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Some 82 artists from Australia and overseas are due to show their visions at next year's Lorne Sculpture Exhibition to make this event between (17 March – 2 April, 2018) a truly international happening.

Curator Lara Nicholls said that she was especially delighted to have such a wide range of submissions from artists throughout Australia.

“Furthermore, we received proposals from around the globe and it is very exciting to know that in 2018, the Lorne Sculpture Biennale will host several international artists who have never shown in Australia.”

(In the photo above, award-winning stone artists David

Long is already hard at work preparing for next year. However, this month (May 6), David will hold a workshop at QDOS with lunch laid on, material provided – all it needs is yourself and your interest in stone walling).

Contact: QDOS 0438 742 095

The President of the Lorne Sculpture Biennale, Lindy Joubert, said that there would be four main categories of the event - the very popular Sculpture Trail, Sculpturescape Land Art live Performance and Major Project Commissions.

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Attention Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and Brothers!

Many of us are at the stage when those dear and near us ask us gentlemen to look after their children for a short while.

Although we love the little ones, it's not as simple as it sounds.

Michael Dolan, well-known gentleman around Lorne recently became a grandfather, and he wants to form a small group to discuss, offer advice and talk about problems associated with the very young.

Come and share your "small talk," experiences and expertise.

Potentially meetings to be once a month perhaps on a Sunday morning over coffee.

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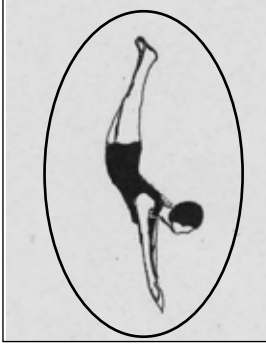
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It was always going to be a big gig when dear Camel's time was up. The darling. Everyone has a Camel story, a Camel memory, a Camel recipe, a Camel hint. He taught us so much. Especially about how to go on when your heart no longer works, how to still be a presence in the main street when your legs refuse to support you and you're residing in the Hospital, how to manoeuvre a fantastic wheelchair

through the doorways of most of the shops in Lorne, who to call when you fall out of said wheelchair, etc etc etc. His Grand Pacific send-off had some fantastic tributes, hilarious stories, and some wonderful music – from Howling Wind's flute through to Shane Howard. Thanks to Mike Robinson from Otway Greening for his song and for the 300 tubes of natives he supplied for folk to plant in memory of Camel! Love and hugs to Christine and the great boys.

Please consider joining the LorneCare tribe which will be a bit folorn without one of its founders. They're an amazing group and the work is not too taxing – and the mid-day Barbie always gives an opportunity to make a new friend or two – maybe an anaesthetist for gorillas, a lawyer, a vet, or a Lornite you've not met before!

Weather's gone crazy and wintry. That wind! Bark and leaves blown from trees fill all our green bins! The grey has set in!

Quite a few excellent businesses for sale in Lorne at the moment – folk who have built them up and run them successfully for years and now deserve a change or a rest from the busy little town's main street! Hop online.

Case here of the Lorne whispering game! Rumour but not as fact is that Simon Ramsay, MP was driving along near the Hospital when crash, bang! Down fell an enormous gum tree right where his car could have been in one nanosecond more! Factual report reckons Andrew Ramsey – aka Rumpole - just escaped the falling tree – maybe on the other side of it! Check out the size of its cut trunk and note well at the other end that it had no roots attached at all to hold it in the ground! OMG as the young say!

Prior to Easter in that big blow, a limb broke almost free from a tree on the beach-side of the GOR! Rather than one zap with a chain saw and a bit of a shove, a few witches hats were placed round it leaving it protruding just over the bike or walking area and almost on to the road. And that's how it stayed for one of the heaviest traffic times of the year. Come on GORCC.

The huge high tides which hit at Easter have taken chunks out of the bank at the first official car park on the way into Lorne from Aireys Inlet. It has a few names – Fat Ladies Car Park, Bakery Beach, One Tree Hill (despite there being four trees and its flat), and just N. Lorne! The edge of the bank is now only 1½ metres from the bitumen car park and despite pleading for years and years for rocks or sand bags, our coastal care management team appear to do nothing. The locals would not mind the eyesore of sand bags or rocks! True dinks. Just ask us.

Editor Jo had his daughter staying in his house with friends - all with kids! He vacated which was smart. On his return the place was extremely spick and span, except for a huge huntsman spider. After collecting the usual spider kit to

remove it to the garden, he discovered it had come all the way from China and was made from rubbery plastic! Sucked in, Jo?

Speaking of Jo as we are, he's looking for someone to train in the fun job of putting this little monthly epistle together. He has certainly served his term well as Editor (17 years), and now is facing some leg surgery and feels it is time to step down. Phone him if you'd like more details. Please.

Congratulations to Dan Hunter and his team at Brae restaurant in Birregurra on coming in at No.44 in the WORLD's best restaurant list! The Echo also congratulated him and printed the Autumn Menu which fascinated the grandchildren - smoked eel doughnut?? Lots of folk chat about their experiences at Brae, and despite high expectations and prices, one never hears a bad word! Great work Dan.

Tucker's finished at the Country Club so don't mosey up for a Chinese nosh up. Have to wait for next summer.

With all the latest rain we've copped, this should not be a big problem - BUT if you see anyone disposing of a cigarette butt from a car please record their rego. and call the EPA on 1300 372 842. Dial for anything at all being hurled into our beautiful area in fact! Not only stupid, but it's a crime!

Now before you all dash off to warmer climes, or settle into the rocking chair for the winter – have you dead-headed your agapanthus plants? Of course you have!

Ian Stewart calls Gordon Bannister 'the oldest man on the ocean'! Well he admits to it and quite likes the tag. But Gordon proudly brags of a catch round near the Airey's lighthouse a few weeks ago – a Gummy Shark weighing in at about 30 kilos. and close to 6 ft long! Cannot imagine how he got it into the boat on his own. Makes one remember that amazing book we read at school "The Old Man and The Sea".

Amazing to see the boat launching Norton tractor bogged! More amazing to see a bloke drive his 4x4 out along the rocks at the side, hook on the tractor and drag it out! It's a very tricky spot our launching place – and those attempting it alone have to back in, jerk the boat off, drive like hell and park the car, and run like crazy back to the boat before it sets off on its own adventure! Quite entertaining for onlookers.

Each Easter one simply MUST attend the Lions Art Show! This one was the 46th, and we still miss darling hardworking Cherry Saw. How all those volunteers find time to run it as they do while having their own homes full of guests is remarkable – especially John and Bernadette Bliss who seemed to devote their entire Easter to the job. QDOS boss Graeme was the judge and most agreed with his astute choices. The absence of any Susan Sutton works was a gap and several punters went home with bulging wallets they'd planned to unload! Over 60 paintings were sold which is a marvelous result.

