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Rainbow flag flying on the SCS office complex causes discord



The rainbow flag, commonly known as the gay pride flag or LGBT pride flag, is a symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) pride and LGBT social movements. Other uses of rainbow flags include a symbol of peace and the colors reflect the diversity of the LGBT community, as the flag is often used as a symbol of gay pride during LGBT rights marches. While it originated in Northern California, the flag is now used worldwide.

Originally devised by San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker, the design has undergone several revisions since its debut in 1978. The most common variant consists of six stripes: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. The flag is typically flown horizontally, with the red stripe on top, as it would be in a natural rainbow.

- source Wikipedia

Flying a flag for good governance

A letter from Councillors Heather Wellington and Clive Goldsworthy

Readers of **The Star** (and the **Lorne Independent**) will be aware of the controversy about whether Surf Coast Shire should fly the rainbow flag continuously at the civic centre in Torquay until the federal government approves marriage equality.

The rainbow flag is a symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) pride and LGBT social movements.

The civic resources of the Shire are not the property of nine Councillors, to use as they wish. They are the property of the Shire community and should not be used, without community authorisation, to deliver an ultimatum to federal government on an issue that lies solely within that government's legislative responsibility.

The only systematic information we have about community views is a survey of members of Cr Goldsworthy's existing email list, which strongly confirmed their opposition to this action. Most community commentary on a number of media articles about the issue

has been consistent with those survey results. Numerous residents have contact to object to Council flying the flag as a means of conveying a political message to federal government.

I have formed the opinion that while the majority supports marriage equality, the community as a whole does not authorise Council to use civic resources to make any representation to federal government about this issue on its behalf.

My motion to systematically consult the community before flying the flag was rejected when Cr Hodge, supported by Crs Bell and Coker, moved a notice of rescission. This was despite Council's Communications and Community Engagement Strategy 2015-2018, which was released with great fanfare by Council under the leadership of then Mayor Margot Smith. In it, Council committed to being trustworthy, which was defined as "Community members have a right to know and contribute to decisions which affect them." It seems, however, that the majority of Councillors didn't mean that to apply when they want to make political representations on behalf of the community that the community may not support.

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Rainbow flag:

From page one

The only reasonable conclusion, in the circumstances, is that the community is being forced by five Councillors to make a representation to federal government that it probably does not wish to make.

This imposition of personal views is cloaked in the language of 'leadership'.

A small number of advocates of marriage equality seem unable to comprehend that my opposition to using civic resources to make political representations is not a sign of undeclared bigotry or homophobia.

The level of attempted intimidation is paradoxical, given the intimidation the LGBT community itself has experienced and fought hard against over many years.

I remain open to hearing community views on this matter, as long as they are conveyed respectfully and without attempts at intimidation.

I encourage residents who have not expressed a view to do so. Contact details for all Councillors are available on the Shire's website at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

Cr Heather Wellington
(Winchelsea Ward)

Also signed by
Cr Clive Goldsworthy
(Lorne Ward)



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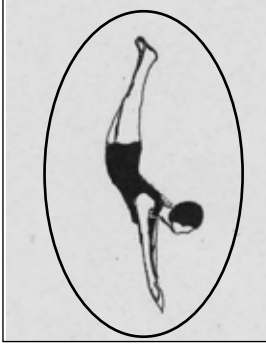
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There's nothing like a whale sighting to lift one's spirits. The mid-June lazy roly poly one caused a Facebook alert "whale just off Swing Bridge!" So close in! 24-year-old local Josh Morrice launched his drone from the beach out over the turquoise ocean! Just behind the second surf break this huge visitor rolled back and forth for about five hours. The good old *Echo* provided a few of these details in the article which accompanied

Josh's amazing drone photo which they printed.

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. For many years two of our senior darlings worked the Thursday morning shift at the Lorne Op Shop – attacking the job in their own sweet, gentle, non-stressful manner. And now dear Eunice Robbins and Marie Enticott have both died within a couple of weeks of each other. I can see them now – Eunice with a basket over her arm, and Marie immaculately groomed and dressed often with an umbrella in case it rained or to steady her gait – coming to "work" from different directions. Bless them both and sympathies to their families who must have many more wonderful memories than this fellow worker!

Congratulations to Bernadette and John Bliss for being awarded The Lion's Melvin Jones Fellowship award as international recognition for the incredible work they do for the Lorne Lions Club.

