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Lorne's Anglican-Uniting Church congregation takes a 'breather'

Lorne's combined Anglican-Uniting Church congregation will hold services over the next four months at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Smith Street to give parishioners time for 'refreshment and discernment' on what to do about its two church properties.

Parishioners of All Saints (Anglican) and St Cuthbert's (Uniting) have over the last year tried to decide

on which church to call 'home' as the upkeep of both is financially untenable.

However, the Rev. Lynton Wade, vicar to the congregation, emphasised that no property would be sold – one could be developed as a community facility, the other used for church services.

The first church service will be held at the 'neutral' Catholic venue, Our Lady of Fatima on May 3 and will continue to August 31. Catholic and Anglican-Uniting Church services

We're moving for winter!

10.00am Sunday Services from May to August will be at the Catholic Church, Smith Street.

This is a special time of refreshment and discernment for us as we consider how to be one Church with two properties.

will be held at separate times.

"The adventure of our meeting away from our properties for four months has been adopted by the congregation. It's not as though it is something being imposed on us by the denominational hierarchies. We are choosing this creative strategy, as audacious as it might appear, to tackle an issue that is fraught with emotion and passion for many Lorne people," the Rev. Wade said.

There will be an interim congregational meeting on June 28 to evaluate the progress of the period of discernment with a further meeting due on September 6 to receive results of a property survey now under way by the Anglican and Uniting Church authorities, and possible vote on the fate of the two church properties.

The Rev. Wade said that the next arrangement will not close either church. In a letter to the general public, he wrote: "Anyone wishing to spend time in prayer or reflection in either St Cuthbert's or All Saints' will be most welcome to do so.

"There are a number of weddings booked in both churches and they will go ahead. Both churches will be available for funeral and thanksgiving services."

The maintenance and other problems associated with Lorne's two churches and very small congregations has been an obvious problem for some years.

The induction of the Rev. Wade in August 2012 to All Saints', and combining the two Protestant congregations with alternating services held in both churches addressed, in the short term, the problem of falling attendance.

Lest we forget!



Lorne's Councillor Clive Goldsworthy and MP for Powarth, Sarah Henderson, unveil the honour roll which names all Lorne residents who enlisted in WWI. Our complete coverage of Lorne's 100th Year Anniversary is on pages 16-17.

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All 'go!' for Lorne's Men's Shed

Lorne's Men's Shed has been given the go-ahead by Surf Coast Shire Council despite a last minute attempt by a very small group of protesters to halt the project.

The Council, meeting at Lorne's Senior Citizens Centre recently, voted five to three for the project, with Councillor Libby Coker abstaining because of a conflict of interest.

A delighted Allan Walls, President of the Lorne Men's Shed Association, said after the meeting that it was now "all go" to get the Shed built and commissioned.

"We can now go ahead and finalise a building permit. We've got the money and our local builder, George Dragovitch is ready to start," he said.

He said that over 50 men had already signed up for membership.

The concept of a Men's Shed for Lorne dates back to 2013 and the plan received high interest and approval from Lorne residents from the start.

The Men's Shed concept is now Australia wide in that it had been recognised as being an important contribution to men's health and wellbeing .

There are established Men's Sheds in Torquay, Anglesea and Winchelsea. They are considered to be providing community development opportunity, particularly for men who had retired from full time work and who may require socialisation through male company and shared activity.

The objectors advanced mainly a view that the site of the Shed on a corner inside the Stribling Reserve would create traffic hazards, unacceptable noise and other nuisances.

The meeting was also told that there was a zero-tolerance to alcohol at the Shed.

Prior to selection of the Stribling Reserve site, Council officers had investigated seven other alternatives which all proved to be unsuitable for one reason or another.

Over 60 people attended the council meeting.

It is also important to note that the correct title is Lorne Mens' Shed and District group in that membership is not exclusive to Lorne residents.

- JV

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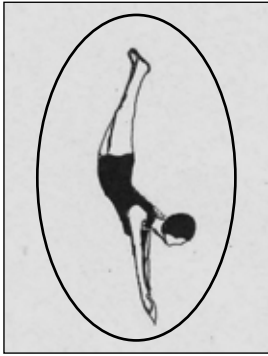
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The Louttit Loop



Our beautiful town cops a bit of regular graffiti so one suspects a local idiot at work(?). But the men's toilets opposite the newsagent were vandalised by fire one weekend recently. Backpackers passing through rang it in, but were unsure what town they were toileting in until they consulted their phones!

How unlucky that a wheel flew off the newspaper delivery car very

early one Saturday morning, causing it to career into the Sandridge Motel. Apparently the CCT footage is almost as funny as The Plank! Poor Craig. Bit of a shock.

When the configuration of our beaches changes with almost every tide, some rocks are revealed – some covered, sand comes and sand goes - always beautiful. How come our dogs who love to swim in protected rock pools make such a determined bee-line for their fave rock pool when it all looks so different to us? Doggy GPS?

If you take a senior member of our community for a little drive – maybe to Teddy's Beautiful Lookout – and enquire about the former or present occupants of houses on the way, an incredible live history book is opened.

Speaking of senior folk, sometimes one suspects that technology and bills have all got a bit out of control. Occasionally a surprise is delivered, such as ringing Ambulance Victoria to pay the membership. Amazingly, young sounding and efficient Maly reckons that in 2011 the Government decided to cut ambulance membership fees in half (from \$150 to \$82.60) and then increase them by \$2 each year. Well, knock me down with the proverbial feather.

