

New addition to Lorne's growing contemporary art collection

Slowly, year after year, Lorne is adding to its growing collection of contemporary sculpture with the latest addition, 'Supermodel' recently placed on the banks of the Erskine River on the seaward side of the bridge.

It joins Lorne's other permanent sculptures, 'Dart' by Jonathan Leahey (near the Visitor Information Centre) and the 'Pack' by Dean Putting (among the trees on the foreshore).

The four metre 'Supermodel' is in the form of a steel painted sculpture by Louise Paramor, winner of the Lorne Sculpture Biennale 2014.

The commission has been made possible by the Victorian Sculpture Fund offered through the Victorian State Government and managed by Creative Victoria (formerly Arts Victoria). This one-off funding allowed Lorne Sculpture to offer an award where a sculptor was chosen to create a new work especially for Lorne as a \$75,000 commission.

Judges Tony Ellwood, Director of the National Gallery of Victoria, Jason Smith, Director of Heide Gallery and Sculpture Park and Heidi Wood, a prolific Australian artist living in Paris, selected Louise out of 41 Sculpture trail artists.

Over the last 12 months, Louise has been working with a fabricator to create the 'Super Model' which was inspired by the small sculpture she exhibited during the Lorne Sculpture Biennale 2014.

Her success has led Louise to create a whole series of 'Super Models' which have been exhibited in Perth and Canberra in the past year. Her piece for Lorne is the original Supermodel and will become a significant work in the collection of Australian sculpture.

The unveiling of 'Supermodel' marks exactly twelve months to the opening of the 2016 Lorne Sculpture Biennale.

The event is said to bring more than \$3 million into the town's economy and attract 55,000 visitors.

See Graeme Wilkie's story on page 3



Lorne metal sculpture 'Supermodel' on the Erskine River bank just near the Bridge. Left, Martin Foley, Victorian Minister for Creative Industries does the honours with the creator of the sculpture, Louise Paramor.



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On Lorne's special commission - 'Supermodel' by Graeme Wilkie

Lorne's recent art acquisition, the Louise Paramor 'Supermodel' is not only a 'landmark' but a 'milestone' for Lorne and the Biennale.

It is highly symbolic that the State Government's arts funding bodies have acknowledged the importance of this event not only for Lorne but for the whole State of Victoria.

It is recognition that Lorne Sculpture Biennale (LSB) has "come of age" and has become one of, if not the most important sculpture event in Victoria.

It is also an explicit commendation of the curatorial and administrative excellence of LSB through granting a commission of this magnitude.

This places LSB on a par with the only two other organisations to receive such major commissions under the Victorian Public Sculpture Fund, the City of Bendigo and the Heide Museum of Modern Art in Bulleen.

'Supermodel' is a 'landmark' for Lorne! As the celebrated modern art critic Robert Hughes cited in his seminal work, "The Shock of the NEW", this sculpture carries with it significant symbology for Lorne. Not in the obvious but in a more sublime sense. Not just in the object itself...challenging perceptions etc but in its presence on Mountjoy Parade...to say of this town, "We, the residents, embrace the contemporary, we are modern thinkers. Standing as a statement of progressive thinking, this is a town for youth, innovation, open mindedness, a town that accepts the NEW!"

Further to the artwork itself, Louise draws reference to the potential of using common found objects. The parts for the maquette construct were a plumbing fitting, a pencil holder, a baby's rattle and plastic disposables.

These have all been composed into her iconic style for her "Supermodel", a paradox of objects in juxtaposition, saying something of our current popular culture and our current phenomena of elevating personage to the 'Super'.....in a contemporary sculptural context, I think, it works!


Louise Paramor is already recognised as one of Australia's top modern sculptors.

Her work is a magnificent addition to Lorne's growing, permanent Sculpture Park.

In years to come, this fine art sculptural collection of Lorne's could well become known internationally, attracting many new visitors and much additional income to the businesses.

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The Louttit Loop



What a surprise to see Mark and Julianne Trickey back in town for a brief visit. Looking good too. And what a wonderful gathering they had at The Pier Restaurant with their close friends and their dear family – especially the grandchildren – prior to returning to the south of China for more intense treatment for Mark.

Camel has finally gone to the Grace McKellar Rehab centre prior

to coming home to Lorne. His heart is going great, but hands are still giving trouble. This shyish family have finally agreed to a very Lorne function – a fundraising. So much equipment will be needed to be able to return Camel to us. A big fundraising gig is being held at the Cuda Bar on Sunday 19th April from 2-10 – with talk of a non-stop BBQ by the CFA, and drinks from the Bar. All manner of \$raisers will be on offer with the usual wonderfully generous folk donating, buying and bidding. A Foundation is in the pipeline but the legalities may not be sorted by the 19th. There are also collection tins in many shops in Lorne and locals and visitors are encouraged to chip in.

Busy vital activities co-ordinator at the Hospital – Liz - has the Nursing Home knitters clicking like mad making divine red poppies for the big Anzac anniversary. The Lorne Patchwork Girls hope to collect over 300 poppies for part of Lorne's tribute of respect and remembrance for those 1st World War diggers.

Prior to moving with Topy (dec.) to Point Lonsdale to be closer to his brother, Lorne's David Russell was a serious presence at our Anzac march. Not this time. Sadly he passed away in March. Sympathies to Deborah, Fiona and families.

The Newsagency flag was also lowered in Lorne to mark the passing of Peter Muir who died in Queensland.

The dreadful problems in Vanuatu become so real when one has a relative living there. Hadyn and Elizabeth Rickey's son Charles and his wife Angela recently relocated there (CEO for ANZ Bank) and experienced the worst 48 hours of cyclonic terror imaginable. Their dwelling held up and is now a temporary home for many folk. They have been interviewed on Radio Australia.

Peter Sinnot has moved on from Lorne Nursing Home to Colac. His slightly eccentric, very gentle presence will be missed.

Beaut local wedding when Audrey Simmons grand-daughter Tiffany married Rob Lowther (founding partner in The Bottle of Milk). After a barefoot outdoor wedding (with shell anklets) – the new husband and wife thrilled everyone at the Big Hill reception with the spectacular results of two big dance sessions learning the "Love is in the Air" routine from Strictly Ballroom. Aaaaaaaah.

The organizing team for the big International Women's Day event on the long weekend was very happy with an amazing gathering at the Cumberland. A large eclectic collection of women from near and far! Frustrating not to be able to mingle, meet and chat more in such a warm, supportive situation. Well done team IWD.

Granny Marg Riordan is about to add another littly to her stable as Suzi is due to deliver number three really soon.

Quite a few SOLD stickers have been added to boards recently, including Sharkey's freehold in the main street, and a big parcel of about 50 hectares in North Lorne (which will have only one or two houses on it).

Under the "Everything is not as it appears" headline – a member of the Op Shop team of volunteers forgot to take her name badge to work, so simply pinned on another for the shift. And so Loris Y. Volunteer became Sue G. Volunteer for the afternoon. Word on the street is that no-one was fooled.

In fact Ulrich remembers an SES barbeque after a call-out when a member had donned another's nametag and had a happy time 'walking in someone else's shoes'.

