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VicRoads admits to motor vehicle and bicycle problems on the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road

It appears that authorities are at long last taking notice of constant complaints of just how dangerous the Lorne –Deans Marsh Road is – especially due to the presence of an ever-increasing number of bicycle riders.

VicRoads, the responsible government authority, is going to install within weeks at the Lorne end an electronic solar powered sign to alert motorists to the presence of cyclists.

The Lorne Independent understands the sign will be installed at the roundabout at the junction of the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road. The signs 'wakes up' whenever a bicycle crosses the beam and will continue to flash for a further half hour.

The theory is that the warning sign will alert motorists to riders using the road, thus, presumably, fore-warning motorists, especially tourists, of possible danger further up the road.

The Lorne Independent also believes the sign is to be financed by Mr Simon Gillett, founder of the Amy Gillett Foundation, personally or through the Foundation itself. The Foundation has as its stated aim to work towards reducing the incidence of serious injury and death of bike riders in Australia.

It is, however, significant to note that VicRoads (or so the Lorne Independent believes) has actually set up a reference group specifically to look into the problems raised due to the increased number of bicycles.

The Great Ocean Road hosts at least three main bicycle rides – the biggest is the Wiggle Amy's Grand Fondo, September 10 and 11 – and riders use the GOR and the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road for recreational and training rides virtually the year round.

Deans Marsh has been on the forefront in campaigning for greater safety for both riders and motor vehicles, and one resident, Ms Juliet Beatty, said that a common belief was that a bicycle warning sign should also be installed at the Deans Marsh end of the road to warn of bike riders on the steep slope into Lorne.

The speed by which riders descend into Lorne presents different problems in that their speed is quite high, and often on par (rarely on par, but faster than bikes usually go so they are easily startled and can slide/fall over) with motor vehicles, thus creating a quite precarious situation, especially when vehicles try to pass riders.

The VicRoads website outlines quite specifically that motor vehicles and bicycles have an equal right to share the roadway, but riders often don't comply with road rules, and seldom pull into designated turn out spaces.

By law, they are required at night to have flashing tail lights and reflectors, and the VicRoads websites suggests that riders wear light coloured apparel.

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One of the paintings from the new Susan Sutton exhibition at QDOS to be launched on Easter Saturday. 'Boards 2016' oil on linen, 90 by 120cm. The exhibition is part of the spectacular display of artistic endeavour over March which also includes the Lorne Sculpture Biennale and the Lions Easter Art Show.

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Motor vehicles and bicycles on the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road

It should also be reinforcement to cyclists that as “a courtesy to other road users, they too should use slow vehicle turnouts”

Ms Beatty said that “peak times for bike riders are weekends and weekdays, between 6.30am-9am and 4 to 6pm (at least two hours later in summer)”. “Weekdays for local motor vehicle traffic is very busy over the same period with traders, other workers and parents taking their children to and from school”, she wrote to the CEO of the Surf Coast Shire, Mr Keith Baillie.

The problem during these early mornings and late afternoon periods, the road is often subject to dappled sun patches and deep shadows and motorists have problems in identifying riders, especially those wearing dark clothing.

Most Deans Marsh and Lorne residents have anecdotes on near-accidents and a VicRoads spokesperson said that the authority had no way of gathering data unless they resulted in hospitalisation.

“This is unfortunate as in my, and other regular users’ experience, minor collisions and near misses are far more frequent than those recorded,” Ms Beatty said.

The Surf Coast Shire has no jurisdiction over road traffic but it can advise VicRoads on problem roads and possible solutions.

With the formation of the VicRoads reference group, the problems of the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road and the motor vehicle-bicycle riders sharing is at least on the table.

- JB, JV

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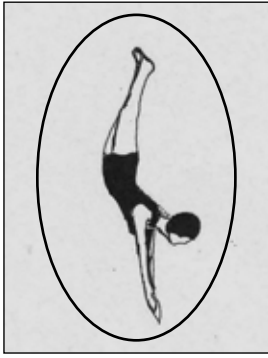
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Never before have two words taken on so much meaning as 'controlled' and 'contained'! It will be a great day when the FireReady App. announces that our fire is finally under control! We are all so proud of our CFA volunteers who are called out to save us at any time of night or day! How do they manage to keep their careers going when they are summoned so often? Such a diverse range of workers too - electrician, cafe workers

and owners, arborist, plumbers, shop employees and owners, accommodation providers, entertainers farmers, maintenance mgr, admin folk, parks people, bakery/cafe workers, retired seniors. handymen, earthmovers, cleaners, IT manager!!!! We thank each of them!

The flagpole opposite the newsagency is a vital Lorne contact point. For example, the recent hoisting of a pale blue flag announced the arrival of a big bonny boy to Bo and Jade Trickey – welcome Fox! Also another grandchild for the Spizzicas – a granddaughter! But when it is at half mast, folk enquire gently – “who is the flag for?” And so it was for Marj Gaylard - a lady of immaculate good taste and always so beautifully ‘turned out’. Although recently living in Geelong, Marj was part of the Op Shop volunteer team for many many years with Marge Grant and that wonderful generation of women. We also lost Wilf Lowe who seemed to have been in Lorne for ever and ever – another gentle, polite, immaculate gentleman – we send sympathies to his sons and family.

Peter Sturton-Gill also lost his leukemia battle in January – a large, loud, loving, generous, optimistic man who was adored by all! Sympathies to Joan and daughters Sarah and Kate and families.

Some good news! Our much loved Dr Swaroopini Thangarajah (aka Swazi) recently went skydiving with her partner Ranil. Floating towards their landing spot, he drew her attention to the words “Will you Marry Me?” marked out on the ground. She must have accepted the offer as she is now sporting a beautiful diamond engagement ring! Congratulations to both.