Check out the undergrowth when you come off the Swingbridge or the boardwalk, walking north and arrive at a tiny bridge over a drain. The most amazing collection of healthy bumper-to-bumper weeds and plants which are all what Camel of Lornecare refers to as "MONGRELS". Not one of them "should be there". Weeds. But they do make an impressive display and that's probably why they are allowed to flourish in that spot.

Have you minor geeks downloaded the free ABC app to your phone? Unbelievable. A fantastic choice of music and radio programs, and just at a time when our aging Ipods are starting to wear out, these newfangled phone Apps. step in. Hence the spring in the step of some of our ear-plugged beach walkers.

Did you know that the house numbers on the Great Ocean Road in North Lorne are all odd numbers, and those over the Erskine in South Lorne are all even?

Poor little Stony Creek! A magnificent little valley with a superb half a kilometre flat walk to tiny falls into a lily pond. Lornecare has worked so hard to push back blackberries, and also to almost eliminate Ragwort weeds. However, the three little bridges do make one wonder about the qualifications of the engineers at our Shire. We wonder what our overseas visitors think of boards so close together the water gathers and the bridges rot out superquick and the angles of the bridges are scary. Actually they are worth seeing, which is meant to

be believing! Then VicRoads built a lovely path from Hall Street which leads straight into the creek – a raging torrent in winter. So punters must cross the GOR at a v.dangerous spot when unable to pass under the road. And to cap it all off, the sewerage pumping construction which Fisher Stewart assured the Lorne Community Review members would NEVER be visible or smelly is a shocker on both counts. And now the Shire has employed some contractors to erect useless new wooden barrier fences creating a third fence round the sewerage area, and shrinking the car park to about 4 spots, which are impossible to actually back out from, necessitating backing into the GOR traffic. Grrrr and what next?

Our lady bowlers put on quite a show with their dance routine at a Bowls Club gig at the Grand Pacific. Janet McLeod choreographed the moves and one bowler was seen practicing her steps as she walked her dog on the beach.



George Dragovitch sent us the above photograph posing the question: Does anyone think we have a cockie problem? The answer is a firm: Yep! Which reminds of that old recipe - bring water to the boil in a large vessel, add cockie and one large stone, boil for about four hours, then serve the stone.

Those Nigerian IT experts (the ones who try to fleece folk of their cash) are getting more and more creative. Over Easter one resident had an email appealing to his Christian faith to send money to someone in need, while a 'major' in the Australia forces in Afghanistan had a few million US dollars he wanted to share.

Now that we are in the mushroom season just watch it. The Dept of Health's Professor Ackland has warned that two types are potentially dangerous. The most toxic are the Death Cap fungus (*Amanita phalloides*) and the Yellow Stained mushroom, *Agaricus xanthodermus*. There you are, mate, you've been warned.

All dog owners extend their sympathies to Jenny, Quinton and family on the passing of their 16 year old golden retriever Ted who was really a favourite among Lorne's dog walkers.

- Lillian

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10am on Sunday, May 17

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This column is an unapologetic fan of British/European (BBC, Nordic noir et al) drama, especially those gritty crime and espionage tales, usually filmed in almost black and white, with rainy, steely heavens, realistic props and plots so amoral that they nearly always overwhelm reality.

You really have to have a tight grip on yourself watching as there there is little emotional succour on offer at a time when perhaps your own sugar levels might be low.

But there are three factors that evoke personal irritation – the same actors seems to appear all too often in different series, and regional accents are most difficult and at times almost incomprehensible.

But what really get up the nose is the amount of booze, especially decanted whisky, the characters consume.

The first is easy to explain in that the BBC and its assorted programmers would only have a limited pool of actors to draw from.

It could actually lead to a game of 'spot the face and where have you seen him/her before?' All great fun and a good topic for discussion during station breaks.

Regional accents? Well, it's logical that an unshaven, hassled and ill-dressed detective and his fellow characters/actors trying to solve some unspeakable crime at the bottom end of a Scottish location are not going to speak in what used to be called 'Oxford English'.

Understanding what's being said is our problem, not the programs'. Reality is the new black and we will just have to live with it!

But it's the guzzling of whisky (it can also be spelled whiskey, primarily in Ireland and the US) by those characters who, whenever there is a pause in the conversation, a desire to make a dramatic point, or need time to reflect, almost automatically reach for the decanter that really evokes anger.

How many times have you seen some character turn to the sideboard and offer his equally worried interlocutor a few fingers of whisky, straight no ice, and then sit back and knock it down, no problems!

Try doing that in real life! What about the throat burning (and yes, high alcohol liquor does affect the tender tissues of the mouth and variously other parts of your anatomy as it goes down), and it will certainly rapidly increase your blood alcohol level.

So, driving yourself home after an interview with some Big Cheese in British Intelligence is a definite no-no!

Sure, those type of programs are mostly make-believe, but in Australia when our so-called alcohol culture is thrown at us with an urgent plea for drastic reform, why do we have to put up with this sort of nonsense?

It's certainly not politically correct!

And it does not set a good example, or indeed, sends an inappropriate message to those most vulnerable!

Instead of accepting three fingers of 'fine malt' from his superior, perhaps the stressed operative could ask: "I'll have coffee, black as the night and bitter as love. And yes, thank you, an Anzac biscuit!"

Now words like that will certainly to make his character memorable!

- Jo Vondra



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The inner child

Lorne gets ready for the June model boat regatta

Meeting a man in the bar of a soon to be demolished Melbourne bay side hostelry not so long ago I was bemused to learn very early in the conversation that he was the proud owner of not one but two yachts.