How long do we have to be told by a lit up sign how long it is going to take us to leave Lorne and drive to Geelong, or elsewhere. Who cares. What's the rush. Stay a while and chill. Enough already.

Thanks to the amazing bin locks and to the Shire's new 'thinking Big Belly bins' the cocky numbers have declined and so has the rubbish they spread all over Lorne. These solar-powered smart bins sense waste and compact it and can hold up to seven times more than a normal bin! When they're almost chocka they shoot off an electronic notification to Council officers AND the service contractor via cloud technology. Now, what would our dear old fathers have to say about that phenomena!

So the cockies have almost departed apart from when they sense a few tourists in the main street or when the visit a couple of locals still putting bird food out. Please, please, please - enough. Let them forage again.

It will be fascinating to see what happens at Anglesea in the Mine Rehabilitation Project. A wonderful opportunity for the whole coast. A new drawcard. Hop online and have a look, make comments and complete the survey on: engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au or angleseaps@alcoa.com.au.

The local papers report that the bounty on fox scalps is still only \$10 but reasons that the guys shooting them would be shooting anyway! Check out agriculture.vic.gov.au for lots of info and lists of where to take your scalps (shudder). One must admit that the terrible damage foxes inflict on farm animals and on native wild life does justify their culling. How much for a feral cat scalp?

Great to see our wonderful team of District Nurses being rebranded as "LCH at Home". Fantastic recognition for the incredible service they provide across the board. They will now be able to offer so much more in support in the home, including Personal and 24 hour care, expert Nursing, Transport, Allied Health and – wait for it – Home Maintenance. They must have teamed up with the fanbloodytastic Men's Shed!

It's not too often that Lillian does her block. Maybe in the past, prior to Clive Goldsworthy galloping into town and taking on all our anguish with the Shire, there were a few

occasions of sheer fury. Once a group of volunteers at the Visitors Centre refused to go to a special function the Shire was holding for all Shire volunteers. We were so peed off with Lorne being ignored and we listed 20 issues we identified which needed sympathetic action. Only one of these affected us personally – a place to park for 15 minutes to collect our mail! The rest were tourist driven. And the Shire responded beautifully and after several months and many meetings most of these issues were rectified.

But right now the Shire's absolute distraction with raising flags and supporting Federal issues which are not part of their actual mandate is infuriating. And all without seeking the views of those who actually employ them. US! The ratepayers. It would be damned hard to find anyone who did not fully support same sex marriage. But that's not the point. It's not about the flag. It's about the Shire spending time and our money outside their job description and not consulting us.

An excellent letter to the Editor appeared in The Surfcoast Times from Helen Rolls of Winchelsea and it deserves to be reproduced here:

"A DEVISIVE ISSUE. Dear Editor,

A petition signed by 160 residents of the Winchelsea area was presented at the May council meeting (along with 37 signatures already tabled) objecting to the Shire flying the 'rainbow flag' in a blatant attempt to influence the Australian Parliament's position on same sex marriage. Cr Goldsworthy surveyed hundreds of Lorne residents prior to the May meeting and reported to Council that 85% were against the Council flying the flag.

The motion was then passed by the Council to lower the rainbow flag immediately and to consult for the first time with all the ratepayers of the Surf Coast Shire. This was duly reported the next day in the media and newspapers.

In spite of security, the pro-flag lobby group rudely verbally accosted some people as they left this council meeting in Moriac.

HOWEVER, in a closed meeting following, Cr Hodge rescinded the motion, making a mockery of our democratic decision-making process. This motion was in spite of community outcry and concern over the shire's complete lack of consultation with the residents and ratepayers of the Surf Coast.

This is a very emotive and divisive issue for the councillors and the residents and ratepayers of this community. It is not about personal views on same sex marriage but about local government being involved in federal affairs.

The petition is about the role of the shire as our representative and the importance of the shire not using our resources for political purposes that are outside its role and responsibilities.

We do not support the shire using its facilities, which are owned by members of our community, to promote the political or social views of individual councillors. As Cr Wellington said, no council has any authority to impose and fly a flag with a political message over a community's civic centre.

..... We commend the mayor Cr McKitterick and Councillors McGregor, Wellington and Goldsworthy for courageously standing up against the vocal minority and representing the majority of residents wishing for respectful debate. Helen Rolls. Winchelsea.