The Do Not Call thingamajig seems to have given up! Surely it is a record to receive six calls in one day offering us downlight changeovers –and then to pop in to a Lorne friend round the corner, answer the phone for her and blowmedown, its them!! No more Mrs Nice Lady that’s for sure. And now the solar panel callers are blitzing us! HELP!

Great to see VicRoads painting the lines round our roundabouts recently. One email and one phone call got the line boys back with their brushes for the almost invisible middle-of-the-road line near the bridge and the river shops. Our precious tourists didn’t know whether to turn right, veer left, or break the law and enter the DO NOT ENTER ONE WAY ONLY little street (causing spectacular back outs!). Latest request for a few arrows round the roundabouts is making VicRoads think – but hey - how terrifying is it when cars go the wrong way. A common occurrence at all three roundabouts.

The Nursing Home will really miss big smiling Nick Murnane who has moved on to Melbourne to study Sports Medicine, combining his two passions. We wish him luck and say a mega thanks!

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An amazing 9” sea dragon was found washed up on our beach recently. A first for the finder.

Pretty bad tomato season in Lorne this year – however congratulations to Stan who grew a couple of beauties in a big pot in the Nursing Home’s gorgeous courtyard. A sloping Italian style veggie garden in Deans Marsh Road still managed to produce a great crop against all odds, some weighing over 500 grams and full of flavor.

The Independent’s enthusiastic Sports Writer recently attended the Lord Howe Island’s school gala sports evening (as you would if in residence!). A fantastic night with a big program of events open to all. He put his name down for the Over 50’s 75 metre dash, then on a whim he decided to enter the Open Age event as well. Oh dear! He pulled a hammy in the final few yards in this event and ended his big night of racing!

Maple Tree restaurant’s Head Chef Mitch Knight is continuing his late Grandfather Ralph’s tradition of raising money for the Good Friday Children’s Hospital Appeal by serving a 5-course degustation at the Maple Tree noshery on that very day. Mitch will donate all proceeds to the RCH, keeping up incredible Ralph’s four decades of supporting the needy cause.

Geelong Art Gallery acquired Arthur Streeton’s 1921 painting ‘Ocean blue, Lorne’ in 2011. Streeton loved Lorne despite the long and bumpy bus ride from Winchelsea station. The Age Spectrum’s article quoted his descriptions of our little town in those days which are still relevant – Lorne “has her back on gentle slopes and her feet stretched toward the wide and shallow bay”, a place where the “rollers from the Southern Ocean crash shoreward like glittering cylinders of green glass and lavish their foam over flat ledges of rock..” Geelong Gallery’s exhibition is on until June 13 and showcases many of his beautiful works of this area.

Also in The Age Spectrum, Lorne home owner Anson Cameron’s fantastic article (and Robin Cowder’s stunning illustration) depicting the tradition of diving from Lorne’s pier was a great read. Funny thing is, those who do launch themselves into the ocean from this spot, leap right over the painted words “No Diving from Pier”. Please note that diving from piers is seriously dangerous.

Grrrrrr! Observing motorbikes boldly parked in spaces designated for cars makes us wild! We have an abundance of spaces marked “Motorbikes only” – yet they continue to ignore these and park right where we want to! Unnecessarily.

Kangaroos seem to be moving into Lorne’s streets and gardens – in search of water and tucker? Every time one is spotted dear Bill Fulton comes to mind and a sadness descends, knowing this special man is no longer around to heal, coach and defend them! Every man, woman, child and creature misses dear Bill.

Thanks to the passionate Lorne-lover who rang in to 3AW’s brekkie show’s “best view in the entire world” discussion. Between callers enthusing about the Grand Canyon, The Eiffel Tower, etc he gave a huge rap to the view from the Lorne Aquatic Club out to the pier, the mountains, the township and the ocean, with a cold beer in hand! Helmsmen Ross and John had never heard of this unique spot, much less experienced its real Ozzie hospitality. “I’ll sign you in!” said our smart new PR gent.

March is so busy – the World’s Longest Lunch (Mantra 4/3), Clean Up Oz (5/3), fabulous Sculpture gig (12/3), several great fundraisers, and Easter and the Lions Art Show (25/3)! Phew!.....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 will be working on the northern part of the Bert Alsop Track.

We will meet in the North Lorne car park at the northern end of the track at:

10am on Sunday, March 20

Our working bee will be followed by a barbeque at about 12.30pm. Visitors and new starters will be made especially welcome.

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Maximum value can be achieved if the property is located in such a way as to gain prestige and value by the positive impact of attractive, valued surrounds.

Unfortunately, "Position! Position! Position!" doesn't seem to be of particular concern when the organising committee of the Lorne Sculpture Biennale place their permanently purchased works.

Unfortunately too, politics play a crucial part in where the sculptures should be placed and for years, the bureaucrats at the Sure Coast Shire and especially at the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee have been playing Monopoly with two of the purchases, the Dart and The Pack (dogs).

There is nothing as fierce and/or perhaps as sensitive as the ego of the artist and to witness one's work, usually created over years of thinking and effort, sweat and a good many tears, playing a part in political football by people who usually know a fat sow's ear about artistic value, must be a source of much anger, frustration and sleepless nights.

Some decades ago, Melbourne denizens took great objection to a metal sculpture everyone called the 'Yellow Peril'. It was subsequently moved from one place to another and the harsh criticism took its toll on the sculptor.

Finally it found a permanent home and now is hailed by critics as 'being ahead of its time!'

Go figure!

But a big hurrah! It seems that at long last the Dart and the Pack have been allocated permanent spaces on our foreshore, offering maximum exposure, and acceptance in the general and artistic sense to both the public and the artists.

It's a joy when you see people look up in fascination at the clever shape of the Dart, and children playing happily on and around the shapes of the Pack, placed quite appealingly among the tee-trees on a grassy foreshore slope.

One can't help but to believe that the artists of these two works must be happy with their location.

Not so the red and white sculpture, named 'Supermodel' tucked into a pocket of green as one drives across the Erskine River Bridge into Lorne proper.

