

Warmer, dry weather means snake danger Keep a close eye on your pets

With warm, dry weather expected these coming months, authorities are warning pet owners to be especially vigilant with their cats and especially dogs.

Snakes are emerging from winter hibernation and become active as they search for a mate and look for food such as mice and small reptiles.

The Victorian Government has deemed the situation important enough to issue a media release, warning people of the increased interaction between reptiles and people and their pets.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning said that the The Lort Smith animal hospital in Melbourne has reported treating 20 pets for snakebites in October – more than the centre usually deals with in an entire year.

Tiger and brown snakes were responsible for most of the bites, the animal hospital said. Of the 20 dogs and cats bitten, 18 have survived – early detection of symptoms is crucial.

Tiger and brown snakes are common in Lorne, especially near water.

“Common signs are vomiting, salivating and tremors, and that will go on to produce weakness and collapse,” said Dr Andrew Kapsis, head veterinarian at the hospital.

“The earlier we start treatment and antivenom, there’s a good chance they will survive ... generally we need them within an hour of being bitten for the best prognosis.”

“Being aware that snakes may be around and being informed about how to react to them is very important at this time of year,” said Samantha Moore, wildlife officer at Victoria’s Department of Environment. Watch where you walk.

“Although snakes should be treated with due caution by people and pet owners, they are much more interested in getting to safety themselves. Snakes sometimes bite pets, usually when the pets have disturbed the snake.”

Moore said people should stay calm if they saw a snake, not attempt to capture one of the animals. She also recommended cutting lawns and tidying up around the house to reduce favoured shelter areas.



The Australian Eastern common brown snake

With humans and reptiles out sunning themselves at the same time, people are more likely to interact with snakes as urbanisation extends into their habitats.

“The more we encroach into their territory, the more this will happen,” said Dr Joanna Sumner, a herpetologist at Museum Victoria. “Snakes are looking for sunny spots, so places such as bike paths are ideal for them. On sunny days it’s best to be vigilant, walk around them and don’t freak out. They are unlikely to come after you.

“If you get close they will look to disappear but if you surprise them or block off their escape route they can bite you. When dogs get bitten it’s because they’ve got too close.”

Sumner said anyone bitten by a snake should wrap the wound, stay immobile and ask someone else to get them to hospital.

“Try not to kill snakes – it’s illegal to do so and they are also an important part of the ecosystem,” she said. “There’s a balance there, you want kids to play safely in the yard, but snakes will be around and we will have those interactions.”

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Snakes - watch out for your pets

A spokesperson for a Colac veterinary clinic said that pet owners should watch if their pets show signs of vomiting, salivation, muscular weakness, dilated pupils and general shock.

“Get them to a vet as quickly as possible,” she said.

There is a veterinary clinic at Anglesea, several in Torquay and Colac.

It’s wise to telephone first.

A warning: treating a bitten animal is expensive – costs could easily tip over \$1,000 or more, especially if hospitalisation is required. Every pet owner should have Pet Insurance – more than 80% could be refunded.

If a person is bitten, it’s best to call 000, or high-tail it to the emergency department of the Lorne Community Hospital, but again telephone first. 5289 4300 or the Medical Centre 5289 4333.

If you need a snake catcher, the Victorian government has a helpline: 136 186

- JV

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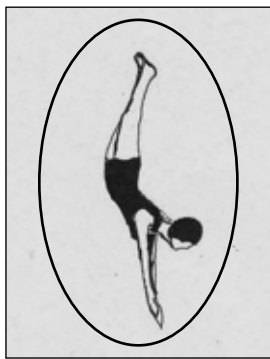
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The Louttit Loop



Congratulations to Michelle Danks and Alyce Stribling and to the parents and kids at the Lorne Kindergarten for winning such a big environmental State Sustainability award – and then donating the prize money to worthy causes in regional Laos (clean water) and the indigenous community of Kalkarindji (NT) for educational material. These things don't just happen – well done to all.

So – as we all expected – the 'no more burning off' season starts on Monday 9th November OK? Get busy prior – cleaning up and burning (if you must) on the Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. – providing the weather is suitable – prior to the 9th Nov! On the very first awful windy hot Saturday in September a couple of burn offs amazed and terrified locals. It only takes a few seconds for a fire to rip up a gum tree and take off. Thank heavens for our dedicated team of CFA volunteers who deserve our thanks big time.

An extremely generous North Lorne couple (50/50 inhabitants they call themselves) have donated \$10,000 to the Men's Shed appeal. They contacted Lillian to appeal to other 50/50s in a position to be philanthropic to maybe consider making a donation to a Lorne cause (such as The Shed) where the dollars are badly needed. This gesture would be a direct hit with no admin/wages/etc. to eat away at the \$'s. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sadly the Spring Racing Carnival Dinner Dance had to be cancelled – shortage of punters. Such a shame as the new organizing team had some great ideas. Thanks to them all for the time invested.

Despite the fairly confronting title of Wicked Widows – folk came from far and wide for a live 'Tuesday at one pm' performance, an arvo tea and even transportation to Lorne – all free! Hospital CEO's Mum was in the audience, as was the Mayor's Mother – and even a few brave men! All part of the Seniors Festival and thanks to the Cumberland Resort, the State Govt, the Shire, and the Lorne Community Hospital. Great fun.

Georgie Beale from GORCC reports that \$25,000 has been set aside for weed removal in Queen's Park. This will involve a big sweep right over the huge area, until funds run out. Good luck to the contractor Simon Mitchell. Then a new Green Army crew will hit the coast in November and spend some of their time following up in the Park. Our LorneCare Group has also been working there, but it certainly is a little overwhelming.

Tiff and Rob Lowther (Bottle of Milk) welcome a new baby son - Maximilian Cormac. Congrats to all.

Fantastic to see Graeme Wilkie (QDOS owner) refurbishing the two fat ladies – aka Cora and Lyn - on the corner of Otway and Mountjoy! First off they appeared to have measles, then a fishtail rose up between them – maybe to deter tourists from standing there for photos – but that disappeared! And now they are almost fully tarted up and once again look absolutely magnificent! Thanks to Graeme and to the Body Corporate.

After what seemed a long week out of action, the new ATM at the Commonwealth Bank looks pretty schmick with a

special screen to reduce the bad sun glare! And we've finally got used to the rejigged commands on the W/P ATM screen, and yes, it is much faster.

Don't trot up the William St hill to pay your bills or have a grizzle at Barwon Water's office. Online payments have reduced counter transactions to about five customers a week. Consequently, they are now closed.

