

North West Grampians Newsletter

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Our community has certainly been in the limelight lately with success in funding from State and local governments for our community halls; enjoying Laharum's 50 year football premiership reunion, and individual sporting achievements. Isn't it great?!

Liz Hopkins

Mobile Library



Mobile Library will be at Laharum on **Wednesday August 6, 20 and September 3, 17**. Everyone is welcome.

Horsham Library is having fun and fitness at the Library both weeks of the school holidays for the kids. Elaine Stevenson, a mountaineer who is also an artist will be speaking at the Library on **Monday October 20** at 7.30pm.

Bryan Rohde Mobile Library Manager



Laharum students ready to pick olives



PASTA & TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday August 15

Meal 6pm followed by Trivia 7.30pm

\$15 adults, children under 10 \$7.50
including a delicious choice of homemade pastas
from our hot bain-marie, fresh garden salad,
garlic bread and tea & coffee

BYO alcohol

Bookings essential 5383 6377

Wartook Valley Gift Shop Clearance Sale

Friday August 15 at 5pm

35% of shop stock only - late night bargain shopping!

Followed by pasta at 6pm and Trivia at 7.30pm

*Enjoy fun and laughs in front of the lovely warm
Wander Inn open fire*

Wendy & Jenny McInnes are clearing all the gift lines in the Gift Shop at the Wartook Pottery/Wander Inn complex with the intention of stocking more Australian-made local crafts and produce

We want to give our local community the first option of these great reduced prices to be followed by more sales in September which will be advertised in the Wimmera Mail Times

The Wander Inn & Artist Studio products are not involved in this sale

Anyone interested in our work or produce and being involved in this new and exciting transformation, please contact us 5383 6243

Laharum Primary School



We have been very busy with activities over the last term.

Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 - In June the Year 3-6 students travelled to Sovereign Hill

and what a fantastic time they had! We visited Stawell Gold Mine and then onto Gum San with all its Chinese history in Ararat, arriving late in the afternoon at Sovereign Hill for our accommodation. Our day at St Peter's School at Sovereign Hill was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The students' manners, behaviour and attitude were beyond reproach, and that wasn't because they were being disciplined with the cane!!

Congratulations to Billy Elphinstone who was awarded the St Peter's School participation medal, to Ambrose for receiving Ma'am's special award, to Kate for receiving an offer of employment at Jones's Drapery and to Angus for receiving an offer of employment (and a marriage proposal) at Mrs Ramsbottom's grazing property. A special mention to Billy Shields for his outstanding contribution to all the school's activities. He provided much enjoyment to Ma'am and all of us in his role as 'Bub'.



Laharum students gold panning at Sovereign Hill

The Blood on the Southern Cross show and underground mines were a hit. Gold rush Mini Golf provided many surprises for everyone. It was an absolute pleasure to take the students to Sovereign Hill.

We now look forward to incorporating all those fantastic experiences into their work on Gold which we will continue this term.

On **Thursday August 14** we will be having a **GOLD DAY** and the Laharum Primary School will be turning back the clock to the 1850's. You are more than welcome to call in during the day.

Prep/One/Two - Term 2 was extremely busy with our Fairy Tale Theme. Many stories with varying Fairy Tale versions were read to the children and wooden spoon puppets were made and staged an act.

We then had our wonderful Fairy Tale Dress Up day and we had some lovely characters attend school - Little Red Riding Hood, Elves, Jack and the Bean Stalk and Cinderella to name a few. The children made the most delicious gingerbread persons and built a most impressive house of sticks.

This term we are about to begin our Olympic Theme and next term will be attending a camp at Grampians Retreat in November.



Fairy-tale Dress Up Day

Our next big event will be the Over 60's/Special Persons Luncheon on **Wednesday August 6** at Laharum Hall.

Principal

Laharum Landcare Group



The bus trip to the Upper Wimmera Catchment Project has been put on hold until spring as some of the sites are too wet.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday August 7**, 7.30pm at Laharum Hall.

The Laharum Envirofund Revegetation Project has eight landholders participating. All the sites have been fenced, ripped and mounded where needed. A ripper/moulder was loaned from Greening Australia - it did a terrific job for site preparation.