Time to dead-head those agapanthus flowers PLEASE before the seeds go black and spread themselves all over the place. Best to snap off their heads and black bag them prior to putting them in the normal rubbish bin, although Camel reckons you can just toss them in unbagged as the heat of the tip kills the seeds. He also says the remaining long stems should be removed (quite dangerous and will stab you when they are dried and dead). Tie them in little bundles to dry as they make great faggots (love the word) for the fire. Waste nothing!

May as well yank out those tomato plants as well eh? Not a good year for tomatoes and a glut of green tomato chutney is the result! Yes, several smarty pants gardeners did have some ripe red fruits – but mostly it was just a dud year. Blame the weather.

We are really in good hands at the Lorne Medical Centre these days. Dr Swaroopini Thangarajah is not nearly as scary as her name implies and loves to be called Swarzi or Dr Swarzi and is a smart, smiling, very thorough doctor who will be here in Lorne for a year. Dr Ian Rossiter is also a great 12 month addition to the team. Dr Ian looks young, but has had enormous experience working as a Nurse at Epworth, then undertaking a Science Degree and finally becoming a Doctor. Lucky us.

A very happy bouncy barking border collie was spotted recently rounding up a large group of Saturday morning bike riders on a steep part of the winding road into Lorne. One rider was towing a cage on wheels. No doubt the dog rests in this on downhill stretches!

Thanks to Jonn at Foodworks Supermarket for the donation of a big box of plastic bags for the Op Shop. If you have a surplus at home, how about dropping them into the Oppie as folk seem to love a bag to hide their bargains! The shop also needs donations of towels at the moment.

Commiserations to Noel and Wendy Fowler whose precious nineteen year-old blue heeler "Jess" chucked in the doggie towel after two very hot days in a row this summer.

Did the sculptor obtain approval from the Surf Coast Shire for the very-red red of the newly planted 'sculpt' beside the river? Doubt it, as it is GORCC controlled land! One is so tempted to pop a Sydney Swans flag or poster somewhere on it. It is taking quite a while for some of us to get used to such a big extremely red statement!.....Lillian

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The desire for the community of Lorne to have some sort of cultural identity is palpable and indeed we have embraced with enthusiasm the offerings of our now over-40-year-old Easter Art Show and the Lorne Biennale Sculpture Exhibition.

The Lions Easter Art Show does allow, by the nature of its structure, artistic expression in both the traditional and contemporary sense, but the Sculpture event is much more focused on the contemporary, the experimental and definitely an artistic vision of the future.

And, perhaps, it is a measure of a town's maturity and sophistication if it is able to establish a permanent exhibition of artistic expression.

Geelong and Ballarat have magnificent permanent collections.

Lorne of course is not in the same league as these two mini-cities, and to take advantage of permanent purchasing of sculpture in a spin-off from the Sculpture Exhibition seems like a most logical and satisfying outcome.

Gradually, over time, Lorne will be able to build up a collection of contemporary sculpture and the Great Ocean Road Coastal Committee which is in charge of so much of our foreshore, has seen the light to allocate ten areas to permanently fix these objects of art.

The Dart, the Pack, and now our newest addition, Supermodel, have all been allocated permanent homes.

Three down, seven to go!

Apart from the eternal question of what is art (and the history of art has time and time again proven the critics wrong!), a more immediate puzzle is to match a particular sculpture to an appropriate site.

As they say in the real estate business: position, position, position.

Should the sculptures be placed individually all over Lorne, or should they be grouped in clusters or even a dedicated 'arts/sculpture precinct'?

The Pack, judging by most comments, seems appropriate for its place among the trees on the foreshore, as is the Dart, but Supermodel has already attracted sharp criticism.

To place such a visually startling sculpture in bright colours almost at the epicentre of Lorne might, to some opinions, not be the best idea the committee responsible for its placement has had.

One wag suggested it is a good statement for the Swans FC; another suggested painting an additional black ring to align it with St Kilda colours.

With more acquisitions over the coming years, there is sure to be much discussion on Lorne's image and direction in the arts, especially sculpture - see Graeme Wilkie's comments on page 3.

And where the individual sculptures are placed!

- Jo Vondra



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Surf Coast Shire Council has allocated a total of \$78,800 funding for the January 2015 round of Major and Community and Minor Event Grants.

The Event Grants program is a new program designed to support events in the Surf Coast Shire in the off peak season – post Easter to mid-December.

The January round resulted in \$70,000 allocated in the Major Event stream and \$8,800 awarded to Minor / Community Events. \$27,000 of the total has been recommended for pre allocation in the 2015/2016 budget. An additional \$3,000 was awarded to a Minor/Community event at Council's February 2015 meeting taking the total under the program to 81,800.

The Events Grants program was launched on 8 December 2014 with submissions closing for the January round on 19 January 2015.

Events were assessed on four criteria – economic development, social impact, cultural impact and environmental sustainability.

The Council will review the grant program and make changes to enhance the application and evaluation process for future rounds.

- Surf Coast Shire media release

Events Grants program funding for 2014/2015:

Event	Funding stream	Amount
Lorne Festival of Performing Arts	Major	\$25,000
Surf Coast Trail Marathon	Major	\$5,000
Afterglow Twilight Run	Major	\$5,000
Wiggle Amy's Gran Fondo	Major	\$10,000
Raven Creek Farm Autumn /Spring Fair	Minor /Community	\$2,000
Love Winter in Aireys	Minor/Community	\$2,000
ANGAIR Wildflower Show	Minor/Community	\$800
Winter Solstice Celebration	Minor/Community	\$1,000
Surf Coast Relay for Life	Minor/Community	\$1,000

Events Grants program funding for pre allocation in 2015/2016 Council budget:

Event	Funding stream	Amount
Lorne Sculpture Biennale 2016	Major	\$15,000
Surf Coast Century	Major	\$5,000
Lorne Film 2015	Major	\$5,000
Trick or Treat	Minor/Community	\$2,000

The power of 'mindfulness'

Over forty people attended a lecture by Dr Craig Hassed at the Cumberland auditorium recently as part of the Lorne Community Hospital's drive to create more awareness of the need for better mental health.

Dr Hassed has an international reputation for his work on 'mindfulness', seen as a technique in promoting wellness, and a way to improving health and managing illness.

Science, especially medicine, is taking an ever increasing interest in just how important 'mindfulness' is to general health and wellbeing.

No stranger to Lorne in that he had lectured previously at our Community House, Dr Hassed is a GP and lecturer at the Monash Medical Centre, and his message is that 'mindfulness' is a simple and easily accessible technique which can help in situations of stress, anxiety, depression, sleep and a host of other personal problems.

Important factors in our make-up include education (understanding our choice of life-style), how we manage stress, spirituality, the amount or lack of exercise we get, nutrition, connectedness and the environment in which we live.

These are all well-known and standard observations, but what Dr Hassed is particularly interested in is the 'mindfulness'

of the self, or the important part the mind plays in our general health and well-being.

The mind is not very good at concentration, a fact that has been observed by Eastern thinkers for thousands of years, and Dr Hassed said that 'multi-tasking', considered by some to be an envious skill, might not be such a good idea in practice.

He brought up the most obvious example of texting while driving – we are not capable of doing several things at the one time; if we try, the consequences are often tragic.