Which Bank's Manager Michelle decorated the Commonwealth Bank's windows with the happy news that "our" Bev was a Grandma! Nathan and Louise produced Coco Elizabeth Bigmore in the new Epworth and Bev and Ian are delighted. And so are we Bev - let the fun begin!

Lorne Cemetery - so neat and tidy. Weeping gums weeping - lots of mates RIPing. Warm memories of times past, but list of who's where incomplete. Searching for best buddy Cesi. Elusive! Typical! Aha! Finally found her. Sad but relieved.

.....Lillian xx

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 again be working along the northern end of the Bert Alsop Track.

We will meet in the North Shore car park at:

10am on Sunday, May 21

For the exact location see the Community Notice board outside the Post Office during the previous week. A barbeque will follow the working bee at about 12.30pm. Visitors and new starters will be especially welcome.

For more information about LorneCare contact:

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Your chance to have an input!

Problems with cyclists, safety, the state of the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road, other problems associated with improvement on the GOR and general traffic problems

Local MP for Polwarth invites you to have your say.

**Public Meeting
Senior Citizens Centre,
2 Otway St, Lorne**

**Friday, May 12
6.30-8pm
Contact: 0419 151 961**

Lorne Independent

When politicians take an active and, hopefully, a sincere interest in an issue you can bet on it that it's important.

Sure, the question of what sort of electoral votes the issue attracts is a major concern but all sort of other motives are usually also involved, from helping out the people of the electorate, to perhaps simply realising there is a challenge and wanting to provide a solution.

Lorne is starting to realise, a bit slow off the mark, but increasingly concerned, that our little town has two very big problems – the Great Ocean Road and the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road.

Both we all know are in drastic need of constant upgrading and that means money, and lots of it.

Both too, are our arterial links from Melbourne and Geelong in the east, and to small and larger towns towards the west; the Deans Marsh Road connects Lorne and Winchelsea and further on, Colac and of course with the Princes Highway,

The GOR is what it is – a major tourist highway, a tourist icon, which leads those who travel along it to the tourist Mecca of the Apostles.

A more humble roadway, the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road, is a practical journeyman's passage in and out of Lorne.

Sarah Henderson, our Federal MP for Corangamite is all too conscious of the value and importance of the GOR and how it features in our southern landscape, and is constantly pushing for money for improvement, repairs, and upgrades.

The same can be said for Richard Riordan, our State member for Polwarth with the exception that Richard has a possibly new twist to the whole roadway issue: Why not make better use of our network of country roads to take the stress out of using these two main arterial links.

It is not a new idea, but the core of the idea is to upgrade some of our interlinking country roads and divert some of the traffic, especially the heavy tourist-orientated bus services on the east-west route through the hinterland, thereby easing pressure off the GOR.

Most of us are familiar with these back roads, especially the network behind Lorne, and unless drivers have a specific reason for coming into Lorne, there are several alternatives that carry not anywhere near the traffic volume the GOR experiences around the warmer months.

To get the ball rolling, Richard has made himself available to hear what the community has to say at a special public meeting at the Senior Citizens Centre in Lorne on May 12 (6.30 to 8pm).

If you're concerned about motor vehicle traffic, bike riders, the poor conditions of the GOR, the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road, and other problems, here is an opportunity to take part in a pro-active meeting to get it off your chest.

Richard said that members of his staff will be at the meeting to take notes of proceedings in the hope of possible solutions.

Attend the meeting and let's hear your concerns and solutions - politicians are taking notice.

The onus is now on us to keep the pressure up.

- Jo Vondra



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*From the team at
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Lorne's fabulous Sculpture Exhibition and it's line up of Australian and international artists

From page one

Artists were asked to address issues of the environment in the following themes: 1. Endangerment & biodiversity, 2. Climate & weather, 3. Capital, 4. Re-purpose/global junk, 5. Technology and surveillance, 6. Language and a special 7. Light, sound, performance & projection.

Sculpture Trail – 21 artists

Sonia Payes, Ritchie Ares Doña, Brigit Heller, Karl Meyer, Ashika Marek Ostapkowicz, Emma Anna, Merinda Kelly, Nicole Voevodin-Cash, Paul Murphy, Michael Needham & Jason Waterhouse, Mark Schaller, Margaret Worth, Jock Clutterbuck, Aldo Bilotta, Georgina Humphries, David Wood, Jos van Hulsen, James Parrett, Fleur Brett, David Long and Pedro Pires.

Sculpturescape Land Art – 9 projects

Aly & Balthasar Indermühle, Martin George, Sophie Clague, Marcus Tatton, Ciara Glover, Ryan Kennedy, Kerstin Cuming, Stephanie Karavasilis and David Shepherd

Major Projects

Shirin Abedinerad (Iran); Claudia Chaseling and Milovan Markovic (Germany/Serbia); Seol Park/John Kelly (Korea/Australia & Ireland)

Performance

Jill Orr; Anton Hasell

Special projects – Announcement imminent

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News from our Councillor for the Lorne Ward

Surf Coast Shire 2017-2021 Council Plan & 2017-2018 Draft Budget

Council Plan 2017-2021

Since the Council election in October 2016, the new Council has been working on its key strategic plan for its four year term. The plan which incorporates Council's Health & Wellbeing Plan, was prepared following analysis of survey responses from nearly 1,000 people within the Shire. The plan sets out the priorities and objectives of Council over the next four years and have been arranged under five themes :

- Community Wellbeing
- Environmental Leadership
- Balancing growth
- Vibrant Economy
- High Performing Council

The document is now available for public comment, by following the links from www.surfcoastconversations.com.au.

Draft Budget 2017-2018

Council is required to prepare an annual budget which sets out Council's proposed funding priorities for the new financial year. The budget supports current community needs across the Shire while anticipating critical future trends. The budget provides \$16.8 million of new funding towards 63 separate capital works projects across the Shire.

Residential rate increases have been kept to 2% in line with the rate cap set through the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System. Municipal waste charge has been increased by 4% to help fund projects to reduce the environmental impacts of waste management.

The Draft Budget can be found by following the links from www.surfcoastconversations.com.au.

Appendix L of the Draft Budget – Equity Considerations provides a comprehensive explanation on this topic including Equity Indicators for each ward.

Anyone wishing to make a submission can do so by completing the online submission form or sending a written submission to Council Offices before 4pm Thursday 11th May. Follow the links from www.surfcoastconversations.com.au.

Reporting maintenance and infrastructure issues requiring attention by Council

As the winter weather fast

approaches I am receiving a number of requests concerning blocked drains, fallen trees, broken pit covers and the like. Back to back rain events have caused a significant backlog of actions to be undertaken by the Shire.

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Great Ocean Road Marathon

The 2017 Great Ocean Road Marathon will be held on the weekend of 20th and 21st May 2017. The Great Ocean Road will be closed between Lorne & Skenes Creek from 7.00am until 2.30pm.

