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Severe water restrictions hit Lorne - Water trucked in from Geelong

Strict water restrictions have been imposed on Lorne with extra supplies being trucked in to top up dwindling reservoirs.

The drastic measurements have been imposed by Barwon Water in the face of the Surf Coast region experiencing one of the driest periods on record.

Lorne's supplies currently sit at 33.7 per cent capacity while Colac and Apollo Bay's storages are at 26 per cent.

In addition to tougher restrictions in Lorne, Barwon Water also will begin carting water to the town from the Geelong supply system.

Barwon Water Managing Director Joe Adamski said that water carting "will maintain storage levels in conjunction with the water restrictions". However, Geelong water contains fluoride and this will subsequently show up in Lorne's water.

"Residents may notice a change to the taste of their water as supplies from Lorne are blended with water from Geelong."

The increase from Stage 2 to Stage 3 in Lorne and Colac further restricts garden watering, with hand watering only permitted between 6am and 8am on alternate days.

Sprinklers are now banned, with only dripper watering systems allowed to be used between 6am and 8am on alternate days.

Home car washing is not permitted, with only windows, mirrors, lights and number plates to be washed using a bucket filled directly from a tap.

Mr Adamski said although the situation was serious, one significant rainfall event could see storages begin to recover.

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Anzac Day in Lorne. More than two hundred people attended the Dawn Service and later the march up Mountjoy Parade and the formalities at the cenotaph. Above, a contingent of naval cadets from TS Barwon (Training Ship) led by Commander Dianne Trueman, and pictured immediately above is Kerry Ridgeway, representing the Prime Minister Mr Turnbull and local MP Sarah Henderson. Children from Lorne's P-12 College planted the artificial poppies. See page 16 for more pictures.

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**From Page one:
Water to be trucked to Lorne
in response to ongoing dry**

Barwon Water trucks will deliver about 210,000 litres a day, a third of Lorne’s daily demand.

Barwon Water Managing Director Joe Adamski said water carting and the introduction of tougher Stage 3 water restrictions would ensure storage levels could be maintained.

“The weather conditions being experienced in Lorne and across the region are extreme. It is dry beyond what we have ever experienced before,” Mr Adamski said.

“We need significant rainfall to help Allen Reservoir recover, but, in the meantime, prudent water use and supplementing supplies from the Geelong system will ensure Lorne has enough water,” he said.

Mr Adamski said although water restrictions focused on outdoor water use, residents could further assist by reducing consumption inside the home.

“Having short showers, turning the tap off while brushing teeth and making sure the dishwasher or washing machine has a full load all help keep water use down,” he said.

Water tankers will travel from Winchelsea to Lorne via Deans Marsh. Initially three trucks will operate, delivering a combined 10 loads a day to the Lorne water treatment plant on Polwarth Road and the Lorne basin on Holliday Road.

The trucks will operate from 6am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Further details about water restrictions can be found on Barwon Water’s website www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au or by telephoning 1300 656 007.

- Barwon Water media release/-JV



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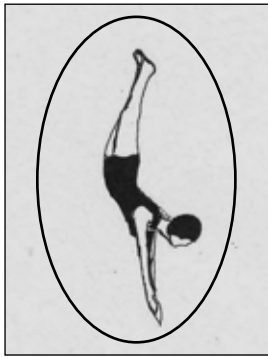
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may get a visit from the Big Red Truck!

Do NOT clean out last night's fire ash, scatter on the garden or pathway, and then tootle off "home". North Lorne's Ashley risked burning his own holiday home and a whole hillful of others when he did just that. Another lady lost her entire winter wood pile when she scattered hot ashes and then hit the road. Thank you CFA volunteers in both cases!

No lighting barbeques under the deck either - as someone did on that memorable Christmas Day! AND please check your gas bottle connections regularly and clean out your barbie trays – fat burns really well!

An unattended fire can take off in a second as a burner-offer found when he lit a pile of leaves carefully raked together under his big eucalyptus tree. Went to turn on the hose and returned to find flames climbing up the beautiful tree and a collection of very angry neighbours.

If you're on Facebook it's a good idea to 'like' the Lorne Fire Brigade's site. Keep in touch and only burn off SAFELY on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10-3 if you must.

President of the Lorne Shed, Allan Walls was delighted to show a group of our Op Shop Volunteers round the almost completed Men's Shed. Lorne Op Shop has been a huge contributor to this venture and they are very aware of the positive impact the Shed will have on the general well-being and mental health of Lorne's precious gentlemen.

It was sad to hear of the passing of Len Austin who many of us only got to know since he went to be spoiled in the Nursing Home. Such a sweet guy and father to five terrific 'kids' - our sympathies to Christine, Sharon, John, Peter and Kay (sadly dec.). Jim Skilbeck also lost his battle with Parkinsons, spending his final months in the Nursing Home. Another wonderful example of a hardworking generation of special men. Sympathies to Margaret and family.

Apollo Bay was almost totally closed for the funeral of Brian Nosedo recently. A colourful, much loved Bay identity and a sad and serious reminder to all never to climb under your cement truck, or your car, on a steep hill. RIP Brian.

Congratulations to Judy and Craig Hunt on achieving Grandparent status. Grandson Harry has arrived to enrich the lives of Alisha and Andy. Congratulations to all.

We're still dreaming of our most favourite pieces in the recent Sculpture Exhibition. "Embrace" spoke to this little wood-duck! And while the Program was an amazing piece of work with incredible photos, awesome layout, and at a fair price – the art-speak descriptions have garnered much criticism. Last month Doug Williams penned a most erudite essay midst the mystical meanderings of this spatial and definitive monthly manuscript of pent-up propogation of propaganda!

