

North West Grampians Newsletter

267 Pohlners Road, Laharum 3401
Phone 5383 8207 giliz@laharum.vic.au

June/July 2009

I was successful in receiving \$366.20 from Wimmera Volunteers towards incorporation. This will allow me to apply for funds over \$1,000 in the future.

The sum of \$900 from the Horsham Rural City Council will also be paid to the newsletter in late October. These funds are a wonderful contribution towards our community newsletter.

Liz Hopkins



Laharum PS students at Heron's property

Do you need a 'Working with Children' Check?

In 2010 it will be compulsory for all volunteers who may have direct contact with children such as coaches, instructors, leaders, committee members, etc. to have a 'Working with Children' check.

A session will be lead by a post office employee to assist everyone to complete the application on the night, including photos taken.

When: Wednesday June 3

Where: Laharum Football Clubrooms

Time: 6.30pm

What to bring: Identity documents to meet 100 points such as passport, drivers licence, Australian birth certificate (not extract), bank statement, rate notice, etc

Cost: free

Enquiries to Brian Burke on 0417 539 723
or Deb MacInnes 0428 838 203

**This newsletter is now printed on
100% recycled paper - helping towards
reducing Australian landfill**

Environment Sustainability Strategy Community Concepts

Horsham Rural City Council is preparing an Environment Sustainability Strategy for our municipality and seeks your input and ideas.

Interested persons are invited to discuss concepts with our Consultant, Elyse Riethmuller, at the following "Open House" sessions.

Saturday 6th June 2009 10.00am to 12.00pm
Haven Market

Saturday 6th June 2009 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Laharum Football Oval (near the Pavilion)

Sunday 7th June 2009 10.00am to 12.00pm
Natimuk Farmers Market

Thursday 11th June 2009 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wesley Performing Arts Complex

We look forward to receiving your ideas for a sustainable community.

David J Eltringham
General Manager Technical Services

PO Box 511 Horsham Victoria 3402 Ph 03 5382 9777 Fax 03 5382 1111

Email: sustainability@hrcc.vic.gov.au Web www.hrcc.vic.gov.au

Laharum Football Club



The highlight of the next few weeks is the 1959 Premiership Reunion on **Saturday June 6**, when we play Taylors Lake. It will be great to see lots of returning champions 50 years on! Our Senior footballers have made a

promising start under new coach Damien Bunworth. After a first game hiccup, we have played well and last round pushed reigning premiers Kalkee all of the game. Four of our players (Lucas Smith, Jarrod Wright, Robbie Miller and Tom Easson) represented the HDFL last week in their win over Mallee.

Our Reserves are currently fourth on the ladder and are capable of climbing higher in the next few weeks, if they can get everyone on the ground.

Our Under 17 side is missing some key faces from last season, but are a far better side than their current ladder position indicates. Look for much improvement in the weeks ahead! The Under 14's have played 4 of the top 5 sides for 1 win and 3 losses. Obviously they have an easier run ahead of them. Jayson Thompson, Pat Purcell, Brenton Roberts, Fred Harrison and Daniel Easson all represented the HDFL in Junior ranks.

On the netball court our star performers have been the 15 & Under team which is undefeated at this stage of the season. C Grade is not that far behind, having lost only the once. Jess Lovel represented the HDFL last week and Emma Iredell and Nikki Ervin also represented the league in the 15 & Under.

Hoping to see you during the football soon - go Demons!!!

Keith Haeusler

Mobile Library



We had a great time at Laharum last Wednesday. It was Library Week and so we had a barbecue with the school and some of the locals. One of the mothers cooked the sausages and onions and this was enjoyed by all. We gave the kids a bag of goodies and a chocolate frog. They went down well too!

It was great to see some new faces at the Library - remember it is open to anybody. You can get online and 'Hold' any item from around Victoria. This is a free service which we provide so anyone can get their hands on new copies of their favourite titles.

Our next visits are: **Wednesday June 10 & 24.**

Bryan Rohde

The Wander Inn

As part of the fundraising activities for the 'Classics in Wartook Valley' Festival, we are offering the following meals:

Friday June 12, 6.30pm Casserole night \$15 per head

Friday July 22, 6.30pm Mexican night \$15 per head

Sunday roasts are offered during the winter months from 12noon - bookings required 5383 6377.

Our 'Christmas in July' dinner will be on

Sunday July 12, from 12noon.