Iestyn Hosking and Heather Phillips of Wimmera Ecosystems Inc will coordinate with landholders prior to the start of direct seeding in mid August. Planting of tube stock is planned for some sites and plants will be delivered to the landholder prior to planting with guards.

Mark Francisco

Laharum Neighbourhood Watch

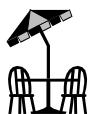


Rural

Next meeting is on **Monday August 11**, at 8pm at Laharum Hall. It will be the AGM and a refresher video of CPR technique will be shown. BYO pillow to practise on! We will have supper afterwards. Everyone is welcome - enquiries to Judy on 5383 8288.

Judy Gardner

Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



Tuesday August 26 - 'pampering' day! More information prior to event.

Tuesday September 30, 2pm at Brimpaen Hall - carpet bowls and meeting. Stall and afternoon tea.

Margo Hamilton

CFA Training Dates



Thank you to all who attended the First Aid Refresher and the Hazmat Awareness courses. Another First Aid Refresher course is planned at Brimpaen Hall over 2

evenings for **Monday/Tuesday August 11 & 12** from 7-10pm. It is important for all members who gained First Aid accreditation through the CFA to do this renewal of competency; otherwise you will have to do the whole course again.

A course at Wonwondah is organised over 3 **Mondays August 4, 11 & 18**, 7-10pm which involves Responding to Isolated-Remote Structure Fire (Low Structure).

Some members have expressed interest for the 'Lolly-Pop' course. CFA is still putting together the course. When it's available we will inform members in due course.

For further CFA training information please contact your brigade training officer.

Luke Dumesny

Laharum Cricket Club



Welcome to another season of cricket which 'kicks off' with a very important AGM to be held on **Tuesday August 12**, 7.30pm after footy training at the clubrooms. It is important to know of player intentions for the coming season so that the number of

teams and the grades entered can be finalised at the AGM. So if you are a past, present or future player, please come to the meeting or let me know of your intentions ASAP ☎ 5383 9230.

John Griffiths has again put his hand up to manage AND coach the U/14 team and we will hopefully again field an U/16 team with a few recruits if possible.

With the tennis club now located at the same venue, it will make for an even more social day on Saturdays and this as well as the best playing surface in the competition, must surely auger well for anyone wanting to join us for a great game of cricket.

Please contact me if you have any queries or to let me know of any possible recruits. In the meantime, let's support the footy and netball clubs and hope that they have successful finals. See you on 12th.

Peter Levey

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga continues on Wednesdays 7.30pm in a warm and comfortable atmosphere! Yoga will finish for Term 3 on **Wednesday August 27** and resume on **Wednesday October 8**. Please ring me on 5383 6265 for

further information.

Judy Berendsen

Horsham South Garden Club



Thursday August 28 – breast cancer pink day - 1.30pm at home of Janice Merrett, 10 McInnes Court. Wear something pink - bring pink flowers bloom, brag, stall, chair and cup, afternoon tea.

Thursday September 25. Trip to Wickliffe - details being finalised.

Lola Ervin

Brimpaen Craft Group



Tuesday September 2, 10am–2.30pm – UFO day.

Tuesday October 7, 10am-2.30pm – tassels using fringes or beads for Christmas style.

Jill Sinclair

Friends of Grampians/Gariwerd



Sunday September 7 – AGM. Please meet at Brambuk Cafe for lunch at 12.30pm – AGM to follow. Please bring your old photographs and interesting items for display and discussion.

Thursday September 25 (or possibly Wednesday 24th) - small-leaf Wax-flower survey. Assist searching for this endangered species around the Mt Difficult area. Please contact Sylvia on 5361 4001 to confirm date.

Thursday-Sunday October 2-5 - Halls Gap Flower Show.

Stan Parfett

Laharum Playgroup



Recently a group of parents with children between the ages of 0-5 years got together to look at forming a playgroup in Laharum. Trying to find a time and day of the week which suits everyone has been difficult.

The feelings of the group at this stage is that a gathering once a month would be best.

