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LOCHIEL LIVING

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Newsletter:

The next *Lochiel Living* Newsletter will be in late April 2024.

Please send your items and stories to lpasecretary@hotmail.com by 22nd April for inclusion in the next issue.

Vale - Muriel Moulds

Muriel and Graham came to Lochiel in June 1969 to run the general store until 1979. Together they introduced Sunday trading, which many succeeding storekeepers continued.

After leaving the shop, they remained in Lochiel with their six children.

Muriel regularly attended Lochiel Uniting Church and Lochiel Friendship Group. She is fondly remembered as a kind and softly spoken lady who cared for the people of the community. Muriel rarely missed a game of local footy & netball (Hummocks Watchman Eagles) during her involvement, which included assisting husband Graham as Lochiel canteen manager for several years.

Her six children and several of her grandchildren have all played football and netball for the club over the years, with some still playing and involved today.

In recent years, she was often seen quietly cheering on her grandchildren from the sidelines, watching footy in the car from the prime spot around the oval or saying hello to people in her warm & caring manner.

Graham and Muriel remained in Lochiel until 2005 and were recognised for 36 years of dedicated service in the Lochiel community.

The Lochiel Progress Association and our community extend their condolences to the extended Moulds family.

A huge thank you, to all involved in the cleanup of the Church and surrounds prior to Muriel's service.



General Meeting:

A General Meeting of the Lochiel Progress Association will be held on **Tuesday 26th March 7.00pm** at the Lochiel Community Centre. All members and community are urged to attend to hear 'what's happening' and offer thoughts.

SPORTS

Darts:

The darts season starts in April and if anyone, man or woman, are interested in playing in this well organised sport, contact *Peter Nicholls* on 0488 571 318.

Football/Netball:

The Hummocks Watchman Eagles Football & Netball season commences on 20th April 2024 with games played at Lochiel on 22nd June, 20th July, 3rd August & 10th August plus a final.

Tennis:

Thanks to everyone involved in the Lochiel Tennis Club for 23/24 🎾 from junior parents and grandparents getting kids to practice, picking up balls and to driving all around YP umpiring games, to everyone that put their hands up to make sure our senior team fills a side. Our senior team had a pretty rough start to the season, but with some grit and determination we scrapped into finals, we only just lost to Alford to get to the qualifying finals.

Our juniors have had a really good year with one more game to go, have been really lucky to have such a good group of kids! next year will be hoping to have hot shots, C grade and a B grade.

Special thanks to *Symonn* for organising teams, helping with stacking the fridge and sitting though order of play meetings. Joel for keeping the Club going from behind the scenes. Mitch and Kath for always putting their hands up for busy bees. 🐝

Looking forward to what our small club and community can do in the 24/25 season.



Claudia, James, Lacey, Peter
Missing Alec & Halle

Community Centre:

Our 'Friday Night Club' has now been operating for just over twelve months and we take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patronage and we look forward to another successful year of fun and enjoyment for all. Many thanks to Tanya, BJ, Mia, Bob, Janne, Linda, Peter, and Tony for their help with this venture.

Some photos –



Australia Day



50yrs Anniversary
Wendy & Bob Carter



60yrs Anniversary
Joylene & Dean
Hoskin



Paul



Elli & Jake



Adrian

Some of the meat tray winners

We have received suggestions to put on quiz nights and bingo at our Friday evenings. The formalities of doing this are being investigated and possibly introduced in the future. (Need to find questions for a quiz night that no one knows the answers. Ha ha). Unwanted 'stubby holders' are always welcome.

Lochiel Playground:

The dull, colourless blank wall of the public toilets, facing the playground, has been colourfully transformed with the assistance of WRC, a local artist, and local youth.

Also, a wheelchair friendly picnic table setting has been installed at the playground, again, with WRC assistance.

Both projects came to being through the efforts of the LPA Grants Coordinator, *Holly Cowan*, who sought the funding and project managed the design, purchasing and installation works.



Friends Reunion:

A get together of real-old friends held in Lochiel.