Interesting to read that our Shire has committed to another new stadium in good old Torquay North, commonly known in Lorne as Geelong South! Useful!

Are you still reeling at the Torquay Wellness Centre and Small Pool kerfuffle? Aren't we all ducks? When one realizes that about 200 Torquay folk pushed the Shire to spend all those \$'s to 'test the water' to see if the other 28,610 people who dwell in the Shire (full or part time) would care to cough up some of the dough – billed for the next 20 years – and then some – it is unbloodybelievable and one loses a bit of faith in the CEO and his ever-growing team. AND the jury's still out!! Come on.

Yes, the total population of the Surfcoast Shire in 2015 is 28,810! Statistics are fascinating sometimes. For example, would anyone believe that the population in Lorne at the 2011 census was 523 males and 523 females. Like a Noah's Ark situation is it not? (Thanks Clive for the stats!)

The main street seems odd without Camel's presence. Apparently he's been having a bit of a check-up at his old "home" the Alfred. Sends a cheerio to all and reckons "Shih tzu – gotta get out of here, everybody's crook. Geez, I've been poked and prodded, drilled and filled, screened and scanned, hydrated and drained, wiped and washed! I'm tired! Apart from that I'm good!!"

A meeting has been held on what to do if you spot a seal on our beaches. Ring 1300 136017 and report how big or little, young or old, is it entangled, moving or injured? Keep dogs far away. And stand well back yourself.

Mega thanks to Ken Smith for his years of work getting VicRoads to solve the problem of the lovely path and steps they built which led straight into the middle of Stony Creek. New steps work a treat. Thanks Ken and thanks VicRoads.

Terrible to have the hardworking water truck break down on the N. Lorne road making job just as a huge easterly hit the town! Dust AND big winds both! Cesi V. even had to tie up her windchimes to silence them!

Call me cock-eyed – well, I must be. If you have purchased a prebagged kilo of yummy carrots from our supermarket recently, you could not fail to notice the incredible phallic shape of many of these root vegetables. Puts a big smile on my dial as I chop 'em up, that's for sure.

Lots of snake sightings already – ring Ross on 043 2538065 to come from Aireys to remove your snake (in a pillowslip) – but keep a good eye on it till he rolls up OK?

Annual reminder for the best treatment for those hurty nips from jumping or skippy ants – or any bites for that matter – dab with Cloudy Ammonia! (Some unlucky folk are really allergic so will immediately need more serious medical treatment.) Thanks many times over to Sue Addison for this remedy.

And "NO!" I do NOT want any free light globes or a solar rebate so stop ringing me four times a day! Must be time to re-sign with the Government's Don't Call register. You too? Just a very quick call to 1300792958. Easy peasy.....
.....Lillian.

LorneCARE News

- caring for our environment

Joining in a LorneCare working bee is a practical way of learning about Lorne's magical environment and showing your love for it.

This month we expect to be working along the beautiful Lorne foreshore starting at

10am on Sunday, November 15

For the exact location see the Community Notice Board outside the Post Office during the previous week. A barbeque will follow the working bee at about 12.30pm

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It's getting to be pretty hard to take offence at people swearing.

With words once considered taboo increasingly being aired on television and in films, we've sort of become immune.

After hearing the 'f' words, the 's' word, yes, even the 'c' word again and again, there is a point where the offensive aspect, the shock-horror impact becomes meaningless and gradually slides towards the ridiculous.

It's a bit like that with gratuitous violence and those boring, boring, boring 'must have' car chases.

Every culture on earth has its own version of swearing. In the Judeo-Christian cultures, the emphasis was on invoking saints, whatever god you believed in, even the sacred image of mother many people hold so dear.

Much of this type of swearing is blatant blasphemy.

The Latin-based languages, the Italian, French and of course the Spanish are especially inventive in this sort of swearing, and words associated with bodily functions are used almost universally.

Many of our day-to-day swear words have their provenance in the Anglo-Saxon and especially Scandinavian languages, passed down and changed from the days when Vikings landed on England to pillage and Saxon and Celtic warriors roamed the forests with shields and spears.

In our culture, one swear-word in particular is especially wide-spread and that's the 'f' word. And for good reason!

It's short, contains only four letters, and though primarily sexual in meaning, it lends itself almost-perfectly to expressions of anger, disappointment, frustration and as an emotional explosion. A mini-catharsis, as some psychologist might say.

No wonder footballers, especially in the Australian Rules codes, use it constantly when they stand in front of the white posts and miss a comparatively easy shot.

But having said all that, it's quite repulsive to hear someone peppering every third word with an expletive, like that aggressive high-profile television chef who goes around fixing restaurants with problems.

Good communication is not based on an over-use of swearing.

So, hopefully, we are not all prudes and broad-mindedness is common, but we really don't need movable graffiti in Lorne as the picture shows below!

- Jo Vondra





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The Lorne community is invited to participate to commemorate this year's Remembrance Day on November 11 – a service which is sacrosanct in many countries including Australia to mark the end of the First World War in 1918.

Hosted by the RSL Sub-Branch, the Lorne service will commence 10.40am sharp at the ANZAC Memorial Park in Mountjoy Parade and there will be an opportunity for wreath laying.

The service concludes with the observance of a minute's silence in memory of those who have died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

The First World War is considered to be the first modern conflict with the mobilisation of over 70 million people that left between nine and 13 million dead.

Remembrance Day marks the day – November 11, 1918 – when a general armistice was signed between the German forces and the Allies at a French railway point at Compiègne that all fighting should cease at 11am that morning.

Interestingly, the ritual of observing a minute's silence has a strong Australian connection in that an Australian journalist Edward Honey, working in Fleet Street, proposed two minutes of silence be observed at 11am on November 11.

About the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet.

King George V personally requested all people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes which subsequently became a central feature on Armistice Day.

It became a semi-official day of remembering past battles all over Australia.

In 1997, Australian Governor General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation declaring November 11 to be Remembrance Day and urged all Australians to observe one minute's silence.