The next playgroup gathering will be on **Thursday September 4**, 9.15-11am. Meet at the Hall and if it's a fine day we will go to Mt Zero Picnic ground and have some outside fun. If raining we will have fun in the hall with dancing and singing and activities.

On **Thursday October 2**, 9.15-11am we will meet at the Hall and if fine, travel to Zumstein for some outside fun. Families need to bring drink and snack for themselves.

If anyone has any ideas or are interested in finding out more, please call Rhonda on 5383 8243.

Rhonda McNeil

Horsham Spring Garden Festival

This Festival will be held on **Fri/Sat/Sun October 10, 11 & 12** at Horsham Botanic Gardens. Please pencil these dates in your diary now for a weekend no gardener, landscaper, homeowner, insect lover, food and wine connoisseur should miss!

With new exhibitors expressing their interest in attending and your favourite ones returning, the 21st birthday of this annual event will be a great event!

Watch the local paper for exciting updates of guest speakers attending and new activities. I encourage you all to enter your gardens in the garden competition to show the city people just what green fingers we have out here in the country.

Sue Winfield

Laharum School Parent Club News



Parent Club have spent two days picking olives at Laharum Grove and we have raised a fantastic \$1,946! This was a great fundraiser and good to help Deirdre and Richard with a great crop.

We are running a 'Sock It To You' fundraiser. It has socks, long johns, bedding, gift wrap and all sorts. If you would like a catalogue please call into the school and have a look and we can give you an order form. You only have until **August 11** to get your order in.

Our veggie garden will be starting shortly. We have designed a bigger veggie garden which will have a number of raised garden beds, some fruit trees and even a chicken run. We will also be looking at putting in a propagation area. This will be a fantastic project for the children to learn to grow and use their own produce.

Parent Club will be organising the school fun run this year. It will be held on **Friday October 17**, so training is well underway.

Our school/community disco will be held on **Friday October 24**. We welcome all district children. This year we were lucky to receive a grant to help run the disco so we will be having a jumping castle and a DJ providing music. It should be a great night - mark it on your calendar.

Orders are now being taken for our cookbooks. We are almost ready to start printing and it would be great to get an idea of how many books we may need. If you're interested in one, please ring Jenny on 5383 6204 or Helen on 5383 8218.

Helen Francisco

Parent Club Secretary

Laharum Netball Club



Laharum Netball Club is doing fairly well this year. The 13 & Under are on top of the ladder; C Grade is just out of the five on percentage and 15 & Under are in the five. B Grade is also going along well. The little Mods are having a great time – we're looking forward to them playing with Laharum in years to come.

The new courts have been a great outcome and we are the envy of the league. Until next time!

Nadine Miller



Michele Mibus 350th game for Laharum

Laharum Football Club



As we move into the last 4 weeks before the finals, Laharum is still in with a good chance of some finals success. Our Under 17 football and 13 and under netball sides are both the sides to beat in their competitions.

Our Under 14 footballers are a realistic chance to climb back into the finals race after dropping to sixth spot, courtesy of an 'after the siren' kick against Rupanyup. They play the three bottom sides and have a bye in the final weeks of the season.

Our senior and reserve sides are both locked into top three positions and with some key players to return from injury are looking to improve in the run to finals.

Our C Grade netballers are a chance to take over 5th spot and the 15 and under side need to keep winning to stay in the finals.

A few weeks ago saw the 50 year Reunion of the 1958 Premiership team. A great day was had by all, particularly the 17 players from the team who returned on the day. Quite an amazing roll up!

Last week our joint senior coach Phil Butsch represented the VCFL in an interstate football carnival. Quite an achievement Phil - well done!

In recent weeks two stalwarts of our Netball Club in Michele Mibus and Jill Roberts have played their 350th club games. People like Michele, Jill and Stewart Combe, who played his 350th football game earlier in the season, are the lifeblood that a club such as ours cannot do without. Congratulations on your milestones. Hoping to see you all at the football - go Demons!!!

Keith Haeusler

Chairman – Laharum Football and Netball Club.

GWMWater Customer & Piping Committees

GWMWater has accepted me on to each of these new committees to represent people's views and raise issues from this area. I am making a list for the first meetings!