Hard to beat this for an all-round community effort. The Lornecare group needed to replace their trailer; Juliet heard her neighbor Jack Everitt of GOR Builders was willing to donate his old trailer; so after inspection Allan Walls (Men's Shed) said his team would restore it for cost of materials, Alain Purnell was the go-between, and Vet Alan just back from castrating hundreds of dogs in India agreed to do the towing. Thanks to three Alans, a Juliet and to Jack!

- Lillian xxx

LorneCARE News

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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 Doug Stirling Walking Track between the Surf Club and the Pier

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Modern technology has invented a new pastime – it's called the 'waiting game'.

Anything to do with the government, a bank, a public utility, you'd be familiar with the dulcet tone of an anonymous, invariably female voice urging you to press '1', '2' or some other number 'so that we can direct your call to the correct person to help you with your inquiry.'

While you're pressing buttons, explaining your requirements, repeating it yet again, you're waiting, waiting, waiting. It's the beginning of the game.

If you're a hot shot, and time is money, you'd start to get irritated because your brains starts to click over, thinking about all that lost moolah...but if you were a real hot shot, you'd have some paid lackey doing the waiting for you.

Telstra is a personal favourite because there is an obvious personal little bet or wager you can indulge in while you're playing the game – how long will you last before you start screaming?

And please note, the motivation to scream should not be used lightly or indeed indiscriminately; screaming for the sake of screaming is useless.

There has to be purpose and intent in you losing your calm – the most effective screaming is channelled as if you're an Olympic shooter eyeing up a target.

Your body and mind should be as calm as a meditative Buddhist with only your voice projecting anger, frustration and the urgent need for results.

In the three dealings with Telstra this year, there obviously are benefits in accumulative training.

If your telephone line is suddenly not in operation, your first step is to get all your recent documentation such as bills paid, date and nature of your last complaint, and practice spelling out your suburb and street name in aviation talk (the NATO phonetic alphabet is best – A for Alfa, B for Bravo right down to Z for Zulu) and then reach for your mobile. Just make sure it's well charged!

Keying in the help line, you'll get some very polite person in some call centre in the Philippines, Zimbabwe, Nepal, or a place you've never heard of before.

First point: Don't let them put you off. Insist that you want to talk about the problem now. Not tomorrow, the day after or in ten minutes' time. Now!

If chances of a quick fix are remote, ask, politely, if they could ring back on your mobile as you are financially poor, every cent counts, you have seven children and grandparents to support, you have several artificial limbs ...you know how it goes!

When the call is returned (hopefully), you talk and wait and talk and wait and talk some more, switch gadgets off and on, talk some more, watch the lights flicker on your modem, look out the window, accept a cup of tea, even a sandwich ...during the most recent incident my tolerance time was two hours and 37 minutes.

Finally my voice began to tremble, my blood pressure obviously rose (165/90) and a loud, bone-trembling howl filled the den.

"Are you all right, sir?" the gentle voice asked, this time with some concern. "No, I'm not." Another blood-curdling scream.

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- Jo Vondra



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Health and the elderly: Men over 65 shouldn't be up a ladder!

Pain is almost 100 percent linked to the brain, physiotherapist Bill Reynolds told an audience of about 60 people at the Lorne Men's Shed recently, and though there are definite gradings and definition, pain is often complex and difficult to define and manager.

Pain is usually measured between one to ten, with the high number donating the most severe (chronic); most pain is gradually reduced with time though chronic pain can sometimes last up to six months.

There are of course quite a number of medical procedures to combat pain but the fact is that the sensation of pain has a strong psychological link which may include any number of factors such as life-style, motivation, aspects of the injury or disease, and many other complex factors.

Physiotherapist Bill was part of a panel at the Men' Shed forum titled 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind.'

Other panellists included Dr David Mullen, principal of the Lorne Community Hospital's Private Health Clinic, Dr Georgina Hayden, Director of Emergency Medicine at the St John of God Hospital, Geelong, and Heather Ramp, specialist community nurse at the LCH.

Shedder Garry Fenton acted as the general MC and drew attention to the fact that the Men's Shed was celebrating its first official birthday.

Dr Hayden was blunt about her message. "Men over 65 years of age should not be up a ladder!"

In fact, she said that there was even evidence that people who worked at heights, and especially on ladders should wear safety helmets.