Jenny Wilson



Helen and Ethel with their prizes at the Biggest Morning Tea

Friends of Grampians Gariwerd



On Saturday May 9 a dinner at The Wander Inn, Wartook was hosted by

Parks Victoria to celebrate 25 years service by the Friends of Grampians Gariwerd. Rod Newnham, Regional Manager West for Parks Victoria presented FOGGs with a 15" LCD digital photo frame on which can be displayed photos or movies and activities to the public, hopefully encouraging new members to join.

Tuesday June 9 - visit and inspection of DSE & Parks Vic Grampians National Park autumn fuel reduction burns. FOGGs and Hamilton Field Naturalists and others are invited to attend. Meet at 12noon outside the Gourmet Kitchen in Dunkeld. For catering purposes please contact Sylvia van der Peet from Parks Victoria on 5361 4001 or svanderp@parks.vic.gov.au.

Saturday June 27, 10am - working bee Redgum walk to spray weeds on the buck-shot gravel paths and install new signs on the 'short section' walk area. Please register your interest with Margo on 5356 4524 or Stan on 5383 6349.

Wednesday July 1 - opening of the reconstructed Mackey's Peak Walking Track. Details included.

Saturday July 18 - annual fungi frolic. Meet 10am at Zumsteins car park. It will be conducted in the Zumsteins or Wartook area, depending on rainfall and fungi growth. Contacts are Ewen Johnson 5383 6294 or Stan 5383 6349.

Stan Parfett

Laharum Hall Committee

Monday June 15, 8pm
Laharum Hall

Discussion regarding possible Hall relocation to Cameron Oval, using the latest information.

If any of the public would like to present information to help the Committee make their decision, or hear the discussion, you are most welcome to attend

Laharum Landcare Group



A newsletter on weeds was posted to all landholders in the area. Please use this as a reference and if any of these weeds are sighted contact John Fisher on 5383 6263.

In May, Laharum Primary School and some Landcare members inspected trees that had been planted 2 years ago by the school children and Landcare members on Pat and Sally Hernon's property. Great success rates of grown trees despite the drought! A sign was unveiled followed by a talk with the children from Ray Zippel, the WCMA Northern Wimmera Landcare Coordinator. Thanks to Pat and Sally for the invitation back and supplying lunch.

Horsham Rural City Council has been organising rabbit control on some of our local roads for the last two months. Parks Victoria are undertaking a massive fox baiting campaign in the National and State Parks with fox numbers on the fringe area being greatly reduced.

The fox bounty is still running so if you have any tails, you can deliver them to me and receive \$5 per tail.

A very interesting course for farmers called 'Farm Plan 21' is to be held soon. Farm Plan 21 is about planning for the 21st Century and beyond by increasing your knowledge in production and sustainability. If you are interested in enrolling in this nationally accredited course, please contact me on 5383 8218 before June 30. It is a free course; no farm is too big or too small.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 9, 7.30pm** at Laharum Hall.
Mark Francisco



Gentle exercise session

Chris Sheehan from Horsham Aquatic Centre

Tuesday June 16, 6.30-7.30pm

Laharum Hall

\$5 each all ages - all welcome

Grampians Wartook Promotion Group (GWPG)

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 16, 7pm** at The Wander Inn – meetings held on the third Tuesday of the month. Items to be discussed will be membership fees and the website. Special guest will be Melissa Russell, Festival Director for 'Classics in the Wartook Valley'.

Jenny Hill
Secretary 5383 6242

*"We all have ability.
The difference is how we use it!"*

Laharum Preschool

The term has been very busy with such topics as dinosaurs, healthy eating, hospitals and space. We have also been doing a lot of fine motor activities with threading, weaving and leaf ironings and rubbings. Outdoors we have been making rockets, and enjoying blowing bubbles as well as sensory play with sand. We will soon move onto clay.



Our outdoor setting has been greatly improved with the inclusion of a gazebo which we were able to purchase through grant money from the Horsham Rural City Council. The gazebo was supplied by Les Keyte of Natimuk at a discount price for our kinder and this was greatly appreciated - thanks Les. He supplies a range of outdoor furniture and equipment at very reasonable prices to the local community. Also thanks to Jo Gardner for organising this grant.

We will be having a presentation from 'Tiddalicks the Frog' for the children to talk about dental care and healthy eating. This will involve stories, songs and games to educate the children on sometimes and always foods. Taryn Marks is Wimmera PCP 'Smiles for Miles' coordinator and will be presenting this talk. She will also be presenting an information session to parents on healthy lunchboxes.