‘What a blowhard’ was my first reaction but when he admitted to taking them both sailing the next day I was intrigued since even I knew that there was not much depth of water at the venue he intended to launch them.

Albert Park Lake has long been the province of dinghies such as sabots and cadets which are the smallest craft sailable, a learning boat for tyros and children alike. They certainly were not by any stretch of the imagination to be termed “yachts”. But, he asserted, yachts his most certainly were.

It soon became clear that my new found acquaintance was involved in sailing model boats. These were not your usual toy boat but sophisticated model craft which are remotely controlled.

When I recently visited local Tony Wolfenden, a retired product designer who lives here in Lorne with wife Jill, he was involved in building his own latest model boat.

He now has a small fleet of these craft which range in length from between one and two metres.

Contest races for true aficionados are held at various venues around the state and if the skippers of these boats are anything like those on life-sized boats I can attest from experience they would be intensely competitive events.

The boats usually arrive in kit form and are assembled by him in a painstaking and meticulous process in his studio cum-boatyard as scale models of full sized timber sailing boats.

That’s Tony in the photo with a traditional Thames Barge currently under construction and being built with the aid of a full set of detailed plans.

These barges sailed the Thames estuary, carrying produce from the fields of Essex to the port of London in the early years of the last century. They are flat bottomed so that they remain stable should the tide go out. His models are delightful to behold when painted or varnished.

The moveable booms and rudder are controlled by radio



and are steered by the skipper through the water as he stands lakeside or on a river bank.

Tony is one of a handful of local owners of these yachts who will be tuning their craft for a more sedate annual Lorne event to be held next month when once again we will see sail boats on the water in the lower reaches of the Erskine River.

Tony aims to have “Sage” (named after a granddaughter) ready to sail in the Lorne Model Boat Regatta which is entering its third year and is to held in the waters alongside the Swing Bridge on Sunday, June 8th.

Other model boat ‘tragedies’ we know of include Pete Spring and George Dragovitch.

Doug Williams wrote the story and Tony provided the photograph. Tony has yet another hobby - building spectacular kites which he has flown in many parts of the world. Doug has promised us a story on the kites for our pages in the near future.

Anglican-Uniting Church Reflective time in a ‘neutral’ setting From page one

It did not, however, solve the financial problem and in April last year, a public meeting failed to come up with a solution.

A congregational meeting on April 12 this year agreed by a majority vote to enter into the period of ‘refreshment and discernment’ – in other words, give parishioners time and a neutral venue to make up their mind which of the two churches they would like to call ‘home’.

All Saints Church was built in 1880 with St Cuthbert’s in 1892 with both representing enormous historical as well as spiritual value to Lorne. Both are heritage listed. - JV



News from our Councillor for the Lorne Ward

2015-2016 draft Budget

The 2015-2016 draft budget is now on public exhibition.

The draft budget includes a capital works program of \$18.2 million – the largest in four years. This includes \$8.2 million to fund 45 new projects, as well as \$6 million to renew existing roads and facilities. There is more than \$1 million in new community projects and initiatives.

In preparing its draft 2015-16 Budget the Council has placed a priority on meeting the needs of a growing community while maintaining a strong financial base.

The Budget prescribes an average residential rate rise of 5.5%.

Go to <http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au> and follow the link “Draft 2015-2016 Budget “

Rating Strategy

The Rating Strategy explains how the Council intends to levy rates. Revenue from rates is used to provide infrastructure and services to the community. The Rating Strategy is designed to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of rates revenue across different property categories. The rates are levied by applying a rate in the dollar against the capital improved value of the property.

Have your Say :

You are encouraged to make a submission on any aspect of the budget including funding requests. Submissions can be made online or by downloading a submission form from the Shire’s website

Council must receive all submissions by 4pm on Friday, 8 May 2015.

Great Ocean Road Statistics.

The Great Ocean Road is Victoria’s most visited region outside Melbourne, attracting approximately 5.1 million visitors per annum.

Key Statistics

Domestic Day trips	2.6 million
Domestic overnight visitors	1.9 million
Intrastate visitors	2.26 million
Interstate visitors	0.34 million
International visitors	0.58 million

ANZAC Day Commemoration.

Congratulations to the Lorne RSL for continuing to organize ANZAC Day activities. The Dawn Service attracted in excess of 750 people. The Memorial Service was standing room only with over 250 attending. Despite wet weather and our emergency crews being called away to attend an incident at the Cumberland river the ANZAC march was a great success. The service at the Memorial Park was also very well attended. A special thanks to the Lorne Lions Club and the Lorne Bowls Club for providing the gun-fire breakfast and the community lunch.

Don’t forget to register for Community update on Lorneward.information@gmail.com

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Love Lorne Model Boat Regatta

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Lorne community opens its heart to our 'Camel'

Mal and Carmel Hand, proprietors of the Cuda Bar have been friends with Michael Callanan known universally as 'Camel' for a long time and considering Camel's long battle with illness, decided to throw a benefit for him – to help out financially as well as boost his morale.

It turned out to be one of Lorne's biggest parties with friends and well-wishers crowding

the Cuda Bar from 2pm to well past 10pm with the local Lions Club, SES and businesses chipping in.

Friends Dean and Sally Hunt, Dave McKenzie, Judy Bird and of course Camel's Christine formed an ad hoc committee



with the Hand family to get the show going and according to Carmel, a 'substantial' amount was raised.

Originally from Colac, Camel over the last 30 years or so has endeared himself to the community for his tireless concern about the environment; he has also played major roles in the SES, LorneCare and a number of other community organisations.

He was also a Surf Coast Shire Citizen of the Year.

