 – ‘The Colours of warmth’ ) Wartook Valley Studio Gallery
- Mon September 6 – Sun October 10 – ‘Spring spectrum’ ) 10am-5pm

**Wartook Christian Home Meeting** – Fridays from 7pm - venues vary

## Brimpaen Truck Roster

DATE	BRIMPAEN TANKER	BRIMPAEN TANKER A	BRIMPAEN TANKER 2
31/05/2010	A. Bell	L. Dunn	A. Harmer
7/06/2010	R. Miller	B. Dunn	S. O'Halloran
14/06/2010	P. McGennissen	D & B Roberts	L. Barber
21/06/2010	A. Chincarini	C. Roberts	A. Hynes
28/06/2010	D, J & J Grimble	A. Smith	K. French
5/07/2010	G. Smith	A & B Roberts	C. Hynes
12/07/2010	G. Matthews	R & C Winfield	R. Barber
19/07/2010	Mick McGennissen	C & G McDonald	S & W Barber
26/07/2010	B. Tucker	Mark McGennissen	Greg Miller
2/08/2010	R. Matthews	P. Hutchinson	A. Harmer
9/08/2010	S. Jager	M. Purcell	S. O'Halloran
16/08/2010	I. Smith	B. Starick	L. Barber
23/08/2010	T. Dunn	D. Schmidt	A. Hynes
30/08/2010	L. Dunn	S. Price	K. French
6/09/2010	B. Dunn	A. Bell	C. Hynes
13/09/2010	D & B Roberts	R. Miller	R. Barber
20/09/2010	C. Roberts	P. McGennissen	S & W Barber
27/09/2010	A. Smith	A. Chincarini	Greg Miller
4/10/2010	A & B Roberts	D, J & J Grimble	A. Harmer
11/10/2010	R & C Winfield	G. Smith	S. O'Halloran



***Please make an effort to take trucks out during winter months – thank you.***

### Building Futures-Rural Replacement Update

Following is a copy of the note sent to all Laharum Primary School families following the state budget announcement:

“Dear Parents - To quote Andrew O’Keefe from his TV show: ‘Congratulations! It’s on the List!’”

To quote the 2010-2011 State Budget:  
Secure the future of small rural schools - Garfield Primary School; Halls Gap Primary School; Lockwood South Primary School; Tawonga Primary School; Wandin Yaloak Primary School; Woody Yaloak Primary School. Unfortunately for us, Laharum PS is not on the list!

At this time however, we must congratulate the two schools who were with us in our Rural Replacement Group – Halls Gap and Woody Yallock and wish them well as they move into the construction phase of their brand new schools.

Region says that I should remain positive, but I don’t mind admitting that personally I feel bitterly disappointed and very, very sad for Laharum PS. As the Principal, I can only thank everyone associated with both the Laharum School and kinder for their outstanding work and dedication over the past two years. Everyone has worked tirelessly in the hope of achieving the acquisition of a new, modern school facility to support the education of the current and future children of Laharum. Unfortunately our announcement didn’t happen on Tuesday.

In particular I would like to recognise the outstanding work of our School Council. For 2 years Councillors have dedicated their time to application writing, planning, meetings, Community meetings, HRCC meetings, architect meetings, travelling to Melbourne, visiting other schools to gain the best ideas for Laharum, Committee of Management meetings and environmental planning issues. I congratulate everyone for remaining positive

throughout some very difficult times. I’m so sorry that as yet, we have not received any reward for that incredible amount of work.

Thinking positively, we must remember the following things:

- We remain on the Building Futures-Rural Replacement list for future funding
- We do not have to start the whole process again.
- We are FULLY Master-planned, signed off and ready to commence the building process as soon as the funding is next announced.
- Next month we will receive our brand new 5Mod building which will give our students at least one new facility to work in. Remember that the BER funding of \$50,000 and the gaining of the 5Mod **is not** part of the Rural Replacement funding. This is Commonwealth money- the new school is State money.
- That Laharum PS/kinder have outstanding parents and teachers who are dedicated to providing the best possible education for our students in a rural setting.

The most important thing to remember is that the Rural Replacement is ultimately going to happen. The Government has made a commitment to improving all schools in Victoria and will certainly not leave us out. The current school buildings are well past their ‘use-by-date’ and certainly do not comply with the current educational philosophy or standards of how education should be delivered to our students. We just need to wait our turn and for now focus on how we can ‘nurse’ our school through for a little bit longer.

Again, thank you to everyone. Let’s pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and hold our heads high knowing that we have done everything possible to achieve a new school for Laharum. We just need some more luck next time!”

**Robyn Jones**, Principal



*Auctioneer and 'barrel girl'!!*

### Monte Carlo Night held Friday May 14

Wow!!!! What a great night was enjoyed by approximately 40 people. They feasted on soup, finger food including savouries and slices whilst chatting away. Then it was off to the tables for a flutter with their monopoly money! The children settled into another room set up with a DVD.

Some guests hadn't played before, but it wasn't long before they were 'old hands' and there was much noise, laughter and lots of "oohs" and "ahhs" from the tables.

The night was capped off with a great auction of about 30 items and bidding was fast and furious with bidder after bidder pressing for the items available.