She said that most severe accidents that happened around the home were what she called 'low height falls' and usually affected the elderly.

Heather Ramp drew attention to two factors that impacted dramatically on health and wellbeing in a small community like Lorne – suicide and the abuse of alcohol.

She said that mental health was of prime concern in a small community and the LCH had a number of activities in place to combat the high incident of suicide, especially among the young and the elderly.

She said that medical professionals are targeting suicide prevention as the highest priority in community health.

She drew attention to the Suicide Prevention Week to fall in October which will offer various way for individuals and the community can help to combat this dreadful situation.

Heather Ramp also emphasised the invidious part the abuse and over-indulgence of alcohol plays in a wide range of social activities, from over indulgence by the young to its place in family dynamics.

She said that the first stop in medical emergencies such a mental problems and alcohol abuse should be to see a GP for a professional assessment.

She said that there are now available a large range of medical and other services, including a mental health arrangement which allowed for up to ten free medical consultations with a specialist medical or other professional.

Dr Mullen said his job was to assess specific health problems but also to evaluate a patient's whole medical situation, which might involve further blood and other tests, ex-rays, mental tests and other examinations to come to a particular outcome or conclusion.

He said that to treat specific medical problems was a priority, but also important was a regular evaluation of a patient's general health.

He said that on an average, having a total physical check- up once a year is recommended.

- JV



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News from our Councillor for the Lorne Ward

2017/18 Surf Coast Shire Budget.

Council recently approved the 2017/18 budget. A full report can be found on the Shire’s website. It is always interesting to compare the Equity Indicators across the wards which are summarized below. A more detailed report can be found in Appendix L of the budget document

This comparison is only one data view and alone does not provide a full perspective of ward funding allocations.

Council also allocates funding to projects that could reasonably be considered “Whole of Shire” rather than for a single ward or community. These projects have not been included in the project funding below and would require a further comparison potentially on the basis of factors such as population, rate assessments or rate distribution.

This indicator demonstrates that in this year’s budget, the proportion of council funds to project allocations exceeds the proportion of rate contribution in Torquay and Winchelsea wards, but is less than the proportion in the Anglesea and Lorne wards.

The 2016/17 budget table has been provided below for comparative purposes

Budget 2017/18	Rates Collected	% Rates Collected	Project Allocations	% Allocations 2017/18	% Allocations 2016/17
Torquay	\$20,590,832	49%	\$3,673,594	59%	56%
Anglesea	\$9,900,638	23%	\$358,000	6%	13%
Winchelsea	\$5,003,215	12%	\$1,963,058	31%	23%
Lorne	6,804,557	16%	\$269,000	4%	7%
Total Ward Specific	\$42,299,242	100%	\$6,263,652	100%	100%

Specific project allocations for Lorne Ward included :

- Lorne Structure Plan. \$20k 2017/18 & \$80k 2018/19
- Stribling Reserve lighting project \$92k
- Lorne Historical Society building façade \$50,000
- Additional funds have been allocated to a number of Asset Renewal programs.

Rainbow Flag.

Over the past few months the issue of flying the Rainbow flag has consumed a large amount of Shire & Councillor time in defence of the decision and at times dividing communities unnecessarily. A small number of our community have missed the whole point of the issue and have demonstrated their lack of understanding of process.

The issue is not whether individual Councillors support marriage equality but rather the process local government should undertake when dealing with such an emotive issue.

All Councillors have publicly stated that they support marriage equality as I have stated in the Chamber on a number of occasions and yet I have been referred to in terms such as being noisy, nasty and homophobic.

To me the issue falls solely within the legislative responsibility of the Federal government and more importantly the Shire never

consulted the community on this issue despite Council statements and actions demonstrating that the Community should be engaged, listened to and contribute to all Shire decisions. In fact I was the only Councillor who formally sought feedback from my Ward through my extensive email data base. The results of the feedback highlighted the following:

- 90% of all respondents supported marriage equality or words similar
- 87% believed the issue was not a Local Government issue but rather a Federal Government responsibility to resolve.
- 94% stated that the community should have been consulted before the issue was taken into the Chamber.