Lorne Football & Netball Club

Join the players after training every Thursday night for a delicious dinner at Stribling Reserve, everyone welcome 6.00pm onwards. Check out Facebook for the weekly dish.

Don's Kitchen

Don's Kitchen at the Golf and Country Club is now closed for the winter break and will return 22nd December 2017 until 26th January 2018.

Planning Issues with the Surf Coast Shire

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Sportsbriefs with John Ford

Football and Netball Wins

The Colac and District Football Netball League season started on Saturday 1st April, with the Dolphins football and netball teams having resounding wins over Colac Imperials. Lorne's senior football team kicked very inaccurately to win 11.20:86 to 4.5:29, and the reserves also won convincingly by 58 points. The A Grade netballers played well to defeat Colac Imperials by 59 to 31 on what was a really enjoyable day at Stribling Reserve.

The Dolphins' footballers continued their good – but still inaccurate – form the following week against South Colac, winning 8.21:69 to 9.5:59. The reserves also kicked inaccurately, but recorded an 8 point win.

On Easter Saturday fortunes changed for the Dolphins when they met 2016 Premiers Birregurra at home. In this 'blockbuster' match, where Mike Brady sang his football anthems – and the National Anthem – before the first bounce, Lorne could not match the form of their opponents. Lorne was able to contain Birregurra during the first half, but during the third term the visitors stamped their authority on the match. Lorne could not restrict their opponents scoring opportunities in the last quarter and lost 7.12:54 to 16.13:109.

Lorne's next matches are as follows: 6th May home to Irrewarra-Beeac, 20th May away versus Western Eagles, 27th May home against Apollo Bay and 3rd June away at Alvie. Lorne currently sits in sixth place in the ten team CDFL competition and has a real chance to improve this position over the next few weeks.

Lorne Bowls Grand Final

Lorne Bowls Club's Division Two team played in their Grand Final on 1st April and lost narrowly to Cressy, 92 to 87. Merna Smith's article below describes the action.

Saturday 22nd April, 2017, was Presentation Night at the Lorne Bowls Club. The following are the Winners of the various competitions for 2016/2017:

MEN'S - Men's Club Champion, Peter Jacobs; Men's Pairs Club Champions, Harley Davies and Jeff Woolley; Men's 100 Up Club Champion, Jeff Woolley; Men's 21 Up Club Champion, Harley Davies; Men's Triples Club Champion, Leigh McIlvenny, Brad Weetman, and Harley Davies; Men's Fours Club Champions, Allan Walls, Jeff Woolley, John Tuck and Peter Jacobs.

LADIES - Ladies Club Champion, Heather Olney; Ladies 21 Up Club Champion, Heather Olney.

Comments were made by all recipients how wonderfully supportive our President, Gary Allen, had been and glasses were raised by all in appreciation.

Owing to health reasons many of the Ladies Competitions were not held as some ladies were unable to participate.

It has been a wonderful season for the Bowls Club even though the Grand Final escaped us, but the enjoyment had by Members participating in all the events was tremendous.

Owing to work done by the President, Gary Allen, and all the Committee, we will have lights over the green so those who cannot play during the day may be able to join us in the evening – weather permitting. - **Merna Smith**

Division Two Grand Final - Hopes were high on the day of the Grand Final. Lorne had beaten Cressy on two occasions during the Pennant season.

A group hug at the beginning sealed the togetherness these men had maintained all season. Unfortunately it was

not a good beginning. Lorne was down by 33 points at the afternoon tea break.

After the match re-commenced Lorne played with great determination, rallying each other to do better and slowly the score between the two teams diminished. Hopes were raised when Cressy was only four points ahead. With only two ends to play the chances were still there. The win was in sight but Cressy held on to defeat Lorne by five points. The Lorne team accepted defeat graciously and warmly congratulated Cressy on their win. - **MS**

The Community Cup was won by David Stribling, Ken Smith and your bowls correspondent **Merna Smith** – well done.

Easter Tennis Tournament

On Easter Sunday, Lorne Country Club Tennis Section held its annual Easter Tennis Tournament. The day was a great success with 22 players, including some juniors, enjoying the mild sunny conditions and playing spirited mixed tennis. There were some great shots, long rallies, delicious morning tea and some tall stories. After all players had enjoyed four sets it was time to reward the winners: outright female winner was Michelle Pansino, and three men tied for first place, Kevin Diviny, Adrian Batty and Ashley Batty. The Easter Tournament has been held for more than twenty years now and is one of the main days in the Club's tennis calendar.

The Club wishes to thank sponsors Murphy Transport Solutions, Lorne Cinema and Lorne Foodworks, and all the volunteers who helped clean up the courts after the preceding days of heavy rain. Well done to all who played.

Ladies Golf

So far we have had lovely balmy autumn days, but this week we have taken a peek at winter. The golf course is looking green, lush and is in great condition. We are very lucky to have such a well maintained golf course close to the town centre.

This past month Lorne was represented at the Birregurra Rose Bowl event. We had a great day and won the trophy which now sits proudly at the club for the next 12 months. The winning team were Chris Angus, Paula Hayden and Lesley Goldsworthy. We also had a second team playing with Faye Peddie, Barbara Barber and June Stafford. Well done to all the ladies who played.

Golf lessons: clinics or private lessons can be organised depending on demand with Jason Kraan from Anglesea Golf Club. Please contact Lesley Goldsworthy for further information on 0437028169.

If you would like to join our friendly Tuesday morning Ladies Day please contact Lesley Goldsworthy 0437028169 or Wendy Hutchison on 0419878089. We run a 9 hole or 18 hole competition or play just for fun. Non members and all levels of players are welcome. Ladies arrive at 8.30 am to commence at 9 am sharp.

Happy hitting
Lesley Goldsworthy
Lady President

Remember to tell us who you would like to see in Sportsbriefs!!! Articles to John Ford at 35 George St, or email to byswerdi2@bigpond.com



News from the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club

What a fantastic Easter long weekend we have had. It has been great to see so many out-of-town members and visitors utilising our facilities over the weekend. The Club atmosphere has been vibrant and very relaxed. Jason has continued to expand his coffee clientele and has further enhanced the Club with colorful flags. We had a great turn up for the fishing competition and record numbers for the delicious roast lunch. The Band was fantastic on Easter Sunday evening with a very large turnout of young and old.

Committee Notes

- A timely reminder for those who have not yet paid their membership. Single \$35 and Family \$50.
- As a result of the recent burglary, the committee has installed an alarm system, purchased two new cash registers and a new safe. Manager Ian has established changed cash handling procedures and new solid doors and locks have been installed.
- Victoria Police conducted a free assessment of our premises and the Business Security Report provided only minor recommendations for implementation.

Point Grey Redevelopment

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is currently in the process of formalizing a Project Control Group to officiate the selection of a project manager and architects. Ian Stewart will be the Committee for Lorne representative and I will represent the LAAC.