Dr Hassed's message is that concentration or mindfulness has vast implication in our total life-style, from being able to adequately communicate, relieve stress and improve sleep, make us work and play with more enjoyment, even influence our social behaviour, and our relationship in terms of family.

Listening to Dr Hassed the much used popular phrases such as 'scatter brained' and 'blind panic' really do make sense.

In a finishing touch, Dr Hassed invited the audience to sit back and concentrate on sections of the body he specified, and for some five minutes there was a breathless stillness as closed eyes focussed on the inner self.

- Jo Vondra



News from our Councillor for the Lorne Ward

Around the Shire - Summer Debrief 2014-2015

The summer period is a very busy time for the Surf Coast Shire where the population is estimated to increase from its usual population of 28,282 to over 85,000. This does not include day trippers to the area or those people attending festivals such as the Falls Festival which attracts over 16,000 people between Christmas and New Year.

At the March Council Meeting a Summer Debrief paper was tabled for noting by Council. The full document can be found on the Shire Coast Shire's website. I have summarised a number of interesting points:

1. Between 1 December and 31 January, 35 events took place in the Shire attracting approximately 91,600 attendees.
2. Lorne staged six events, attracting in excess of 30,000 attendees.
3. The cool summer weather resulted in significantly lower attendance at our beaches. The Surf Lifesaving Clubs estimated that numbers were down by 33,000 from last year.
4. Lorne Visitor Information Centre received 44,307 walk-ins, phone or email enquiries during December and January.
5. Lorne food businesses were relatively happy with the period; however retailers have indicated it was not such a good year particularly those selling beach based products.
6. Pier to Pub traffic data was down 3,000 vehicles on the previous year
7. The coolest weather in decades was reflected by the low number of Extreme (1) and Severe (1) and Very High (5) fire days recorded.
8. Waste management created significant issues over the period with Council now reviewing services and the amenity issues.
9. Despite initial technical issues, the new free Wifi system along the Great Ocean Road experienced 67,000 connections while Lorne had over 12,000.

April Council Meeting

The Surf Shire Shire's April Council meeting will be held in Lorne at the Senior Citizens Community Hall on the 28th April. Drop by to meet the Councillors and our new CEO Keith Baillie at 5.30pm, followed by the Council meeting at 6pm.

Lorne Football & Netball Club – Easter Blockbuster Games.

Easter Saturday will see the Football & Netball teams take on Birregurra at Stribling Reserve. Come along and support the Dolphins. Membership applications will be on hand. The action begins at 9.00am with the Under 14's.

ANZAC Day Community Activities

To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of ANZAC the following program will be held on Saturday 25th April

7.00 am, Dawn Service, ANZAC Memorial Park Mountjoy Pde

7.30 am, Gunfire Breakfast, Lorne Bowls Club car park

11.00 am, ANZAC Service, Lorne Senior Citizens Hall

11.45 am, ANZAC Parade, March to ANZAC Memorial Park

12.30 pm, Community Lunch, Lorne Bowls Club

Gold coin donation for sandwiches, Lamingtons and ANZAC biscuits cooked by community members, plus BBQ.

Following lunch enjoy the fun of participating in a traditional two up game.

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Please note that the Council will hold a budget session at the Lorne Senior Citizens Centre on April 16 beginning 7pm.

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Lorne's ladies celebrate International Women's Day 2015



A celebration of International Women's Day 2015 was held at The Cumberland Auditorium on 9th May. About 100 women from Lorne, Deans Marsh and Aireys Inlet attended, and enjoyed good conversation, a drink and sandwiches and a great film. "Girl Rising" was a film about the importance of education in the lives of girls and women in the developing world.

The event was introduced by Lesley Goldsworthy and opened by the Mayor of Surf Coast Shire, Margot Smith. After the film, three Lucky Door Prizes were drawn, and a handful of people drifted off to the Cuda Bar for a cocktail before calling it a night. The funds remaining after the event will be donated to the "Girl Rising" project.

- Mandy Calder



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Football and Netball are back!

The Dolphins' football and netball season starts on Saturday April 4th - Easter Saturday - with a home match against Birregurra. Yes the Colac and District Football and Netball home and away season is upon us. The football teams will be trying to cast aside a poor 2014 season, and their training and practice match form has been sharp. The netball teams are looking to continue their very good 2014 form and, like the football team, have recruited well.

The teams get the chance to show us their talent on Easter Saturday and we all need to be there at Stribling Reserve barracking for our team, our town. The refurbished football ground, clubrooms and netball court give great playing and viewing opportunities. It is wise to be there early, have lunch at the ground and enjoy the matches with your friends – you will not be disappointed. Memberships for 2015 are still available and are great value at \$60 for admission to all home games. Club Secretary Maxine Spizzica would be very happy to take your call on 0409 320 132 and answer any questions that you may have. GO DOLPHINS!!!!

Ladies Golf

The Lorne ladies golf group have had a busy month. A team consisting of June Stafford, Paula Hayden and Wendy Hutchison played at the recent Ocean Spray Classic at Angelsea golf club. They had a fun day and enjoyed playing the Angelsea course, kangaroos and all.

Four of our ladies, Caroline Bartholomew, Rose Wyles, Carolyn Tatchell and Lesley Goldsworthy, also traveled to Melbourne to represent the Lorne Country Club's annual fun day playing with many of our Melbourne members. Including the men we had 20 playing in a very social game.

Golf lessons have been on going with our coach Vicki Thomas, from Colac. Anyone is welcome to join in and more classes will be running after Easter. The classes are on a Monday afternoon. Please contact Vicki on 0409 432 045 or Lesley 0437 465 343 for further information.

Join the ladies competition day every Tuesday commencing at 9 am. We are a very friendly group and you can play either 9 holes or 18 holes. We also have a very casual, no scoring, game on a Thursday at 4 pm (weather permitting).

- Lesley Goldsworthy

Mens Golf

On April 3rd, Good Friday, the Lorne Country Club will be holding a 4 person ambrose event for members and their guests. There will be a shotgun start at 12.30pm. As entries are restricted intending players need to contact the office on 5289 1267 to secure a place.

In March the golfers played in their annual challenge day at Royal Melbourne golf course. Nearest the Pin awards were won by Emilio Graziani and Simon Trickey. Winners on the day were Paul Muxworthy and Russell Collins, ahead of Jim King & Peter Wheal, Peter Byrne & Emilio Graziani and Geoff Sincock & Geoff Balderas. Lady winners were Kerry Boland and Cathy Moran ahead of Valerie Gray and Rose Wyles.

Junior Tennis Update

Lorne Country Club's team in the Geelong Coast Junior Tennis Association had a very good season but was defeated in their Elimination Final on March 14th. Below is an article praising the team's efforts by parent Jenny Harland.



As another season closes on Lorne Tennis Section, one team should be very pleased with their effort. Oscar Balderas, Gabe De Lima, Charles Hill, Liam Sayers, and Morgan Caruana demonstrated a great team approach, always supporting one another and showing good sportsmanship to other teams. We had some close games and although losing at the semi finals had a lot to be proud of with a close result. Well done boys.