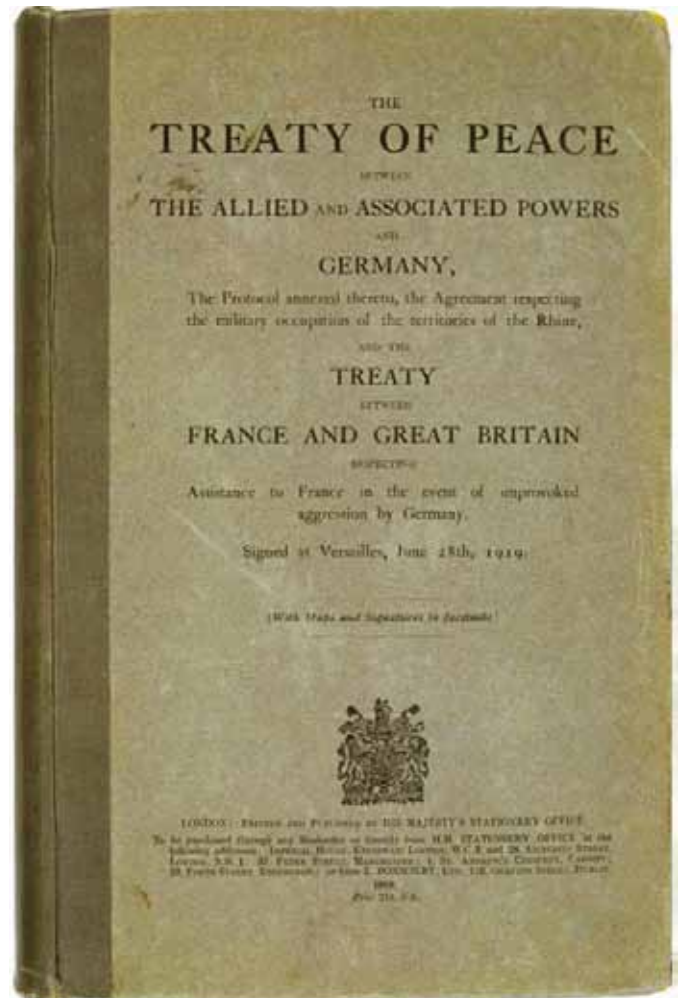
The famous phrase "all quiet on the Western Front" became a colloquial expression meaning stagnation or lack of visible change and has now entered the English language. It comes from a German book, *Im Westen nichts Neues*, by Erich Maria Remarque, published in 1929.

It became a world best seller in that it depicted war-time mental and physical stress and how soldiers felt detached from civilian life when returning home.

As an anti-war book, it was banned under the Nazis.

When translated into English, the German phrase "nothing new to report on the Western Front" became "all quiet on the Western Front".

- compiled by JV



Above is the front cover of the official document of the signing of the Peace Treaty between German and the Allies. Although the document came into effect immediately on signing, the book was not published until the follow year.

Below, a sample front page from a newspaper announcing the end of the terrible war.





News from our Councillor for the Lorne Ward

New Surf Coast Shire Mayor & Deputy Mayor.

At a special meeting of Council on Tuesday, 27th October the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Surf Coast Shire for a period of one year was held. Councillor Rose Hodge was elected Mayor and Councillor Clive Goldsworthy was elected Deputy Mayor.

Lorne Tree Maintenance to continue.

The Shire will shortly start the next stage of a street tree maintenance program in Lorne aimed at promoting tree safety and health.

The works are the second stage of a program developed as part of a review of street tree health Council conducted in late 2013 that assessed the health of Lorne's street trees and measures required to maintain them. The pruning work that is being done is the result of arborist recommendations put in place to ensure these trees remain healthy and safe.

Over coming weeks, the crowns of several trees will be pruned while 13 trees identified as being in particularly poor health and posing a high safety risk will be removed and replaced with equivalent species. These plantings will happen during next autumn and winter to ensure they become established.

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(See more details in the story opposite page)

Aquatic Centre Update

The community engagement and on line submissions for the Aquatic Centre closed on the 30th September 2015

Over 1200 electronic submissions (emails and online forms) were received. These submissions complement the telephone survey of 600 ratepayers in August and the community forums attended by over 360 people.

Four petitions relating to the topic have also been received. In total, approximately 1170 people have signed

these petitions. Council was briefed on the 13th October and further briefings will occur up until the 8th December Council meeting when Council will receive the full report and officer recommendations

Draft Open Space Strategy 2015-2025 out for your feedback

Council is currently inviting the community's views on the draft Open Space Strategy 2015-25. Further details can be found at : http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My_Community/Draft_Open_Space_Strategy_2015-25_out_for_your_feedback

The Fire Game – planning for bushfires

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Lorne Ward Councillor Clive Goldsworthy said Council recognised the importance of maintaining the health and safety of Lorne's street trees.

"Street trees are a vital part of Lorne's landscape and a lot of work goes in to maintaining this vital part of our town's character," Cr Goldsworthy said.

"Council has an obligation to ensure these trees remain in a safe and healthy condition, which is why considerable resources have been put in place on an audit and ongoing maintenance program," Cr Goldsworthy said.

"Pruning work that is being done is the result of arborist recommendations put in place to ensure these trees remain healthy and safe.

While some trees will need to be removed this year, they will be replaced with the same species as part of Council's efforts to ensure Lorne's street trees are a part of our landscape for many years to come."

For more information on tree maintenance in Lorne, contact Council on 5261 0600.

- SCS media release

Thanks

Trickey, Mark Samuel

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We would like to sincerely thank our family, friends, and all the Lorne

Community

for all the beautiful flowers, cards, letters, phone calls and the kindness and support

since the loss of our wonderful husband, Dad, Pop and friend.

We could see how many lives Mark had touched by everyone who attended the funeral

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Tennis Season Begins

The Geelong Coast Junior Tennis Association summer season is under way and Lorne Country Club's team is performing well. The Section 1 Team comprising Oscar Balderas, Liam Shiels, Morgan Caruana, Gabriel De Lima and, when available Charles Hill, is playing very good tennis despite narrowly losing two matches. Lorne has won one match and lost two by narrow margins – just a couple of games over eight sets of tennis. The team plays on Saturday mornings from 8.00 am and welcomes interested spectators.

Tennis Coaching

A range of tennis coaching is now available on Thursday afternoons at Lorne Country Club. Student coaching is from 3.45pm with alternative days and times possible. Enquiries for parent coaching and social tennis to Alvis 0400 864 588 or Jillian 0407 338 904. This coaching is in addition to Dean's coaching which still takes place on Friday afternoons – 5289 6889.

Social Tennis

Social Tennis takes place at Lorne Country Club on Saturday mornings from 10.00am and on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm. Visitors are welcome to join in for a fee of just \$10 per session, and the public may hire a court for \$20 per hour. The aging porous courts are maintained vigilantly by the Lorne Country Club without having had any assistance, financial or physical, from the Surf Coast Shire. Community tennis in Lorne will be threatened unless the Surf Coast Shire or Tennis Victoria can assist with a maintenance or replacement program.