Fishing Competitions

Major Comp No 3. Sponsors – Peter Ryan & Associates
Fantastic weather supported our monthly competition. Nine boats with multiple fisherpersons enjoyed fishing out wide for snapper and in shore for whiting and flathead. Thirty four fisherpersons tested their skills and twenty eight fish were weighed in.

Senior winner – Andrew Clarke - snapper. 2nd Kaide Love – snapper. 3rd Steve Raskatos - snapper; Junior winner – Tilo deBono - snapper. 2nd Zane Lodge – mackerel; NPG award – Barry Hayward.

Many thanks to all who helped to make this day so successful and to our Easter bus drivers.

Congratulations to Andrew Briggs on being the successful bidder for the donated kayak and thanks to auctioneer Ian Stewart.

After a very successful Easter and school holiday trading period, we now look forward to the next long weekend.

**Graeme Norton -
Commodore**

Big sporting honour for Pier to Pub

What started off as a swim between friends from the Lorne Pier to the Lorne Pub 37 years has now morphed into the biggest Ocean Swim in the World.

More than 5,000 competitors now take part and Lorne's population hosts upwards of 30,000 people for the weekend which also includes Lorne Mountain to Surf Run and the Lorne 5000.

The organisers, the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club (LSLSC) has won the the inaugural and prestigious 1996 Vicsport Arthur J Gallagher, Victorian Community Sporting Event of the Year for the Pier to Pub event.

The key sponsor for the event is major sponsor GMHBA and other contributors to make the event such a success include Speedo, 2XU and Herald Sun.

Race Director of 11 years Mr Mark Williamson said, "the win is a celebration of mateship and friendly competition. It is an event that attracts swimmers of all abilities from the elite to the everyday heroes.

"Each competitor has their own inspiring motivation for taking on the 1.2km swim challenge from Lorne Pier to the beach in front of the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club".

The event held in January each year, evolved from an informal challenge among Lorne Surf Life Saving Club members, who would dive from the Pier, to one side of the LAAC, race the course through Louttit Bay and finish by body-surfing the waves onto the Lorne foreshore, as a dare. The victors then celebrated at the Lorne Pub, overlooking the finish line.

Lorne Surf Life Saving Club President, Mr Peter Murrhiy commended VicSports for initiating an award that recognised the important role major community events play in Victoria and he thanked them for acknowledging the significance of the GMHBA Pier to Pub.

"If anything our Club is proud to have hosted an event that has encouraged participation, skills development, volunteering and provided social, cultural and economic benefits to Australia.

"To be able to win this award from a Club that's 70 years old with 1500 members, makes us incredibly proud", remarked Peter.

The current swim record – 10.02 minutes – held by Sam Sheppard. Previous recognised winners include Kieren Perkins, Daniel Kowalski, Michael Klim, Tammy Van Wisse and Rob Woodhouse. Many professional footballers and politicians also have showcased their swimming talents. Proceeds from the Lorne GMHBA Pier to Pub go to the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club to help fund its voluntary lifesaving activities on the Lorne foreshore.

- Media release

Going Global at Lorne P-12

The students at Lorne P-12 College are currently planning for two big international adventures!

A group of keen Indonesian students from Years 8-11 will be soon heading off for a 12 day intensive cultural and language learning experience.

The students will tour Surabaya, participate in a school and home stay experience at Lorne P-12 College's sister school SMA Muhammadiyah 2 School, and visit Pulau Jawa and Denpasar Pulau Bali.

The students have been practising their Indonesian language skills and preparing themselves for the cultural experience of 'living' in Indonesia during the Ramadan period.

This experience and learning will support the students with their understanding of the Indonesian language and the people.

We also have students preparing to trek the Kokoda Track! Lorne P-12 College has been selected as a recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Australia) Kokoda Track Sponsorship program, supported by Flight Centre Foundation!

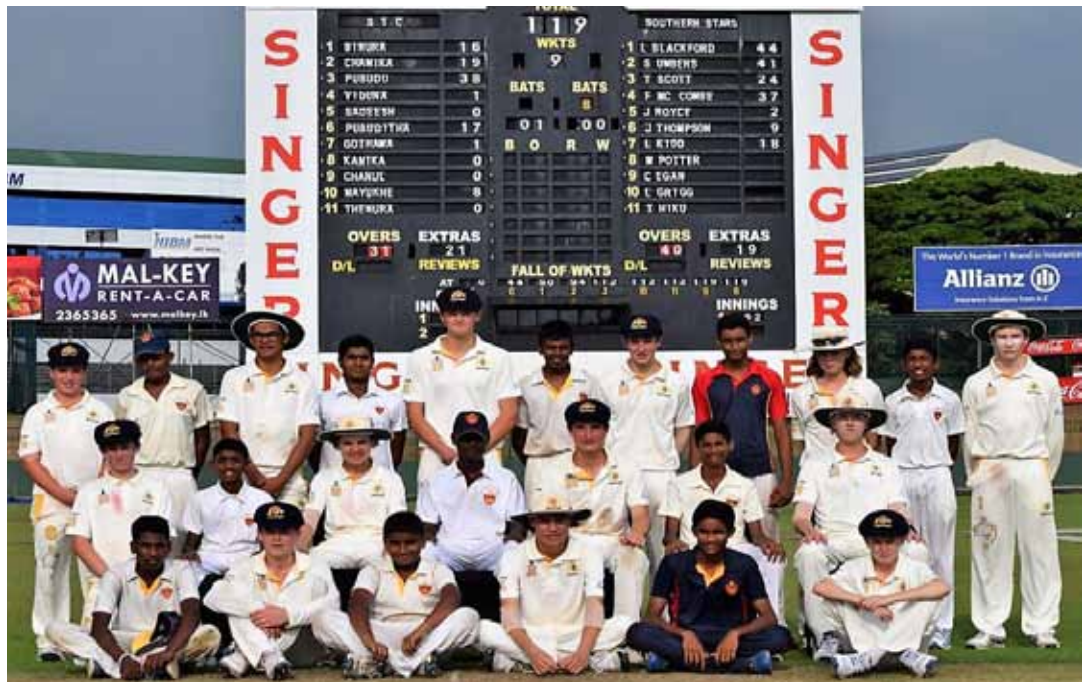
Twelve Years 10-12 students, with three staff members, will undertake their Duke of Edinburgh's International Award with the Kokoda Trek as the Adventurous Journey component. The Trek operator is On Track Expeditions and the date of our Trek is the 3rd of July to the 12th of July 2017. The sponsorship covers the students' flights, trek package, PNG visas and personal travel insurance.

What an amazing opportunity for our students. We know that this experience will have an incredible impact on the participants and we look forward to hearing more about their preparations and the adventure!

During the holidays Year 10 student Simon Umbers had the wonderful experience of travelling to Sri Lanka, as a member of a Geelong representative Under 15 cricket team. Simon was appointed Captain of the squad, a huge honour. He led thirteen young cricketers, playing six games against Sri Lankan student teams in major centres across Sri Lanka, including Colombo, Kandy and Galle.