We will also be hosting Grandparents day on the same day as the school's Special Person's & Over 60s luncheon which will be on **Wednesday June 10**. Grandparents of kinder children are invited to come along between 11am to 12noon to see what we do at kinder. Then a lunch will be held at Laharum Hall. I would love to see all of our grandparents come to kinder for a fun morning. If your grandparent can't come, perhaps invite a special friend!

I recently attended a professional development session with Sue Larkey who is an international author and expert on autism - this was very informative. I will be travelling to Ballarat on Wednesday June 17 for a science conference hosted by the Ballarat District Kindergarten Association. I hope to come back with some great ideas to implement at kinder.

If anyone in the community has some indoor plants to donate, I would love to have them. They have been fantastic with our dinosaur play area, but some others would be great.

Jo Bone

♪ ♪ Local Vocals ♪ ♪

Tuneful tantalising tonsil tickling!!

Laharum Hall

Leader – Merryn Eagle

THURSDAY JUNE 18, 7.30PM

Supper included – no cost
Singing ability not necessary



**Come along and join in the singing
in a relaxed and warm atmosphere**

Horsham South Garden Club



Thursday June 25, 9.30am - Brenda Hunter on floral art. Coffee morning at CWA Hall. Bloom, brag and stall.

Thursday July 23, 1pm – flowerless flower show. Anglican Hall, Andrew St. Bloom, brag and stall.
Lola Ervin

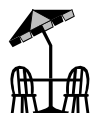
Trivia Night - Casserole Tea

BYO casserole to share
Prizes - no charge

Friday June 26, 6.30pm

Laharum Hall - all welcome

Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



We had a very successful day on May 26 where 13 members raised \$400 for the Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser. Our stall consisted of plants, cakes, egg and bacon pies and much more – great effort!

Tuesday June 30, 2pm – trivia and meeting at Brimpaen Hall. Stall and afternoon tea.

Tuesday July 28 – Christmas in July. Lunch at Brimpaen Hall. For further information contact me on 5383 9250.

Margo Hamilton

Wonwondah Landcare Group



The group's last meeting provided an opportunity to inspect the Rotowiper that was recently delivered and will be available to members to tackle troublesome weeds on their properties.

Another idea to assist with the laying of many kilometres of poly pipe in the near future was discussed. It was decided to investigate alternatives that may be available to minimise the cost involved for everybody, now GMMWater pipes are being laid in most directions.

Further monies have been made available for rabbit ripping this season and a dedicated program will commence soon. Anybody who has warrens or a rabbit problem, please contact Chris Guest for an organised effort to control them.

A reminder that our group also has a \$5 fox bounty available to the hunters in the district. Snails will again show their presence once it rains. A baiting program will attempt to minimise their progress southward as the problem has become very evident over the last couple of years.

The fencing trailer is again getting quite a lot of work and is still operating well.

The group's next meeting will be on **Tuesday June 30**, 7.30pm at Guest's dairy.
Chris Guest



Celebrating 25th birthday of Grampians National Park and opening of Mackey's Peak walking track

Grampians National Park Invites the community to participate in walking from Wonderland Car Park to Halls Gap via the Pinnacle and Mackey's Peak walking track

This completes the fire recovery effort in the Wonderland Range

Date: **Wednesday July 1**

Meet: 1pm at Wonderland Car Park

Return by 5pm approx

Participants to arrange own shuttle from Wonderland to Halls Gap

Enquiries please contact

Mike Stevens on 5361 4004; 0438 513269 or

mstevens@parks.vic.gov.au

or Sylvia van der Peet on 5361 4001; 0427 568838 or

svanderp@parks.vic.gov.au

Felt Making Workshop

Make a fashionable colourful felt scarf

Wednesday July 1, 1.30-3.30pm

Wartook Pottery Art Studio

\$20 each - ring to register on 5383 6243
Numbers limited

Dancing - learn a dance routine

Good exercise and good fun!

Leader: Leah Matthews

All welcome - no charge

Tuesday July 7, 6.30-7.30pm

Laharum Hall



Brimpaen Craft Group

Tuesday July 7, 10am–2.30pm at Brimpaen Hall – card making with Kaye Jess.

Tuesday August 11 (note date change) 10am at Denise Garrett's, 25 Landy Street – making ribbon parcel ties with Jill Sinclair. Requirements: 1m ribbon X 2.5cm wide; 1.2m ribbon X 1.5cm wide; thread to match wider ribbon and needle. BYO lunch.

Jill Sinclair



Say thanks to your Landcare neighbours!