One can say, without prejudice, it's an effigy that most of the people of Lorne have never taken to their hearts.

Without debating its artistic merits and the price paid for the commission (said to have been about \$75,000), what is plain as little green apples, it's just the wrong sculpture in the wrong place.

It belongs in an open space, out there in the distance or high up on a hill to act like a beacon, to inspire, encourage and motivate, and not squashed like a bad dream into a grey-green eucalypts wedge on the bank of a mostly sluggish, dirt-brown and quite unappealing part of the Erskine River.

It might have been better to keep it under wraps, as the Pack once was, until a suitable resting place was found,

Unfortunately it's the sort of situation than can turn people against sculpture and the whole concept of three-dimensional art, so let's hope that LSB in the future shows strength of conviction when dealing with bureaucracy.

Presumably, the LSB has been created to turn people on to sculpture, not off it.

- Jo Vondra



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Koalas: Towards an Australia-wide act that protect both Koalas and the trees that give them sustenance

The chief executive officer of the Australian Koala Foundation recently visited the Surf Coast, intent to further her organisation's primary aim – to gain formal protection of the animals through a single nationwide legislation, a so-called Koala Protection Act.

The Brisbane-based organisation says that current legislation is failing the koala in that despite individual state-by-state animal protection laws, there is no all-encompassing legislation to protect the animals from habitat destruction.

Apart from the obviously declining koala population, says AKF's CEO Ms Deborah Talbart, at stake is Australia's koala tourism industry, worth about \$3.2 billion a year.

Ms Talbart said that surveys have found that 75 percent of inbound tourists reported that they hope to see a koala when making the decision to come to Australia.

From reports, the 400-plus colony of koalas recently resettled on the outskirts of Lorne from Cape Otway and habitats along the Great Ocean Road, is settling in nicely, though Ms Talbart makes it a duty to visit annually as many koala habitats up and down the Australian eastern seaboard as possible.

The animals were moved to the Lorne area recently under somewhat controversial conditions with claims of the Victorian government adhering to a 'dump and run' policy - the animals were moved to the Lorne area after denuding parts of forests in the Cape Otway region, and along the Great Ocean Road, and before that on Kangaroo Island.

Presumably, when they have done enough damage to the Otways, they'll be moved on.

Needless to say, the AKF and the Victorian Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) do not read from the same page, as they say in today's jargon.

DELWP says the koalas were moved after extensive habitat studies to identify potential recipient sites for translocating the koalas; AKF sees it as a 'dump and run' policy without any real forward planning.

Ms Talbart said that the AKF wants to see the introduction of legislation along the line of the United States 'Bald Eagle Act' passed on the eve of World War II, originally only a single page which effectively guarded the birds as well as the trees they were nesting in.



The Australian Koala Foundation asks: What would Australia be without its koalas?

The Act, apparently, worked brilliantly, thereby ensuring the longevity of the US's prime symbol of nationhood. The eagle image (and they are not really bald but just have flat feathers on their head) is on the official seal of the United States.

A 'Koala Protection Act' would reconcile development and conservation – protect the environment but not at the expense of industry.

It would independently identify koala habitats (mapping) and require development to demonstrate that through their activities koalas (and their trees) will not suffer harmful impact. The act would insist on independent consultants providing advice to government and industry and make sure that community concerns are met.

It's a big ask, considering Australia's varied and diverse legislation developed by law-makers in each state, but Ms Talbart is indefatigable, talking constantly with government, industry, councils, in fact anyone who is willing to listen and possibly help out.

Various Australian authorities estimate that in 2013 our koala population was between 130,000 and 550,000 while the Koala Foundation figures showed an animal variance of between 48,000 and 95,000.

It's hard to establish who's right or wrong. But the fact is Australia without the iconic koala would be unthinkable.

- JV



News from our Councillor for the Lorne Ward

The year 2016 has now began in earnest, and it's great to see the township busy again as people make the most of the great weather we have been having.

Preparations are well underway for the Lorne Sculpture Biennale to be held from Saturday 12th March until Sunday 3rd April, this year's program has a fantastic range of events and activities.

Visit www.lornesculpture.com for further information

Easter Saturday 26th March sees the annual blockbuster football match between Birregurra and Lorne competing for the annual Mark Trickey memorial trophy. Keep the date free.

Surf Coast Shire Small Grants

The Small Grants program is aimed to support community projects and initiatives by encouraging new opportunities and strengthening collaboration between community groups

The program is available to new and existing groups, to develop project ideas or improve services within the local community. Funds can be provided for projects and activities which fall into the following categories: Community Initiatives, Environment, Culture and Arts, and Recreation and Leisure.

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I am requesting funding from this years Annual Budget for five additional Bigbelly rubbish and recycling bins to be located strategically along Mountjoy Parade a logical request to be funded by ratepayers rubbish levy.

Initiatives to further mitigate the Cockatoo rubbish problem in Lorne

The Surfcoast Shire had introduced further actions to help address the problem:

1. Undertake audits of all residential bin sites in Lorne on a Sunday to confirm and record the extent of the problem, and then send targeted letters to problem residences.
2. Organise a letter to all property owners, including via rental agents, to alert them to the cockatoo problem, including an information brochure and offering the lockable bin option that Council provides.
3. Implement new signs for all footpath trading tables.

What can you do to assist.

Each time you observe a bin that has been attacked by Cockatoo, take a photo and forward to my email address, don't forget to state the address where the bin is located. lorneward.information@gmail.com

As a community we need to actively address the causes of the problem, Cockatoos don't place the bins on the streets !!

A single brick or stone is not effective against four or five determined cockatoos.

Great to see the Men's Shed is also actively addressing this issue by offering to install a "Cockie Stop Block". Contact John Tuck 0414 759 399.

Cr Clive Goldsworthy

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Thank you, Lorne!

On behalf of the Wye River CFA, I would like to extend a huge note of thanks to the Lorne community for all the assistance we have received since the Christmas Day fires.