Thanks to the 'Classics' and Hall Committee members for the food, for serving it and the cleaning up at the end of the night. Thanks also to the volunteers at the tables, the auctioneer, those who provided items for the auction and for setting up the children's activity.

It was a great night all round with \$1,600 raised to be split between Laharum Hall and 'Classics' Festival Committees.

Last but definitely not least, thanks to those in the community who supported this event. From feedback, we will be holding it again next year. So get all your friends and family motivated to enjoy another fun filled evening!

**Loretta Emerson**



*'2Up' – heads down – bottoms up!*

## Laharum Wartook Community Action Plan Review

On Sunday April 18 the community gathered for the opening of the extensions of the Laharum Hall - this was a great afternoon. After the opening, people were invited to stay to review the 2007 Community Action Plan. The review discussion focussed around the following questions:

- What role do you see Laharum Wartook playing as a resident and also considering the broader context?
- What do you want this community to be like?
- What are some of the economic, social and environmental issues we need to be aware of?
- What do you want to see happen in Laharum Wartook?

The review largely reinforced the vision and priorities that were identified in the 2007 plan – all of the existing priorities were still considered to be important – even if, in some instances there has not been a tangible outcome to date.

Considerable emphasis was placed on the desire to see a locally based community facilitator to help with community projects and importantly to generate activities and use in the Hall. Ideas were suggested for trying to fundraise or have a community enterprise as a way of generating funds for such a position. Other ideas that were raised at the workshop were:

- Facilitator funds/community enterprise as a way of funding a local facilitator for After School Care
- Playgroup - toys
- Sports and recreation for older people in the community at Cameron Oval – eg bowls/croquet
- Hall to be used for indoor sports and children's activities
- Promotion of local produce – monthly farmers market
- Welcome pack – tourism and facilities for residents
- Support arts and crafts – eg 'Classics at Wartook Valley'
- Plans for Cameron Oval and school
- Communications Infrastructure – also need to share information on options that are currently available and ways that people can improve their service
- Complete the Hall
- New School
- Information Bay at the Hall
- Transport
- Produce bartering
- CBI Steering committee to meet to discuss governance/Laharum Advisory Committee – re-energise and what happens next
- Road safety at Northern Grampians Road and Dadswells Bridge Road

### Next Steps

The CBI Steering Committee has met since the workshop and will update the Community Action Plan accordingly. The Steering Committee discussed the issue of governance and felt that it was desirable to still have discussions at the community level and have suggested the establishment of a 'community forum'. This could meet twice a year and provide the

opportunity to come together and discuss ideas and issues as a whole community. The CBI group has written to the Laharum Hall Committee – as an existing body – to see if they are willing to auspice/coordinate this forum. The group is happy to receive ideas and suggestions on this.

**Melissa Morris**

CBI Facilitator on behalf of the CBI Steering Committee



Reviewing the Community Action Plan

## Community Building Initiative Laharum Wartook Community Links



On Sunday April 18 Laharum and district people together with representatives from the funding bodies and Horsham Rural City Council, celebrated the opening of the Laharum Hall extensions. Horsham Rural City Council Mayor,

Michael Ryan unveiled a plaque to officially open the refurbished building, after which everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea supplied by the Laharum Hall Committee.

The office at Laharum continues to be open on Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm and offers services including - Computer use; Internet access; Printing; Photocopying; Faxing and Laminating.

Thank you to Loretta Emerson for volunteering at the office during May.

**Deb MacInnes**

Laharum Community Links facilitator

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School's group day at Haven Primary School

## Laharum Primary School – 2805



Term 2 is underway at Laharum PS with Prep, 1's & 2's learning all about dinosaurs, bringing them to life by investigating and

constructing a dinosaur from recycled goods.

Years 3-6 have completed and presented their MIPS on Indonesia coupled with an Indonesian food morning which allowed students to prepare, cook and taste Indonesian food.



Laharum Super Mathematics  
& Laharum Math Olympians teams

### Events we have participated in this month:

- Years 5 & 6 attended AFL St Kilda Football Clinic
- Prep-6 whole school Bike Rally
- Years 3 & 5 Naplan testing
- Prep-6 Golf Clinic at Cameron Oval
- Prep-6 Combined Rural School Day at Haven with Natimuk & Haven PS, incorporating a Fun Run
- Year 6 in Maths Olympics at Horsham College
- Portfolio Conferences between students and parents
- Creating, planting and monitoring our kitchen garden

In addition to all of the above, Laharum PS fundraising efforts from the end of Term 1 Hospital Day has enabled the Helping Hands committee this term to donate money to Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal \$300; Yandilla Ward at Wimmera Health Care Group \$200 and \$100 to Beyond Blue.

### Upcoming June events are:

- Students competing in Cross Country Zone Sports at Dimboola Tuesday June 1
- Cooking in preparation for Over 60's/Special Persons Lunch
- Natimuk, Haven and Laharum schools Years 3-6 Lightning Premiership Day, Footy & Netball.

**Robyn Jones**, Principal



Dane & Reuben 2<sup>nd</sup> placing in their age groups at Combined Rural School Day – congratulations!