And the nickname 'Camel?' Well, it goes back to his school days in Colac and has much to do with his prowess at running and his long legs. - JV

In the top photo, Francesca Johnston greets Camel (Francesca is the daughter of Alain Purnell who, with Camel, runs LorneCare), then clock-wise, some of the early patrons sharing fingerfood, drinks and, naturally for Lorne, gossip, and above is mine host Reif Hand. Please note the specially printed 'Camel' t-shirts.

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Sportsbriefs with John Ford

Dolphins are back!

The Dolphins' football and netball season started with 'blockbuster' matches at Stribling Reserve on Easter Saturday. It was a perfect day for watching football with fine sunny conditions, the ground in immaculate condition and the ocean a rich blue in the background. The stage could not have been better set with the season officially opened with Mike Brady singing everyone's football anthem 'Up There Cazaly'. The crowd was the biggest in memory all waiting in anticipation of the first bounce.

Both Lorne and Birregurra started the match well with players from both teams showing good early season form. The Dolphins were using the ball well and managed to hold on to a slender lead at half time, largely due to better field kicking and accuracy in front of goal. Birregurra seriously challenged Lorne in the second half and had chances to hit the lead late in the game but kicked poorly for goal. Lorne held on to win 13. 5. 83 to 10. 15. 75.

Lorne's following match saw them travel to Simpson where they struggled right across the four quarters against a quality opposition. Lorne went down 7. 4. 46 to 13. 13. 91. Simpson is likely to be a premiership contender this season and so the Dolphins' loss probably has served as an early indication of the standard that they need to show.

Round three saw Lorne take on the Western Eagles at home and the depleted Eagles were no match for the Dolphins. Lorne had winners right across the field and ran out winners by 175 points! These last two matches probably give a good indication of how Lorne is placed as the loss was to the undefeated ladder leaders and the win over the Eagles was against the bottom team.

Lorne's netball teams are having some fantastic close clashes. The standard in all the grades has been very good. The A Grade team, which played in the finals series last year, has a slightly different look with some new faces having been slotted into the team. The netball teams, along with the football teams, appear to be on a successful path in 2015.

Tennis

On 28th March a group of Lorne tennis players played in the Erskine Classic which is a tennis fundraiser tournament. This is the fourth year of the tournament and this year the 22 players raised \$440 – shared equally between Camel and Casey. Hayley Bloor, co ordinator, and all the players are to be congratulated on their successful day.

Lorne Country Club held its annual Easter Tournament on Sunday 5th April, sponsored by Murphy transport Solutions. This year 25 players participated – 10 women and 15 men - each playing four sets of lively mixed doubles and enjoying the afternoon tea. Alvis Svickas was the outright male winner. Michelle Pansino was the female winner, with the female member winner being Jillian Chapman.



Surf Lifesaving – Australian Titles

Lorne Surf Lifesaving Club took a team of 42 competitors to the Australian Surf Lifesaving Titles held at Nth Kirra in Queensland – with a very strong representation of females. Lorne had some wonderful individual and team performances in what was a very high class competition.

Lisa Munro won a silver medal in both the single ski event and the iron women event in her age group. Lorne won gold and bronze in the 120 years Masters event in 2 to 3 metre surf, and the same crew finished fifth in the final of the A Grade boat race. The sweep, Alistair McCombe had his two sons,



Players in the Erskine Classic Tournament

Jarrold and Brent, rowing in this crew along with Drew Steven – remembered as Lorne’s football coach in 2012. Also in this crew was Daniel Mugavin who was a last minute replacement for Hamish McMillan who had injured his hand on Australia Day.

Lorne also had five female boat crews which was the most from any club in Australia! All crews performed very well with two making it through to the quarter final and one getting through to the semi final. Amazingly this was after the bow girl was thrown clear out of the boat while still heading out to sea!

Geoff Matthews is to be congratulated on his hard work as Lorne Boat Captain. Those wishing to participate are very welcome. You can contact Geoff on 0419 515 273, or by email: geoffmatthews@bigpond.com

Lorne is indeed very fortunate to have such inspiring leaders as Geoff.

Lawn Bowls

The Mid Week & Saturday pennant teams both had excellent seasons, both winning their respective semi finals very well, & went into their grand finals quietly confident. It was however not to be & both teams lost their grand finals. Congratulations must go to the winners but both mid week & Saturday teams improved remarkably this season and also deserve congratulations.

The Mid Week pennant always have a celebratory end of season dinner, and this years was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, whom we thank very much for their sponsorship. The dinner as always was superb and enjoyed by all. Lorraine started the fun off with trivia questions about every player over the season and there was much laughter trying to find out which player was the answer to the question. There were some very quaint little gifts for each one of us, so thanks to Lorraine for her entertainment to set the scene for the night. There were jokes told by Jen and Heather that were about a topical book called the 50 Shades of Grey - all very well received and it succeeded in warming the audience up for the main event.

This entertainment was again provided by the Lorne Bowlettes who were introduced by their new stage names as Fifi, Gigi and Mimi. They came on stage dressed as can can girls and looked spectacular, with their colourful costumes all hand made by Heather and Helga. Their makeup also worked wonders. They began singing ‘It’s my party and I’ll cry if I want to’, all because they had lost the grand final. It was suggested by choreographer Janet to stop crying because we can win it next year; they then began to dance a can-can routine to great music and when their high kicks and skirts rode right up, it caused great hilarity. The Gigi’s routine on the floor also set hearts beating faster. The performance was top class and the girls are now awaiting calls from paris!!

The night ended with Skip’s thanking their teams and President Helga saying a few words.