Nominations are now being sought for the Victorian Landcare Awards

The awards are open to any individual or group caring for land in Victoria. Nominations close on 1 July 2009.

To submit your nomination, or for more information please visit: www.dse.vic.gov.au/landcareawards or call DSE's Landcare Officer on 9637 9824

CFA Training



The Laharum Fire Brigade has finally reached the required totals for many of the courses that are offered by the CFA. But in saying that, there are many registered members that still need to complete many modules.

There are a few courses that have been focused on the other brigades within the Grampians Group (Brimpaen, Green Lake and Wonwondah) to have first preference, as their target numbers are down. For those who are interested or need information on what they have done or need to do, please contact me for clarification.

For those members across the Grampians Group that were selected to participate in the AIIMS course that was postponed in February, that course has been rescheduled to **Sunday July 19 & 26** at the Laharum Football Ground. Further reminders closer to the dates will come across the pagers (make sure you have batteries in your pagers!!!!).

Another date to keep in mind is **Sunday August 23** with a Hazmat Awareness and Class A Foam course at Laharum. I will have further information in the next edition of the newsletter.

Please don't forget to take the fire trucks for a run, and give the pumps a run whilst you are driving around.

Luke Dumesny



CLASSICS in Wartook Valley
MEXICAN NIGHT
FRIDAY 24TH JULY
Fundraiser
@ The Wander Inn
STARTS 6.30PM
DRESS UP, BEST COSTUME PRIZE, PINATA & MORE

Laharum Neighbourhood Watch



Rural

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday August 10**, 8pm at Laharum Hall.

Judy Gardner

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga continues until the end of June with a break until **Wednesday August 12** when we resume 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. We were successful in receiving funds from the Horsham Rural City Council for the cost of the balls. New members always welcome!

Judy Berendsen



Parks Victoria

Campground upgrades

Stapylton Campground - works will continue at Stapylton Campground over the next few weeks. The campground will remain open but sections of the campground may be closed for works.

Plantation (Heatherlie) Campground - The major works at Plantation Campground have been completed. The campground will **remain closed** over the winter months to re-establish the grass cover from the construction works. Parks Victoria will review and monitor the site and will open the campground as soon as the soil has naturally compacted and grass has grown enough to provide a suitable ground cover for camping.

For further information on road and track closures, contact me on PDALEY@parks.vic.gov.au or direct on 5361 4005, mobile 0409 563 868.

Prue Daley

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

Thank you to David Thompson for setting up these websites and downloading the newsletter every edition.

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

Riding for the Disabled



Thank goodness for the rain! Everywhere spirits are lifted by the knowledge that we will perhaps have some semblance of a 'proper' wet winter. The land will green-up again, mowers will be dusted off and spiders evicted from the gumboots.

Spare a thought however, for the volunteers at Horsham RDA, as we once again reconnect with the lost arts of 'cleaning mud from hooves', 'brushing mud from coats' and that favourite of every horse carer; 'trying not to slip over in the mud while carrying an armful of hay'! It's been a while since we've had to deal with these circumstances and although they are certainly something of a challenge, we are by no means complaining!

As we approach the middle of the year, our groups are settling into a comfortable routine. However, there will be some changes coming soon to our equine team as decisions are made to give a well-deserved retirement to a couple of hard working ponies in our team, Piggy and Misty. They have served our Centre for many years. In their place we will be trialling a potential new horse. So far he seems to be coping with the work, but he will need to show his worth for a few more weeks yet.

An update on John Bennett's horse Bo as a vaulting horse – he is coping well with our weird requests to "keep walking while we jump up and do gymnastics on your back", so I will be happy to start using him in a vaulting program soon. All I have to do now is get someone accredited as a lunger and we will be set to go!

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

Tina Pallot

Laharum School Parent Club



At about the time the last newsletter was delivered, we were anticipating a visit from Stephanie Alexander - a great day was had by everyone with many pizzas being

made. A very big thank you to everyone that helped and brought produce along. We hope that Stephanie will visit again when we have our school garden in full swing.

We had a very successful Easter market this year at The Wander Inn. The weather was perfect and we had a lot of people visit our stall - we would like to thank everyone who supported us on the day.

The children have been very busy at school and are now gearing up to host their annual over 60's and Special Person's Luncheon. This is always a great day and the children love showing everyone around the school at what they have been doing. A little later on in the term they have their bike ride to look forward to.