If you want me to include your views please contact me at giliz@netconnect.com.au or 5383 8207.

Gil Hopkins

Wonwondah Landcare



Group members have recently commenced a whole farm planning session under the guidance of Allan Hewitt and Ray Zippel from the Wimmera Catchment Authority.

Only 10 properties are able to participate, however the interaction and the planning ideas to date indicate how valuable this program will be, going into the future.

Tree orders have now been delivered with smaller projects covered through the group and larger sites under the guidance of Bruce MacInnes, WCMA.

There is no meeting planned until the whole farm planning course is completed in August.

Chris Guest



Horsham Rural City Council
urban rural balance

Council has now accepted its budget for 2008/09 and included in the works program are various items of interest as follows.

Further works will be undertaken on the Dadswells Bridge Wonwondah Road to continue Council's program to widen this road.

Funding has been provided for the Brimpaen Hall to provide for improvements to the drainage and also as a result of the success of the ongoing Australia Day celebrations at Brimpaen, Council will be making a contribution towards the Brimpaen Australia Day celebrations.

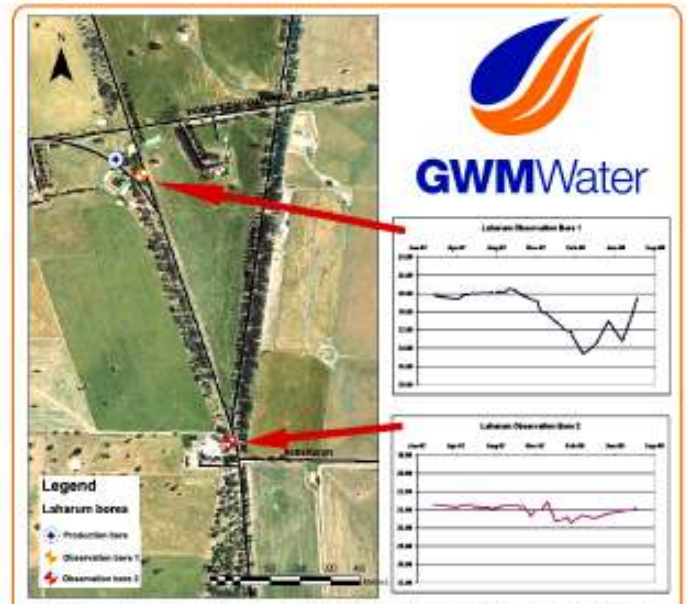
Concerns have been expressed recently regarding the use of the Laharum Recycling Centre and have received a positive reaction. Council advises that the current conditions at the site have improved and the usage and contamination of recyclables deposited at the centre has improved.

With regard to recycling, Council advises that the popular drumMUSTER Recycling Program will be again carried out at the Mt Zero Transfer Station on **Monday October 6**. Those wishing to return triple rinsed chemical drums should make an appointment with Council on 5382 9751 for a suitable drop off time to ensure that there is no delay at the Mt Zero centre on that day.

As reported elsewhere, Council is delighted that a further grant from Regional Development Victoria has been received towards the redevelopment of the Laharum Hall totalling \$150,000 which will include project management and refurbishment. The Project Manager for this work is Debbie MacInnes and any further details on the works can be provided by Debbie.

As reported previously, Council has undertaken some trial sections of stabilisation of gravel roads pavement in our area and two trial sections on Grahams Bridge Road immediately south of Wonwondah Dadswells Bridge Road are proving to be worthwhile under the current wet conditions. Council is hopeful that a new system of gravel pavement maintenance to give longer life to gravel pavements can be achieved from this new stabilisation process.

David Eltringham



Since early 2007 GWMWater has been accessing water from a production bore at Laharum to supplement supply to Horsham.

GWMWater has recently reduced the amount of water being drawn from the production bore to approximately 0.8ML per day to minimise the impact on the aquifer.

The above graphs indicate that groundwater levels have recovered slightly. The observed recovery coincides with the reduced pumping rate implemented by GWMWater in early July. The Observation Bore 1, which is located near the pumping bore, shows a distinct response. However Observation Bore 2, which is located more than 1km away from the pumping bore, displays a more generalised trend, indicating that pumping effects are localised.