The team won four of their six games and Simon was the leading run scorer within the team. In addition to captaining the team on the ground Simon also had the responsibility of talking in front of a variety of audiences and promoting relationships between the teams.

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Top, Simon Umbers with the Geelong representative Under 15 team in Sri Lanka. Above, Simon, as captain of the team at the call of the toss.

They also played a 'friendly' game against the 'foundation of goodness', a Sri Lankan organisation who help young students in poverty and the team had the opportunity to visit a local orphanage.

Congratulations to Simon for this achievement and we wish him well in his future cricketing career.

The article was submitted by Lorne P-12.



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Picking the Trend

A rose is a rose is a rose - Gertrude Stein



Helleborus orientalis - Winter rose

As was argued in last month's column you can't date a garden by its plants and as a property passes through successive hands, each new owner may renovate or revitalise the garden. Partly because of fashion and partly due to availability it's pretty unlikely to find plants fashionable in the 1880s installed in gardens of the 1920s when silver birches prevailed and liquidambar, Japanese maples, copper beech and other trees with autumnal cachet prevailed. When Ben and Peaches Dunlop bought Varna in the early seventies this was what was planted. Not birches mind you, these are still to be found across the road at Fortuna Lodge built in the 1920s. These fell out of favour but came roaring back in the late 1980. Camellias seem to be timeless so are to be found right through the decades until with the cottage garden phase of the 1980s the rose varieties at Varna were ripped out to install white Pascali standard roses adopting the fashion for a while to have an all white garden which was first popularised and immortalised at Sissinghurst in Kent.

The nationalist craze for native plants had arrived in the late fifties and while Edna Walling was around the area (she had property at Cinema Point) she might have chatted to a contemporary acquaintance at the forefront of the Australian 'bush garden push' in Ellis Stones who had a hand in at least one Lorne garden. He was mentor to the roguish Gordon Ford, someone I met while working on a job at Wye River. All three 'garden gurus' have published books detailing their approach to garden style. The Edna Walling trademark was dry stone walls initially and the English look but she evolved to being a proponent of natural rock outcrops and native plants. Stones was the original and best rock man and first to recognise how to place rocks in the way they appeared in a natural environment. Both he and Ford used large boulders and complemented their garden designs with native plant selections.

Then along came the cottage garden craze and it was all Michelias and formal garden layouts with thousands of kilometres of box hedges. To keep ahead of the game it's necessary to be ready to plant what everyone else wants to have flowering next season so with this in mind I'm going to share a few tips with you. Remember when the family friend confided to Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*, "I've got one word for you son ... plastics"? The inside whisper for you, readers : Valerian and Winter Rose. They're going to make a huge comeback, mark my words.

Doug Williams is a recently retired gardener and landscape contractor who still makes himself available for consultations and specialised work as well as continuing his mobile Nursery.

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This and that

Lorne Kids Performing Arts

'Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything' - as the Greek philosopher Plato once said.

Since February the Lorne Kids Performing Arts Group has have been working on performing 'Annie Kids' and since that time I have watched this group of little stars grow and develop in Musical Theatre more than I could have imagined.

This is the first time that we are reading from a script and having to remember all of the lines but once again the enthusiasm from the kids is astounding. We will be



With the near-death experience of our own Andrew 'Rumpole' Ramsey and his encounter with a ferocious stingray still fresh in the mind, (see our April issue) it was a great surprise to get the following message at 7.30am one morning recently: "I was off to play golf at 6.45am this morning when one of our lovely eucalypts uprooted itself less than 30 metres in front of my car between Albert and Beal Streets.

"Had I left home five seconds later I would not be sending this text!"

- A.E.



performing this on Wednesday June 7th at the Cumberland (Who once again have kindly provided us with a space to perform).

We began in 2016 and my main aim is to offer experience in Drama, Movement and Singing in a supportive and encouraging environment.

They are exposed to a variety of genres that all lead to regular performances.

The children are aged from 5-12 years old and come from Lorne and the surrounding areas. We rehearse every Wednesday after school at the Stribling Reserve and the commitment from the children is amazing.

We performed our first show 'Dreams' in July 2016. Myself and the pupils picked songs and wrote our own story around them. It was a major success and gave the children their first taste of the stage, performing to a crowd, sound and lighting, and receiving that welcomed applause at the end!

Our next major performance was at the 'Carols on the Lorne' in December where we performed a mini Christmas Musical. I think it brought a tear to many an eye.

Watch out for Tickets on sale and hope to see you all there!

If your child is interested in joining please contact me **Tara O Neill on 0428091821** (Photo by Leon Walker)



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In Memory of Michael 'Camel' Callanan August 7, 1953 - April 6, 2017

Like many people reading this I've always known Michael Callanan as 'Camel'. That was a nickname given to him in high school by Max Chazan, 'all long legs and knobby knees'. We grew up a block apart in Colac. Camel was on the lake's edge and I was a street away opposite his cousin John. Even though Catholics and Protestants didn't mix much we had the lake and the botanical garden precinct in common. Over the years we've often discussed how blessed our childhood was growing up in Colac beside the lake and how lucky we both were to have a place in Lorne.

The Otway forest between Colac and Lorne was a shared love and became his life's passionate obsession until the day he died. Even in his last years he was often out in his wheelchair raking and directing fellow LandCare workers on their monthly working bees. In true Camel fashion two weeks before his death he was manning the LandCare table at The Deans Marsh Festival, sharing his knowledge on weeds and their eradication for hours.

That was one of Camel's greatest gifts ... sharing his knowledge with everyone. He loved the natural world and especially the natural beauty of Lorne and the Otways...and was passionate about spreading the word on its conservation and regeneration.

His farewell on Tuesday 11th April at the Pacific Hotel was a fitting tribute to someone who gave so much to the Lorne community. He would have loved it. It was a full house. Through tears and much laughter we remembered and honoured him. Friends came from far and wide. He touched so many with his generosity and his humour. No one can remember Camel without a smile. His wife Christine, sons Jackson and Tom, sisters Jennifer and Jules with Jane listening in from South Africa and extended family heard and told countless tales of love for him. His cousin

John Callanan's epic tale of their early life and northern adventures had the room in stitches. We heard of his 30 plus years of volunteer service as a member of the SES, 17 years as its branch leader; His training of young people in his Camel's Oasis nursery, the formation of Lorne LandCare, cutting walking tracks and painting posts from Lorne to Apollo Bay with his cousin John. There were moving musical tributes by his son Tom, Mike Robinson- Koss and Steve James, Andy Richardson, Mark Fagan, Shane Howard and Ian Morrison. His humour and his never quiet approach to everything filled the room. Camel was always ready to step up and volunteer his time and knowledge, sometimes to his family's cost.