Captain Frazer Buckle and the Lorne Brigade supplied an incredible amount of personal support and assistance in the days and weeks after the event.

The Lions Club have eagerly assisted those who have lost their homes, They, especially Billie (Billie Lance, President of the Lorne Lions), gave so much thought, time and effort and as well as money and goods.

They even took on all those who lost their houses by helping with accommodation during this restarting process.

The Aquatic club also has also generously assisted families who lost their home.

The Spirit Foundation has earnestly carried out fundraising for the Wye River- Separation Creek community. Cr Clive Goldsworthy and Peter Spring have generously donated their time in guiding us through the early stages of dealing with the funds raised.

They are still doing so now.

The Falls Festival - whilst dealing with their own dramas - managed to also do some great fundraising for those affected in our community.

Sue Theodore offered our Fire Fighters and their partners massages - so timely!

Lorne SLSC opened their nipper program to Wye kids and donated a significant sum from its own annual appeal to Wye River SLSC.

There have been numerous donations of food, offers of assistance and the like by a myriad of businesses and people. We can not list everyone but a huge 'Thank you!'

You know who you are.

Even the small things like a hug and 'I'm so glad you are ok' have been overwhelming.

We also acknowledge and appreciate that Lorne residents have gone out of their way, especially when their own township itself has been adversely affected by the downturn in tourism - to make the trip down the road to support our local businesses.

All of this outpouring of support truly shows how communities can band together in a time of crisis.

Thank you.

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1st Lieutenant Wye Brigade

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Sportsbriefs with John Ford

Easter Sporting Spectacular

Lorne is set for a feast of sport this Easter. Lorne's Football and Netball teams will open their 2016 season on Easter Saturday 26th March here in Lorne at Stribling Reserve. Lorne Country Club will be holding an Ambrose competition on Good Friday and its annual Easter Tennis Tournament on Easter Monday 28th March. There will also be many opportunities to play social tennis, golf and bowls over the Labour Day and Easter long weekends.

Football

Lorne will host Birregurra to open the Colac and District Football Netball League season on Easter Saturday. This match, which is the Round 3 clash, has been brought forward to Easter Saturday to allow for maximum crowd numbers. There are many other activities taking place in Lorne over Easter, but I believe that to have lunch watching the football and netball is simply a must. This is the time to become a member of the Club – contact Ross Umbers on 0412 114 314 – or to register your support as a helper on match days. A social membership which allows entry to all home matches only costs \$60, or \$40 for those with a seniors card.

It will be interesting to see how Lorne's football team performs this season under new playing coach Sam Stavenuiter. Lorne has regained the services of Ted Steven, Che Turner, Leigh McIlvenny and Jared Matheson, as well as having signed a couple of new recruits who should impress. Recruiting players is a complex task as there is a quite complicated rating formula that now applies across country football to help prevent any one club securing too many 'top line' players. The intention is to allow all clubs access to a range of players, in a similar way to the salary cap that applies to AFL clubs.

Lorne's pre season drills on the foreshore have looked sharp and I am told that Stribling Reserve should be in good condition after further surfacing works. There have also been many improvements made at the reserve over summer – it really is a very good venue for watching football. This should be a great day at the football and netball. GO DOLPHINS!

Tennis Easter Tournament

Lorne Country Club has held its annual Easter Tennis Tournament for about thirty years and it is the club's 'flagship event'. This year the tournament will be held on Easter Monday to allow potential players to be involved in the other activities that Lorne offers over the holiday weekend.

The tournament is a mixed, 'round robin' event which means all players are guaranteed at least four sets of mixed doubles tennis. You do not need a partner to enter as partners are drawn on the day. If there are sufficient entries then there will be A and B Grade levels, but all experienced players are welcome to enter. The event will start at 10.00 am sharp and most details are on the Entry Form. For additional details including lunch, contact Jillian Chapman on 0407 338 904, or Lorne Country Club on 52 89 1267.

Junior Tennis

Lorne Country Club's Section 1 team in the Geelong Coast Junior Tennis Association has had a really good summer

season as is about to embark on its finals campaign. Semi Finals will be held on 5th March and the Grand Final on 19th March and we hope that this young team can go all the way!

Thursday afternoon tennis coaching is available now – contact Alvis Svickers on 0400 864 588, and Friday afternoon coaching for members – contact Dean Goldsworthy on 5289 6889.

Ladies Golf

The Ladies golf season is well under way. Join the very friendly group every Tuesday morning commencing at 9.00 am.

You can play either 9 or 18 holes.

If you feel a little rusty, please contact Vicki Thomas who is available for golf lessons. She is an excellent teacher.

If you are interested in lessons, contact Vicki on 0409432045, or Lesley 0437 028169.

Happy hitting

Lesley Goldsworthy

Lady President

Lorne Bowls Club

It has been an interesting Pennant Season.

The Tuesday Pennant team has done well and will be in the finals. Only one more game to play.

The Saturday Pennant teams have also done well. Division 3 has not been beaten this season and Division 4 (consisting of many beginners) has done well. These teams have one more game to play.

The Committee has arranged many social games during the season which have been well attended by members and sponsored by many businesses in Lorne. Many thanks to them. Members have also sponsored other competitions during the year.

The President, Gary Allen, also organized to name these special days after past and present members who have contributed greatly to the Bowls Club. We have had Marj Kirkham Day, Hedley Beattie Day, Byron Moore Day, Alby Petherick Day, Stribling Memorial and Charity Day and Joan Hammerton Day and many more to come.

Australia Day was celebrated with a "Silent Auction" and all funds raised were donated to our CFA. Winners on the day also donated their winnings to the cause. It was a very successful day.

The in-house competitions are still being held, the winners will be announced soon.

New members would be welcomed with open arms and visitors to our Restaurant would also be very welcome.

Merna Smith

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

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Or post to: 35 George St, Lorne 3232.