The last function for the year was our presentation dinner, this was also a very special night presenting all the awards & by popular demand the can can stars performed again to much laughter and applause. The winners of our club competitions are as follows:

Men’s Club Champion: Peter Jacobs; 100 up: Alan Walls; 21up: Peter Jacobs;

Pairs: Peter Jacobs and John Tuck triples: Sam Coulson; Ron Adams; and Jeff Woolley

Ladies Club Champion: Heather Olney; 100 up: Heather Olney; 21 up: Heather Olney

Pairs: Jennifer Dulloo and Heather Olney. Congratulations to winners

Thank you to Sea Star staff for an excellent meal & service, we look forward to next year & as always will welcome any new bowlers who would like to become part of our wonderful club. - **Jenny Dulloo**

Remember – tell us who YOU would like to see in Sportsbriefs!!

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News from the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club Commodore’s Report Committee News

Once again the Courtesy Bus proved to be very successful during the Easter break. Thanks to our volunteer drivers for their commitment and service. Greatly appreciated by all.

Joker Poker – congratulations to Mick Carlton on winning the first competition.

Thanks to all our members and guest for their continued support over Easter. A great atmosphere was present especially on Sunday for the fishing competition and the music afternoon.

And those lucky in the Easter Raffle were 1st, Beryl Mewah, 2nd Leanne Whittenbury and 3rd Michelle Wallis.

Our cheque for \$1000 was presented to Carmel Hand, Representative of the Michael Callanan trust. We all hope Camel a speedy recovery/improvement with his health.

A working bee will be held at the Club on the 17th May starting at 9.30. All welcome.

Fishing Competitions

Thanks to Peter Ryan & Associates for their sponsorship of this event. Twenty one fisherpersons enjoyed a morning of fishing from boats, rocks and the pier with a total of 12 fish being weighed in.

**Graeme Norton
Commodore**

Retirement after 38 years

After 38 years of service, Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) Outdoor Works Leading Hand Peter Miller is hanging up the boots.

Peter started working at Lorne in 1977 when on an extended holiday in the region, landing a role as an outdoor worker for what was then the Lorne Foreshore Committee of Management.

His position became permanent and he completed an apprenticeship in horticulture while working for GORCC.

“Every day there is something fun happening which is why it has been easy to work here for so many years.

“The mateship is fantastic and the staff have become almost family after so many years working together,” Peter said.

GORCC CEO Richard Davies said Mr. Miller’s long history with GORCC and the 38 year investment he had made into the coast was greatly appreciated.

“Pete has been a valued member of our team since before the amalgamation of committees occurred and GORCC was in existence.”

Over the years Peter said his role had changed due to the advancements in technology and machinery.

“In the early days hand mowers were used for gardening and 44 gallon drums were used for rubbish bins.

“I’m glad the modern machinery has made the job less physically demanding or I wouldn’t have been able to do it for as long as I have,” Mr Miller said.

While he will miss working with his ‘second family’, Mr Miller said he is looking forward to what retirement will bring.

“I’m looking forward to giving the body some time to rest and going travelling, fishing and camping,” he said.

- GORCC

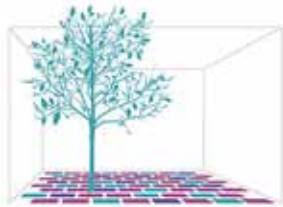


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Weeds? Are they unwanted plants?



Three cornered garlic

A few years ago in *The Age*, Melanie Kinsey wrote in an article that has stayed in my memory of her disquiet at finding a rogue ornamental grass in her garden. It was, from memory, fountain grass (*penesetum rupelli*). The plant had appeared in her garden by adopting a disguise, by looking like a similar plant already growing nearby and escaping detection. Weeds are a whole lot smarter than we may think!

Weeds – let's call them unwanted plants, for the sake of discussion – have developed a goodly number of strategies to survive and propagate against considerable opposition. We try to eradicate them all the time and in response to this they have evolved into hardy specimens that become resistant to herbicides, for example. Some disperse copious amounts of seed and still others can lie dormant in the soil for many, many years. Natural selection has also seen them develop another most ingenious method to maximise their chances of survival. This is achieved by their propensity to resemble more desirable plants, ones that are similar in appearance. When I discovered three-cornered garlic (*allium triquetrum*) among my clump of tritellias it was only after close inspection that I actually did so. Also known as onion weed it was of course the tell-tale onion smell of the foliage that gave it away. The narrow green foliage and similar clumping habit had enabled it to establish itself unnoticed for quite a while. Similarly a patch of *poa annua* or winter grass had seeded in my rockery beside my miniature *scirpus*, also known as ornamental rush. Even the seed heads of the *poa* are vaguely similar, so it went unnoticed for quite a while. Cunning indeed.

Hydrocotyl (pennywort) can easily slip undetected into a *dichondra* lawn or even one of *pratia pedunculata*. Lawns are always difficult to keep weed free, a challenge to the greenkeeper and fastidious amateur alike. Summer grass, couch look-alikes and

paspalum can infiltrate and take control if we let our defences down. In a country garden *ghania* in its juvenile stage could well be concealed in your *dianella*, kangaroo paw or dietes. After up to seven years of dormancy ragwort appears as rosettes which closely resemble *verbascums*, while buttercups can settle discreetly next to *astilbes* before being unmasked. The list of these chameleons is a surprisingly long one and we must be constantly on the look-out for them as they attempt to silently invade.