Easter Tennis Tournament

Lorne Country Club's annual Easter Tennis Tournament will be held on Sunday 5th April. The format is mixed doubles with partners being drawn on the day. Players are guaranteed four sets minimum and visitors are welcome. Entry Fee is \$20 for visitors which includes afternoon tea and prizes for winners. Junior players who are experienced at playing adult tennis may also play. Information can be obtained from John Ford on 5289 5060, or Lorne Country Club on 5289 1267.

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News from the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club

Commodore's notes

Committee News

Your Club has had an excellent trading period over the summer months and our current financial statements are reflective of this success.

Membership currently stands at 877 plus juniors.
Members residing in the 3232 post code total 260 adults.

Once again the Courtesy Bus will be available to our members over the Easter period.
Services will start at 3.00p.m. on Fri. Sat. and Sun.

Please show your support as we will be presenting \$1000 on Easter Sunday to Lorne's fundraising efforts for Michael Callanan (Camel).

Stubby holders are currently available for purchase at the Club. \$8 empty - \$10 with a stubby.

Thanks to the Lorne School and VCAL students for the video which has been created about the fish cleaning area. Doug Williams coordinated this activity on our behalf. We hope to play this through the TV during forthcoming weekends.

A Recycling Policy has been adopted by the committee and will be instigated asap. Thanks to the 14 members who participated in our Clean Up Australia activity.

Fishing Competitions

The Labor Day weekend fishing competition was well supported with 29 fisher persons trying their luck. Weather conditions were excellent and eleven boats participated.

A total of 19 fish were weighed in of a mixed variety.

The winning senior fish was an enormous flathead caught by Glenice Hayward – weight 1.59kg with a length of 600mm. The junior winning fish was a garfish caught by Thomas Wallis.

Some new members enjoyed the experience and shared in a great lunch.

Many thanks to Lorne Breakdown and Towing – Maxine & Paul for your sponsorship.

Our next fishing comp is on Easter Sunday – sponsors Peter Ryan & Associates. Lines down after 6.00 – weigh in 12.00 until 12.30 and roast lunch from 1.00pm. Thanks to Michael Reichler who will be roasting a pig and beef.

Pt. Grey Redevelopment

The final plan for the precinct is currently being fine-tuned by Tract Consultants and will be tabled to the GORCC executive on April 17th. If accepted, the process is for the plan to be forwarded to DEPI – Coastal Management Committee who have 28 days to respond.

After acceptance at this level it will be GO- GO- GO for all available funds – State and Federal – to bring this long awaited project to fruition.

We are currently developing contact lists for the Design & Construct Sub-committee and the Finance Sub-committee. Contact will be made with these interested members by email shortly.

Graeme Norton
Commodore

Lynton's Reflections

The four years at university, studying theology, were great days. The challenge of reading with understanding and then writing with conviction. I thought I was going to be a butcher from my earliest days and follow in my father and brother's footsteps. University and theology had not been my plan.

But I survived, and even did well. And some of my peers were real characters – a truckie from WA! - and each of them had their pet interests, whether it was wood-turning or collecting teaspoons or something else.

Jon's hobby was collecting 'lost positives'. Needs explaining.

There are many words in the English language that have a negative meaning, the positive corollary of which is no longer used. Like 'uncouth', 'inept' or 'invidious'.

We don't talk about being couth, ept or vidious. They are 'lost positives'. Although I always thought that 'Couth Youth' could be a catchy name for a young peoples' program.

It could probably be argued that positive never existed in usage but it's an intriguing thought. There are certainly any number of words that have all but disappeared and many more are on their way!

As I understand it, it is the nature of language that it becomes abbreviated over the centuries. Today's twittering is certainly exacerbating the decline of words as initials and shortcuts are called on for communicating.

But my beef is about those 'lost positives' and the thought that youth could be couth if they worked at it. Clumsy footballers could become ept with sufficient training. And being a politician could be looked on as a vidious calling if they could just make themselves more popular.

Maybe it's just as well some of those words are lost. There are enough words available for us to use and each of them has a genesis and a meaning to serve us. Whether we know a word's etymology or not doesn't really matter. So much is communicated by tone and inflexion and gesture. We don't need to know the whole story.

It reminds me of chocolate bunny rabbits at Easter time - the connection with the original event isn't obvious at all but it won't stop us indulging in the chocolate eggs ... or the holiday.

The greatest sacrifice (death by crucifixion) ... made by one (Jesus) ... for all (us) ... gets celebrated by chocolate.

Now there's a lost positive!

- Lynton Wade

Sleeping down and out in Lorne

Students from years 11 and 12 at Lorne Aireys Inlet P-12 College, slept out under the stars on Monday 16th of March.

It was part of the VCAL program.

We have been researching what life is like for the homeless.

Students had to research and provide warmth and shelter for a night out in the cold at the Lorne Campus.

The Lorne Op Shop happily donated blankets and clothing to us.

One in two hundred is homeless on any given night in Australia and 10% are teenagers.

We were certainly taken out of our comfort zones, as cardboard boxes were not very comfortable to sleep on.

We had Warwick Tucker, Lorne photographer as guest speaker on the night and he took some photos

Bread and leftovers were donated by Grandma Shields Bakery and Moons Cafe.

A complimentary buffet breakfast was supplied by The Mantra Hotel - it was delicious.

We would like to thank the community for pitching in and our teachers for making us aware of how life 'sleeping rough' would be like.

Jasper Inkster

Year 11



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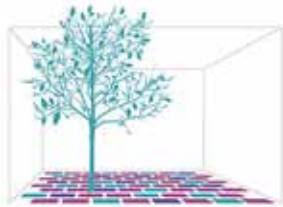
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Apples the world over



Johnny Appleseed, as a character from American folklore, is portrayed as a slightly eccentric itinerant who blithely spread apple seeds hither and yon as he wandered across the northern parts of the United States. In fact he was a real person who may well have lived a bohemian lifestyle but spent many years establishing apple orchards and even apple nurseries across the American mid-west during the early nineteenth century. But somehow despite the crunchy delight of a hand-picked specimen, apples have received some bad press across the ages, as far back in literature as the Garden of Eden where it was the fruit of choice used by the serpent to de-rail the innocent lifestyle Adam and Eve had been enjoying in their Arcadian existence. The Grimm Brothers write of a certain wicked witch who caused Snow White to fall into a coma after presenting her with a poisoned apple. Despite this, apples continue to thrive. They arrived in the New World after a slow migration across Central Asia from far western China. It is presumed that certain cultivars were traded along the Silk Road to western Turkey but since there were a variety of more lucrative trade items carried by camel that would have been preferred (jade, silk, gold and ivory included) the more likely dispersal method would have been seeds being accidentally deposited along the route after travelling through the gut of birds, livestock and humans. Wildwood a Journey Through Trees a novel by Richard Deakin (Hamish Hamilton) details in part his travels through the wild apple orchards of Kazakhstan.