At the June Council meeting after much debate & discussion it was resolved Council would install two unilluminated 8m flag poles adjacent to the Carpark on the southern side of the Shire Offices. The rainbow flag will fly continuously on the “Front Lawn”: flag pole at this location in support of the LGBTIQ community in the Surf Coast Shire. The existing flag poles that are adjacent to the Surfcoast Highway known as the “ Ceremonial flagpoles” and the “Front Entrance flagpoles” at the Shire Offices entrance will continuously fly the Australian, Aboriginal & Surf Coast Shire flags.

Stribling Reserve Lighting & Scoreboard upgrade

Prior to the last Federal election Sarah Henderson MP the Federal Member for Corangamite announced a commitment of \$200,000 for Stribling Reserve upgrades and \$30,000 funding for a new electronic scoreboard. The Surf Coast Shire allocated \$92,000 to the lighting upgrade and \$20,000 for the new electronic scoreboard. Last week the Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney announced that

\$100,000 will be provided through the Country Football & Netball program for the lighting upgrade.

Funding is now in place to deliver these two important upgrades

Lorne Netball teams

Congratulations to our B Grade netballers who are now 2 games clear on top of the Ladder, A Grade is also having a great year cementing their development work from last year. It is also fantastic to see the commitment and dedication with our C Grade and juniors teams. A number of the junior players are competing in 2 grades each Saturday. The Junior development programs over the past months has seen the 17 girls in the NetSetGo program and 15 in the Catch Chat & Play program

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Lions Clubs were founded in Australia at Lismore NSW in 1947...50 years ago and there are now 36,000 Lions members throughout Australia

The Lions Club of Lorne was chartered in 1969 with 35 members. - Nelson Knight



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Ladies Golf Report

Last year I reported it's Tuesday it must be raining, the weather was dreadful. Fortunately this year we have been lucky with our Ladies Golf morning, it may be chilly but the course is still great to play on. We have had many regular players coming up on Tuesday for a game, be it 18 or 9 holes.

The Lorne ladies have been well represented this past month participating in the following events:

Lonsdale, Queenscliffe and Portarlington Bowls. Some of us were also fortunate to have 4 days away playing in a tournament in Rich River, Moama. Thank you to all the ladies who played in the interclub events. I am pleased to say due to an increase in our membership we are able to draw from a larger pool of players.

Golf lessons can be arranged, please contact Lesley Goldsworthy 0437028169, if you are interested.

If you would like to join our friendly group of ladies on a Tuesday. Please contact Lesley Goldsworthy 0437028169 or Caz Bartholomew 0419317011. Play commences at 9 am sharp and it's your choice to play 9 or 18 holes. We welcome all standards of play.

**Happy hitting,
Lesley Goldsworthy
Lady President**

John Ford and his family are in Italy - no, not to report on sport but on a holiday. Sportsbrief will back next month.

Direction change for Deans Marsh-Lorne road concerns

One of the outcomes from the Public Meeting in Lorne last month, was that there are residents throughout the Otways who are as concerned as we are over the increase in traffic on rural roads, and that the Deans Marsh-Lorne Road is just one example.

As a result, we realise we need to come up with a new name! We believe our group should continue to represent the two communities but not exclusively, so are looking for a name which will recognise this. Unfortunately up until now we have been unable to think of something appropriate. So we would welcome any and all suggestions!

We realise that in the interest of achieving our aims, we need to work together with likeminded individuals and groups.

There are many aspects to this problem, but just to re-cap, the primary aims of our campaign are:

1. To get legislation through State Parliament for bicycles to be equipped with both front and rear lights and it be compulsory to have them on at all times, together with resources allocated for Highway Patrol to enforce the law. This will copy the law already introduced for motorcyclists.

2. Recreational riders are becoming more and more common on rural roads. All drivers/riders need to be made aware of the additional risks incurred. Therefore we are campaigning for education and instruction for all road users so that they are aware of the potential for an increase in accidents. This will give them the knowledge on how to minimise such incidences and as a consequence result in improved tolerance for ALL road users.

Over the 12 months of this campaign, we have established good contacts with Vic Roads, Highway Patrol and both Surf Coast and Colac Otway Shires. Our local Federal and

State members of Parliament have given us fantastic support and encouragement. In addition we have the ear of Bicycle Network Victoria and Geelong Safe.

From community input we believe there are many out there with similar and/or complimentary aims. - JB

Contact details:

Deans Marsh: beattyjuliet@gmail.com

LORNE SCULPTURE EXHIBITION: MANAGER (PART-TIME)

Lorne Sculpture Exhibition Inc. seeks to appoint a Manager to support its 2018 and 2020 outdoor sculpture exhibitions.