Lorne Country Club – Ladies Golf

The weather is warming up very quickly and summer is not far away, the Lorne Golf course is a great place to be. This month our club was represented at Apollo Bay. Thank you to Caroline Bartholomew, Charlene Ross, and Carolyn Tatchell. We also had a great day with two teams representing Lorne at the recent Winchelsea Bowl. Thank you to Caroline Bartholomew, Lesley Goldsworthy, June Stafford, Faye Peddie, Jenni Miller and Charlene Ross. The country clubs are always very welcoming and the Winchelsea ladies certainly excel in their delicious selection of cakes.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group of ladies, please contact Lesley Goldsworthy, 0437 028 169. All levels of golf very welcome.

Don't forget our casual Thursday hit, walk and chat. The ladies hit off at 3.30 pm, weather permitting. This time is subject to change so please contact Lesley Goldsworthy on 0437 028 169 before going up to the club house.

Lesley Goldsworthy,
Lady President

Lorne Bowls Clubs

The mid-week Pennant Competition 2015-2016 has started. It seems an age since we donned our Club Uniforms and polished up our bowls.

Preceding the start of the season we had Marg Kirkham Day. A competition held amongst the Ladies of the Lorne Bowls Club. Marg Kirkham is no longer with us but her daughters sponsor this day in memory of their Mother.

At the end of a most enjoyable day the winners were, Lucy Porritt, Janet McLeod, Lorraine Goette and Jennifer Dulloo. (See below).



The Lorne Ladies, with the help of three gentlemen, were the very happy winners of the first Pennant game of the season. We hope to keep playing our best for the rest of the season.

We are very pleased that there were sufficient new members to enable the men to enter two teams this season. Unfortunately there is still a shortage of female members, so as usual if you are interested in playing please come down to the Club and join in the fun.

At the moment there are a lot of in-house games being played, the competition is quite fierce so if you see the flags flying over the Clubhouse call in and watch the competition.

- Merna Smith

Presidents Community Cup

The Lorne Bowls Club recently held the first Presidents Community Cup. Entries were received from twelve community groups. Each team contained one pennant player and two novice players. The competition was held over three consecutive Wednesday afternoons. At the end of the three weeks there was a tied score. We then held an exciting play-off, you could not have written a better script. Over thirty people witnessed excellent bowling over the deciding five ends.

The winning team was Emilio Graziani, Tim Foord and Josh Wroblewski with Leigh McIlvenny, Cameron Downie and Harley Davies runners-up. The winning team received \$600 first prize and the second team \$300. Our thanks go to the Bendigo Community Bank for their generous support of the competition. I am confident that this will become a regular community event.



(L to R) Shane Madden (Bendigo Bank Manager), Cr. Clive Goldsworthy, Josh Wroblewski, Gary Allen, Emilio Graziani, Helga Lewis and Tim Foord

The Club has successfully started the pennant season, with an additional team playing competitive bowls in division four, with our division three team currently on top of the ladder and the Tuesday pennant team undefeated.

- Gary Allen

Annual General Meetings

This is the time of the year when most clubs and organizations hold their Annual General Meetings. Lorne Football and Netball Club's AGM will be held at the Leisure Centre on Saturday November 7th at 10.00am – we have included a photograph of Lorne's Under 14.5 Premiership team as a 'send off' to the 2015 season. Lorne Country Club's AGM is to be held on Sunday 15th November at 11.00am in the main clubhouse.



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

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News from the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club

Manager, Ian Hutchinson is currently enjoying his well-earned 4 weeks annual leave. We welcome Darryl and Janelle as our bar persons during Ian's absence.

Once again, the Club conducted a great day of festivity for the Grand Final Saturday. Thanks to Michael and Shirley for their organization and continued commitment to the Club. Our next special activity will be Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 3rd November. All welcome for chicken and champagne – a great day is ensured.

Committee Notes

- A new sign in book for guests has been introduced whereby email addresses are requested. We are developing a data base of all guests of our Club for future reference. Members are encouraged to help with this request when signing in guests/visitors.
- Stronger Communities Program – an expression of interest for funding has been lodged with the Member

for Corangamite – Sarah Henderson. If successful, we will be refurbishing our bbq area including new access gate and improving our public address speaker system.

- Medallions sponsored by the LAAC were presented to all Lorne junior football and netball players.
- The Club will be open from 3.00pm from 26/12 until 26/1/16. Membership will remain the same for 2016; draught beer will rise to \$4.00 per pot from the 7th Dec with a two year moratorium at this price.
- Apollo Bay Sailing Club is looking for new members to crew local boats. If interested, please visit on Saturday 31/10 at 1.00.

Fishing Competitions – the fifth Major Competition was sponsored by Lorne Beach Books and Music. Senior winner was Graeme Norton and the Junior winner was Laura Wallis. Thanks to David and Meryl for their continued sponsorship. REMINDER – the final Major Competition will be held on November 1st and remember that fish must be inside the gate by 12.30 to be weighed in on Comp days. Sponsor of this day is Lorne Hardware.

Pt Grey Redevelopment.

The next Community Reference Group meeting has been held recently Please go to www.gorcc.com.au for further information on the Foreshore Master Plan.

LAAC sub committees continue to access information from GORCC with regards to available finances and the way forward. GORCC has obtained funding for the Business Plan which is a major step toward gaining extra funding.

NOMINATIONS FOR ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY OPEN.

I ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO BEING INVOLVED AT THIS LEVEL OF CLUB ACTIVITY.

All annual fishing competitions close on November 15.

Annual General Meeting – Saturday 5th December – 5.30pm

Graeme Norton – Commodore

Country Club - 30 year membership

The Lorne Country Club has instituted a 30 Year Continuous Membership achievement award to acknowledge those members who have reached this special level of membership.

A Presentation evening has been arranged for Saturday 14th November, 2015 to be held in the Clubhouse, commencing at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. You are invited to attend this evening to honour our long standing members.

Please contact the club for bookings.

Just a reminder that the Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 15th November, commencing at 11.00am.

**Greg Matthews
Secretary, LCC**

What's been happening at the Lorne Community House?

In September 2015, there was an announcement of a 'new era' at the Lorne Community House. The Community House Committee of Management invited the Lorne Community Hospital to provide an overseeing role in the administration of the House. This request was willingly met by the Hospital Board.

A team approach

Each community house is different and unique, each is driven by its own community to meet the needs of the local people. The backbone of a flourishing community house is the involvement of members. This can take many forms – as a volunteer, delivering a workshop, contributing as a part of the advisory group or supporting the House activities.