Margaret Contessa (nee Pridham) Avril Barber,
Dick Nicholls, Wendy Carter (nee Walsh)



Opening of the 60kph
speed limit on the
highway through
Lochiel.

Pictured: Claudia Cowan, Holly Cowan (LPA Board) Bob Carter (LPA Secretary) Geoff Brock (MP) and Rodney Reid (WRC Mayor)

Rainfall:

Measured at South Hummocks Road.

2023 year 516.9mm

Jan 24 15.8 mm

Feb 24 0.0 mm

2024 YTD 15.8mm

One of the storms
over Lochiel this
summer.

Photo: *George Liakos*

Hoping for a great
cropping season.



John Nicholls Memorial:

On the passing of John Nicholls in November 2023 a considerable amount of donation was raise through donation tins and a 'Go-Fund-Me' Facebook page.

The LPA, on behalf of the Nicholls family, is seeking ideas for a lasting memorial to John for his many, many years of service to Lochiel and the community. Please forward your thoughts to lpasn@hotmail.com All ideas will be presented to the Nicholls family for consideration.

Lochiel Ideas:

Our township is located approximately 50km from any major mid-north service centre. An idea has been put forward to arrange a 'bulk service' of routine household equipment which would then result in shared travel fees applied to each account for the service(s) rendered. Services like - septic tank pump-out, air conditioner service, electrical appliance/tool testing, and gutter clean may be able to be arranged if enough interest.

Your thoughts/interest can be addressed to lpasecretary@hotmail.com

Another suggestion put forward was to hold a 'town garage sale' similar to other towns who set up a map of lawn/garage sales within the town or otherwise inside/outside the town hall. An opportunity to declutter unwanted items. Again, your thoughts/interest to lpasecretary@hotmail.com

CFS & SES:

Great news – nothing to report.

Just a reminder that while summer is now over, it is still fire danger season until the end of April. So, keep your 'fire action plan' ready and be careful.

Thanks:

The Lochiel Progress Association extends our sincere thanks to the Nottle family, Nicholls family, Simmonds family, Ottens family, Wakefield Regional Council, and our volunteers for their assistance in helping make Lochiel a great place to live.

Watch - Out:

Our community has been very lucky with no reports of theft or damage to properties in recent times. Nantawarra recently reported intruders and the quick action by a resident resulted in the two persons being reported by Police.

These days we all carry mobile phones, most with cameras. If you see something which seems 'not right' take a photo and depending on the circumstances, call 000 and/or backup. However, **never** put yourself at risk or in any potentially dangerous situation.

Let's all keep a watch out for our properties and our neighbours.

Landmark Gone:



February saw the complete demolition of the **Nantawarra silo landmark**.

It was built in 1956 and was the FIRST CONCRETE VERTICAL SILO built in South Australia, when bulk handling was introduced. Bulk handling revolutionised the agricultural/grain industry in SA.

Condolences'

The deepest sympathy of the LPA and the Lochiel community to *Anthony Whiting* and family on the passing of wife, Julie. Rest in peace.

NEW LAWS - from 1 February 2024:

The Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products (Smoking bans) Amendment Regulations 2023 have specified a number of outdoor areas that will be required to be smoke and vape-free from 1 March 2024. The changes will be of most relevance to sporting clubs.

Smoking and vaping will be banned in all public areas at or within 10 metres of a sporting venue at times when an under-18 years sporting event is occurring. Additionally, this will also apply during a training or practice session to prepare to participate in an under-18 years sporting event.

At Lochiel, the areas of concern are - playground, public toilets, town hall, and the oval, tennis/netball courts, & playground when children are present. We seek everyone's help in abiding by these new South Australian laws. Smoking, and now vaping, are banned in all buildings.

Situation Vacanct:

Pink Lake Tiny House is looking for a local part time cleaner. Contact Christina on 0413 525 288 or info.tranquiltravel@gmail.com for further information/details.

Code of Conduct:

The LPA is developing a 'Code of Conduct' applicable to all members and visitors at all Lochiel venues and events. A copy will be emailed to all members soon.