The successful applicant will report to the Committee of Management and will undertake fund-raising, engagement with stakeholders, social media and press relations, financial support services, database management and other administrative and project tasks as required.

Applicants must have a degree or equivalent experience from a recognised Australian or overseas tertiary institution in a relevant discipline (e.g. Marketing, Business, Arts Management) and have sound project management, website maintenance and written and oral communication skills. Prior background in the arts or not for profit sectors is desirable, as are good time management and teamwork skills.

This position will be offered as a 12-month contract position with the potential to extend for two further years. The successful applicant is expected to work from home, although attendance at meetings in Lorne, Geelong and Melbourne will be required. A laptop computer will be provided.

A salary of up to \$43,000 plus superannuation is offered for the equivalent of 3.5 days work per week. The successful candidate must be able to commence within four weeks of appointment.

Please contact Karen Pitt, Treasurer, Lorne Sculpture Inc. at karenpitt1950@outlook.com to obtain a copy of the Position Description, or if you have any other queries.

Written applications including contact details for three referees must be addressed to:

**Lorne Sculpture Exhibition Inc.
PO Box 304
Lorne Post Office
LORNE VIC 3232**

Closing date for applications is 28 July 2017.



News from the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club

Commodore's notes for June 2017

Safe travels to all our members who have decided to take a well-earned holiday to the north of our country or to warmer international destinations.

For those of us who have not left, we have experienced quite a few sightings of Southern Right Whales on their migratory travels south. Another highlight for the month was the report last night that a vessel ten nautical miles off Lorne was on fire. This report came over the Marine Band radio whilst yours truly was chairing the June committee meeting. After further investigation many believed that it was a vessel with exceptionally bright flood lights. This was confirmed by the official report later in the evening.

Committee Notes –

- Our insurance brokers have finalised our claim and payment has been received. Manager Ian has reported that the new safe and security measures are working well. The committee has approved for a CCTV surveillance system to be installed using 4 cameras.
- Joker Poker – for members who regularly attend Thursday night's Joker Poker competition I wish to inform you that when the current event is finalized – Joker Poker is no more. The committee has assessed the recent support that this event has received and has made the decision that it is no longer viable.
- Thanks to secretary Ange and daughter Alice, our Website looks fantastic and is currently up to date.
- Please visit www.lorneaquaticclub.com.au and check it out.
- Local resident – Greg Saunders who has a serious back problem and uses a scooter to help with mobility is to be supported by our Club in his venture to become part of the RGYC Sailability program. It is Greg's aim to purchase his own Skud18 and sail on a regular basis. Well done Greg!

Point Grey Redevelopment

I was invited to meet the newly appointed Pt Grey Project Officer Katie Dolling as well as being briefed on the operations of the Project Steering Group. Meeting 1 - July 14th is to endorse the agreed Masterplan

and consider the implications of the Business Case for the redevelopment. Stay tuned for further information.

Fishing Competitions

Major Comp No 4

Many thanks to our Sponsor – Birregurra Automotives for their continued support.

Great weather conditions prevailed and 5 boats ventured out. Seventeen fish were weighed in from the 22 fisherpersons. Senior winner - Keith Miller runner up - Andrew Clarke third place – Alan Walls Junior Winner – Zane Lodge runner up – Daisy Lodge. NPG award – Steve Love New scales are to be purchased and a new Member Fish Record Board has been installed in the entry window of the clubhouse.

Out next Fishing Competition will be July 2nd - Sponsored by Keane Brick/Block/Scaffold.

Graeme Norton -
Commodore

Highest tide for 2017



A beauty of a tide! Usually the area at the bottom of the stairway is sand, a popular area for walkers and a playground for kids. Greame sent us the picture.

Winter Blues – feeling under the weather?

Gloomy weather, cold temperatures and shorter days affect more than what we choose to wear each day – it can also play havoc with how we feel.

The Winter Blues is a common name for experiencing a low mood in the winter months. The clinical term is Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

Psychologist Jay Robinson at the Lorne Medical Centre said Winter Blues shouldn't be treated as insignificant and people who aren't feeling themselves should be speaking to their GP about whether they need ongoing care or assistance from a psychologist.