Talk about 'ask a busy person'! Carly Enticott at Lorne Larder (previously Lick'n Sip) is once again putting on the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea for Lorne. The heaving table of home-made sweet and savoury treats and a cuppa at a special all-in price plus a donation box all help swell the funds of this awesome cause. When? Friday 20th May from 9.30-11.30 and

a \$5 donation gets a tea or coffee AND a plate to choose goodies from the feast table.

The cheerful blueish banners along Mountjoy Parade look great. The Info Centre has also acquired a new flag pole and hoist the Visitors' Centre flag each morning! Look for the Whale Flag when the big ones come back in the Winter. Wonder where else we can raise a flag or two? Not many spots left.

After taking out the double in Pennant finals, the President of the Bowls Club (and the Historical Society) has shot off to a Canberra bunker for six months on a 'secret mission'. Can we look forward to another 'coup' benefitting Lorne? Keep safe Mr. President.

It's amazing where our Camel, alias Michael Callanan pops up! One minute he's at Stony Creek helping with a LorneCare cleanup or planting, and the next he is farewelling the Murray to Moyne Spinners bike riders. Only his wheelchair stopped him doing the trip. It was a 500+km great event and all returned unscathed. Thanks to organisers and generous donors, Foodworks Lorne Spinners raised a remarkable \$30,000 for Camel (via the Spirit Foundation).

Camel's amazing new 4x4 wheelchair enables him to go up the steep hill to his home frontwards, instead of backing up!

Have you been on the Erskine Falls Road lately and seen the Kangaroo sign that's been tarted up to look like a very realistic dragon! Beware, there may also be bunyips and panthers in them there trees.

Speaking of kangaroos and wallabies – have you noticed how many more there are round the town? It must be the drought. They've been spotted crossing Polwarth Road, behind the Parks Office (v. appropriate), plenty on the 6th at the golf course, in the cemetery nibbling round the tombstones, and especially in Dr. John's excellent veggie garden.

At Teddy's Lookout recently an elderly lady tourist produced a much loved and much worn teddy from her handbag. Looked like a kosher German Steiff bear which sell for squillions on the Antiques Roadshow! She perched it on the Teddy's Lookout sign, stood beside it, and by now its probably on several social media sites.

The Community Garden worms have had a surfeit of coffee grounds and have multiplied alarmingly. Colin Leach, an enthusiastic volunteer of the garden, thinks Lorne folk must be the largest coffee drinkers in Victoria. Grounds from one coffee outlet provides more than enough for the garden. Meanwhile, the pumpkin is spreading rapidly and the herbs are thriving as they do in Lorne. Colin welcomes anyone who would like to join the 11am Tuesday group to potter and chat, to learn and help, and to pick the produce!!

Lorne locals Katie and Leon Walker had a fun official opening of their new venture HAH (Health and Hire). Situated right on the Lorne beach near the pool they proudly offer incredibly healthy tucker and smoothies and drinks to die for in a real Kodak location! Also surfboards and retro bikes for hire. Good luck you guys.

Returning home to Lorne after a couple of months, walking the hound on our pristine beach felt like stepping through a magnificent painting – in every direction. Until we reached Mountjoy Parade where the scattering of piles of rubbish spread by those flipping cockies seemed worse than ever. Bring on the new magic cocky proof rubbish bins PLEASE! And please speak to tourists seen feeding and photographing these very beautiful looking birds. The most effective communication is to stick a finger in one's throat, feign a vomit, and point whilst shaking head at said cheeky birds.....

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 at the beautiful Stony Creek and nearby foreshore.

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

10am on Sunday, May 15

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

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Letter:

On-going saga of Lorne's only fuel service

I am calling on Lorne residents to sign my community survey in the fight to keep fuel flowing at the Lorne petrol station.

Since January, I have joined with the Lorne community to fight BP Australia's decision to close the Lorne petrol station.

While BP Australia has committed to keep Lorne's fuel flowing until 19 May 2016, this is not good enough.

For local residents, tourists and small businesses in Lorne and further afield, Lorne must have fuel security.

The Lorne community was shocked to learn in January that BP Australia was shutting down the service station.

As Corangamite's local voice, I spoke out in Parliament, raised BP's conduct with the Assistant Treasurer and triggered an investigation by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

It was only after this community fight that BP extended its closing date from February to 19 May 2016.

BP signed a lease to operate the petrol station until 2019 and has improperly broken that lease. It has failed to maintain the site and comply with environmental standards. There are now major concerns with the condition of one fuel tank and some fuel lines from which fuel has been leaking.

I am now calling on local residents to sign my community survey - mailed to every household in Lorne soon - to show BP that we mean business.

BP must find a way to keep the Lorne petrol station open until 2019.

**Sarah Henderson,
MP for Corangamite**

Lorne Independent

With Anzac Day gone and the Queen's official birthday falling this month, let's be reminded that exactly a hundred years ago a mighty war was raging in Europe and elsewhere on land, sea and in the air, and at its conclusion it saw casualties in the millions, empires on the descent and others on the rise, it drew new borders on maps and it ushered in new traditions or sur- and placenames while casting off the old.

Much of this change was motivated by so-called 'public opinion', an insidious phrase much loved by politicians and power brokers who, by stirring the popolo, sought to gain credence and advantage.

Thus it came to pass that in order to get the best out of the fighting men and women, Britain had to vilify Germany and all things German.