News from the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club

Commodore's Notes

Congratulations and thank you to all those members who helped to make the recent festive season so successful.

Even though the Otways were engulfed in fires and the Great Ocean Road closed for many days, our Club's trading figures show that we had the busiest and most profitable season on record.

Once again the courtesy bus proved to be of great value and usage was up on previous years. A special thanks to those members of gave of their time willingly, to provide this service.

Our coffee man, Jason, has provided a new and exciting morning element to our facilities. It has been great to see so many regular customers enjoying his coffee along with a jovial chat. As a result of this initiative, over \$1500 has been generated for Club funds. It is hoped that this service will continue until Easter on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Well done Jason!

Committee Notes

A timely reminder for those who have not yet paid their membership. Single \$35 and Family \$50 – this is now overdue and payment would be appreciated ASAP.

Many thanks to Lorne Automotives for becoming the sponsor of our Queens Birthday major fishing competition on June 12th. The Moran family is sponsoring a new award for junior anglers – Most Species Caught. A perpetual shield has been created and an annual prize will be presented to the junior angler who targets different species over the course of our eleven fishing competitions.

The Lorne Sub Branch –RSL has requested a meeting to discuss the shared usage of our club building. A delegation from the Sub Branch has been invited to attend the March LAAC committee meeting.

Registering Guests' Attendance – an iPad is being trialed as our means of recording guests to the LAAC. Please support this initiative and encourage your guests to complete all data fields.

Congratulations to Leon Armistead who has accepted the position of Vice Commodore and to Keith Miller for his secondment to the general committee for 2016.

Major Competition No 2 will be held on Sunday 13th March. Sponsors – Lorne Breakdown & Towing. Please see noticeboard in fish cleaning area.

Graeme Norton
Commodore

Lorne petrol station reprieve

Lorne has received a last minute reprieve, with BP Australia reversing its decision to close the town's only service station.

BP has committed to keep the Lorne petrol station open for another three months, until 19 May 2016, during which time BP will enter into good faith negotiations with Riordan Fuels.

Importantly, BP has also overturned a ban against Riordan Fuels which prevented it from accessing the site in order to conduct environmental tests, said Sarah Henderson, MP for Corangamite.

In a discussion with BP's Vice President of Sales and Marketing Australia, Mr Michael McGuiness, BP apologised for its conduct and conceded that its decision to shut down the service station with just 30 days notice and block Riordan Fuels from accessing the site was an error of judgement.

While there is a contractual dispute over substandard fuel tanks and lines which resulted in the sale of contaminated fuel, BP's lease agreement does not expire until 2019, said Ms Henderson.

"I am hopeful a just and fair outcome can be reached in order to secure Lorne's long term fuel supply," she said.

- Media release

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News from the Lorne Medical Practice



Avoid the Flu this Winter.

It's not possible to predict what this flu season will be like. Flu seasons are unpredictable in a number of ways. While flu spreads every year, the timing, severity, and length of the season varies from one year to another.

In 2015 there were 90,000 reported flu cases, that's 25,000 higher than the previous record- so we know that vaccination is becoming more important!

Each year, the [Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation](#) (ATAGI) revises the composition of its influenza vaccinations available on the National Immunisation Program prior to every flu season, taking into account World Health Organisation recommendations.

This year they have recommended a quadrivalent vaccination to be included in the government vaccination programme. There will also be a trivalent vaccination available through pharmacies. The difference between these is the number of strains of influenza virus they protect against.

Questions and Answers for Influenza (flu) vaccination.

Three things you might not know about the flu shot:

1. There is no live virus in the flu shot.
2. The composition of the vaccine changes every year.
3. The flu shot is safe for pregnant women at all stages of their pregnancy.

Who is most at risk?

The flu virus is especially dangerous for the elderly, pregnant women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and very young children, as well as for people with underlying medical conditions.

When should I have my flu injection?

You should ideally have your vaccination between March and May, before the onset of the flu season. Protection against the seasonal flu develops about two weeks after the injection.

What is the difference between a bad cold and the flu?

- The dominant symptom of the flu is severe fatigue and lethargy.
- Cold symptoms usually last a few days, whereas the flu can last up to a week or more.
- The flu causes a high fever, whereas a cold sometimes causes only a mild fever.
- Muscular pains and shivering attacks occur with the flu, but not with a cold.
- Colds cause a runny nose, while the flu usually does not.
- Flu symptoms come on quickly whereas colds develop more gradually.

When will the 2016 Vaccine be available?

The latest advice from the ATAGI is that all GP clinics will have them for April (a month later than usual I'm afraid).

Who is eligible for a free vaccination from a GP?

Everyone aged 65 years of age or older, everyone with asthma or similar lung condition, pregnant women, Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders, everyone with any condition that can alter their effective immune system response to influenza. If you are not sure, come and ask it will be bulkbilled.

Dr David Mullen
Lorne Medical Centre

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Delivering NBN fast broadband to Lorne

Fixed line construction on the federal government's National Broadcast Network is to commence in Lorne in mid-2016.

With the government's strong focus on growing smart jobs and the digital economy, this investment will open up a whole world of new opportunities for Lorne residents and businesses.

Whether it be fixed line broadband in the bigger suburbs and towns, fixed wireless in smaller towns and a new satellite for those who can't be reached with fibre or towers, there is a technology solution for everyone in Corangamite to be provided at no cost (excluding monthly data and usage charges).

It is understood that the internet access is important for our community and will transform education, health care and other critical online services.

After much lobbying, NBN fast broadband is now under construction or available to more than 70,000 Corangamite homes and businesses by 2017.

Across the Surf Coast, fixed line construction has already commenced in Torquay and Jan Juc. Construction of fixed line NBN will begin shortly in Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven, Anglesea and Winchelsea.

Planning of fixed wireless NBN is already underway for Deans Marsh and will be delivered in Moriac in 2017.