The House is fortunate to have funding for a Community House Coordinator, Katy Kennedy. This role manages the community house's day to day operations, while developing an ongoing range of opportunities for community development.

Additionally, since the Hospital commenced overseeing the House, Het Ramp has been able to contribute her talents to the House. Het will be spending a great deal of time and energy gathering community feedback regarding their key priorities.

What has happened recently?

There is an open invitation to drop into the Community House during opening hours from 9:30am-2:30pm, Monday to Thursday to share ideas - many community members have taken up the invitation.

After a full repaint internally, there has been a physical makeover of the space with many outstanding maintenance issues being fixed.

There is also a review underway regarding signage and furniture, your feedback and involvement is always welcomed.

What happens now?

All your ideas and suggestions to create new and exciting courses, projects or activities are being collated. These ideas will be discussed at the Advisory group meeting.

New volunteers have joined and others have put up their hand to join the Advisory group.

You will probably come across Het as she visits businesses, clubs and community groups to obtain your feedback.

Keep your ideas and feedback flowing – drop into the House and add an 'ideas' sticky note to the foyer wall or email communityhouse.lorne@swarh.vic.gov.au

Let's make Lorne Community House YOUR Community House.

- **LCH media release**

LCH Annual General Meeting

Lorne Community Hospital Chairman, Dr Damien Smith, and the Board of Directors invite you to attend the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will be held on Monday 23 November from 5.30-7pm @ Lorne Cumberland Resort. Please call Lorne Community Hospital on 5289 4300 for more details. All welcome to attend!

News from the Lorne Medical Practice

Introducing a new column to keep you up-to-date on what's happening at the Lorne Community Hospital

Well Women's Services

Ever wondered how to keep track of your regular women's health checks, ensure you are leading a healthy lifestyle or just wanted to source information about medical services on offer in Lorne?

The Lorne Medical Centre's newly formed 'Well Women's Service' is a free (bulk billed), confidential service that provides clinical services, information, counselling, referral and education to all women. Many women lead hectic lives, however it is important to find the time for regular check-ups.

Helen Moriarty, a Registered Nurse and Midwife will be leading the Well Women's Clinic. Helen has been a senior nurse at the Lorne Community Hospital for many years and is a well-regarded local community member. Helen has been offering childbirth classes at Lorne Community Hospital since the 1980's along with lactation and breast feeding support. She completed the sexual and reproductive health course at Family Planning Victoria and became an accredited Nurse Pap Test Provider. Helen has attended placements at the Family Planning Clinic in Box Hill and the Jean Hailes Clinic and is really pleased to be part of the team at the Lorne Medical Centre.

Lorne Medical Centre's staff, Dr Mary Barson, Dr Swaroopini Thangarajah and Gynaecologist, Dr Judith Fleming plus Lorne Community Hospital's Physiotherapists Cheryl Biddle and Holly Lipson will also be available for appointments (extra costs may apply). Together they will provide a full well women's service for women run by women.

What specific services are provided by the Well Women's Clinic?

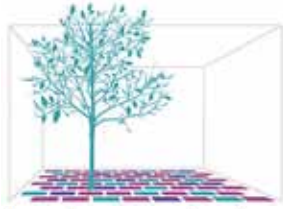
- Pap tests
- Breast health
- Menopause advice
- Pregnancy care
- Contraception guidance
- STD screening
- Continence information and treatment for urinary incontinence

Helen and the team would like to encourage all women to come along and have a chat about any concerns they may have regarding their health. No referral is required.

For further information, please contact Lorne Medical Centre on 5289 4333.

- **Dr David Mullen**





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Our correspondent wants to beat the best A-team garlic growers



Warmer weather, longer days, sap pulsing through the xylem and phloem of the plant structures – Spring has sprung and all thoughts turn to the veggie garden. The Styrofoam containers on the deck are keeping seedlings warm and out in the vegetable garden preparations are under way for planting seeds, new season growth is starting to get away and it all feels like a new beginning, a new season full of promise. The only limits on what can be grown are defined by the will of the grower and the size of the garden plot.

It may be a trifle early to grow your basil as a companion plant to your tomatoes but these latter should be under way by now. Certain zealots I know have had seeds germinated back in August trying to get to the head of the pack in the race to get the first early tomatoes fruiting. Plastic guards are used to help initiate early growth by protecting the tender little things from cold air and by maximising warmth.

For those among the garden society who care about such things the challenge is to ripen the first tomato of the season. Where I live, at an altitude of one thousand feet, cool night-time temperatures limit my success with growing this wonderful fruit (although we think of it as a vegetable, it is in fact a fruit) unless I do so in a hothouse.

Not that I'm competitive but the first time I picked a ripe tomato before Christmas Day I took it straight to my father's place to present him with it. I was as pleased as punch since he has always been the benchmark of growers for me, a humble doyen who always grew the best and tastiest tomatoes.

But if I am constrained from a crop of tomatoes by the micro-climate here I am always able put in a crop of garlic. Last year I brought along my best clove of garlic for judging at the Annual Garlic Comp held at the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club. I thought I knew a thing or two about producing these babies but was left well chastened when I saw what had been produced by Angelo and Harris who each opened his bag to reveal large clean cloves that left my efforts in the shade. I'll be back this year, I hope to right up there in contention. I've learnt from my mistakes.

I left the plants in the ground long after the tops had died back hoping to conserve moisture and, therefore, weight. Well that was wrong; I should have harvested them when the tops first began to turn yellow, shouldn't have waited so long. This year I've been asking around regarding the correct time of planting.

Always believing that individual bulbs – always choosing the large firm ones from last year's harvest - should be set before the shortest day of the year, I would

wait until the last possible moment to get them in the ground. "Not so," another grower declared, "I put mine in after Easter." Now I wonder have I gone in too late this year? Or too early? It's a crisis of confidence. Ah, the folk lore of plant husbandry. What I didn't admit was my own secret. I always plant according to phases of the Moon. My old Uncle Darbie in Ballarat swore by this method, so I figure that if I blend the shibboleths of the Druids with the artifice of the classical Greeks I will produce the biggest and best garlic in town at this year's comp. Not that I'm competitive

Doug is a retired garden and landscape contractor who still makes himself available for consultations and specialised contracts as well as continuing to maintain his Mobile Nursery.