So, seed dispersal enables plants to travel, often to exotic locations. Plants also travel into places where they are unwanted. Locally, birds and animals such as possums and sugar gliders help plants to spread. Mistletoe Birds, for example, have a gut specifically adapted for the rapid passage of the seeds of mistletoe. (Incidentally, Australia has more than ninety species of mistletoe.) Sweet pittosporum, once confined to eastern Victoria, is spread through the Otways in the waste of

frugivorous bird species. The gluey seeds stick to them as well as to animals and humans. While we obviously can do nothing about the spread of their seeds by local fauna we can be alert to the negligent way we gardeners might go about disposing of plant matter of all kinds. A standard way to get rid of unwanted weeds and plants is to take them to the local Transfer Station (still referred to as the tip by most of us). As a result of unthinking transport options – such as uncovered trailers or loosely tied down loads – the verges of Erskine Falls Road are a veritable botanical selection of invasive weeds, some more insidious than others. While birds can be blamed in part for the spread of weeds such as blackberry and the wind for the dispersal of perennial weeds such as boneseed and Montpellier Broom, human agency is directly responsible for the majority of these occurrences. As one drives to the tip one can also see the following: agapanthus, sollya, English Ivy, kniphofia, Spanish heath, cotoneaster, valerian, coprosma, montbretia and Shasta daisy. A closer examination on foot would undoubtedly reveal even more introduced weeds than these. All of these would have been in someone's garden before arriving at the edge of the bush and all would have gained a foothold there because someone thought they had an attractive flower. A concerted and sustained effort is required to eradicate these weeds, most of which are particularly hardy. LORNECARE do great work in looking after our environment and defending us against weeds. You can do your bit in preserving the environment by ensuring nothing can fall off your vehicle when you make that next trip to the tip (sometimes called the Lorne Transfer Station). Don't give

Doug Williams is a local landscape gardener and a keen observer of nature. His contact number is 0418 522 011.



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This and that

Local artists encouraged to get on the trail

Registrations are now open for local artists to join the ever-popular annual Surf Coast Arts Trail for 2015 which is happening over the weekend of 15-16 August.

From Bambra to Connewarre and all points in between, the trail has showcased the many talents of the Surf Coast's visual artists across all media; giving art lovers a chance to meet artists, see them at work and take home some of their favourite pieces.

In 2014, more than 70 artists registered for the trail with some throwing open their own studios and others setting up with colleagues in community halls and other venues.

The event is free for visual artists to join, with registrations due by Tuesday 14 April via http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My_Community/Arts_Culture_Events

Surf Coast Shire Youth Awards 2015

Recognise young people within the Shire – award categories are Leadership, Music and Arts, and Community Participation.

Nomination close April 13 and forms from https://www.surveymoneky.com/r/Youth_Awards2015.

More information from youth development officer JZdrzalka@surfcoast.vic.gov.au (03) 5261 0600

Lorne Men's Shed – Community Update

The Lorne Men's Shed project is a partnership project between the Lorne & District Men's Shed Inc, the Department of Human Services and Council.

Detailed design for the proposed Lorne Men's Shed Project at Stribling Recreation Reserve will be available for the public to view and provide feedback. A fact sheet about the project will also be on display.

Plans will be available for viewing on the council website and at the Lorne Visitor Information Centre.

A report on the project will be considered by Council at its meeting on 28 April 2015.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback to Council's Recreation Development Officer Jarrod Westwood, via email jwestwood@surfcoast.vic.gov.au by 9am Tuesday 7 April, 2015.

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LORNE RSL Sub-Branch Membership Drive

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A historical dramatisation of the Wreck of the Schooner Osprey

The three masted schooner Osprey was wrecked in Louttit Bay during an easterly gale in July 1854, and at that time, the colony of Port Phillip was still in the midst of the Gold Rush. The Osprey came to grief nearly a decade before the Mountjoy brothers opened Erskine House and almost fifteen years before the tiny settlement was officially given the name of Lorne.

This story, by local author Murray Walding is a recreation of the actual event.

Hawkins tapped the glass and watched the brass needle flutter as it dropped another point before he headed for the deck. Weir held the wheel firmly and cocked one eye skyward to where the mizzen fluttered and fretted in the light breeze. He didn't need to ask Hawkins their heading; five years under Hawkins, the master of the Osprey and most of it sailing across Bass's strait from Hobart Town to Melbourne or from Port Adelaide to Wellington had taught him when to get a hurry on and when to take his time. The sound of Hawkins rolling gait from the cabin below told Weir there was no need for him to rush.

'She's sounding at six and a half fathoms, Mr Hawkins.'

'Aye Weir. Wait until she's under the lee of that headland and drawing at no more than four and a half fathoms then heave her to. It'll be all smooth for a little bit yet. I'm going back below to get my papers.'

'Yes Mr Hawkins. Hey you...Miller!' Weir bawled out across the decks, 'Clear away for'ard, and get ready to drop the anchor, and when she comes around, ready the kedgie too, if you don't mind. Have Evans help get that for'ard staysail down too. Make it sharp too.'

'And when you're done...' Weir knew what Hawkins next move would be. '...get the skiff ready and trail it astern will you! And mind how you go. Mister Hawkins doesn't want no water in that boat with him!'

The Osprey gradually slowed and rode on a low swell as she neared Louttit Bay. The sound of the mains'l slapping and worrying gradually stilled and was replaced by the creak of straining jute rope, hawser and ratlines. Wavelets sloshed along her sleek timber hull but her once white timbers were now tired and marked from her last voyage from Port Adelaide to Geelong and her once tough white sails were now stained and patched. And once Hawkins had shipped this last load of split timber from Mr. Herd who ran the small cattle station at Louttit Bay, he hoped to get her back to Geelong for a rest, a new suit of sales and a spell in dry dock to re-seal her bottom planking. Solid as she was, it was now well over twenty years since the Osprey had sailed to the colonies from Bristol by way of the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon and Surabaya.

Hawkins stuffed a handful of bills of sale into his small leather satchel. From the decks above he heard the trundle of the rest of the crew and the thumps and scrapes of chain and hawser as they snaked across the planking. He heard Weir's muffled shout.

'And you too, Mr Quinn...would you mind rowing the Master shore?' Hawkins heard the bite in Weir's request.

'Yes Mr Weir. Yes.' called Quinn.

Weir spat, and turned the wheel a few points as the Osprey slowly hove to. Her bows pointed into a light southerly breeze with her stern wobbling in the cross current. Small waves crested and broke along the



The illustration, taken more than 40 years ago, shows the remains of the hull. It was situated just in front of what is now the Mantra complex.

grey strip of sandy beach half a mile off. Quinn brought the ship's skiff alongside and Hawkins clambered down, pulled the collar of his coat up around his ears then called up to Weir.

'I shall be back before nightfall Mr Quinn. I shall have to find that slap-head Herd and find out what he wants us to load on the morrow. Have cook boil some coffee when he sees us heading back out. ' and he added with an afterthought.

'And by-the-by Weir...'

'Mr Hawkins?'

'Keep an eye on the glass, while I'm ashore will ye.'

Hawkins strode across the beach and followed a sandy path through the scrub to the tiny settlement. Joshua Herd had built his homestead on a sandy flat behind the dunes that were dotted with small gum trees and stands of wattle. Cattle and chickens rustled through the groves of low ti-tree and she-oak. An axe rang in the bush on the other side of the river. Hawkins found Joshua Herd standing beside a small four roomed dwelling made of gum tree poles with wattle and daub walls. He was counting his way through a small mountain of split palings and noting his results on a small rough square of paper.