One of the less appealing acts of Australian governments at the time was the removal of German place-names of hundreds of small towns and settlements and renaming them with Anglo-Australian sounding names.

Grovedale, on the way to Lorne, was known as Germantown, a natural placename for the district which had seen the settlement of hundreds of German-speaking families from the middle of the 19th Century.

(Have a look at St David's Lutheran church on the Geelong-Anglesea Road, especially the cemetery).

A post office had been opened in Germantown in 1860s and by the 1870s the region, thanks to German know-how, had developed into the biggest wine-growing area in Victoria.

Phylloxera had devastated the region soon after, and the German families turned to farming.

It had its name changed to Grovedale on March 3, 1916, together with another nearby settlement, Waldkirch, now known as Freshwater Creek.

No reason, except 'public opinion'.

Many towns and villages in Victoria and especially in South Australia were caught up in this hysteria of vilification.

German-speaking settlers were at the time the largest non-British and Irish group in Australia, and in fact when 23-year-old Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, and 2nd son of Queen Victoria, visited the colonies in 1868, he addressed the crowds in the Barossa Valley in German.

He was shot (he recovered) by a mentally unstable Irishman soon after, an act which led to what historians describe as a spate of 'anti-Irish' sentiment, probably mostly generated by newspapers, and continued by mob gatherings.

But the British royals didn't escape the anti-German sentiments either - they were of course very, very German with George V, Queen Elizabeth's grand-father being the first British king who didn't have a strong German accent.

By Royal Proclamation on July 17, 1917, the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha became the House of Windsor.

Up to the start of World War I, the Germans were the good guys with Queen Victoria and her German-born husband, Prince Alfred spreading their blood into as many European royal households as would have them.

George V, Kaiser Wilhelm and Tsar Nicholas were cousins and blood relatives had moved into Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Spain, Greece and Albania.

The British upper class also had strong marital and social links with its German counter-part, but all this didn't matter to the common soldiers - they were busy shooting at 'Huns', 'Fritz', 'Krauts' and of course 'Johnny Turk'.

But let's not ponder too much on the past and wish our Queen a Happy Birthday for next month!

"Wir wünschen Ihrer Königlichen Hochheit ein schönes Geburtstagfest. Lang sollen sie Leben, Hoch, Hoch, Hoch!"

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- Jo Vondra



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Lorne's Men's Shed official launch on June 12



The Lorne and District Men's Shed will be officially launched on Sunday June 12 from midday, after nearly three years of devotion and thousands of hours of work by the passionate committee and active local supporters.



Men's Shed Committee President Allan Walls couldn't be more delighted with the result saying "the completed project is truly remarkable with great practical and architectural features. We are looking forward to cutting the ribbon, opening the doors and showing the community precisely how the shed will become the epicentre for men's health in our region". The launch on Sunday June 12 is a free, public event and Allan encourages everyone to join in from 12 noon to celebrate the new initiative.

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- Susannah Sprague and Peter Spring took the photos.



News from our Councillor for the Lorne Ward

Surf Coast Shire Budget 2016-2017

The Shire has released its draft 2016-17 budget, here are some key points :

- Council has not sought an exemption to the State Government's Fair Go rates system, which will cap the average residential rate increase at 2.5%.
- New funding for a capital works program of \$18.6 million allocated to 75 infrastructure projects across the shire.
- Costs for existing operations have been contained to an underlying increase of 1.7%
- Asset renewal funding has increased by 6.9%
- Council will be supplying gravity locks to all household bins in Lorne free of charge to address the ongoing cockatoo problem.

Access the draft budget by logging on to www.surfcoastconversations.com.au

Information sessions will be held across the shire to provide opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback.

The Lorne ward information session will be held on Monday 9th May, 6pm-7.30pm at the Senior Citizens Community Hall.

Population Forecasts

Id recently released their population forecast for the Surf Coast Shire which highlights significant growth in a number of locations.

| Area | 2016 population | 2036 population | % of growth |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Lorne/Aireys Inlet | 2,579 | 3,067 | 19.27% |
| Anglesea | 2,653 | 2,847 | 7.33% |
| Deans Marsh/Moriac | 4,453 | 4,902 | 10.08% |
| Winchelsea | 2,131 | 3,211 | 45.40% |
| Jan Juc/Bells Beach | 4,839 | 6,374 | 31.72% |
| Old Torquay | 5,899 | 9,566 | 62.17% |
| Torquay North | 6,714 | 13,786 | 105.33% |
| Total | 29,2678 | 43,753 | 49.13% |

Additional information can be found at www.forecast.id.com.au

RSL Membership

I have been asked by a number of the community about renewing their RSL membership. The Lorne RSL Sub-Branch has advised to contact either :

Sam Coulson at samcoulson8@gmail.com or

June Adams at rwadams5@bigpond.com

Cr Clive Goldsworthy

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Coast events go plastic wise

Surf Coast Shire Council has adopted a policy requiring all events operated on Council land to crack down on single use plastic bags, bottles and packaging to protect the local environment.

The Plastic Wise Events and Markets policy, adopted at a Council's recent meeting, also encourages the reuse of event materials and encourages events to promote the use of reusable bags and water bottles.

The policy also requires event operators to provide waste management plans that focus on reducing, reusing and recycling products, ensuring sites are left litter-free after events and that event operators any remediation or clean-up costs are covered.

Mayor, Cr Rose Hodge, said the policy was one of several measures Council is taking to reduce plastic use on the coast.

"Making the Surf Coast Plastic Wise is an example of Council and community working together to take the lead on vital environmental issues," Cr Hodge said.