The NBN rollout in Lorne builds on the \$1.3m upgrade of the Great Ocean Road between Deans Marsh Rd and Stony Creek, said Sarah Henderson, MP for Corangamite.

- Media release



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Space Oddity: Plants grown in space



International Space Station in 2014: Space Oddity!

When sending up the jargon of the 1960s, people were known to exclaim “Far out, Brussel sprout” in response to an unusual or exciting event. This was voiced in a wry tone of voice. Things might even be described as ‘spacey’ or ‘cosmic’.

Now a recent report from the ISS (International Space Station) reveals that astronaut Scott Kelly has been able to bring a thirteen-pedalled zinnia to flower out there in orbit.

In 2012 astronaut Don Pettit was able to germinate zucchini, broccoli and a sunflower in zip-lock plastic bags. As part of his “personal science experiment” (CNN), he successfully onrew these plants by placing a rootball and a splash of water into larger plastic bags. His blog is titled Letters to Earth: Astronaut Don Pettit and in it he includes his ‘Diary of a Space Zucchini’.

Plants grown in outer space are cultivated aeroponically. This is a system which relies on an air and mist environment without soil. Apparently the plants grow up to three times as fast under this regime and require considerably less water and fertiliser than plants grown back here on planet Earth.

News of the flower has provided a fertile ground for wise-cracking journalists who declare it “out of this world”. Somebody else remarked something like, “now it’s even more pathetic that you can’t keep your indoor plants alive.” And this really is a remarkable achievement any way you look at it. Part of the research up on the ISS entails testing for the likelihood of growing stuff on Mars if and when colonisation takes place. Knowing the dogged nature of those involved in space exploration and the potential rewards that will flow, I’m opting for when.

The advantages of fresh produce to be had on another planet are obvious and the difficulty and expense of transporting supplies up there are too. In the television series ‘My Favourite Martian’ (1963-1966) there is a character who grows potatoes on Mars. Completely a science fiction comedy back then, Mars seems a whole lot closer these days. For instance, thanks to Ziggy Stardust

we now know there are spiders on Mars. The significance of this zinnia flowering is an important stage towards market gardening in space. Wheat was germinated aboard the Mir space station back in 1996 but wheat is a monocotyledon and this means that, like grasses, it has a comparatively simple biological structure and was comparatively easy to germinate. In 2014 the first lettuce to be grown in space was harvested on the ISS. The important thing about being able to develop outer space horticulture and produce a flowering plant takes astronauts another step along the way in their mission to make possible the growing of b tomatoes on another planet, because flowering plants, which are dicotyledons, have a more complex DNA than wheat. This category also includes fruit and vegetables. Zinnias are more difficult to grow than what has gone before and have a longer life span, thus this is an important advance in space botany.

I imagine they would adopt the practice of playing music to plants. Evidence exists that playing Mozart to plants enhances their growth. South Korean scientists have been playing Beethoven’s Moonlight Sonata in rice fields to achieve improved rates of growth. It has something to do with DNA and sound waves. This leads me to assume that the choice of composer on the ISS may be for a bit of Strauss as was used in *2001: A Space Odyssey*. If I was a garden consultant up there though it would be a selection from a David Bowie album. I’d be playing something appropriate : Space Oddity – “this is Ground Control to Major Tom...”

- Doug Williams

Doug Williams is a retired gardener and landscape contractor who still makes himself available for consultations and specialised work as well as continuing to maintain his Mobile Nursery. Contact number 0418 522 011

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Painters and sculptors converge on Lorne for a spectacular display of artistic endeavours

Lorne will be the focus of intense artistic activities during March and into April with two major art exhibitions and the Lorne Sculpture Biennale Lorne 2016 drawing artists and visitors from all over Australia and overseas.

From March 12, sculptures large and small will dominate the foreshore and also feature in some public venues.

There will also be official and casual viewing of art work, conversations with the sculptors, several free sculpture workshops and educational activities at Lorne's P-12 college and Deakin University will host a special educational weekend.

The official opening, open to the public, will take place at 11am at the Mantra Lorne Convention Centre on March 12.

The Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency Linda Dessau AM, will officially open the LSB, together with the Federal Minister for the Arts, Mitch Fifield.

The winner of the Sculpture Trail will be announced at the opening, as will the winner of the Small Sculpture, and the prestigious Scarlett Award and the M.A.D.E. Award.

Features of the LSB will be use of the beautiful area around the Erskine Estuary, the Swing Bridge and adjoining foreshore for a number of planned discussions between the public and sculptors; also used will be St Cuthbert's Uniting Church for a number of dialogues.

The Church is right on Mountjoy Parade in the middle of Lorne. Lorne's famous Pier will also be included in activities.

This year's festival has been extended to include exhibits at Wye River in support of the bushfire affected communities.

Bringing life back to the fallen and charred trees, artist Shaso Shimbo will create sculptures with those remnant materials on the Wye River beach. The Wye River event will take place every weekend from March 12 to April 3.

A total of 100 renowned Australia artists were selected by festival curator Julie Collins – there will be 38 major works installed along the foreshore, in addition to 40 smaller sculpture works.

New for this LSB, Sculpture Trail artists will create a maquette

(Model) of their larger works which will be exhibited separately in the Marquette Exhibition, while the Major Project Commission will feature major sculpture projects employing a night time element.

The best way to experience the LSB is to purchase a catalogue from one of the numerous booths set up along the foreshore and explore!

Lions Easter Art Show

A good selection of what Surfcoast and artists from near and far are capable of will be shown at the 45th Annual Lions Club of Lorne Easter Art Show, to be held at the Lorne Senior Citizens Centre, in Otway Street between Thursday, March 14 and midday on Monday, March 28.

In the last 45 years, the Lorne Easter Art Show has acted as a vehicle for the very best of artistic expressions – especially of artists of the Surfcoast – to display their paintings and many have gone on to Australian and international fame.