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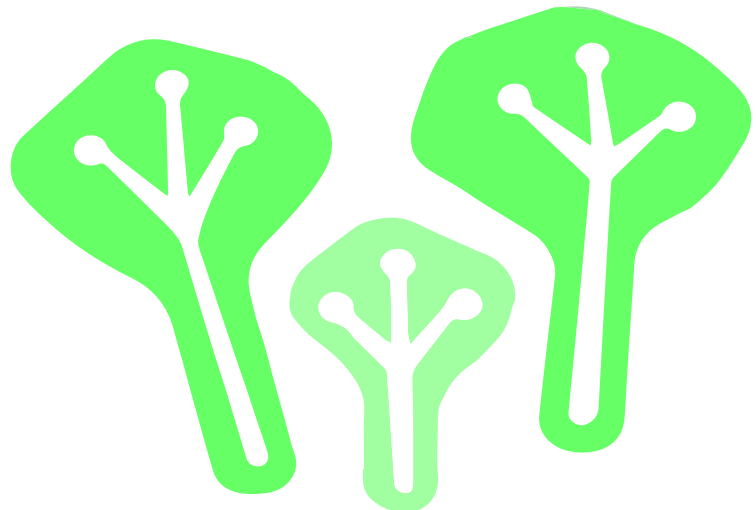
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Lorne Kindergarten wins State-wide 2015 'Early Childhood service of the year' sustainability award



Lorne Kindergarten has taken out the prestigious state-wide ResourceSmart sustainability award.

Sustainability Victoria's ResourceSmart Education Awards recognise Victorian schools, early childhood services, students and teachers for exceptional sustainability projects. A record number of entries were received, with over 180 entries from more than 100 education services across the state.

Lorne was singled out among fellow finalists Pakenham Little Beacons Learning Centre and Heathmont East Pre-School, winning one of Victoria's highest honours for Kindergarten educators.

Educators Michelle Danks and Alyce Stribling were overwhelmed a small regional kinder could make such giant waves in the Sustainability sector.

Michelle Danks said "When our parent committee was developing our original Junior Earthlings play-based science and sustainability program we knew we were onto something very special but to be recognised on a state-wide level has been an amazing honour and our town is truly buzzing with the news"

The prizemoney will be invested in two family focussed not-for-profit programs, one in regional Laos and the other in the indigenous community of Kalkarindji, five hours south of Katherine in the Northern Territory.

"We have decided to donate our prizemoney to two worthy causes to further demonstrate our commitment to global sustainability and social awareness," Michelle Danks said.

A portion of the prizemoney will be placed into a Kiva.org 'micro-loan project' in Laos enabling families to purchase TerraClear water filters to guarantee access to clean drinking water. The remaining funds will fund educational equipment for Kalkaringi Kindergarten where educator Michelle volunteered her creative skills during the September school holidays.

Lorne Kindergarten's award winning sustainability program will continue to evolve with the new Wild Space and Produce Garden currently in development. Educators also aim to maintain a strong regional connection with Sustainability Victoria to ensure the kindergarten remains an environmental innovator.

"We look forward to working with our local Sustainability Victoria representative with the goal of becoming Victoria's first Five Star ResourceSmart Early Childhood Service. We may be small but we like to aim high!" said Michelle.

Accepting the Award at the Melbourne Convention Centre, Southbank, Chief Executive Officer of Sustainability Victoria, Stan Krpan, Susannah Sprague (parent), Michelle Danks (educator), Alyce Stribling (educator), Charlotte Baldock (Surf Coast Shire) and Leanne Travers (president of the Lorne Kinder committee).

Junior Earthlings is Lorne Kindergarten's original play-based science and sustainability program designed to arm children with life-long sustainability skills underscored by a comprehensive scientific understanding of the natural world. Our recycling initiatives are lessons in chemistry and biodegradability, rock pool rambles are about oceanography, ecology and palaeontology and feeding scraps to our resident animals focuses children on biology and nutrition. Indigenous stories present topography, geography and cultural science concepts while water play tests the theories of celebrated physicists.

The Committee of Management of the Lorne Kindergarten

invites interested community members

To the

2015 Annual General Meeting of the Lorne Kindergarten

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Film enthusiasts, industry movers and shakers and those who just like seeing interesting films – will descend on Lorne to view an offering of 34 feature and shorts during the 3rd Lorne Film 2015 between November 12 and 15.

The Festival's theme is 'Making Waves' – a commitment to quality films featuring the surf and ocean – along with a selection of outstanding films from a variety of genres.

It also underlined the Festival's ambition to create positive discussions leading to reform within the Australian film industry. Festival Director, Darren Markey said that this may raise eyebrows and create waves – with several groundbreaking events.

'Lorne Thought: The Hand that Feeds' is an industry-based discussion focusing on the relationship between the film industry and the funding bodies. Industry panellists will include Executive Producer Andrew Myer, screenwriting veteran Mac Gudgeon, independent director/producer Dee McLachland, Eva Lazzaro and Film Victoria CEO Jenni Tosi – among others.

Other highlights include the Opening Night Screening of *The Hear My Eyes* project, *The Vanquishing of the Witch Baba Yaga*, the Saturday Night screening of new local gem *Pawno*, Ex Goanna front man Shane Howard performing at the Victorian College of the Arts reading of *The Blockade*, and the riveting Tasmanian documentary *Shadow of Doubt*.

Included in the Lorne Film 2015 program is the Patagonia produced *The Fisherman's Son* and *The More Things Change: Gerry Lopez's Uluwatu Talk Story*. Featuring renowned surf figures Ramon Navarro and Gerry Lopez these films form part of Patagonia's New Localism initiative – a campaign that 'recognises we can no longer pass through remote, wild places and trust they will remain that way... (New Localism) engages our community to protect threatened places that are home to the sports that inspire our adventures...' *Environmental Community Leadership: Surf Coast – now & then*.

With both film running around 25 minutes Lorne Film 2015 is planning a panel discussion and Q&A between the two.

Further to this – Lorne Film 2015, in partnership with LorneCare – has invited the Surf Coast Shire, Surfers Appreciating a Natural Environment (S.A.N.E.), Surf Coast Energy Group (S.C.E.G.), along with a number of other stakeholders to join in this conversation, to share ideas and plan together for the environmental future of our region.

Patagonia will be co-hosting the event with several representatives from Patagonia joining the discussion.

New Localism @ Lorne Film 2015 2:00pm Saturday November 14, Lorne Theatre, 78 Mountjoy Parade

All inquiries about the program, where to get tickets and other information can be found on the website:

www.lornefilm.com.au

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New executive director for Lorne Arts Festival

The Lorne Community Arts & Culture Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Executive Director, Naomi Daly, following a recent board meeting. Ms Daly has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Lorne Arts Festival replacing Penny Whitehead who has worked in the role over the past 6 years.