Observation bores are monitored monthly to assess the impact on groundwater levels in the Laharum area. Regular updates will be provided in future newsletters.

If you require more information, please contact our sustainable Resources Division on 1300.659 961.

Laharum Hall Committee



The Ararat Theatre Group will be returning for another fun-filled evening on **Saturday November 8**.

Drought funding of \$500 was received from the Horsham Rural City Council for this event. Please mark this date in your calendar! We have also been successful with funds from the City Council for Hall equipment.

Judy Berendsen

Social Tennis at Laharum courts



Social tennis continues on Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm. We are hoping to line up a coaching day in the future.

Judy Gardner

Horsham RDA Centre



The start of the school holidays at the end of June meant a couple of weeks rest from RDA for our hardworking horses and (most) of our volunteers. For two of us however, it signalled the start of an intense biennial RDA event...the RDA Australia National Coaches Workshop. This is an informative and fun extra-long weekend where the big RDA family from around Oz come together in Geelong to learn new skills and swap stories.

Alison Silcock and I have attended several of these workshops over the past few years, so it was great to catch up with many old friends from all corners of the continent. We were privileged to hear several very good speakers covering such topics as conflict resolution, horse behaviour, musical therapy and the law in sport to name a few. Of course these sorts of 'do's' are not complete without the obligatory 'Happy Hour' and After-Dinner Challenges!

It was unfortunate that many of the other coaches and trainee coaches from Horsham RDA were unable to attend this workshop. But you can be sure that I will be going to the next one in 2010, and I will be urging the others to join me.

Last Friday's rally marked the retirement day for one of our long-serving and most trusted workers. Red Freckles is a 14:2hh Appaloosa gelding that has been with our Centre for well over ten years, and became a favourite among riders and volunteers alike for his calm temperament and pleasant manner. He would always stick close to his leader, even without a lead rope on, often to the frustration of his rider if they were trying to turn a different way!

In early 2003 Red lost the sight of his right eye due to an autoimmune problem. Despite our efforts to save it, he ended up losing the eye as well. However, Red barely faltered. Once he became used to it he returned to being the same quiet, patient mount he always was. And he didn't mind being led from his blind side either, every second or third stride he would gently swing his head until it touched his leader just to make sure you were still there.

For the last few months it seems that Red has found the work becoming a bit harder, despite it being made lighter and he wasn't holding his condition as well as he used to. So the decision was made last week that he had earned his retirement to a good paddock. He has now started a new career as a paddock mate for a horse down Telangatuk way. Along with Red Freckles, we have several other horses which are fast approaching retirement age. So the task for our Centre now is to start finding some new, younger mounts to replace them. No easy task when RDA horses have to be a very special type. If anyone knows of any potential candidates we would be glad to hear from you.

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

Tina Pallot

Laharum Tennis Club



The new season on the new courts is about to commence! We are looking for new players and anyone interested in playing this season please contact me. We enjoyed a social hit on August 3 followed by a barbecue and AGM. Please call Jo for any enquiries on 5383 6205.

Jo Gardner
Secretary

Laharum Rural Fire Brigade



Thanks to all those who helped out with the hay fire in Horsham recently, your attendance at short notice was greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to those who have recently participated in both Hazmat and Plantation Fire training. Luke Dumesny is our new training officer so please contact him if you have any concerns about your training.

Please remember to take the truck out for a run if you are rostered as it is important to keep the batteries charged up in case of emergency.

Don Sudholz
Captain Laharum Fire Brigade



Laharum Brigade members inspect the new Region 17 Field Operations van

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the communities of Wartook, Laharum and Brimpaen and all my friends in the arts community in Horsham, for their support and encouragement after my recent accident.

I have been totally overwhelmed by the extent of the support that I received. It is so reassuring to live in a caring community when something unexpected happens.

While it will take a few more months before I am fully recovered, I can now reach my toenails (for cutting!) and look forward to being able to walk and run with ease again soon.

Thanks again for your wonderful support.

Gill Venn

PETITION FOR IMPROVED ROADS

Does anyone know anything about a road petition that was prepared during the 2006 bushfires? Does anyone know if it was presented to Horsham Rural City Council? Council has no records.