"Many of our event and market operators already put in place some great initiatives to minimise the use of plastic, which is great. This policy seeks to work with our market and event operators to take this even further."

Torquay Ward Councillor David Bell said that while single use plastics posed a worldwide problem, we could all make a small difference.

"Plastic waste is so destructive, particularly to our oceans. Australians use more than four million single use plastic bags annually and as we know these take hundreds of years to fully decompose.

"We can all make a difference by bringing our own reusable bags out shopping, taking reusable drink bottles with us instead of buying single use bottles and making sure we recycle. Every bit helps," Cr Bell said.

Torquay Ward Councillor Eve Fisher said the impact of single use plastic packaging on marine life provided extra reason for community and Council to lead the way on reducing plastic use.

"As part of this exercise, Council will also continue to advocate to the Victorian Government for a ban on single use plastic bags and the introduction of a refund scheme for plastic bottles," Cr Fisher said.

As part of the policy, sporting clubs will be given 12 months to transition to eliminating single use plastics. Council has worked with the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee in developing the policy and other Plastic Wise activities.

Council is also supporting community efforts to eliminate plastic bag use, including Plastic Bag Free Torquay and its introduction of programs like Boomerang Bags, which provide free reusable bags that can be returned at outlets throughout Torquay.

Council will also continue advocating for state-wide bans on plastic bags and a container deposit scheme to provide refunds for returned drink containers.

- SCS media release

Whale watchers line up to boost research

Volunteer whale watchers are being recruited by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to help document sightings of Southern Right whales visiting the Logan's Beach whale nursery near Warrnambool this winter.

DELWP Senior Biodiversity Officer Mandy Watson said: "Thirty research volunteers have already been signed up, mainly students from Deakin University's local campus, and training sessions for the whale-watchers are being planned for late May."

"Volunteers will be rostered in pairs or teams to attend every day from early June until after the last Southern Right Whale departs for the season – generally in September."

"The volunteers watch for a minimum two hours every day, collecting information on behaviour and identification features of individual whales if possible. This information is ultimately added to national whale sightings and photo-identification databases.

Members of the public wishing to contribute whale sightings reports should note the date, location, time, direction of travel and species and/or provide photos for identification purposes. This information can be provided via email to mandy.watson@delwp.vic.gov.au or call DELWP on 136 186.

- DELWP media release

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Dolphins Off Target

Lorne's senior football team struggled against Colac Imperials in their home ground clash on April 23rd. On a perfect sunny day with a light breeze, Lorne could not manage to kick accurately enough and lost the match 8.17:65 to 11.7:73. Lorne had many good players but could not consistently produce an open brand of football to achieve quality forward entries. This meant that many shots at goal were pressured and Lorne trailed for most of the match. Lorne outscored Colac Imperials in the last quarter but could not reign in the 28 point three-quarter time deficit. Lorne has now won only one of its three matches, but has a good chance on April 30th when they meet Western Eagles at Stribling Reserve.

Lorne's netballers are playing really well. Their A Grade clash against Colac Imperials was of a high standard and was a pleasure to watch. Lorne gained an early lead in this match and went on to achieve a comfortable win 38 to 17. The other grades are also playing good netball and are producing exciting wins.

Lorne's next matches are as follows: 30th April at home against Western Eagles, 7th May away at Otway Districts, 14th May home to Irrewarra-Beeac, 21st May a BYE for the interleague match and 28th May away to Simpson. Go Dolphins!

Ladies Golf

Autumn is a lovely time to play golf. We are very fortunate to be still having terrific weather and the Lorne golf course is looking in great condition. Come and join our very friendly group of ladies every Tuesday with play commencing at 9 AM. There is no pressure just an enjoyable day where you have a choice of playing 9 holes or 18 holes. For further information regarding the ladies day please contact Lesley Goldsworthy on 0437 028 169 or Wendy Hutchison on 0419 878 089.

Early April, three of our members played at Barwon Valley, Jenni Miller, Paula Hayden and Marg Cartledge. The girls had a very successful day with Jenni winning with 42 Stableford points and Paula coming in with 40 points. Well done to the team

This month six of our members travelled to Port Fairy for a golf trip. We were blessed to have great weather. Port Fairy golf course is very picturesque with spectacular ocean views.. A fun time was had by all and we plan to make a golf trip an annual event.



Miss Lascelles Silver Salver, the major event on the Lorne Ladies calendar, will be played next week on Monday 2 May. It is with great pleasure I can announce we have a full field with over 60 players. We really appreciate the support from all the participating clubs and the results will be in next month's edition.

Golf lessons will be recommencing on Monday 9 May at 1 PM, please contact Vicky Thomas if you are interested. Ph: 0409 432 045.

Happy hitting.
Lesley Goldsworthy
Lady President

Lawn Bowls

We are still excited over our Pennant wins. We received the Trophy Shields at Colac last week. The names of all team members who played on the day were engraved on them.

Lady President Helga Lewis received the midweek trophy on behalf of the team, also present were Heather Olney, Secretary and Merna Smith, Manager. (Pictured below)



The Saturday men's trophy was received by Michael Causon, Selector (left) and Don Baldwin, Secretary.

The Presentation Dinner was enjoyed by all Members. It was a memorable evening, the meal was delicious and a fun evening was a great finish to the Season.

Trophies were awarded to the following winners. Ladies Singles won by Shirley Causon, Ladies Doubles won by Jen Dulloo and Heather Olney, Ladies 100 Up won by Heather Olney and the 21 Up, won by Janet McLeod.