He never complained about his health issues which almost took his life in 2011 and was always grateful for the remarkable second chance he was given. The last five years gave Camel the gift of time to have all the conversations he wanted to have and also for us to let him know how much he was loved and respected. It's a reflection of his character and personality that the nursing and medical professionals, those who cared for him at the Alfred, Geelong and Lorne hospital loved him and considered him a favourite patient. He never took their care for granted and called his nurses his angels. His resilience, humour and relentless positive outlook



Top, two mates in better times - Steve Politis, of Arab fame and Camel clowning on Mountjoy Parade. Sadly, Steve passed away last year. Above, a very young Camel in his famous Camel's Oasis Nursery and Store. The business was situated on the corner of the group of shops right opposite the Erskine River Bridge.

remained no matter what challenges were thrown in his path, and there were many that would have beaten most of us.

His legacy will live on. Camel's life-long passionate commitment to the entire environment, those special places in and around Lorne under threat, leaves a massive challenge for all of us to meet. We owe it to his memory to speak up, step up, plant a tree, pick a weed and treat everyone with respect while doing it. In a fitting tribute most people took a tree home with them to plant in Camel's memory as they left the service.

He would have loved the gesture and called it a good start.

The Lorne community will be forever grateful that he chose Lorne as his home.

- Ian Lovell and Judi Kenneally

How far should a Camel Room

How far should a camel roam?
Perhaps South to a pier or a bit beyond
North to the rock where a toll road ends
East to the bite of Louttit Bay
And West to Colac from where he began.

The Camel I talked to left home to motorbike around Australia
And never got past Lorne.
He'd holidayed here as a boy, obviously growing to love the place
Then added to it as a man.

He created Camel's Oasis on an undeveloped corner
Which stocked almost every type of Lorne native plant
Where Christine worked, where the boys slept on bunks out the back
Where tranquillity was as much a part of the place as the plants.

Non-natives and weeds were the bane of this Camel's life
He treated both with the disdain he believed they deserved
He ejected each with enthusiasm and possibly a little disguised
pleasure.

Once his "troubles" started, did he talk to thee or me, did he
complain?

No, it was as though the nightmare was natural, just another
challenge!

There is no doubt he and his family went through hell.

How glad we were to see him choofing around town
Zooming downhill as fast as possible, cornering fiercely.
A life lived as well as Camel's is neither long nor short
Such a life cannot be measured in time but by accomplishment.
Look around you and you will see where he has been.

Hadyn Rickey



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Lorne's Lions Club Easter Art Show once again provided opportunity for the region's (and beyond) artists to show off their works with more than 280 paintings on display.

A crowd of about 150 people attended the gala opening on Thursday, April 13 and good sales were achieved on this first night.


Pottery artist and arts entrepreneur Graeme Wilkie judged the show and commented that the overall standard was exceptionally high.

Winners - Best Acrylic, "Looking both ways" by Anne Thomson; Best oil, "Morning" by Eddie Warhurst; Best Watercolour "Agave Americana Veriegata" by Deb Chirnside; Best Pastel, "Poor left foot" by Celeste Hevey; Best other medium, "Riverbank mood" by Rosemary Stayner.

People's choice went to "Roadside Glory" by Amanda Blake- Sutterby; Runner up was "Just Resting" by Pat McKenzie.

Thank you to all the artists who submitted their art work, thanks to the generous sponsors including David Hay from Evans and partners and the scores of people who helped make this years show an enormous success.

- Bernadette Bliss and Nelson Knight



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Australia and its part in East Timor independence

While most Anzac celebrations are focussed on major conflicts of World War I and II, and Vietnam, other, smaller wars in which Australia had major parts are often side-lined.

Iraq, Afghanistan, and the many skirmishes in the brutal climate of the called the 'Middle East' dominate, often at the expense of other campaigns.

One, 17 years ago stands out for clarity of purpose, brilliant tactics and enormous courage; it was perhaps a great example of the Anzac spirit and showed Australia at its very best in the theatre of war.

The Dutch and Portuguese colonial empires had occupied the small island of Timor a short distance across the Timor Sea from northern Australia since the 1600s.

When the Dutch East Indies became Indonesia in the post-World War II period, Portuguese Timor was left alone; it was the closest European colony Australia had to its coastline.

Portuguese Timor was a quaint, laid-back, sleepy place with the Portuguese overlords mingling and frequently intermarrying with the local population of some 500,000 souls.

It was a great place for Australian tourism, perhaps one of the last places to give a real 'feel' what Portuguese colonial territories would have been like, especially in Africa.

But the Portuguese empire was breaking up – tiny Portugal could not afford the expense and manpower to administer its various colonies; it withdrew its forces from Timor in 1974.

Pro-active Indonesia saw its opportunity and in line with its policy that greater Indonesia also included Timor – the Dutch side as well as the Portuguese – invaded with a formidable task force.

The killing of five Australia journalist at Balibo gave an indication of what was to come.

Most of the population didn't want integration with Indonesia and a small but highly motivated European educated elite worked steadily at independence.

A young Jose Ramos Horta whose father had been a Portuguese official in Baucau (his mother is Timorese) kept the idea of independence active in the corridors of the United Nations while up in the hills, guerrillas such Xanana Gusmao made sure the Indonesians kept their heads down.

The Indonesians reacted to this with unspeakable terror (most notably the Santa Cruz Cemetery Massacre) until the Indonesians were almost forced by world opinion to hold a referendum on independence.

Under United Nations supervision, and against all expectations, people voted 78.5 percent against Indonesian integration.

Naturally, the Indonesians were furious and the most repulsive violence erupted almost immediately with Indonesia arming para-military 'gangs' of thugs; the terror caught world-wide attention.

United Nation peacekeepers, mainly Dutch and mostly unarmed tried their best until finally, to prevent further blood-letting, the world body gave the go-head for an armed peace keeping force to be formed.

PM John Howard selected General Cosgrove to lead and the world was amazed on just how quickly a task-force could be organised.

Australian aircraft evacuated vulnerable personnel from Timor and in early September, INTERFET (International Force For East Timor) as it was called, headed north. The first

troops to land were New Zealanders and Australian.

By late September 1999 elements of Australia's RAR had taken over key positions in and around Dili, and the western border region as far as Balibo and coastal Batugade.

Several soldiers from Surf Coast families were among this first insertion and indeed there is a wooden horse's head at the compound in Maliana carved by one of these soldiers.

Ultimately, Australia contributed 5,500 soldiers, the United States 2,400 and NZ 1,200. The total task force of soldiers, aircraft and ships was made up by 23 nations.

At one stage, Indonesia's President Habibie (an engineer educated in Germany) asked his foreign Minister Ali Alitas: "What if we fought back?" Alitas said: "You'll lose!"

For a brief while, the Indonesian and United Nations troops face each other in what can be described only as a tense situation.

When Indonesia and armed militia began to take pot-shots at UN soldiers, word went out that Australia had far superior night vision and other equipment. The random shooting ceased immediately.