'We can have them for you from the high tide in the morning Mr. Hawkins. If you can have your boats and crew ready, we can load her up and have the Osprey on her way back to Geelong by nightfall.' said Herd and he handed his small list to the salt grizzled seaman. By the time Hawkins and Herd had concluded the deal and all the papers were finalized, small tufts of smoke were puffing from the chimneys of the small homesteads scattered around the scrub behind the beach. Further up the hill the smoke flooded into the valleys beside the Erskine River as the breeze freshened.

Hawkins and Quinn's trip back to the Osprey was uncomfortable and wet. A choppy sea had been stirred by the breeze and the skiff bucked and dipped its way back to the Osprey. Once back onboard and with the skiff secured, Hawkins headed to the binnacle and called to Weir.

This story continues on page 28

Anzac Day Poppies Project

The nursing home residents at Lorne Community Hospital are just some of many local community members who have been extremely busy knitting bright red poppies in preparation for the 2015 Anzac Day Centenary.

This year there will be a large number of activities commemorating 100 years since the Anzac Gallipoli landing, such as the 5000 poppies project.

The 5000 poppies project was initiated by two Melbourne based fibre artists, Lynn Berry and Margaret Knight. Their dream is to plant 100,000 knitted poppies in Federation Square Melbourne, as a stunning visual tribute to Australian servicemen and women.

To achieve this goal, Lyn and Margaret set up a website called '5000 Poppies' inviting all crafters nationwide to participate in this meaningful and heartfelt project.

Responding to this invitation the Lorne Patchwork Girls decided to introduce the 5000 poppies idea to Lorne. Their dream is to place over 300 poppies at the Lorne War Memorial on Anzac Day, as a community tribute of respect and remembrance.

"We are all very proud of Lorne's past and present diggers, particularly those who fought in World War One. The 5000 poppies project is just one activity that allows residents in our local community to ban together and create something special," said Ms Connie Tank, Lorne Patchwork Girls Member.

Lorne Community Hospital Activities Coordinator, Liz Maginness said "lots of hours have been spent creating the



Showing off their knitting skills at the Lorne Community Hospital - Dot and Grace

poppies. It has been a fantastic way for the residents to bond and chat about their knitting skills."

For any further information regarding the 5000 Poppies Project, please contact Trudy Murnane, Lorne Patchwork Girls on 0409 506 982.

- Emily Lens

Cr Nockles resignation from Surf Coast Shire Council

Surf Coast Shire Council has received the resignation of Cr Rod Nockles, Winchelsea Ward Councillor, effective from 23 April 2015. Cr Nockles commenced with Council at the October 2012 general election.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Keith Baillie, said the resignation results in an extraordinary vacancy in the Winchelsea Ward.

"The Victorian Electoral Commission has been advised and we await its advice as to the process to be followed," Mr Baillie said.



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Letters

Remiss for non notification of Men's Shed project

In response to a letter to the Editor "Critical of Men's Shed" I must agree that it was remiss of our council to not notify nearby residents of the proposal and details of the development of a Men's Shed in the precinct of Stribling Reserve.

However it can only be hoped that common sense will prevail and those opposing the construction will heed the benefits that such a project's impact on the mental health of males in our community.

As stated by the Shedder's President Allan Walls, these Men's Sheds are of proven value in improving male mental health and it would be most unfortunate if a small group of locals can abort this project because their idea of architectural harmony differs from the proposed plan.

The "Bunnings' comment is surely tongue in cheek.

Dr J. Smyth
Lorne

Critical of part-time house owners

The letter criticising the establishment of a Men's Shed on Stribling Reserve, in the March issue, is a good example of owners of property in Lorne who buy houses as vacation accommodation and take no interest whatsoever in the fundamentals governing a small residential community.

If they did, they would have taken the trouble of being ahead of the many events, concerns and achievements this town has seen in the past years.

Any regular reader of the Lorne Independent, Surf Coast Times, Lorne Ward page or on the mailing list of the Lorne Ward Councillor – Clive Goldsworthy, would have been amply forewarned of the proposed location and design of the Men's Shed.

These property owners were not left out of the consultation process. By not showing any interest in the year round activities of Lorne Ward and not making it their business to keep informed, they have nobody to blame but themselves.

That the owners of La Perouse should believe that the wellbeing of elderly men in the township is not of benefit to their visitors is very short sighted. A happy well balanced permanent population contributes to the enjoyment of all, including the guests from La Perouse.

I urge the Surf Coast Shire to expedite the process of reviewing these belated and ill-informed objectors and proceed to the stage of construction of the Men's Shed without delay.

Juliet Beatty
Deans Marsh

Lorne and District Men's Shed

By now you will know that we have had some objections to the positioning and size of our 'SHED'

On the 28th April 2015 The Surf Coast Shire Council is holding their Meeting at the Lorne Senior Citizens Rooms in Lorne.

There is an opportunity for us and our supporters to chat with Councillors between 5.30pm and 6.00pm.

If we are able to show considerable member and Community support for this project by way of numbers attending this meeting I am confident our planning permit will be issued.

I would like to point out at this stage that the Committee have followed every process asked of us by the relevant Authorities to the letter.

The Committee and I would greatly appreciate your attendance and support at this meeting.

This may be the last opportunity to build our Men's Shed
Allan Walls,
President

Shire \$40 cocky charge a 'disgrace'

I am incredulous that our far distant Surf Coast Shire whose sole claim to fame for Lorne residents is to gobble up ever increasing rate revenue for little return, has the gall to suggest a remedy for the cocky problem with refuse bins is to impose yet more costs on our long suffering ratepayers.

About 12 months after the problem manifested itself in Lorne, some genius in 'City Hall' thinks it's a good idea for weights to be installed in the lids of the bins – my neighbours and I have been doing this (at our own expense, ie a no-cost obsolete iron rod, lump of timber drilled through the lid) since it became an issue.

We are frustrated at the need to clean up the weekly mess from others.

No argument with the suggestion of the Shire that they will undertake this long overdue remedy – the fact they will charge \$40 for 'the privilege' is an absolute disgrace – more evidence of this Torquay-centric organisation grabbing yet more revenue from its satellite communities – an initiative that will be rejected by most residents doing nothing to solve the problem.

Alan Chipp
Lorne

Frustrations on Stony Creek saga continues

You will recall the VicRoads proposal is to provide access from the southern side of Stony Creek from road level to the creek bed via a path and a set of steps.

The latest information from the Team Leader Projects VicRoads is that VicRoads is in the process of getting the detail design which includes the structure design for the stairs.

The design process has been programmed to have designs and drawings ready for the optimum construction period 'the off peak tourist season June/July/August.'

VicRoads have discussed the proposal and sought input from various authorities. The Great Ocean Road Coastal Committee (GORCC) have supported the proposal. Similarly the Surf Coast Shire are positive towards the proposal.

The Corangamite Catchment Management Authority's (CCMA) preference is to avoid any protrusion into the waterway and any concrete work within the waterway.

The designers will be looking to achieve these and provide a secure anchor for the stairs in their design.

VicRoads is working with the CCMA to ensure that there is minimal impact to the stream and its environment.

I am scheduled to meet the Team Leader Projects on site in mid-April to discuss the above.