Men's Singles won by Peter Jacobs, 100 Up won by Allan Walls and the 21 Up won by Jeff Wolley.

On Wednesday there will be a two ball triples game starting at 11am. Lunch on May 11 will be served. All welcome. Merna Smith.

Winter Tennis

Lorne Country Club is fielding a team in the Tennis Geelong Winter competition which begins on April 30th. The team will be playing at home on Saturday afternoons and will be travelling to clubs around Geelong and the coast for their away matches. This is the first time that Lorne has fielded a senior team since the 2009 winter season.

Social tennis is still taking place on Saturday mornings from 10.00am, and Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm. A group of players of a range of standards play, and visitors are welcome to these sessions – for a visitor's fee of \$10.

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

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News from the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club

The month of March continued to be hectic around the LAAC. With the Labor Day long weekend and Easter both falling within this month, manager Ian reported that member and visitor patronage had been fantastic. We provided

music entertainment on the Sunday of both weekends which certainly helped to pull in the crowds. Our major raffle was drawn on Easter Sunday and the three lucky winners were – First Prize – Double Kayak was won by Mali Gallaher. Second Prize – Dozen Wine – Taffy from Ballarat. Third Prize – Easter basket - Ben B. All winners were in attendance on the night of the drawing.

Morning coffee at the LAAC provided by Jason has now finished. We thank Jason for bringing this new dimension to our Club and we hope to provide a similar service starting later in the year.

Committee Notes

- We are investigating ways to improve our television reception which is due to our black spot location
- VR Fish – grants are available for fishing clubs to improve signage, safety and to promote fishing
- New turf is to be laid over the bbq area lawn - \$700.00
- The pool table is to be fitted with new cushions and a new cloth - \$850.00
- Selected LFNC players will be supported with an Aquatic Club voucher (2 x \$25.00 per game) for the remaining home matches. The title of the award is yet to be determined

Pt Grey Report

Representatives on the finance & building sub-committees met over Easter to share information.

Some of the outcomes were –

1. Lobbying of federal candidates for the seat of Corangamite should start asap. This has happened, as has a letter of support from GORCC stating their financial commitment to the project and that all approvals from DELWP and an initial economic analysis are in place.
2. The Australian Sports Foundation to be used as our fund raising donation centre for tax deductibility.
3. Presently, we await the appointment of consultants by GORCC to firm up all components of the Business case and this will be completed by late June.

Coming Events:

Winter Fishing Competition No 1 will be held on Sunday 1st May. Sponsors – Peter Wheal Landscaping; Current leaders – Snapper Comp (Keith Miller) Garfish Comp (Dick Davies); Bream Comp (Neville Dandy).

A big thankyou to Peter Ryan & Associates for their sponsorship of our Easter fishing competition.

Graeme Norton -
Commodore

Skin checks

Skin cancer is a very common disease in Australia. We have more of it per capita than anywhere else in the world- thanks to a combination of increased sun exposure, sensitive skin types and a thinner ozone layer.

Thanks to aggressive public health campaigns like 'Slip Slop Slap', there's a high level of awareness in the community about the dangers of overexposure to sunlight, particularly in young children. However, it is important to keep a check on your own skin- this is something you can do at home, and I would recommend only doing it a couple of times per year. The main objective of this is for you to get to know your own moles well, then, if anything new was to happen it is easier to identify.

Things to look out for include the following:

- Any change in an existing mole
- Irregular border/shape or indistinct border
- More than one colour in a mole
- Larger moles (bigger than the top of a pencil)
- Any mole that looks different than other moles on your body
- Any non healing wound



If you notice any of the above get it checked! Most moles we see like this are completely harmless and we can reassure you after examining it. However, some are not.

News from the Lorne Medical Practice

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Don't be a wimp and get into shape!

Aquatic exercise is recognised as one of the best ways to get your body into shape and though Lorne's ladies are taken advantage of a regular weekly session at the fantastic Mantra pool, our men folk it seem are not that keen.

Body image is said to be at the core of male reluctance.

Well, let me personally assure you, splish-splashing under the qualified guidance of Evelyn is painless, invigorating, and absolutely healthy, and don't forget the ladies will show you theirs if you show them yours.

Hey guys, don't worry about that all too obvious bulging midriff, the muscles that could be tighter, or indeed if your breath is a bit short. Everyone understands!

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Plants and the balance of trade

Last month's column mentioned pteridomania, the phenomena that swept England and the colonies and was seen in America as well. Serious incursions into shire and county hedgerows and whatnot resulted as plant collectors strove to meet the insatiable demand throughout the length and breadth of the realm. Competition and acquisitiveness determined the direction of pteridomania; interest became obsession as the middle and upper classes built their fern collections and this craze was reminiscent of a similar plant collection frenzy - Tulipomania.

Tulips first arrived in Europe in the middle of the sixteenth century via an indirect route from Turkey. Modern economies are affected by oil production and oil prices as we know and yet it is hard to understand just how great the influence that one bulb could have on the national economy of a great trading nation but the truth is that after a short three years the Dutch economy was seriously destabilised at the height of Tulipomania in March, 1637. This was the first recorded example of an economic bubble when the purchase of a single tulip bulb would cost roughly equivalent in today's terms, close to \$1 million. "The term "tulip mania" is now often used metaphorically to refer to any large economic bubble "when asset prices deviate from intrinsic values."

⁽¹⁾When the market collapsed, their value was nearly the same as the paper that bills of exchange were written on.