Deirdre Baum



Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser

Our 4th Cancer Council fundraiser was held on Thursday May 28 at Laharum Hall and was attended by 35 women who enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with friends and have some laughs! We met for lunch and enjoyed soup, sandwiches and hot savouries followed by slices, fruit



and hot drinks. Our 'bring and buy' stall was stocked with relishes, jams, cakes, biscuits, fresh produce and herbs, native flowers, handmade craft and cards and more!

This year a raffle was organised with 8 prizes and we are grateful to the donators for their

generosity. Overall we raised \$1,095.05 and this money will go towards the cost of funding ground-breaking research into the causes of cancer and new and improved treatments. Significant advances have been achieved through research and the survival rate for many common cancers has improved by as much as 30% in the past two decades.

Thank you to everyone who contributed with items for the stall; donated and made food for our lunch and to those who helped serve lunch, washed dishes and cleaned up afterwards – a great effort! Thank you.

Liz Hopkins

Laharum Netball Club



Netball has started the year off very positively with C Grade currently sitting in third place on the ladder. Whilst A & B Grades are in the lower half of the ladder, they have played all of the pacesetters in the competition. If the competitive spirit continues, then there will be a lot of success this year.

The junior Under 15s are on top of the ladder; Under 17s and Under 13s are finding it more challenging, but seem to be really enjoying their experience.

The girls 'modified' have really improved after last year and have all begun to grasp the concept of the game. They have even shot a few goals this year which has really put smiles on their faces!

We had a number of reps in the interleague last week including Jess Lovel, Nikki Ervin and Emma Iredell who I'm sure all made us proud.

Off the court there is a very positive vibe around the club that is providing everyone involved with enjoyable Saturdays.

Please come and support the netball club if you are looking for something to do on Saturdays - I'm sure you won't regret it!

Alastair Griffiths

Attention new Mums & Dads!

Make a stoneware plaque with your baby's feet and handprints to cherish for ever with the help of professional potter Wendy McInnes



\$25 per baby/toddler
Materials and firing costs included

For expressions of interest call Wendy at the Wartook Artists Studio on 5383 6243 or AH 5383 6220

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!

WANTED

Used clear plastic containers such as for takeaway Chinese food - round or rectangular with lids and in good condition (rinsed or unwashed)

They can be dropped off at the Wartook Gift shop, our mailbox at 2155 Northern Grampians Road, Wartook or we will collect them from your mail box.

Thank you - Wendy & Emily
☎ 5383 6220

Laharum Fire Brigade



We've enjoyed a relatively quiet period over the last two months. The only incidents occurring as a result of burn-offs.

I urge all people to take caution when undertaking burn offs and **always** check your burn the next day.

I also ask that people remember to take the trucks out for a run when they can and keep on eye on upcoming training events to keep your skills up-to-date.

Thanks for all your support and take care with your heating over winter.

Don Sudholz
Captain



Laharum Primary School

RSL Visit, Wednesday May 27 - Our whole school travelled to Horsham to see

the visiting show from the Shrine of Remembrance. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to participate in an education program, complete with uniform, Rising Sun badges, slouch hat, eternal flame and food ration pack. Importantly, students had the opportunity to listen to, and ask questions of two returned soldiers, Bill and Fred.

Following the RSL, we then visited the Horsham cenotaph which was also an interesting experience for our students. Here we continued to discuss the importance of memorials and why the ANZAC parade and services were so important.

All students have been studying 'Australians at War'. Students had made wreaths for our ANZAC Day Service which was conducted at the Hall. Year 6 students laid the wreaths and all students observed the minute's silence as a mark of respect to soldiers past and present.

Extra-curricular activities

Grampians Sports Teams Try outs: Well done to Jimmy (soccer) and Ambrose, Rueben and Brodie (football) who all tried out for these teams.

AFL Football Clinic—Years 3-6: What a marvellous, wonderful, terrific, exciting time was had as students were honoured to learn skills from Collingwood players!!

Haven Cluster Day: All students headed off for an important day at Haven, allowing for socialising and interaction with other students from Rural Schools. Well done to the following students who won their age group for the Cross Country Trials: Reuben 10yr boys 9.05mins; Dane 11yr boys 14.45mins 3km; Ambrose 12yr boys 13.38mins 3km. These boys then qualified for the Zone Cross Country at Dimboola on May 28 – well done!

Landcare Visit - Heron Property May 15

Our students were kindly invited back to Pat & Sal Heron's property to look at the trees they planted with Laharum Landcare Group a couple of years ago. What a wonderful day we had at their property. The Heron's supplied a barbecue lunch which was terrific and everyone enjoyed the tree planting celebrations. We were very proud of our plaque being unveiled at

their property. Thank you to everyone else involved from Laharum Landcare and Wimmera Catchment Management Authority. The senior students have been working hard on their

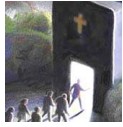
Recount Writing of the day's events. The bus was kindly donated by Bronwen and Don Carter.