The purpose of the petition was to request Horsham Rural City Council to bitumen-seal nominated roads in the Grampians vicinity, including Bolte Highway and Glenorchy Road between the Western Highway and Roses Gap Road. The petition was apparently circulated in Laharum, Wartook and Brimpaen areas.

If the original petition is not located, a new petition will be commissioned and located at the Laharum Sports Complex and the Happy Wanderer. If the community supports the petition, this would elevate the proposal for funding to improve our roads.

If anyone is interested to assist with this process it would be most welcome. Please contact me on 5383 6368.

Garry Newman

Aussie Flower People

The Aussie Flower People, Laharum are now pleased to be able to offer landowners the complete revegetation package. Not only can we supply your plants, we can also prepare your ground with cultivation and ripping, and continue the service with planting of trees and shrubs. Phone us A/H to arrange an obligation free quote on 5383 6201. Homeowner queries are welcome also.

Our propagation production schedule for 2009 is in the planning stage at present, so if you are thinking of plants next year, now is the time to talk with us regarding your needs.

Sue & Bruce Winfield

Wartook Christian Home Meeting

Our group meets every Friday evenings from 7pm and everyone is welcome for friendly supportive activities - venues vary.

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

Garry Newman

WARTOOK VALLEY 'ELECTRICAL'

Terry Williams 'A' Class 'Sparks'
and Satellite Broadband installs
via Skybridge

"No job too small"

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Parks Victoria



Wonderful Winter!

Winter in the Grampians means the creeks are flowing and the waterfalls are tumbling. Fungi can be found in most parts of the forest and the winter wildflowers are in full bloom. Keep an eye out for the sea of Thryptomene in the north of the park and there are fine examples of Candle and Flame heath, Grevillea alpina, Varnish and Silver Wattles along most walking tracks. Among the undergrowth there have been sightings of helmet orchids along with Trim, Dwarf and Emerald -lip orchids. Happy hunting!

Fire operations plans

The 2008 consultation period for the Horsham District Draft Fire Operations Plans will be open from August 1-29. This plan sets out the proposed fire protection activities that will be carried out on public land in our district over the next three years. It also provides maps and outlines the fire management activities scheduled for the next twelve months.

Fire management activities include proposed fuel reduction and ecological burns, slashing and track works and additions to the permanent network of strategic fuel breaks.

You can view the plan at the Parks Victoria Halls Gap office or the Horsham Fire Management office. Interactive maps are available online by visiting www.dse.vic.gov.au. Follow the links from 'Fire'. Community members are invited to contribute comments which will help shape the final 2008 Fire Operations Plan for the Horsham district.

Roads

While the rain we have received lately is fantastic, it is also a reminder to take care on roads and tracks within the National Park. There are sections on many tracks that may be closed after heavy rain. Road conditions are updated weekly and can be obtained by phoning Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre on 5361 4000.

While the weather is cooler start thinking about your plans for the summer! Why not start your summer bushfire preparations now by pruning overgrown gardens, removing excess junk from around the house and sheds and maintaining any fire fighting equipment. If you haven't developed one already why not start organising your bushfire survival plans.

Tammy Schoo

Solar Power – Grid-connected, stand alone, and hot water

Over 20 local houses have been inspected for solar systems. More than 50 people from all over the Wimmera are hearing about the program and want to be involved. This started as a local initiative, and the Federal Government funding will not last, so if you are interested in solar electricity and/or solar hot water NOW is the time to keep at the front of the queue. Please email giliz@netconnect.com.au or ring 5383 8207 for details.

Gil Hopkins

Laharum Preschool



We are off to a good start to Term 3 with 15 enrolments in total and our Wednesday occasional care session is full. We welcome Hugo Chincarini to our kinder in the 3-year-old group and hope he enjoys his time with us.

We are beginning the term with topics such as winter, road safety, farm safety, hospitals, and have a fresh new room with quiet corner, and soon to be a gigantic snow display. The children will gradually work on this as the term progresses as a group project.