The Lorne Community Arts & Culture Foundation (LCACF) Board acknowledged Mrs Whitehead who has built the Festival from a brainchild of the Love Lorne campaign, to an event that attracted some 4,000 people last August.

Alongside Monique Harvey (Artistic Director), who will remain in her role, Mrs Whitehead has been instrumental in building upon the arts culture of Lorne and creating an event that local, semi-permanent residents, holiday home owners and tourists attend.

The LCACF continue its association with Mrs Whitehead in her role as Marketing Administrator of the Love Lorne campaign.

Chairman of the Board, Peter Spring indicated the sentiment of the Board saying 'The Lorne Community Arts & Culture Foundation Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Daly, former co-producer of The Falls Music & Arts Festival and a Lorne resident.

"Ms Daly brings two decades of festival experience and a broad skill set to the role."

The Lorne Arts Festival will be held on 26-28 August 2016.

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All systems 'GO' for Lorne Men's Shed

After delays – bad weather caused work on the foundation to be temporarily postponed – it's now all systems 'GO' for Lorne Men's Shed.

Temporary fencing has been erected around the construction site following the recent official 'turning the first sod' ceremony by members of the Lorne Op-Shop. Several of the Op-Shop ladies did the honours with specially gold-plated shovels (Men's Shed President Allan Walls actually sprayed the tools with gold paint) and it was yet another reminder of the substantial amounts of money the Op-Shop contributes towards community projects.

The Men's Shed project is being managed by the Surf Coast Council staff, project manager Simon Jeans and project Officer Jarrod Westwood, and the foundations are being done by GD Construction.

Drysdale Garages have been appointed contractor to build the shed while Lorne Plumbing and Lorne Electrics have been awarded works orders for other work.

Men's Shed Secretary, Don Baldwin said that with moving the concrete foundations six metres as per Surf Coast Shire specifications, the slab is a little bigger to maintain integrity of the original design with storage under the veranda.

"However, we are still very much on target and hope to have the Shed to lock-up stage some time early next year," Don added.

Construction of the shed is being done in two stages; Stage 1 to lock up so we can get certificate of occupancy and then Stage 2, the internal fit out which includes internal insulation and lining of the walls, and building of the office /kitchen.

The workshop will be marked out and work benches will be required as well as equipment.

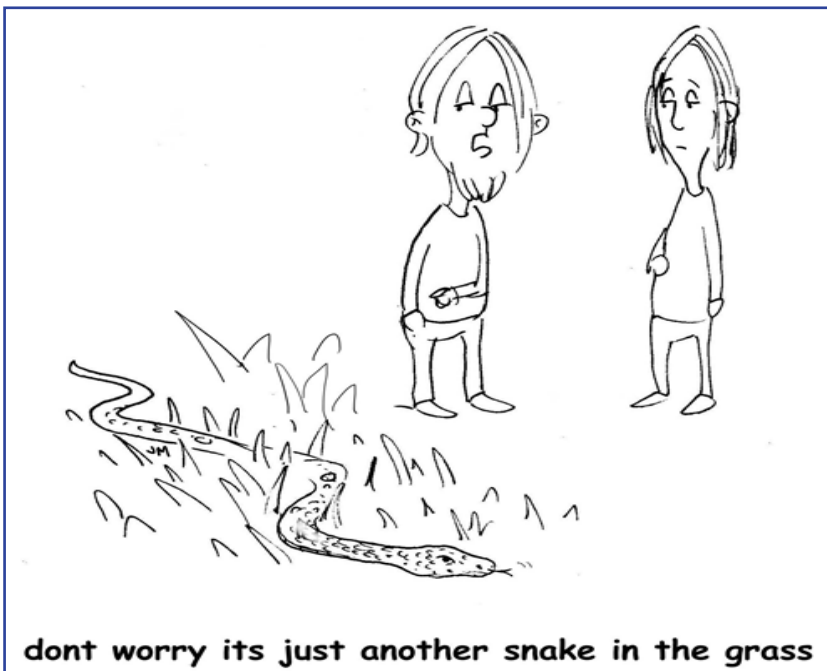
"Membership is a healthy 63 and we are open for new members to join. I can be contacted on e-mail: lornemensshed@gmail.com or mobile 0401 718 585 should anyone wish to join.

"We have some donated equipment and promise of tools from members," Don said.

"Once we're in the Shed, members will be formed



X-marks the spot. Top, members of the Lorne Op-Shop turn the soil to mark the spot where the foundations to the Men's Shed are to go. Above, Men's Shedder President Allan Walls shows off documents that have now allowed the Shed Project to go ahead.



into committees to manage the day to day operation and work on selected projects, be it woodwork, metal work or repairing things, but we also hoping to have ability for men to learn computer skills, cooking classes, and learn about health issues.

"The Shed should also be a meeting place to have a cuppa be it tea or coffee, and just have a chat with another person."

Currently the LMS committee is working with the project team to ensure any issues that arise are covered and that we have finances in place to cover the stage 1 project costs.

"The LMS is open to donations as the Stage 2 fit out costs are not all covered.

"As you can tell we have some way to go, but it's exciting to see all those months of committee meetings and many meetings with council coming together", Don added.



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Lynton Wade's reflection

I read a few books while I was away convalescing.

Not that I'm an avid reader but it was one of the few activities I could indulge in while I was confined to crutches.

Some were work-related, even academic, while others were just for entertainment.

One that intrigued me more than others was Dan (The Da Vinci Code) Brown's 'The Lost Symbol' as it carried on like his other books with a series of conspiratorial scenarios involving the church, Freemasons, science and political history.

Like 'The Da Vinci Code', you are led from one clue to the next – clues left by artists and scientists who had secret knowledge of things we mortals would never have recognized without the key to understand its meaning and intention.

I found myself frustrated as I had been with 'The Da Vinci Code' in that many of the elements in the plot of the book are legitimate and historical and true but then Dan Brown adds his own embellishments in a way that blurs what is real with what is fiction.

I wonder, in the end, whether it is possible to distinguish the truth from fiction. But then,

I guess it doesn't really matter if it's just about entertainment, except that it would be easy to be drawn into his world and believe everything that he's written is true.

And that reminds me of how credulous any of us can be and how difficult it can be to recognize the difference between truth and fiction.

I know that, as a child, it was occasionally necessary to enhance an explanation to an adult in order to convince them that my actions were justified. Mum and Dad seemed to be able stay awake until all hours so that, when creeping in at midnight from Youth Group, which finished at 10 o'clock, the explanation of how it took two hours to get home would often involve some improvements on the truth.