Robyn Jones
Principal



Photos and articles for this newsletter are always appreciated

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

Please note our new email address

giliz@laharum.vic.au

You can change your email address as well!

Community Links can help you..

Send us an email if you want to change to a laharum.vic.au or wartook.vic.au address.

Solar electricity and hot water

Most of the people that had booked up for solar electricity now have their systems installed, and are waiting for their meters to be upgraded.

There are now bulk-buy schemes across Victoria, with different companies working in Ararat, Laharum, Natimuk and Dimboola.



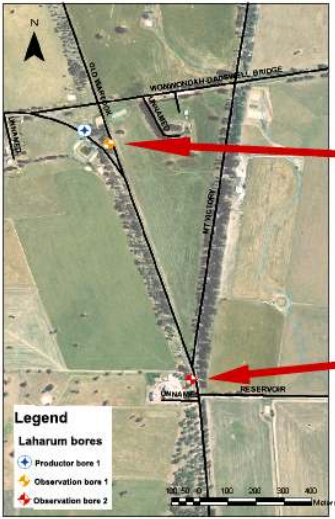

If you want information about solar power please contact me NOW at 5383 8207, as the Federal rebate of \$8,000 finishes this June.

Everyone should understand that ALL meters in Victoria will be changed over the next three years to interval 'smart meters' so charges can be on an hourly basis (check the energy section of DPI website). The Government says this "will allow us to control our consumption and greenhouse gas emissions", but doesn't say that the price per hour will vary depending on demand. So there won't be night rate anymore, but because use will be lower at night, so will the price. Apparently during the week of weather over 45°C in February the electricity had to be bought from interstate at about 600 times the price it cost us. In Europe people are charged at varying hourly rates. We know that electricity prices will go up rapidly in the next few years.

Gil Hopkins



Laharum students running from the rain in Hernon's plantation, with trees already head-high.



GWMWater scaled back the Laharum bore field trial in mid April due to licence conditions which restrict allowable extraction volumes.

From 15 April 2009 GWMWater was extracting groundwater from the Laharum bore field at the rate of 2 ML per day. Since 6 May 2009 GWMWater has reduced the groundwater extraction rate to 1 ML per/day.

The updated graphs show that water levels declined by a modest amount in response to the trial of higher extraction rates, but then recovered, as expected, when extraction rates were reduced.

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 659 961.

GWMWater and piping

There were 50 people at the meeting in Laharum Hall on May 12, when Peter Vogels (Deputy Board Chairman) and staff, Max Burns and Trevor Dedini presented information about the piping going on in our area of System 6.

The piping should be finished by September, with the tap-in process to connect landholders from August to January.

Properties outside the designated 'district' should put in expressions of interest for piping so it's all on the database and planning can take into account clusters and economics, and interested people can work with GWMWater to find funding opportunities.

Division 4 properties (not previously supplied or rated) within the designated area will be have two years to decide whether to be connected at present prices.

Our Laharum-Wartook Community Building Initiative has a 'Water subcommittee' which has been arranging meetings and discussions with GWMWater, especially about the bore and piping issues, and will be involved in future discussions. If you have particular information or ideas please send them to me at giliz@laharum.vic.au or 5383 8207.

But for particular piping issues or problems please contact GWMWater staff!

Gil Hopkins

Dept Sustainability & Environment



Department of
Sustainability
and Environment

Another Fire Season has passed and what a disastrous one it has been for Victoria. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of all those people so tragically killed in the Black Saturday fires. The Royal Commission now has the task to examine and recommend on any 'learnings' from the events of last summer.

DSE's autumn burning program in the Grampians was a bit of a 'mixed bag' this year. The weather stayed extremely dry up until Anzac Day and then it came in wet and damp. Our burn on Carters Track was done just before Anzac Day and the section on the west side of the Range above Roses Gap Road burnt reasonably well, however the section on the east side of the range in the Wartook Basin failed to burn. Another burn near Rocklands Reservoir in May burnt about 50% of the planned area and resulted in a mosaic of burnt and unburnt. Overall across the Grampians-Black Range we actually burnt just under 50% of the over 6,000 we had planned to burn.