There will be a gala opening night on Thursday, March 24 from 7pm onwards (tickets \$20 which includes drinks and finger food) with the \$5 admission on other days with proceeds going to local Lions projects.

The Show will be open each day over Easter from 10am to 5pm, and up to midday on Eastern Monday, March 28.

- Various media releases



Maquette: Love in March, by Pimpisa Tinpalit



Susan Sutton: 'Holiday' oil on linen, Size 100 x 150 cms.

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Susan Sutton

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Light itself is the subject within each subject.

Her fascination in the effects of light enables her to create pattern, depth, drama and a glowing luminosity to images of great personal interest and almost gives her a singular reason to paint.

'Without doubt I always have a strong, overwhelming desire to include the effects of light in every painting. It seems natural to me.

Colour is one thing, but when consciously combined with the tonal demands of light, my paintings can become quite complex and creatively challenging.'

Susan goes on to say 'Apart from light, water seems to be and has always been another central theme in most of my works. Everything from a glass of water on a café table, to a rainy day, a spreading flood plain or a quiet billabong, but it is mostly this region's coastline and the recreational use of the ocean that inspires me.'

A broad scope of subjects will greet visitors to this exhibition.

There are many large beach and waterside scenes where the artist has become consumed in the patterned painting of hundreds of bodies, there are atmospheric seascapes of this region, landscapes from beyond and a number of café culture images.

Adaptions from historical photographs add a new dimension to this show and contrast with equivalent, current day subjects.

For example there are paintings of board riders up to seventy years apart where contrasting styles of equipment and garments become the focus.

Then there are paintings of Lorne holiday makers from the 1920s where the fascination is in the fashions, beach paraphernalia and vastly differing attitudes of today's sun lovers.

'Water and light' at QDOS Arts, Lorne will run from March 26th for two weeks.



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More than 30 years of service to the people of Lorne: Dr John Beaumont, a GP who wanted to make a difference

About 50 people crowded into the foyer of the Lorne Medical Centre at the Lorne Community Hospital recently to pay tribute to and celebrate Dr John Beaumont's more than 30 years service in Lorne.

The gathering was attended by many of the medicos and staff who had worked with Dr Beaumont over the years, as well as present staff and administration. Present were also a large number of John's friends and former patients.

In quite an emotional reply to the various speeches, Dr John said that he left Melbourne 30 years ago with the intention to become a broad based general practitioner "to make a difference".

He subsequently identified the Surfcoast as being the most suitable.

"Lorne had it all," he said.

The Lorne Community Hospital then was a converted large family home and had a "little" operational theatre for medical procedures and a maternity facility.

Dr John also made house calls and in one incident, was confronted by a large, naked man who then chased him around the yard.

It was realised that security was an issue when Dr John's predecessor was stabbed during a house-call.

Most house-calls, however, were not as dramatic and Dr John said that the small, tight-knit community enabled a situation "for many of my patients to become friends."

The new Lorne Community Hospital was built on the site of the old about ten years ago, and though it no longer offers a maternity ward and small operational procedures, emphasis is on community health with a emergency service wing, aged care facilities, a gym and space for visiting health practitioners. - JV



At the Lorne Medical Clinic. From the left, Dr Peter Atkinson, Dr John Beaumont and Dr David Mullen. Picture: Emily Lens.

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Lynton Wade's reflection

I've never been into soccer that much. Not at all really.

Not that I have anything against, just that it wasn't played when I was growing up and, by the time European influences were taking hold here in the 60's, I was committed to Aussie Rules, gymnastics and macramé.

And I've managed to stay away from soccer pretty much, until last year when I was doing kick-to-kick with my eldest grandson. He has a ball that his (English) father gave him and I found myself hoping that this was just a passing phase and he wouldn't grow up a soccer maniac.

I mean, I'm happy not be involved with soccer. I don't really understand the rules ('offside' defeats me completely) and the manic behavior of the players, when they score a goal, is ... manic! I do find the theatrics of some players entertaining – rolling on the ground, writhing in pain, when someone has brushed past them. But then, I guess there are grandstanders in all sports.

Soccer crowds are another thing. Not always a safe place to be by all accounts.

So I let soccer be soccer and even remember to refer to it as football when I'm with people for whom that matters but I don't go out of my way to support it. I'm happy for it to exist. I'll even look up the scores when Australia is playing qualifiers for the World Cup. But I'm not into soccer.

It's struck me that Easter is like that for most people.

It's there and they don't really have anything against it but it's not something they will get involved with in any way. By saying that I'm suggesting that buying Easter eggs is not really participating in the event or meaning of Easter.

For some, Easter has never been explained to them or, if it was, it never really made sense (like the offside rule). And for others, they've been happy to let it happen and they've watched from a distance (like checking the World Cup scores but not actually watching a game).

Some are just not impressed with Church or the behavior of Church leaders and I am relieved that the Royal Commission is calling the Church to account for its scandalous behavior. As much as it is damaging the reputation of the Church worldwide, it is reminding us that God's people are only people and they're not perfect.

Others, again, will stay away from Easter because the behavior of the Church people themselves, like the soccer crowds, has not been brilliant.

But Easter isn't about the Church or its leaders or its people. It's about God acting to sort out the mess we've managed to make of the world and our lives.

And it's not about religion ('people searching for God'). It's about Christianity ('God searching for people').

- Lynton

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Only a handful of people have taken advantage of the Lorne's Men Shedders offer to safe-proof the lids of their common rubbish bins against cockies emptying out the content.

"This is very disappointing considering we can do the job for only a \$20 donation," said Lorne and District Men's Shed President, Allan Walls.

The biggest problem is that people think they can make safe their bin lids by just putting a stone or branch or a piece of wood across the top.

"The cockies are much smarter than that," said Shedder John Tuck. "Watch four or five of them – and one in the trees as a look out – and you'll realise how clever these birds are.