In much the same way initial prices paid for hyacinth bulbs when they came onto the market in the early nineteenth century were extraordinarily high although they never reached the same soaring heights the tulip did. They wiped out some investors when they fell from their peak price to as little as 2 per cent of their purchase price.

Reasons given for why the price of tulips blew out of proportion are that the success of their overseas trade (Britannia ruled the waves but the Dutch East India Company was a formidable trader too) gave rise to a large merchant class who were interested then as now in acquiring status and possessions. But the market for rare and desirable things collapsed after speculators entered the play.

Alongside assorted hucksters, wise guys and con-men, futures traders and marketeers the whole trade came to resemble modern day lookalikes such as the dot.com bubble.

Conversely, plants saved a precarious British economy in the nineteenth century when the British East India Company contrived to smuggle tea plants out of China which had until then controlled the cultivation and distribution of tea.

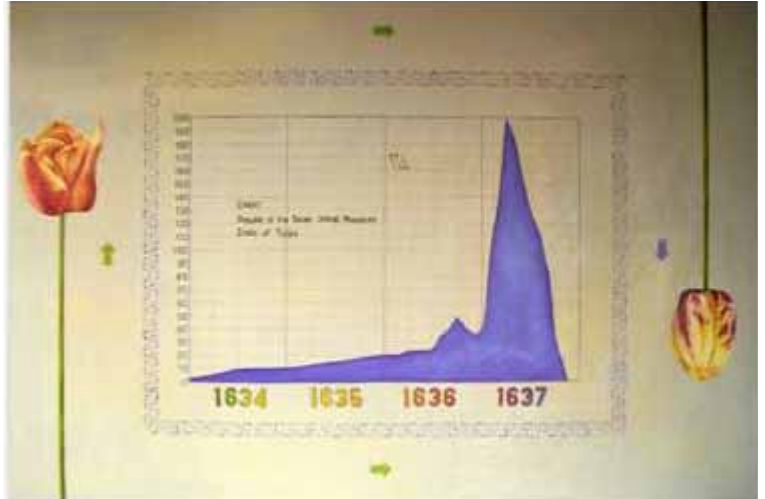
The tea trade was immense and since the Chinese government of the day would only use gold as the medium of exchange the Bank of England was steadily being drained of its gold reserve and this in turn put stress on the pound currency.

Having set up an illicit pipeline of opium into China (it was banned by the emperor) English traders would only accept gold as payment and so until the tea industry was established this was how the British Empire balanced the books.

One may never pour boiling water over a humble tea bag again without reflecting on the fiduciary skulduggery that once accompanied the trade in tea.

- Doug Williams

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This and that

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I got stuck on for an hour in my chair recently. I was warned by Greg Saunders. Rescued by the Legend Christine. You have to go off the path, on crushed rock. Bad move!! A total disgrace and bad engineering. Blind Freddie could have designed this better follow old DMR, it's there.

Let's claim back and respect our country. These things are hard to undo so let's get it right, consult local knowledge and not rape our environs. It is not rocket science.



A cheque for Michael 'Camel' Callanan from the Murray to Moyne Spinners, From the left, Hugo Johnston, Jonn Stewart (Lorne Supermarket), Jenna Robinson, Clive Goldsworthy and Clayton Thompson. The Lorne Supermarket was a major sponsor and the cheque will pass through the Spirit Foundation.

Anzac Day commemorations in Lorne

New Zealand ex-serviceman Paki Henry led a stirring Hakka at the cenotaph ceremony; below left, Vietnam veteran Kerry Ridgeway reads a message from the Prime Minister Mr Turnbull on behalf of local MP Sarah Henderson. Local musician Jeff Raglus, below right. Craig Hunt, President of the Lorne RSL Sub-Branch MC's the midday commemorations.



Crowds at the Dawn Service, above, and at the midday ceremony at the cenotaph.



Pétanque (French pronunciation: [\[petãk\]](#); Occitan: petanca [\[peˈtan̪kə\]](#)) is a form of boules where the goal is to throw hollow metal balls as close as possible to a small wooden ball called a cochonnet (literally “piglet”) or jack,^[1] while standing inside a circle with both feet on the ground. The game is normally played on hard dirt or gravel. It can be played in public areas in parks, or in dedicated facilities called boudromes. Similar games are bocce, bowls and (adapted to ice) curling.

The current form of the game originated in 1907 or 1910 in La Ciotat, in Provence, France. The French name pétanque (borrowed into English, with or without the acute accent) comes from petanca in the Provençal dialect of the Occitan language, deriving from the expression pès tancats [*ˈpɛs taŋˈkats*], meaning ‘feet fixed’ or ‘feet planted’ (on the ground). - from Wikipedia.

That’s our gold and silver medalist, Cheryl Biddle, in the photo above, after her triumph in the annual Victorian Police and Emergency Games held recently.

Pictured with Cheryl are a couple of other medal winners.

Cheryl has only been playing for a couple of years and has already won a gold and a bronze in addition to this year’s gold in the Triple event, and silver in the Doubles.

To win her medals, Cheryl had to compete against 16 competitors in the Triple from all over Victoria, and 26 in the Doubles.

A physiotherapist at the Lorne Community Hospital, Cheryl is a specialist in pelvic floor conditions and has a Masters in Public Health.

In addition to her general duties at the Hospital, she looks after exercise classes.

Cheryl lives in Apollo Bay where the sport is a popular past-time; variously promoted in Lorne some years ago, it did not gain support.