Ken N. Smith
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The Wreck of the Osprey

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‘Mr Weir, is the glass still falling?’

‘No Mr Hawkins, in fact its risen almost five points since this morning.’

Hawkins raised an eyebrow then his brow furrowed as he peered into the sea gloom that gathered on the horizon as the chilly winter dusk closed around them. Lights flickered from the homes in the small settlement as the gathering gloom darkened all before it. Hawkins paused in thought.

‘Mr Weir, take her out another twenty chains and anchor her. I don’t want to be caught this close in to those breakers with the sun gone down.’

‘Yes Mr Hawkins sir. Are we going to ride this out?’

‘I hope so Weir. I thought the glass would continue to drop but its risen, and sharply. Its unseasonal, but I fear we have an easterly upon us and on this side of Port Phillip we will find no shelter. We can naught but hope that it doesn’t blow up over the night. When you’ve got her squared away, stand by the wheel and binnacle while I take tea. Have Quinn and Evans stand with you until six bells, and tell cookie that I will want to take tea in the cabin shortly.’

‘Yes Mr Hawkins, sir.’

Hawkins was worried. The Osprey was a tough ship and she had sailed the globe more than once, but he knew that if she ran aground he could lose his commission. The loss of her cargo of sugar, flour and tea for the tiny settlement would be by-the-by. At his age, finding a new commission would not be easy and he paused to think about the rest of the crew. Like him, they had families back in Geelong. He tapped the glass again. It was steady but that meant nothing. He turned in after cookie had cleaned away his meal and lay on his bunk, feeling every slap of every wave and white-water, hearing every shudder and shake and unable to sleep with the sound of the steadily increasing wind, he went back on deck around midnight. Sheets of rain now swept across the deck. The ships lamps swung crazily from the yard arms. A faint glow from the lantern at the binnacle showed Weir, Quinn and Evans trying to shelter in the lee of the deckhouse. A gout of white-water exploded over the bow and rushed across the decks. The Osprey bucked over a cascading wave then wallowed until another lifted her bows and dumped her down again.

‘The surf is building and she’s starting to drag Mr Hawkins.’ Weir noted flatly.

‘Aye Mr Weir. Send Quinn to get Miller and the rest of the crew of the forward watch. Get them to drop the kedge anchor. Let’s see if that holds her still.’

‘Yes-sir.’ Weir paused... ‘Will she hold Mr Hawkins?’

‘Perhaps Weir. Perhaps, but the bottom here is naught but sand and if this sea continues, then yes Weir, she will drag and the morn may well see us in the breakers. You can swim Mr Weir, I suppose?’ Hawkins smiled.

‘Not a stroke sir.’ Weir smiled back.

‘Nor I, Weir. So let’s hope she does hold, and if she doesn’t, then let’s make sure we get her on the beach all safe and sound shall we.’

The forward watch heaved the kedge anchor over the bow and watched as the chain tightened. Her bows lifted in the next swell and as the chain slackened the Osprey drifted sternwards. It was only a matter of a yard or so, but it was enough to convince Hawkins that unless the gale eased, his schooner would be washed ashore. Hawkins knew this coast well. He knew the Osprey could not hope to beat out of the bay and tack its way to the heads at Port Phillip against such a wind.

‘Weir!’ Hawkins barked, ‘Have the for’ard watch take down that for’ard tops’l. And get the rest of the watch on deck in their

foul weather gear.

Weir dashed through the rain and down the hatch as the Osprey slowly crept up another swell which drenched her in white billows of foam. Hawkins watched the crew furl the fore-top. It flapped under the yards.

‘Weir, get Miller and Quinn here ready to hold the wheel. And have Evans fetch the Very Pistol from my cabin. If you please.’

The Osprey rose and fell with each approaching wave, dragging her against her will stern-first towards the darkness of the distant beach. Her ratlines and hawsers rattled and sighed. The shouts of orders and curses and oaths were snatched away by the wind and the roar of the surf.

Just a short five hundred yards away, another sheet of rain swept across the bark roof of Herd’s homestead. The branches and thickets of small she-oaks whipped across the wattle and daub walls. The long scream of the rocket was followed by short, loud ‘thump’ which echoed around the bay, followed by the glow of a signal flare. Herd sat up with a start and pulled back the hessian curtain and watched as a red flare dived like a fiery comet into the bay. ‘Thump!’ came the sound of a second flare. Herd bounded out of his bunk, nimbly pulling on his strides and an oilskin at the same time. He lit a hurricane lamp and dashed towards the beach. In the faint gloom of the furious surf Herd could see the faint flicker of the lanterns strung from Osprey’s yard arms as they jumped and dashed across the darkness.

‘Ah, I think we have company on the beach Mr. Weir.’ said Hawkins. ‘Though I doubt they’ll be of much help until the morn.’ Peering through the spray, Weir and the rest of the watch could make out the faint light of hurricane lamps on the beach.

‘The pistol again thank you, Mr Weir.’

Hawkins pointed the Very Pistol skyward, mumbled a prayer and fired a white star-flare. ‘thump!’ The sound boomed across the waves then screamed into the heavens. A white star-flare burst high in the gloom and shone its temporary light across the bay. Herd and the other inhabitants of the tiny settlement watched the bright star descend. And there they could see it. The brilliance of the flare momentarily parted the shadows and lit up the Osprey. Herd and his tiny crowd saw the stark shape of the schooner silhouetted against the dark mountains of water as she rose and fell among the waves. Torrents of water poured from her gunwales. Small blue flashes of St Elmo’s fire flickered around her mast tops. Then all was dark again.

‘Quickly now,’ shouted Herd to one of his drenched men... ‘Fetch a bucket full of coals and the driest of those split palings. We can try and show them that we’re here.’

‘Mr Weir, have the crew come aft. As quickly as you can sir! And get the boy to bring the ship’s cat aft with him. We’ll see just how many lives he has before this night is over. And have the crew get the boat ready... I’ll be back shortly.’

Hawkins went down to the main deck and into his cabin. He grabbed his charts, his deeds, the ship’s manifest and log. By the time he got back to the wheel, the crew were standing huddled in the low shelter of the deck house as rain and salt spray showered them. They waited every rise and fall of the deepening swell and braced for the surf that washed across the Osprey’s decks. In the glimmer near the shore they could see the first flickers of the fire that Herd had set on the beach beyond. The Osprey lurched closer to it with each approaching swell.

The long dark of the night slowly began to ebb and a grey dawn grew into the skies. By now Hawkins could see Herd’s people standing expectantly by a warm blazing bonfire but it provided him with little comfort as the Osprey lurched over another wave. White water and surf surrounded her on all sides. Suddenly there was a sharp murderous twang as her port anchor chain parted and the schooner started to swing wildly. She fell over the next wave with a crash, then another lifted her and drove

her back towards the beach. The Osprey lurched over the next wave as if she were desperately trying to escape the treacherous surf. Her bows leaped skyward, but with the gale sighing in her rigging she fell back into the trough of the wave. Her sternpost drove into the sand bottom. She shuddered as the rudder post crashed through her lower deck planking. Sheets of water gushed into her hold. She dragged, then crashed back with the sudden jolts straining her rigging until the lines were straining taught like piano wire - then they snapped.