Recently we were lucky to have a visit from Scallywag Scarecrow to teach the children about farm safety. Trinny and Vicky did a fantastic job performing this show and all the children loved Scallywag and understood the concepts of farm safety. The Victorian government funds the performance and hopefully we will be lucky to have it again each year.

We also hosted our open day and although we only had one expression of interest, it was great to welcome a new face. Our numbers are looking dangerously low for kinder next year so if anyone knows of families who are considering where to send their 4 year old, please let them know of our session times:

Mondays 9am-2pm

Wednesdays 9am-12pm - Occasional Care Session

We have been busy with fundraising of late, with catering for a Friday night movie and a clearing sale. Both of these events were very worthwhile and we have also received grant money for our upcoming Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon. Well done to all those who helped at these events and particularly to those parents who helped with the olive picking at the Baum's. This was greatly appreciated.

Another grant that came our way was the Horsham Sports and Community Grant. Caroline Geue, Bea Sykes, Janine Launder and myself attended the presentation dinner and thanks to 'Beau' for going up and receiving the award. We all had a fantastic night and we would like to say a special thank you to Tony Sykes and the Horsham Police for seeing us home safely!! (Don't ask!)

Thanks to Deb and Steve Thomas for delivering some of their tree stumps to kinder to be used as stepping logs. Also thanks to Michael Bond for the numerous maintenance jobs he has been performing at my request.

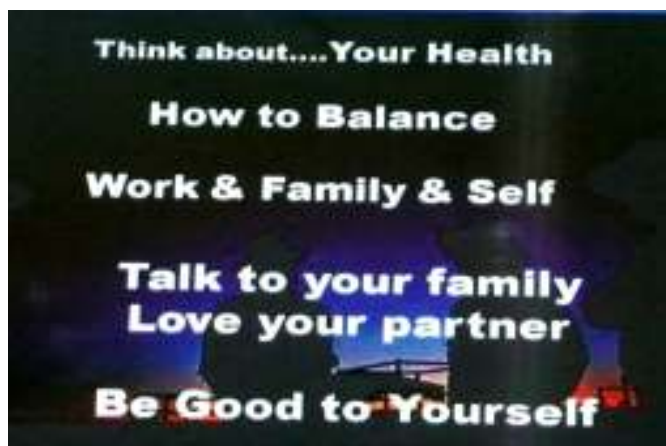
Does anyone in the community have any old dress ups that they would like to donate to kinder? We are a little light on these and it would be great for the children to have a variety of clothes to dress up in. They can be old clothes that you no longer want and the more colourful, the better. Also, I am looking for old jewellery to put in our new jewellery boxes that Shay and Brandon Day made for the children. Thanks guys!!

I will be having some excursions this term to the Wimmera Base Hospital, the ambulance station, and the police highway patrol car will visit us also. We will be having a visit from Thingle Toodle who is the RTA mascot for teaching road safety. He will be coming in August. Here comes a busy term!!

Jo Bone



Enjoying the ladies lunch with Bernard Denner



Some words of wisdom from Bernard's presentation

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Photos and articles to include in this newsletter are much appreciated



Resident caretaker at Laharum Hall!

Laharum/Wartook Community Links News

The Laharum Community Links Project has had great news with the announcement of funding from the Victorian Government's Small Town Development Fund. The Secretary for Regional & Rural Development Kaye Darveniza announced in Horsham on Wednesday July 23 that our application for \$101,913 has been approved. This additional funding ensures we can now put our plans out to tender to builders so we can get started with works to the Hall. Our new-look Hall (see opposite) will be completed by June 2009.

Bonnie Thompson will run a short course at Laharum Hall on **Monday September 8** at 7.30pm. This session will be on **Sounds & Symbols** which is an introduction to the international phonetic alphabet. Have you ever heard people speaking other languages using sounds that are quite foreign to English? Have you wondered about how those sounds are made? If so, get your lips loosened up and come on out for a couple of hours of fun exploring the sounds we make in languages right around the world. Learn how we make those sounds and what the symbols are that represent them. Fee is \$10.00 and all fees go to supporting Laharum Hall maintenance. Please register with Debbie MacInnes on 5383 8203; 0438 377453 or email: debbie.macinnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au.