- JV



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New publication sheds light on indigenous history in the Lorne and surrounding area

The indigenous history of Lorne and the south –west coast has been sparsely covered but various indigenous and non-indigenous scholars are gradually rectifying this and the Lorne Historical Society is very pleased now to be a small part of this re-discovery.

On behalf of the Society, Dr Deb Campbell with her recent, well-researched paper *Before Louttit Bay* helps to shed light on the way of life of the Gadubanud people who lived in our area before white settlement.

In her paper Dr Campbell has drawn on archaeological investigations, historical interpretation and analysis from indigenous and non-indigenous historians, plus some oral history and early newspaper reportage.

The paper also provides a very useful guide for further reading.

The LHS has printed and bound copies of this paper and they will soon be on sale from the Society and the Lorne Information Centre.

At the launch of the bound copy of the paper the members of the Society were querying as to whether any indigenous artefacts were available for future display or reference.

Apparently, when the Society was originally convened the Society did in fact have quite a large collection of artefacts on display but when the original Society rooms were relocated, the artefacts were dispersed among the then members.

The Society would be very grateful if any of those Lorne locals who may have any of these artefacts at home would consider returning or loaning them for display when we reopen our newly renovated premises.

If you can help, please contact our acquisitions officer Ian Walding at ianwalding@hotmail.com or Merv Rice Tel: 52891547



Some of the members of the Lorne Historical Society perusing Dr Deb Campbell's publication, *Before Louttit Bay*. The booklet is available from the Lorne Information Centre.

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Lynton Wade's reflection

I went to a School Reunion recently. 50 years since we staged "The Boyfriend" with a sister School.

It was the second time we had worked in with a girl's school.

The previous year we had done "Salad Days" and imported the female lead from a neighbouring school.

That had been successful enough to have real females doing all the female roles in "The Boyfriend".

So this 50th Anniversary for a boy's school was going to include some girls!

For all that anticipation, only half of us were able to be there - 20 blokes and 10 ladies.

But it was great fun, hearing a bit of what people had done since 1967 and noticing how old everyone looked. Some people were instantly recognisable, hadn't changed at all, as if life had slid over them and left no scars.

Others had been through tough times, and it showed.

But the thing that fascinated me were the men I had known at school as shy or quiet types who had gone on to remarkable careers as industry leaders or the like.

It's surprising how easy it is to 'type' people and decide how they might go in life.

I'd expect the louder or garrulous guys would have become company directors or presidents but it wasn't so in many cases.

Actually, there weren't any of the garrulous boys at the reunion, come to think of it. Maybe they live overseas now? Or they're in prison.

The conversations that made the night were with these men who had been quiet or shy and were now mature, accomplished, eloquent men.

Chances are that they're still quiet and shy, I suppose. But they've learned to live with those dispositions and they have flourished as adults.

I love the potential any of us has in life. And I believe God has made us to have potential and be brilliant in our own way.

Even those of us who have a quiet disposition.

Or are left-handed.

Lynton

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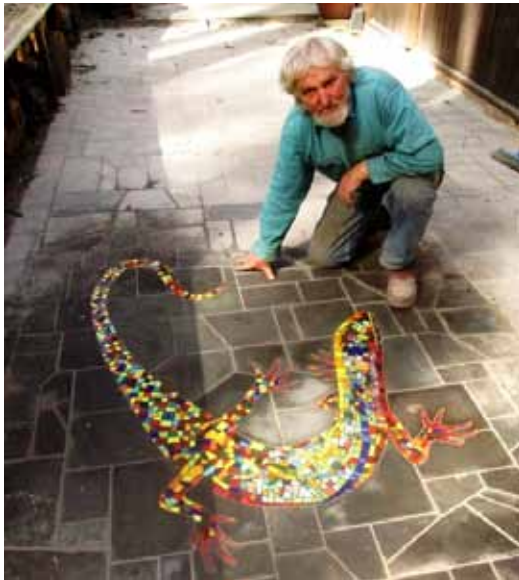
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Lorne well-known wood-worker Bryan Poynton has a formidable reputation for his art and one day recently he decided to try something he has never ever done before – the ancient art of mosaics.

He had a pile of ceramic tiles left over from various building projects at his house in the Otway Ranges and he utilised these in bits and pieces to design a 3m long (extended) lizard.

“The tiles are embedded in the stone about 4mm deep. By facing the lizard on the north side of the house it gets good sunlight,” Bryan said.

Indeed, the mosaic glistens and gleams even in the pale late-autumn light, appearing almost three-dimensional.

If you want to see one of Bryan’s most celebrated works, have a look at the wood panels at St Christopher’s Catholic Church in Anglesea which use only the motif of hands to depict Christ’s suffering on the way to the cross.

The effects are stunningly beautiful.

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Backburning to recommence soon

Authorities plan to continue burning procedures in areas around Lorne, weather permitting, over the coming weeks.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) said that recent rain mean the area is now in a drying cycle and hopefully it can tackle burns in the wetter forest areas of the Otway Forest Park.



Otway District Manager David Rourke said: "Our focus is presently on Forrest - Neck Track and Bambra - Lyons Road burns. Burning forest fuels in the corridor north of the Lorne township will reduce the threat of intense bushfire for the local community and surrounding coastal areas.

"It is vital that we take every opportunity to complete these burns whenever conditions are suitable and it is safe to do so.

"These planned burns are a critical part of an integrated plan to reduce bushfire risk to communities in the region," Mr Rourke said.

"Aerial ignition using a helicopter will be used to assist firefighters complete these burns.

"People near the burn may hear sirens which we use to alert our firefighters to the start of aerial ignition."