Lethal whips of hawser and chain lashed across the deck. One tore through the deck-house roof scattering wood panels and glass across the crew. An oak pulley-block whipped through the air and clean through her mainsail. Saint Elmo's fire flashed from her main mast to her foretops and then with a whipping crash, the fore-top sail, boom and mast, snapped and crashed like a felled tree in a forest, onto her main deck. Ropes and tackle whizzed through the air and snaked viciously across her decks. Her backstays held but the sighing in her rigging fell silent. All that could be heard was the roar of the waves washing over her. Hawkins bellowed at the men to cut the foretop away and heave it over the starboard side where it lay a tangled ruin, her lines ratlines and rigging dragging beside her hull. The drag swung the Osprey part broadside to the surf. Hawkins grabbed the rail and peered over the edge of the listing hull at the turmoil below.

'Weir, get that boat over the port side now while she can give us protection. Have Miller throw as many lines with floats as he can over the side.'

The lines drifted shoreward until Herd's foreman could wade into the surf and retrieve one. The men hauled in a heavy hawser and dragged it ashore, before looping it around the twisted trunk of a ti-tree in the dunes. The Osprey held tight to the humming line but with each crashing wave she swung until slowly she was on her beam-ends and broadside on to the surf. Hawkins watched from the canted deck as his crew piled into the longboat.

'Ready about with the boat boys, and in you go now!'

The boat tilted wildly but the waves in the lee of the stricken schooner were less rough. Hawkins stepped down into the longboat, calling as he did for Quinn and Evans to release the davit halyards. The boat bumped and rocked against the sides of the doomed schooner but slowly they pulled away towards the safety of the beach. Their oars dug into the swell as the boat lurched through the white-water until a last crashing wave chased after them, but they caught its spindrift and rushed with it to the damp shore. The ship's cat was the first to reach the sand. It sprang from the cabin boys arms and straight out of the boat the moment the keel touched the sandy bottom.

The grey dawn light showed the Osprey, broadside onto the beach. She bobbed occasionally like an old mare struggling to stand after a long daydream. Her forward rigging wallowed beside her. Spars and pulley blocks littered the beach. She creaked against the line tied to the ti-tree. The surf was dying with her. The wind had fallen away to little more than a slight breeze.

It wasn't until the low tide later in the afternoon that there was some relief from the surge. Hawkins and his crew spent most of the day drying off in front of

Herd's bonfire or sheltering in the huts behind the dunes before Hawkins finally made his way out to the stranded schooner. Her main and mizzen masts were still standing but only the stump of her foremast remained. Her timbers were strained and those towards the stern were splintered or sprung and twisted open. Her hold and bilges were filled with sand and salt water. The easterly gale had left her tangled in kelp and weed and she lay a silent hulk on the beach while Herd and his gangs roamed the gullies with their axes at the ready. Come the next day, Hawkins had his crew retrieving what rigging they could, piling ropes and hawser in giant loops above the high tide mark and when the small ketch Jessie on her way from Port Fairy to Geelong hove in sight she was signalled.

Hawkins returned in her to Geelong for only the time it took to contact an insurance agent. The agent, Hawkins and a handful of speculators returned with him on the Jessie's next trip along the west coast and before the week was out the Osprey's hull, rigging and what was left of her cargo was auctioned off. Some of the useful spars and planking stayed with Herd but whatever else could be removed was shipped back to Geelong and by the coming of the spring the schooner Osprey was a hollow shell, with her paintwork peeling away and her timbers slowly whitening in the sun and by the end of the following summer, the Osprey was nothing more than a pile of ribs beckoning from the sand that slowly swallowed her.

The Osprey has lain there in the sand for well over a century. Unfortunately most of her hull was removed in the early seventies but her keel and some of her ribs and planking still remain and sometimes, after Easterly gales have carved channels along the beach in front of Erskine House you'll find her lying there in the shallows. If you see her lying there, please leave her in peace.

- Murray Walding

The author of this historical dramatisation, Murray Walding, is a Lorne local and operates a gift shop on Mountjoy Parade. He is also a succesful published author and previously was a school teacher at Lorne.

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A 2013 study of Australian sleep habits found that up to 35% of us experience sleep difficulties including lack of sleep, fatigue, and problems initiating or maintaining sleep.

Many factors can reduce the quality and quantity of sleep and these include:

- sleep environment
- diet
- medicines
- medical conditions
- sleep disorders (e.g. sleep apnoea).

Females tend to be affected more prevalently by sleep difficulties, with the exception of snoring.

Sleep disorders and medical conditions account for some sleep difficulties however, most stem from environmental and lifestyle choices including:

- electronic devices, such as mobile phones and tablets in the bedroom. These can affect the body's ability to wind down before sleep
- being overweight or obese
- excessive alcohol consumption
- stress.

To improve your sleep health you can lose weight, practice relaxation techniques (e.g. meditation), engage in regular exercise, and consume less alcohol and caffeine. It's also important to make sure your environment is supportive of healthy sleep. Most people sleep best in darkened, quiet rooms with fresh air, and on comfortable and supportive mattresses and pillows. Adults and children

can also benefit from a calming before-bed routine that avoids the use of electronic devices.

Signs of a sleep problem may include:

- finding it hard to go to sleep
- restless sleep
- waking up during the night or very early in the morning, and not being able to get back to sleep
- not feeling refreshed from sleep
- feeling tired, irritable, anxious or depressed
- finding it difficult to concentrate, remember things and make decisions.

Your local pharmacy is your health destination and can provide a range of products, medicines, services and advice to support healthy sleep habits. These include:

- sleeping aids, such as those to relieve snoring
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- medicine advice, including how medicines affect sleep
- healthy lifestyle tips advice to improve the quality and quantity of sleep
- services to help you lose weight
- services for sleep disorders (e.g. sleep apnoea).

Pharmacists and pharmacy assistants can help manage sleeping problems. If you think you may have a sleep problem, visit your local pharmacy to find out what is available.

In addition, you can get more information on healthy sleeping habits from pharmacies around Australia providing the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's Self Care health information. Self Care Fact Cards available from these pharmacies include topics such as Sleeping problems.

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- John Bell



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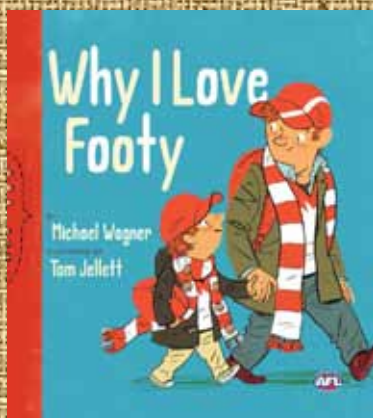
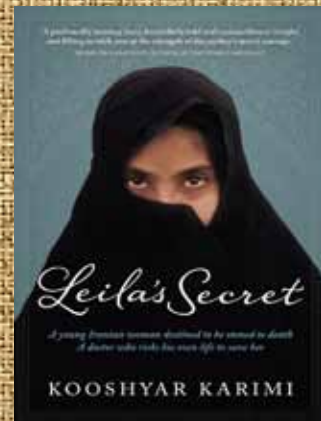


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