We are looking for other people to put up their hand up to run a short course for our Adult Learning program. Your favourite hobby is very likely to be of interest to others. So anyone interested in sharing their interests, knowledge or passions with others in a one or two hour session, please let us know.

A 'Computers for Beginners' course over a three week period is planned for Term 4 using the computers at Laharum Primary School - dates for this will be advised.



The Men's health night presented by Bernard Denner and the follow up session with the ladies, were both very well attended and judging by feedback I received, everyone found them very informative. They really enjoyed the sessions and had a few laughs.

Don't forget to check out the Laharum/Wartook activities program for August and September below.

Deb MacInnes

Laharum Community Links facilitator

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LAHARUM/WARTOOK ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

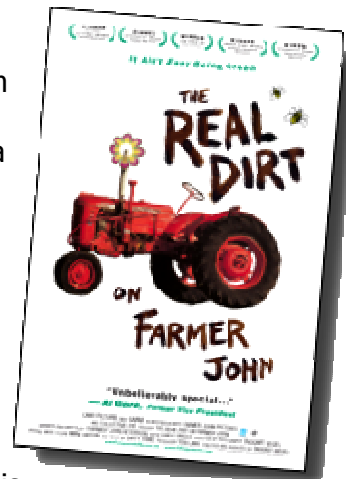
Date & Time	Venue	Activity
Friday 15 th August 6pm	The Wander Inn Wartook	Pasta night followed by Trivia at 7.30pm. \$15 adults; children under 10 years ½ price. Bookings essential to Jenny & Tony at The Wander Inn ☎ 5383 6377
Monday 25 th August 6.30pm	Laharum Hall	Movie night - gold coin donation. 'The Real Dirt on Farmer John' and 'The Power of Community. How Cuba survived Peak Oil'. Doors open 6.30pm – screening starts 7pm. Partnering with The Arapiles Community Theatre & Natimuk Urban Landcare Group
Friday 12 th September 6pm	Laharum Hall	Movie night - family movie to be decided. Meal provided at cost. Proceeds to Laharum Preschool. Free movie & popcorn

Laharum Film Night Monday August 25

Doors open at 6.30pm - screenings starts 7pm at Laharum Hall
Brought to you by Laharum Community Links partnering with the Arapiles Community Theatre and Natimuk Urban Landcare Group

The Real Dirt on Farmer John: The epic tale of a maverick Midwestern farmer

Castigated as a pariah in his community, Farmer John bravely transforms his farm amidst a failing economy, vicious rumors, and arson. He succeeds in creating a bastion of free expression and a revolutionary form of agriculture in rural America - 83 minutes.



The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half, and food by 80%, people were desperate. This film shows how Cuba transitioned from highly mechanised agriculture to using organic farming and urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic crisis - 53 minutes.



Community Building Update Laharum, Wartook and Brimpaen

Needs and Deeds Directory hits the streets!

By now you should have received a copy of the *Laharum, Wartook and Brimpaen Needs and Deeds Directory*. This Directory is the work of a dedicated project team who developed the directory after a survey of residents in June 2007 and many hours of research, meetings and data entry.

The Directory contains information on skills people have, are willing to share, things people want to learn, services people need - and are willing to pay for - and much more! So have a look at the Directory and see what deeds can be done.

If you haven't received a copy of the Directory, please contact Melissa Morris on 0428.505 605 or melissa.morris@hrcc.vic.gov.au to send one out.

Parliamentary Secretary Visit - On June 18 Lily D'Ambrosio the Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development, came out to the Wimmera to look at some of the CBI projects that are happening.



Cr Iestyn Hosking, Lily D'Ambrosio and some of Griffiths Sporting Complex Project team

The first stop on her visit was Laharum where she met members of the Laharum Sports Inc and CBI Steering Committee and Hall project teams. She also looked at the new tennis and netball courts, before heading to the Hall and looking at the Skills Directory as well as hearing about the plans for the Laharum Hall refurbishment.

This was a great opportunity to promote what the community is doing. The feedback from Lily and the State Government officers that attended was that they were very impressed and blown away with the successes of these projects – so well done everyone!

Melissa Morris