The Chief Fire officer is currently the final approver of all planned burns. This measure is in place as DELWP changes its approach to risk management in response

to the recommendations of the Lancefield-Cobaw Fire Investigation.

"Smoke is likely to be visible in the Otway Forest Park area for several days. If you see smoke and are concerned, ring the Victorian Bushfire Information Line, not triple zero."

"We understand that smoke from planned burns may cause concern for some people, but it's important that fire crews take the opportunity while conditions are right," he said.

- DELWP media release

Greater openness and transparency in kangaroo control

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has begun making available inter-governmental plans for kangaroo control on public land to provide greater transparency to the Victorian public and more information on why such works are required.

Wildlife management is sometimes undertaken on public land under a strictly regulated system of Authority to Control Wildlife permits where wildlife are causing damage to property or ecological values.

Kangaroos are a protected species and are an integral part of Victoria's natural ecosystems. However some species have increased significantly in population size since European settlement and require careful management to ensure their numbers are sustainable.

Where public land managers need to undertake wildlife control work they must first obtain an Authority to Control Wildlife permit from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The permit imposes strict conditions on how the control work is undertaken and will only be issued once all other management options are exhausted.

DELWP Executive Director Biodiversity Division Nina Cullen said: "DELWP is committed to improving transparency around public land kangaroo control and providing the public with a better understanding about the need for control programs."

"The public will now have greater access to the kangaroo control work being planned for public land and the reasoning for it.

"Victoria has a strong regulatory system to ensure that kangaroo control is only undertaken when absolutely necessary and when all other options have been considered and found to be impractical or ineffective."

The 2016 forward plan for kangaroo control works on public land in Victoria is now available at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/wildlife/kangaroos and will be updated regularly.

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Immunisation

Recently we celebrated World Immunisation Week – the worldwide campaign to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. It is estimated that immunisation prevents up to 3 million deaths worldwide each year. It also prevents many people being hospitalised and suffering ongoing health problems.

Immunisation is very safe and effective. It stops the spread of highly infectious and life-threatening infections such as chicken pox (known as varicella), hepatitis, influenza, measles, mumps, polio, rubella, tetanus, and whooping cough (known as pertussis). The benefits of immunisation far outweigh the risks of serious side effects.

Health authorities recognise immunisation as one of the world's most successful and cost-effective health interventions. Immunisation can offer protection from infections both on a global and community level. Even those who are too young to be immunised or those who cannot be immunised due to medical reasons can be protected by immunisation. They are protected when the people around them are immunised, because the infection can't spread. This is called herd immunity. Herd immunity works most efficiently if a sufficient number of people (about 90% for most infections) are immunised. So through immunisation, you are not just protecting yourself against disease but also the entire population.

Immunisation strengthens the body's immune system. The immune system fights infection in the body. A way of becoming immune to an infection is to receive a vaccine. Vaccines are dead or weakened versions of infection-causing germs (bacteria or viruses), parts of bacteria or weakened bacterial toxins. When you receive a vaccine, usually via an injection, your body produces antibodies that will help you fight an infection caused by that bacteria or virus.

In Australia, the National Immunisation Program (NIP) schedule lists the recommended vaccines for infants, children, teenagers, older people and those at risk, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, pregnant women and those with certain medical conditions. The

recommended vaccines on the NIP are available free to eligible people. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist, or inquire at your local community centre about immunisation programs in your area.

It is very important that children receive all the recommended vaccines on the NIP. Sometimes children also need to be given a vaccine that is not on the NIP, such as a newly developed vaccine.

Immunity against many infections can last a long time, sometimes up to 30 years. However, some vaccines, such as influenza (known as the flu) are needed every year. This is because influenza viruses are constantly changing and a new vaccine is developed each year to give protection against the new variety of influenza. Get a yearly influenza vaccine to remain protected.

Common side effects of immunisation are swelling, redness and pain at the injection site, and mild fever. Most side effects only last a short time and the person recovers without any problems. Ask a doctor, pharmacist or immunisation clinic about side effects of immunisation. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can reduce fever and relieve discomfort after immunisation, if necessary.

If you want to know more about immunisation, talk with your local pharmacist. Pharmacists are medicine and health information experts. They can help you understand immunisation and provide you with current information.

For more information, you can get a Self Care Fact Card on Childhood immunisation from pharmacies that provide the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's (PSA) Self Care health information.

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

- John Bell



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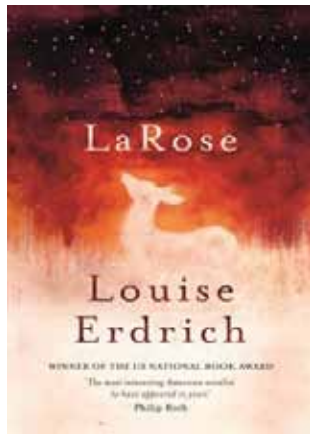
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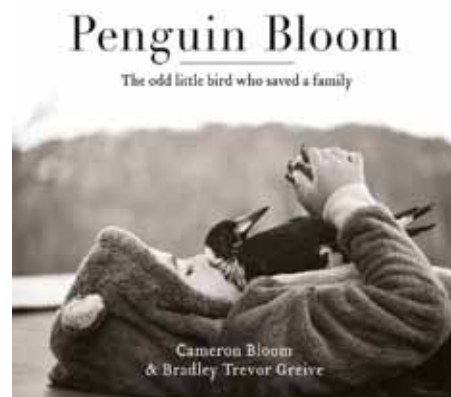
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