We are now beginning to plan our burning operations for this coming spring and next autumn. Our plans will be advertised for public comment in July and we invite comment from both individuals and organisations. Please consider putting in a submission.

DSE and Parks Victoria undertake burning on public land for both environmental and for fire protection reasons. One of the local areas we are planning to undertake an environmental burn upon is the small patch of bush on the corner of Wonwondah-Dadswells Bridge Road and Winfields Road in behind the stockpile of road material. It is an extremely long time since this small isolated patch of bush has seen any fire and we are contemplating burning it, perhaps in two stages over the next couple of years. We would be very interested in hearing your ideas on this proposal. Have a great winter!

Geoff Evans

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.



2008 new Laharum Tennis courts opening

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

Need printing?

Why pay more than necessary?

Sometimes smaller is better



Thanks to advances in technology you can now get quality printing done in quantities that suit you. No need to order more than you really need to get a good price.

You probably don't always need thousands of business cards, or letterheads, or brochures, or books, or ... whatever. So why pay for a large run if you don't really need to? Short run printing makes sense.

Vickers Printing, 7 Olga Ave. Horsham Tel 5382 3110

WARTOOK VALLEY 'ELECTRICAL'

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

"No job too small"

☎ 0416 203401

A reporter interviewing a 104 year old woman asked "and what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" She simply replied "no peer pressure"!

A blast from the past – life keeps changing!



1965 Laharum Tennis courts working bee

Community Building Initiative

Laharum/Wartook Community Links News

Fifty community members attended the community meeting on Wednesday April 1 regarding the location of the new school and heard responses from representatives from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Laharum School Council to questions/points that were raised at the previous January meeting. After much discussion a clear majority voted that they would like to see both the New School and Hall relocated to a site adjoining the Cameron Oval Reserve to create a full community precinct at one site. They believe this would lead to enhanced outcomes in the long run in terms of creating a more family friendly community facility and provide lifelong learning opportunities within the community. Master planning for the new site at Cameron Oval will begin as soon as possible and steps have been taken to form a new committee to oversee this. This committee will include representatives from HRCC, DEECD, Laharum School, Laharum Preschool, the Cameron Oval Management Committee, the Laharum Hall Committee and the Laharum Community Links Committee. Alternative uses for the Hall's existing site will also need to be investigated and could be a function of this committee as well.

Since the community meeting, the Community Links Project Team has met and considered that even though the Hall is to be relocated, it is imperative to continue with the refurbishment on the current site and then move the building later. The Community Links Project and Council has now asked for an extension from the Federal Government which stated that all works relating to the Federal Government funding were to be completed by June 30, 2009. The FACSIA Department has indicated to us that an extension may be possible and an on-site meeting with FACSIA occurred last week. The timelines associated with the relocation of the School (and Hall) to the new site are not firm at this stage and there are many steps associated such as - land acquisition by DEECD, new building plans, rezoning, subdivision, master planning etc.

The Community Links Project Team is also concerned that further delays would mean increased costs and that these increased costs would exceed the extra costs associated with moving the larger building. There are no funds at this stage for moving the Hall, however funds to contribute towards moving the Hall have been included in applications that Laharum Primary School has submitted to the Federal Governments Building Education Revolution Program.

Plans for Laharum Hall redevelopment have been completed and tenders called. Tenders for the contract closed on April 3, 2009 and discussions with lowest tenderer have taken place and the contract is now ready for Council approval.

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

Deb MacInnes

Laharum Community Links Facilitator

Phone 5383 8203 Work 0438 377453 Email: debbie.macinnes@hrcc.vic.gov.au



LAHARUM / WARTOOK ACTIVITIES PROGRAM JUNE/JULY 2009

Date & Time	Venue	Activity
Tuesday June 16 th 6.30-7.30pm	Laharum Hall	Gentle Exercise session. Leader: Chris Sheehan (Horsham Aquatic Centre). \$5 each. All ages. All welcome.
Thursday June 18 th 7.30pm	Laharum Hall	Singing Group - community sing-along just for fun. Supper provided. No Charge.
Friday June 26 th 6.30pm	Laharum Hall	Trivia Night - Casserole Tea (bring a casserole to share). Prizes. All welcome. No Charge.
Wednesday July 1 st 1.30-3.30pm	Wartook Pottery Art Studio	Felt Making Workshop. Come along and make yourself a fashionable colourful felt scarf. \$20 each. Please ring to register - numbers limited.
Tuesday July 7 th 6.30-7.30pm	Laharum Hall	Dancing - learn a dance routine. Good exercise and good fun. Leader: Leah Matthews. All welcome. No charge