But unfortunately, not the bloodletting. There were some horrific massacres, mainly because of militia gangs (directed by Indonesia) were taking revenge against those who had voted against integration; there was also some inter-village and personal issues, and vendettas.

A no-nonsense warrior, Major General (now Sir Peter and our Governor-General) Cosgrove soon had the chaos under control.

A measure of the man was that he opted for a primitive bed in his make-shift accommodation; furniture was functional with an large organisational table, a few chairs, lots of maps. His famous Aussie hat hung from a hook over the bed.

Cosgrove lived and worked among his troops, unlike many high ranking officers from the task force who availed themselves of comfort in the few remaining Dili hotels.

The way General Cosgrove, as commander in chief, managed this multi-national taskforce is one of the great success stories in Australian military history. There were two Australian casualties but not related to active armed conflict.

All INTERFET objectives were realised.

The multi-national force was gradually withdrawn and in May, 2002 the sovereign state of Timor Leste was born, the world's newest nation.

To get the Timorese public service up and running, Australia allocated several high ranking bureaucrats; they were there for several years. At least one of these bureaucrats came from the Surf Coast.

Relief organisations sprung up all over Australia.

In Geelong alone, several colleges and organisations immediately organised urgent much needed help in many disciplines, including teachers and advisers, also artists and musicians, and that utmost important of all commodities, money. Aid flooded in from all over Australia.

The terrible killing had stopped, but Australia and Timor Leste are today still squabbling about the vast oil and other mineral deposits between the two countries, but that's another story ...

(Josef Vondra is the author of two books on East Timor, *Timor Journey*, and *No-Name Bird*. Names of Surf Coast identities who took an active part in INTERFET have been withheld).



Lorne’s RSL sub-branch now has its own dedicated premises - a spacious room just off the main entrance of the Lorne Hotel. The room will function as a meeting room for RSL business and RSL memorabilia will remain in the room permanently. The room played host for refreshments at the recent ANZAC Day festivities. Pictured above, from the left, Ron Adams, June Adams (Secretary), President of the Lorne RSL Sub-Branch Craig Hunt, Richard Riordan, MP for Polwarth, Eric Hodson, and Sam Coulson. Not pictured is Vice-President Paki Henry.

Community newspaper shows its muscle

A writer for the community newspaper, the *Chewton Chat* in central Victoria is behind the growing support for Parliament to be given the final say in whether Australia becomes involved in a military conflict.

Senator Nick Xenophon has announced that he is now supporting the view that “no Australian military action ought to occur without Parliamentary authorisation”.

Speaking at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute on April 20, and writing in Fairfax media on Friday, April 21, about the growing tension between the US and China, Senator Xenophon said: “Australia must not get involved in a South China Sea conflict until every member of the Australian Parliament has voted on it, and explained their reasons individually – not hide behind a party line”.

He said that process should be enshrined in Australian legislation that no Australian military actions ought to occur without parliamentary authorisation, except in self-defence.

More than ever, since 1788, it’s a law whose time has come.

Nick Xenophon has three Senators in his team, and One Nation has already announced its support. More parliamentarians are expected to join the movement soon.

Journalist Michael Smith, from the *Chewton Chat*, believes that the whole parliament should debate any issue relating to Australia joining any armed conflict.

Up to now, it was a simple matter for the Prime Minister to announce Australia’s involvement – he didn’t even have to have cabinet approval.

Last October-November, Michael Smith walked from Chewton to Canberra to gain publicity for the issue with all parliamentarians.

The reaction of the people he met along the way was most positive and welcoming - he was given a free bed for the night by many people, and patrons at pubs and other venues he visited gave him a good hearing.

He was a personal guest of several parliamentarians when he arrived in Canberra and many indicated that that they would take the issue forward.

Michael is a senior journalist with experience in main-stream media and as a consultant to a number of politicians.

He settled in Chewton a couple of years ago and apart from his interest in community affairs, is a regular contributors to the award-winning *Chewton Chat*.

Currently, the Prime Minister is not required to consult Parliament or gain its approval before involving Australia in war or conflict.

This so-called ‘Captain’s Call’ stems from the British Monarchy, of centuries past, having a ‘Royal Prerogative’ to declare war, bypassing Parliament.

The *Chewton Chat* is a monthly with a circulation of about 1,000 and is prominent in the 90-member Community Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV).

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Members of Lorne's Men Shed recently heard an expert explain that with its range of machinery, there was need for safety procedures to be put into place.

Safety was a priority with those working on the machines, those helping and even with the casual visitor.

Phil Taylor, (pictured above with Sheddars Garry and John) who managed the Austin Gray Centre at Geelong College from 1991 to 2011, said that all Sheddars needed to attend safety demonstrations before working with machinery.

Basic safety included space around machinery, taped lines on the floor to clearly designate the user only zones, kill should be located on the floor to keep hands on materials and operated by foot and there should be enough room around tables to allow easy cutting of large sheets.

Ear and eye protection are general safety items. "I believe safety boots should be worn, clothing should not be loose and no working with music ear plugs," he said.

Mobile phones should be switched off to avoid distractions.

He said that he believed a safety manager should be in charge at each working section.

"No member should use machinery unless he has done the induction course for all machinery," he said.

First opened in 1980, the Austin Gray Centre at Geelong College was open to all members of the school community as well as the general public.

Phil said that hundreds of projects were made over the course of 30 years, some simple like a cutting board, other more elaborate such as boats, beds and other furniture. The Centre ceased operation when the school decided to turn the workshop into a dedicated teaching classroom.

He also emphasised that all machinery must be properly maintained, including sharpening of blades. "Blunt blades create problems and can cause significant issues for both the machinery and operator.

Working of machinery was subject to strict occupational health and safety rules and up-to-date safety records must be kept at all times.

As in the widely watched television advertisements, safety inspectors could call at any time.

Shedder President Allan Walls said that one project in the planning stage was a cutout boat replica to be entered in the Lorne Biennial Sculpture Exhibition next year.

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A Walk Down Memory Lane with Garry Fenton The Dance of the Seven Veils

My first year at boarding school aged about twelve, girls were not really on the radar. But for whatever reason, we started to sit up and take notice a bit more when older boys were suggesting how nice they could be.

At the age of perhaps thirteen or fourteen several school boarders planned to go to the Royal Melbourne Show. This was quite common, and the day involved an early start to the Geelong Station, travel by train to Melbourne and catch a tram to the Show.

Some wanted to watch the horse events, others the sheep and cattle, and other lads were keen to check out the machinery. And of course show bags and food stalls were a popular thought. One boy who always seemed a bit more worldly than the rest of us said he wanted to see 'The Dance of the Seven Veils'. We had no idea what he was talking about, but when he explained, he had won us over and we were all very excited about this new prospect.

We had a general look around, then with great bravado we headed for Side Show Alley. This was all new to most of us and we were intrigued with the flair and noise as we arrived.