It's now all-out war against the sulphur crested cockatoos (see Cr Clive Goldsworthy's column on page 8) with the Surf Coast Shire implementing a number of moves to address the problem.

Rubbish bins left behind by weekenders and people renting accommodation for only a short time, are problematic in that unprotected bins left out on Sunday for Monday emptying often have rubbish scattered all around by the time the council trucks make an appearance on Monday morning.

"It is really the responsibility of the house owners and accommodation providers to make sure that their bins are cookie-safe," John Tuck said.

The simplest method is to screw a very heavy piece of wood or other appropriate weight on the inside of the rubbish bin lid to stop the birds from prying them open.

Even if you're a part-time resident, give John Tuck a ring on 0414 759 399 and safeguard your rubbish bin lids.

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-Hadyn Rickey

Pancake Day – Shrove Tuesday 2016

Members and friends of the Lorne Anglican-Uniting Church held a 'Pancake day' stall on Shrove Tuesday in February.

A beautiful sunny day saw locals, tourists and visitors to Lorne enjoying the delicious pancakes and to raise funds for Uniting Care Geelong who assist individuals and families in crisis

Our thanks to the Lorne Foodworks Supermarket for the supplies of items for the stall, to Louttit Bay Bakery for the bag of yummy pancake mix and The Lions Club of Lorne for the use of their marquee and their generous donation.

To all who helped on the day and all who purchased a pancake or two, thank you. The total of \$1020.00 was raised for Uniting Care, Geelong: a great effort!

- Pam Plum
Lorne

World Day of Prayer

Friday 4 March, 10am at All Saints'
It usually involves all the churches in a community – last year's was at the Catholic Church.
This year it's All Saints' turn.
Theme: 'Receive children, receive me'
- PP

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- Joshua Rees

The above lines were penned by nine-and-a-half year old Joshua Rees who was born in Australia but over the last five years has lived in Hanoi and Manila. He's at the International School in Manila at present. He does, however, call Lorne his 'OS home'. Grandmother Jill Rees, who lives in Dorman Street, sent us the poem.
- JV

Cockies do their bit for tourism

As I said in my previous letter (January 2016) these birds are a designated tourist attraction.

Some days ago, I saw a driver of one of the smaller coaches feeding masses of seeds to the cockatoos which were lined up on the foreshore fence ready to be photographed by his passengers.

Nothing is ever done....

Eve Dimsey
Lorne

Easter at Lorne Anglican-Uniting Church

(all services are at All Saints' as St.Cuthbert's is a venue for the Sculpture Biennale)

20 March – Palm Sunday Service, 10am

**24 March – Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm
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Teenagers and Alcohol - an unhealthy combo

At this time of year, the calendar is filled with social engagements and parties. Many teenagers will spend much of the period celebrating and spending time with their friends. Many of these functions will involve alcohol.

A survey by the Australian Government National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) found that 90% of Australian secondary-school students have tried alcohol by the age of 14. Around 70% of 17-year-old students had consumed alcohol in the month before the survey.

Alcohol acts as a central nervous system (CNS) depressant. Alcohol-related harm comes from a combination of the amount of alcohol consumed and various other factors such as age, gender, body size, nutrition, drinking experience, and social factors. Alcohol consumption affects not only the person drinking, but everyone in the community. It is estimated that alcohol costs the Australian community over \$15 billion a year. These costs relate to health problems, accidents, crime, violence, social issues, and loss of productivity.

The Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking state 'for children and young people under 18 years of age, not drinking is the safest option' and that 'children under 15 years of age are at greatest risk of harm from drinking.' These guidelines are based on health risks to teenagers however there are also legal and social risks.

For adolescents, drinking alcohol contributes to the three leading causes of death for this age group – unintentional injuries, homicide, and suicide. In addition, over 50% of alcohol-related serious road injuries occur in the 15–24-year-old age bracket. According to the NHMRC, alcohol consumption in teenagers also contributes to physical injuries, risky sexual behaviour, antisocial behaviour, and poor academic performance. Studies show the earlier alcohol consumption starts, the greater the chance of becoming a regular drinker, and the greater the likelihood of adverse physical and mental health conditions/consequences.

Every year, 'schoolies' events are covered in the media. Many of the incidents highlight the immediate negative consequences that can occur from binge drinking, such as

physical injury from alcohol-fuelled violence. Developmental and social issues for the teenager, their peers, and their family can be less obvious as they arise over time.

Parents, and other significant adults, can positively influence teenagers to make wise choices regarding alcohol, and help them to reduce the risk of harm from alcohol. These adults can help even if the teenager has already started drinking.

Guideline 3 (Children and young people under 18 years of age) of the Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking suggest the following:

- Setting a good example through own alcohol behaviours
- Rewarding responsible behaviour and attitudes towards alcohol
- Talking about strategies to deal with peer pressure regarding alcohol
- Discussing the alcohol-related health issues as well as the legal consequences

It is often said Australians love a drink. We can also show love for our children by helping them to avoid the harm alcohol can cause them when drinking starts at an early age.

Your local community pharmacy is your health destination. Your local pharmacist can give you more information about the effects of alcohol, including interactions with medicines, and where to seek counselling about alcohol-related problems.

You can get more detailed information on alcohol from the Self Care Fact Card titled Alcohol 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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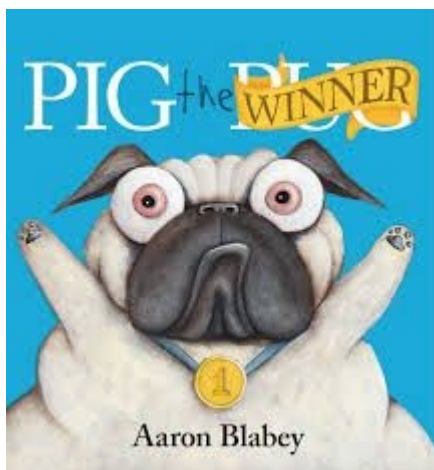
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