North West Grampians Newsletter - Community Calendar of Events Activities and meetings in the district 2009

June

Wednesday	3	6.30pm	'Working with Children' Check — Laharum Football Clubrooms
Saturday	6	1.30-3.30pm	Environment Sustainability Strategy Community Concepts – Laharum Oval
Saturday	6	day	1959 Laharum Football Premiership Reunion — Laharum Football Ground
Tuesday	9	12noon	FOGGs - Meet Dunkeld
"	9	7.30pm	Laharum Landcare meeting – Laharum Hall
Wednesday	10	morning	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School
"	10	11.30am	Special Persons and Over 60s lunch – Laharum Hall
Friday	12	6.30pm	Casserole night – The Wander Inn
Monday	15	8pm	Laharum Hall Committee and public meeting
Tuesday	16	6.30-7.30pm	Gentle Exercise Session – Laharum Hall
"	16	7pm	Grampians Wartook Promotion Group meeting – The Wander Inn
Thursday	18	7.30pm	'Local Vocals' singing – Laharum Hall
Wednesday	24	morning	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School
Thursday	25	9.30am	Horsham South Garden Club
Friday	26	6.30pm	Trivia – Casserole night – Laharum Hall
Saturday	27	10am	FOGGs - working bee Redgum walk
Tuesday	30	2pm	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – Brimpaen Hall
"	30	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare Group – Guests

July

Wednesday	1	1pm	25 years Grampians National Park – Wonderland Car Park
"	1	1.30-3.30pm	Felt making workshop – Wartook Pottery Art Studio
Tuesday	7	10am-2.30pm	Brimpaen Craft Group – Brimpaen Hall
"	7	6.30-7.30pm	Dancing – learn a dance routine – Laharum Hall
Sunday	12	12noon	Christmas in July – The Wander Inn
Saturday	18	10am	FOGGs – Fungi frolic – Meet Zumsteins Car Park
Sunday	19	TBA	CFA training – Laharum Football Ground
Friday	22	6.30pm	Mexican night – The Wander Inn
Thursday	23	1pm	Horsham South Garden Club
Friday	24	6.30pm	Mexican night – The Wander Inn
Sunday	26	TBA	CFA training – Laharum Football Ground
Tuesday	28	lunch	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – Brimpaen Hall

August

Monday	10	8pm	Laharum Neighbourhood Watch Rural – Laharum Hall
Tuesday	11	10am	Brimpaen Craft Group – Horsham
Sunday	23	TBA	CFA training - Laharum

September

Fri-Sun	4-6	All day	'Classics in Wartook Valley' Festival – The Wander Inn/Laharum Hall
---------	-----	---------	---

Laharum Social Tennis – Tuesdays 2pm – Laharum courts

Yoga – Wednesdays 7.30-9.15pm – Laharum Hall (not during school holidays) – Term 3 resumes August 12

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

Laharum Auskick – Friday nights 5-6pm – Cameron Oval

North West Grampians Fire Brigade News



Junior Volunteer Development Program



The Horsham Fire Brigade are currently recruiting members for its junior brigade.

The Junior Volunteer Development Program for young people aged **11 to 16**, it is a youth development program that provides a wide variety of safe, enjoyable and challenging activities, which enhance a sense of community spirit and personal values, with an awareness of fire and fire safety, and strengthens links between brigades and their community.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide young people with a sense of place in their community
- Provide an awareness of the need for and benefits of volunteerism
- Enhance personal values such as commitment, responsibility and respect for self and others
- Increase the opportunity for future recruitment and volunteer involvement in the CFA whilst making a proactive contribution to the safety and wellbeing of Victorian communities
- To make friends and have fun.

All Activities are conducted by volunteer members of the CFA

- Junior members will be supervised at all times by a minimum of 2 CFA Junior Leaders, who are trained and for the role and comply with the Working With Children Act 2005
- Leaders can only take responsibility for your children during the set program times. You are expected to organise transport arrangements to and from activities as required
- Leaders will develop each terms program in consultation with the Junior Members
- Leaders will develop rules and consequences for the program in negotiation with Junior Members
- Junior Members must adhere to the rules and regulations developed by the brigade and CFA
- Junior Members must complete a Medical and
- Registration form in order to become a CFA Junior Member

CFA is a non-profit organisation and makes every Attempt to provide activities cost free through fundraising and sponsorship. However for some activities there may be a small fee.

For more information on joining the Horsham Junior Brigade please call Brooke Turner on (03) 5382 6672