Finally, there is the interesting case of the subtly invasive orange-red weed *anagallis arvensis*. Once used as a medicinal herb (and in this context not a weed at all) it has the common name of Scarlet Pimpernel – the original master of disguise in popular fiction. It is not difficult to control but do not rely on identifying it from its familiar orange flowers because it also sometimes appears in a blue form - confound that damned elusive pimpernel! Vigilance is the catchcry citizens, vigilance!

There has been an approach by an apologist for *agapanthus*. This gentleman asserts that if for no other reason they should be planted because they provide a form of fire break being fire retardant.

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

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At the Fairhaven Surf Lifesaving Club on Saturday 9th May 2pm Lighthouse Literary Fest presents some very interesting sessions –Hello Beautiful – a memoir with renowned Playwright Hannie Rayson in conversation with ABC Radio National’s Amanda Smith. Tickets\$12:00@ <http://www.trybooking.com>
- AE



Teddy’s Lookout, one of the highlights for visitors to Lorne, was damaged by fire soon after the Easter weekend – thanks to the action of people without much brain between the ears.

Luckily, the fire didn’t spread to the surrounding bush which was dry and dangerously susceptible to any ignition.

Teddy’s is very much at the heart of our tourism image and a favourite for visitors’ selfies – its spectacular view has inspired more than one declaration of love.

In fact, Teddy’s features in a recently published novel, as was the bronze plaque to one side of the steps.

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Rain, at times quite heavy, didn't deter Lorne's traditional Anzac march from the Senior Citizens Centre to the cenotaph. Senior students from our P-12 carried the banner.

In fact, P-12 students contributed generously, especially to the Anzac Centenary Commemoration held at the Centre days previously with Bridget Van Deuren and Leo Coleman, and other students placing poppies and crosses. Louis Coates introduced RSL President Craig Hunt before the Ode of Remembrance was read.

The Senior College Choir, conducted by Tara O'Neill sang 'In Flanders Fields'.

'Anzac Dawn - The simple service starts at 7am. A prayer, two verses of Binyon's iconic poem and 'Lest We Forget' was heard by the gathering. Then we all stand for the last post and after a sod's law pause it sounds out loud and clear, and the final note hangs in the air like a sigh for that minute of silence while the two flags rise to top mast -then it's Reveille and the National Anthem and it's all over with an invitation to a gunfire breakfast at the Bowls Club -a wonderful and welcome addition courtesy of the hardworking members of the Lorne Lions Club'. - Peggy Taylor



During the Commemoration ceremony, Bridget Van Deuren and Leo Coleman told the story of Sam and Les Clissold, how they had enlisted and served overseas. Sam Clissold was killed in action. There was an audible intake of breath when Bridget, speaking of the soldiers' age when they enlisted, said of one: "He was only a year older than me!"

Historical Society President Gary Allen also handed back to the P-12 College its Remembrance

Above, Federal MP Sarah Henderson with P-12 students with the crosses and poppies they were placed around the stage.

Stella Caon and Leo Coleman performed a beautiful rendition of 'Tears of Heaven' and the Junior College Choir, conducted by Karren Stoneham, sang Spirit of the Anzacs.

Students from the college contributed enormously to the proceedings, its VET Hospitality Students providing lunch.

Book, previously stored by the Society. The book contained the names and some background on former students who had enlisted in WWI.

In addition to all this Anzac activity, the Mantra Resort put on a wonderful photographic exhibition of Avenues of Honour around Victoria. Professional photography Sarah Wood used the images to create awareness of these living memorials.



The impressive bronze honour plaque listing all Lorne residents who enlisted in WWI. Situated just to one side of the cenotaph, the plaque will form a major part of an extensive garden area to be built over the next couple of years.

The plaque was unveiled at a moving ceremony at the Senior Citizens Centre a couple of days previously, at which President of Lorne's Historical Society, Gary Allen, also announced the launch of a touch screen to be installed at Lorne's Visitor Information Centre.

The screen will tell Lorne's participation in various campaigns.

Funds were provided by a Federal Government grant, as well as contributions from the Surf Coast Shire and other government agencies.

The poppies were made mostly by residents of the Lorne Community Hospital and Lorne knitters and planted by students of Lorne's P-12 on Anzac Day.

Below, details of the bronze scroll which is mounted on a granite boulder,

Photos by Leon Walker Photography, Andrew Elsbury and JV.



Letters

BP service station - poor image

I am writing to lodge a serious complaint about the appalling state of the BP Service station in our town.

It is a disgrace and is poorly run with little or no service, and it seems to have poorly planned supply.

We had occasion in trying to purchase BBQ gas and were told that there was no supply with deliveries perhaps arriving next week.

This is at the beginning of the busiest time of the year (Easter and the school holidays). I don't normally go into print on something like this, but it is a very poor image for our town.

Terry Allen

Lorne

Lorne - a place of natural beauty!

So why do people want to spoil the natural beauty of Lorne by placing a blazing red and white supposed 'supermodel' along the entrance to the town?

Who allows this to happen? It looks so out of place and does not blend in to the natural environment at all. I shudder to think where the next one may go.

How about Teddys Lookout? or Queens Park? ...somewhere away from the already congested main drag and preferably something that will blend in with Lorne's stunning and natural beauty.

D. Rondot

Lorne

Inappropriate position for Lorne's Supermodel

I am aware of a great deal of comment about the new sculpture (titled Supermodel) erected on the grass beside the Information Centre.

Whilst not wishing to comment on the piece itself, I think it is obvious to many that it has been placed in an inappropriate position, hemmed in as it is by the building, the river and the road.

It risks being ignored if it is left here.

This piece needs air and space and a clean horizon.