The Jimmy Sharman Boxing Tent with a drummer belting the big drum and boxers parading up and down in their silk gowns, as the spruiker on the mike encouraged onlookers. There were fire eaters, and Slim Dusty with his guitar, and jugglers and magicians everywhere.

Right in the middle was a big sign "The Dance of the Seven Veils." And the colourful spruiker was in full flight. "Come in and watch this beautiful lady dance and disrobe her veils right in front of your very eyes". Then looking straight at us, said, "come on in boys, you're old enough!"

We didn't need a second invitation, I can only guess what the lady selling the tickets thought as these seven young naive school boys in their school uniforms, came through the tent opening. Our brazen leader pushed his way through the crowd to the front row with the rest of us nervously following.

The music started, the beautiful lady came out covered in many coloured garments and began dancing and swaying around the small stage. As she danced about she would take off a veil, swirl it above her head and drop it on the stage. She picked up the fact she had some naive customers in the front row and she began to play to us and after taking off one of her veils she walked along in front of us draping the veil over our heads much to the pleasure of the audience.

When the last veil came off, seven young boys eyes were on stalks as she did a couple of turns and disappeared backstage.

We all walked out far more worldly than when we went in. In spite of a secrecy pact, the word soon got out to some of our class mates and we were inundated with questions. I suspect some of the answers were exaggerated and I also suspect the following year there might have been a few more young lads getting a day pass for the Melbourne Royal Show!

Letter:

Footpath leading to Stony Creek new steps

Readers may recall the last article concerning Stony Creek in the Lorne Independent of 1st October, 2015 in which I reported to the Surfcoast Shire that the footpath, leading from the North end of Hall Street to the Vicroads new installation of steps, was unsafe. As a result after temporary repairs the Shire advised that the footpath would be included on the Footpath Renewal Program to be replaced by 30th June, 2016.

So why hasn't the work been done?

The reason is that the treatment proposed at the time an asphalt overlay of the path, was not considered to be totally appropriate due to further concerns about drainage, erosion and narrowness of the path. A more complex design was required so the work was referred to the Shire design team and the project reprogrammed for the 2017/18 Footpath Renewal Program.

The latest advice from the Shire Strategic Asset Manager is that the design is currently underway and the works have been included within the Footpath Renewal Program in Council's 2017/18 Budget with anticipation of the work being undertaken sometime between JULY – NOVEMBER this year in advance of the Christmas period.

Hopefully, when the work is completed, this will be the end of the Stony Creek Saga.

**Ken N. Smith
Lorne**

Vale Penno

**Its with great sadness and heavy heart to advise
Peter Pennington
better known as Penno
has passed away after having a heavy fall.**

**We extend to Peter's family and friends
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**Penno was a much loved frequent visitor to the
Lorne Men's Shed with his motorised scooter
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**Just before Christmas Penno came to our shed
and joined up as a member.
Sadly Penno will not be able
to enjoy the company
he experienced on that visit.**

**Penno dearly loved, will be sadly missed
by all who knew him.**

Lorne Men's Shed



Raising awareness of epilepsy

Epilepsy is a common condition in our community and can develop at any age, regardless of gender or ethnic group. According to Epilepsy Australia, research suggests that some 3–4% of the Australian population will develop epilepsy at some stage in their lives.

At one stage it was believed that epilepsy was a disorder of the young, as it appeared most people experienced their first seizure before the age of 20. However, people over 55 are now recognised as being the most vulnerable. This rapidly growing demographic group is subject to the kinds of cerebrovascular (circulation of blood to the brain), respiratory and cardiac events that can lead to epileptic seizures.

There are many causes of epilepsy, which vary with the age at which seizures begin and the nature of the seizures. However, in 50% of cases, the cause is unknown.

In many cases of epilepsy in young children, genetics play an important role. But research has shown that genetics can be a factor in developing epilepsy at any age. It appears that certain people are more prone to having seizures than others. This is, at times, described as having a 'low-seizure threshold.'

It is more likely for people to develop epilepsy if there is a history of seizures in the family. Epilepsy is estimated to affect 65 million people worldwide (more than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease combined).

Many people do not understand exactly what epilepsy is. To say a person has epilepsy simply means that a person has shown a tendency to have recurring seizures. Therefore, when a person has a single seizure this does not necessarily mean that they have epilepsy. Some 10% of the population are at risk of experiencing a seizure during their lifetime, while 3–4% will go on to be diagnosed with epilepsy.

Epilepsy is a disorder of brain function that takes the form of recurring convulsive or non-convulsive seizures. Epilepsy is not just one condition; rather it is a diverse family of disorders comprising many seizure types.

It is estimated that approximately 50% of people who have one seizure go on to have more seizures. For people at risk of recurring seizures, approximately 70% can expect seizure control with medicine.

There are seizures that are not epileptic such as those that result from diabetes, kinked blood vessels, and a range of other health conditions.

Each year we celebrate Purple Day, an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide.

People around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness. Many people in the general public know little about this disease and much of what they do know is incorrect. Purple Day aims to encourage people to talk about epilepsy, and remind people living with seizures that they are not alone.

Purple Day was founded in 2008, by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, Canada, with the help of the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia (EANS). Cassidy chose the colour purple after the international colour for epilepsy, lavender. The lavender flower is also often associated with solitude, which is representative of the feelings of isolation many people affected by epilepsy and seizure disorders often feel. Cassidy's goal is for people with epilepsy everywhere to know they are not alone.

Your local pharmacy can help too. One of the key aspects to managing epilepsy is medicine management. Pharmacists are medicines experts and can assist you with understanding how your medicines work and any possible side effects.

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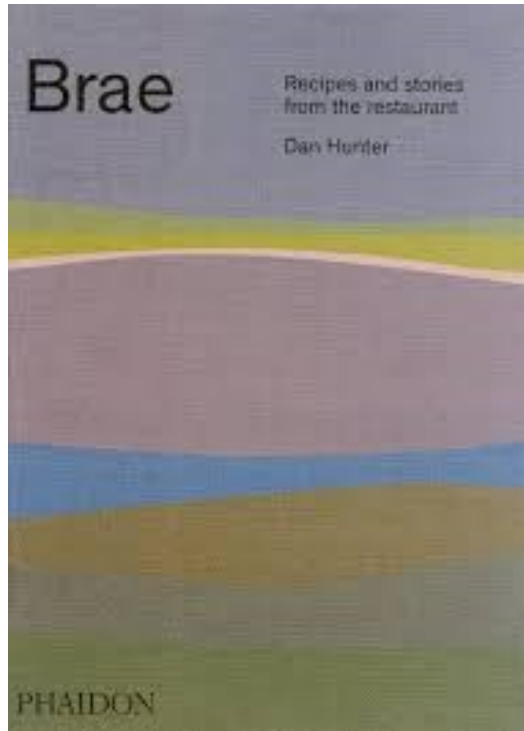


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