And it's easy to do that in the most innocent of ways. My car gets 5.7li/100km (it really only gets 6.8) ... I lost 5 kilos while I was away (but I've found them again already) ... did I mention that, as a 20 year old, I won the Far North Queensland C Grade Trampoline Championship?

And that is completely true! Except that I was the only competitor.

It's fairly easy to mess with the truth. Dan Brown has done it with a number of books now. And while it mightn't matter which parts are true in a novel, it matters a lot what is true in life.

Perhaps especially why it took two hours to get home from youth group.

- Lynton

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Their rooms are situated in the former mainland to Tasmania Cable Station. This was part of a facility established in May 1936, and opened by Prime Minister Joseph Lyons. It was the first undersea telegraphic link, which gave Tasmania a direct telephone connection for the first time with the rest of Australia, and to overseas services.

Prior to this, communication between the mainland and Tasmania had been by telegraph and wireless. It operated from Apollo Bay, then via King Island, to Stanley in Tasmania. It was a project that involved the laying of 256 kilometers of special submarine cable, in difficult circumstances, over a seabed of very rocky peaks in often violent seas.



Members of the Lorne Historical Society, from the left, Pauline Walker, David Walker, Peter Spring, Greta Beale, and Ian Walding, at Apollo Bay Historical Museum.

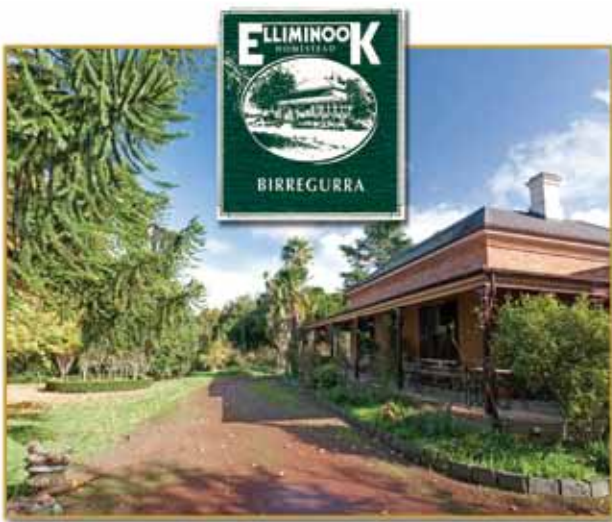
The cable was what was called a single copper conductor, and it was able to carry 36 telegraph messages, one wireless broadcasting circuit, and several telephone 'conversations'. How times have changed. Even so, the difficult work of laying the cable was completed within a month.

Several sections of the original transmitter equipment and technology are still situated in the Apollo Bay Society's rooms, located just as they were in 1936.

Being a part of the 'shipwreck coast' of course, the Historical Society has numerous fascinating relics, photographs and memorabilia, including items from the 'Casino', lost in a storm of Apollo Bay harbor in 1932.

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Even Council has an escape mechanism built in - "Council does not have a preconceived opinion on whether or not to build a new centre".

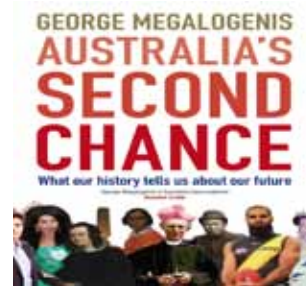
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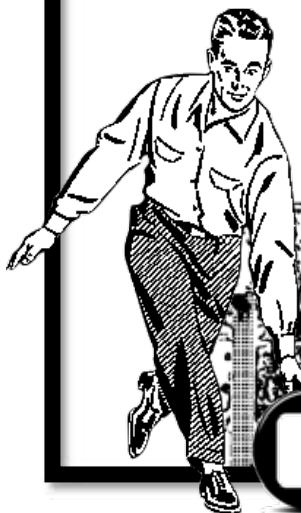
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'Old age' is always 10 years older than you are today. While this may be a quaint adage, it highlights that we generally only think of other people as being 'old'.

Officially there are ages when we are deemed to be a 'senior' or an older Australian. For example, Seniors Cards are provided to people aged 60 years or over, and not working more than a set number of hours per week in paid employment. From a health and medical point of view you are generally considered 'senior' after the age of 65 years.

Each year The Every Generation Festival aims to bring together the community to celebrate longer lives. Events are held for Australians of all ages to celebrate the valuable contribution made by older Australians to the community. It is a time for older people to share their achievements with people of other generations. The festival sends the message that people improve with age, and that their contributions to society are valuable, welcomed and essential.

Living longer is a great thing, but we also need to remain healthy to enjoy our longer lives to their fullest. Unfortunately, debilitating conditions such as heart and kidney disease, diabetes, and some types of arthritis are more common in older people.

Lifestyle changes can minimise the risk of these problems occurring, but medicines are often the best way to manage the symptoms of these conditions. In fact, the oldest 10% of the population use more than 20% of all prescribed medicines.

The good news is that as the population ages worldwide, we are also getting healthier. A US study has shown that on average, elderly people are growing healthier, happier and more independent. Another report in New Scientist magazine has found that diseases usually associated with old age are affecting fewer people and, when they do strike, it is much later in life.

Regardless of our age or physical condition, we benefit when we take control of our health. This includes making informed decisions based on the advice of doctors, pharmacists, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

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- John Bell



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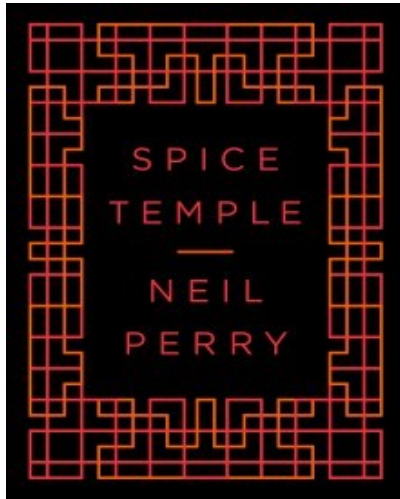
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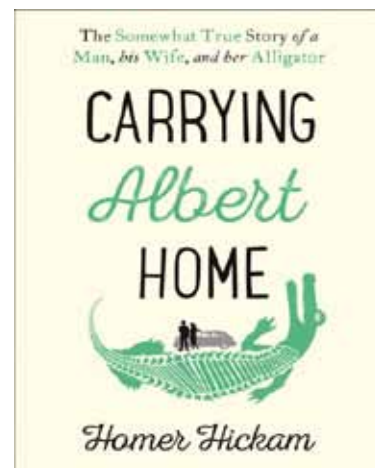
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