The Point opposite the derestriction signs on the way to Apollo Bay would be ideal. The sculpture would mark the boundary of the town and provide a welcoming beacon to those travelling in from the west.

Ross Dimsey

Lorne

Troubled TV reception

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Marsha Babington,

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The Wattle calls us!

The 100th annual meeting of the Beeac Red Cross Branch was held recently, a joyous occasion attended by Red Cross officials and community members.

The meeting also saw the launch of a book, 'The Wattle Call and other Poems' by Marie Thomasina Gray, along with other information on the work of the Beeac Red Cross, the Avenue of Honour Roll as well as events held after World War I.

A driving force in the foundation of the Beeac Red Cross was Marie Gray, the nurse in charge of the Beeac Hospital. She was greatly moved by the effects of the First World War and her subsequent poetry was the result.

The Soldier's letter written in August 1915 reminds us of the effect on mystical power that the wattle had:

*Sick and weary lay a soldier
Tossing on a bed of pain
When a Red Cross nurse drew near him
Turned his pillow o' ver again
Look! I've brought you something better
Than a lotion for your head:
Something sweet is in this letter
It is the scent of wattle, Ted!*

The poem goes on and tells him the wattle blooms were passed from soldier to soldier and how they 'forgot the stress of battle' and there 'fell a calm' and how 'the scent of the wattle soothed', and reminded of home and loved ones.

When we read of those who died, were injured and never the same again, we appreciate and understand the immense loss that changed Australia.

The handbook of the Victorian P112 noted: '... the Victorian country boy will be found to be sturdy, independent and courteous, he will converse freely and well on ordinary topics. He is easily managed and truthful, responsive and intelligent.'

'In the whole field of education in Victoria, there is no portion of which we are more legitimately proud than our small country schools.'

The years prior to 1914 the typical rural school had been defined along with a plan for five acres around a school – gardens were kept by the children under the guidance of a teacher.

W.E. Ellwood in A Handbook for the Elementary School put it very clearly '...if there is a general air of neglect outside the school, the same condition will generally be found within.'

Reference is made to the provision of suitable floral decorations within the classroom 'the duty of selected girl monitors.'

There was also mention of the hidden curriculum where schools in isolated areas made use of the senior boys to

carry the pans from the toilet, dig a deep hole often in 'no man's land' behind the school, empty and cover.

They may have been rewarded with a two shilling piece.

The school incinerator was then fired up with or without supervision from the teacher – this became the standard Friday afternoon chore.

Wattles were a favourite in the school garden and Ellwood goes to considerable length to advise which wattles are best suited to a particular region of the State and which are rapid growers or borer resistant. Collecting and how to get the best results from seeds are also explained.

East Gippsland Shires are now identifying old school sites and placing plaques where they once were. The name of the school, its number and dates of operation are

also noted.

A book published and available from a number of historical societies in the region is 'The Lost Schools of the Pyrenees'. Interest, once again is being shown in the value and information of these schools.

Information is being sought about the rural schools throughout our own region – the Surf Coast Shire Heritage Committee is currently compiling information with the view of placing plaques on old school sites, as well as recording the names of past pupils, where possible.

You may be able to help us in some way. For further information contact the Lorne Historical Society.

The author of this article David Walker, 50 years ago (1965) as the young head teacher at the Wearing State School, accompanied a group of students to a Red Cross garden party at Government House in Melbourne to meet the Governor of Victoria. About the same time, a nursing sister and midwife at the Beeac Hospital, Pauline Ilett won his heart and they married at St. Augustine's Beeac in 1967.



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Lynton's Reflection

I was on the train going from Brisbane to Townsville to take up my posting for National Service. It was December 1971 and I would arrive at Lavarack Barracks just before Cyclone Althea would hit the north Queensland coast at Townsville on Christmas Eve.

But I didn't know that would be happening in a few days' time.

I was more interested in talking with a fellow traveller who was returning to his unit after having leave with his family in Brisbane. He was a seasoned soldier who had done a tour of Vietnam and was looking forward to a quiet time in Townsville.

He told me this amazing story of his being trained to go Vietnam.

Troops being prepared to go to Vietnam would go through Jungle Training at Canungra in Queensland to acclimatize to tropical conditions but also to be trained in jungle warfare and brought up to date with developments in weaponry. War has made us quite inventive in how we can kill each other!

One of those improvements concerned a landmine developed from WW2 called a 'Jumping Jack' mine. When trodden on, a small charge would kick the mine out of the ground to about waist-height and then the main charge would explode the mine killing anyone within a 35 metre radius and throwing shrapnel up to 200 metres. Rather than just killing whoever stood on it, it could wipe out a complete patrol.

Training at Canungra was physically demanding in any sense but my friend's experience was enhanced by a platoon sergeant who was ruthless, pushing them to the limit in every sense.

He would be their NCO in Vietnam and they grew to hate him.

In Vietnam they made their home at base camp and proceeded to do what the Infantry do. More often than not their routine would be to be ready. And there were patrols to 'clear' an area.

It was on one of these patrols that my friend learned why their platoon sergeant had been so hard on them and drilled them relentlessly about weapons and procedures ... and mines.

Moving along a jungle track, the sergeant tripped a jumping jack mine. He heard the click of the first detonator that would kick the mine into the air. About waist height.

He had two choices. He could yell "MINE!" and throw himself as far away from it as possible in the split second he would have available. With luck he might only lose some limbs and be terribly wounded. Almost certainly, many of the patrol would be killed.

Instead, he made the second choice. Yelling "MINE!", so that members of the patrol could throw themselves to the ground, he then placed both feet on the mine and stood there as the second detonator exploded the mine. The weight of his body kept the mine in the ground killing him instantly but saving the lives of his platoon.

My friend realised that the sergeant's brutal treatment of them at Canungra had been to prepare them for surviving the war. He wanted them to live! And he ended up dying so that they would live!

What a gift. To have someone die for you

- Lynton Wade

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Should you go gluten free

The term 'gluten-free' is ubiquitous in modern society. Dietary gluten (or wheat) is often blamed for causing a variety of unpleasant symptoms, health problems, and weight gain. There is a wealth of expensive gluten-free products now on the market, and sales of these products are growing rapidly. Today many people avoid gluten in the belief that it will improve their health or help them to lose weight. Health professionals have expressed concern that increasing numbers of people are self-diagnosing gluten allergies and intolerances.

So what are the facts?

Gluten is a protein composite found in wheat and grains, although not all grains. It is found in wheat products such as bread and pasta, as well as processed foods such as soups, sauces, gravies, salad dressings, and seasonings. It has no nutritional value on its own, but helps to make food soft, airy, thick or chewy. Wheat products in general provide much of our required nutritional intake.

For the majority of the population, gluten has no effect on the body. For some people (approximately 1% of the Australian population) gluten can be harmful. Those people suffer from Coeliac disease or gluten sensitivity. There is no clear evidence to suggest that people are becoming more intolerant of gluten however, much research is being undertaken in this space. One small, although high-quality, study at Monash University did suggest gluten was capable of causing illness in people who did not have Coeliac disease but this is yet to be conclusively confirmed.

According to Coeliac Australia: 'Coeliac disease is an immune disease caused by gluten. When people with Coeliac disease eat gluten, an inappropriate immune reaction causes inflammation and damage to the small bowel (intestine) resulting in a range of symptoms and health problems. Treatment involves lifelong and strict avoidance of gluten in the diet.'

Gluten sensitivity can lead to similar symptoms of Coeliac disease such as stomach cramps, diarrhea, and bloating. However, there is no associated damage to the small intestine.

The only way to know if you have Coeliac disease or gluten sensitivity is to be tested by a health professional. It cannot be self-diagnosed based on symptoms. Coeliac Awareness Week is held annually from 13–20 March and aims to raise awareness of coeliac disease and its symptoms, and promote the message of the importance of getting tested.

The risk of choosing a gluten-free diet without a proper diagnosis is that it can exclude many common and nutritious foods, replacing them with highly processed gluten-free alternatives. Any diet that excludes whole food groups is generally considered risky by most health professionals, including dietitians. If you have no existing health conditions, the best option is to choose a balanced diet with little to no processed food, fat, salt and sugar. The fibre in food also helps keep your bowels (intestines) healthy and may even protect against bowel cancer. Fibre helps control your weight, blood cholesterol, and blood sugar levels. There are beneficial amounts of fibre in wholegrain breads and cereals, so check with a health professional before you exclude these items from your diet.

Your local pharmacy can help too. One of the key aspects to managing Coeliac disease or gluten sensitivity is medicine management. Pharmacists are medicines experts and can assist you with understanding how your medicines work and any possible side effects, including but not limited to gluten-free medicines. Visit your local pharmacy during Coeliac Awareness Week and find out how they can help.

You can get more detailed information on healthy eating from the Self Care Fact Cards titled Fibre and bowel health and Weight and health available from pharmacies providing the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's Self Care health information.

For the nearest Self Care pharmacy location phone the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia on 1300 369 772, or go to www.psa.org.au 'Supporting practice' then 'Self Care', and then 'Find a Self Care pharmacy'.

- John Bell



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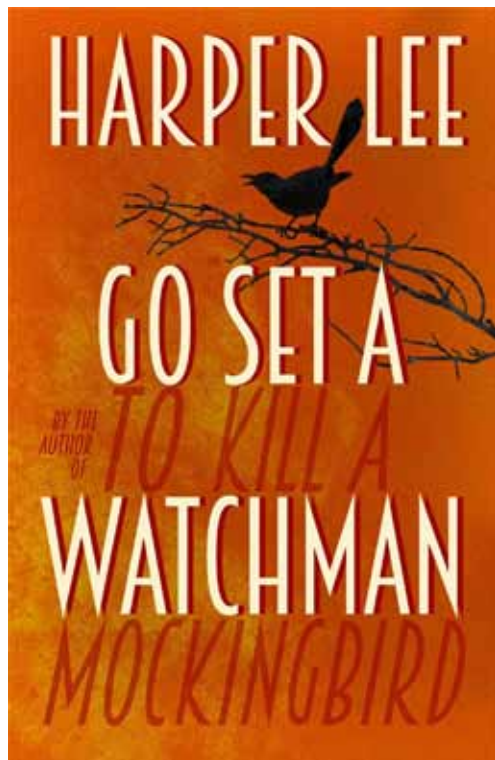
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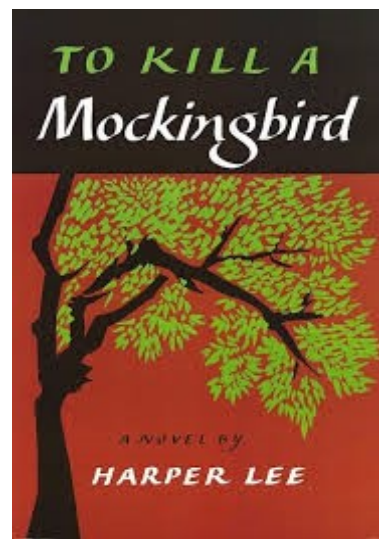
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