The fact that winter can spark depression in some people has been recognised for some time with the term 'Winter Blues' used by medical professionals to describe subclinical forms of low mood.

Symptoms you need to look out for include having trouble waking up in the morning, a lack of energy, feeling very sleepy throughout the day, decreased appetite, trouble concentrating and weight gain or weight loss. Some people will also feel either depressed or have a low mood, which means they might feel helpless, sad, anxious or upset without really knowing why.



Dr David Mullen

Lorne Medical Centre psychologist said most people with the Winter Blues feel better as the season changes to spring, but for others the Winter Blues can escalate into a depressive disorder which does need attention from a GP.

If you're feeling like the Winter Blues are affecting your health, you should make an appointment with your GP to discuss how you feel.

Here are some tips to help boost your mood:

- Eat nutritious food to maintain energy and motivation. Often comfort foods are highly processed and high in sugar – leaving you feeling lethargic or flat.
- Exercise to keep your energy levels up, and to help release your body's natural 'feel good' chemicals that improve your mood.
- Talk to your doctor about your vitamin levels. You may be lacking in Vitamins D and B which have specific benefits in improving our mood and well-being.
- Enjoy the winter sun. The sun is our best source of Vitamin D, which is responsible for energy levels, health and development.

Dr David Mullen
Lorne Medical Centre




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Council to shoot for grant to fund indoor stadium

Surf Coast Shire Council will make an application to the Victorian Government's Better Indoor Stadium fund to kick start one of the key projects in the Torquay Jan Juc Developer Contribution Plan.

Council will hope to achieve the maximum grant amount of \$3 million from the fund to contribute to the cost of a multi-use indoor stadium adjacent to Surf Coast Secondary College.

If the grant application is successful Council will commence the project, which will comprise a new building, containing three new courts, attached to the existing single court stadium at Surf Coast Secondary College.

A feasibility and needs study completed in May 2016 found that three additional courts were required to meet predicted growth in Surf Coast Shire in the next 10 years.

A stadium joined to existing facilities at the school would provide economies of scale and contribute to greater use, the study found.

Subject to Department of Education and Training approval, Council will undertake a subdivision process to create a single land title which would sit with the Department of Education.

Council would also enter into a 50-year joint use agreement with the Department of Education to ensure the facility was available for community use for the life of the building.

"Sharing with Torquay Secondary College would provide the best opportunity for maximum use of the facility whilst ensuring public land is used as efficiently as possible," said Surf Coast Shire Mayor Cr Brian McKitterick.

"In this way more land in the Torquay North precinct would remain available for future facilities," he said.

In December 2015 Council resolved to retain land in the precinct for a possible future aquatic centre. The indoor stadium design will consider how it might connect to an aquatic centre.

"Existing indoor court facilities no longer meet standards for indoor sport and there is an immediate need for additional courts to meet current usage," said Cr McKitterick.

"The stadium would be designed and programmed as a multi-use facility to provide space for as many compatible uses as possible," he added.

An indoor stadium is one of the key capital projects included in the 2011 Torquay Jan Juc Developer Contribution Plan or DCP.

The DCP is a legal agreement between Council and developers aimed at ensuring developers make a financial contribution to community infrastructure necessary within in a new residential development.

- SCS media release

Medical clinic comes to Deans Marsh

The Deans Marsh 'footy shed' will be the temporary home of a weekly medical clinic staffed by professionals from the Lorne Medical Centre.

The clinic will operate every Wednesday from 9.30 am to 12 noon.

To book an appointment with Dr David Mullen and his medical team, please contact the Lorne Medical Centre on 5289 4333.

The complexities of the mistletoes



Travelling through western New South Wales north of Bathurst the landscape is appointed with outcrops of grey granite glazed with pale green lichen. They have had rain up here this season and the grass is green. The eucalypts scattered across the low hills have glaucous foliage and they are almost certainly *Eucalyptus cinerea* but I find it difficult to identify gums and after all we are moving along the highway at a rate of knots and it's not possible to pull over. The green of mistletoe hanging from many of the trees stands out against the grey. It would be impossible for me to classify the mistletoe though, even if I held it in my hands.

Mistletoes are partially parasitic on trees and penetrate the bark to gain access to water, primarily. They are hemiparasites because they are not totally dependent on their hosts and often do not derive nutrients from their host at all so that while the trees to which they cling may die it is not because the mistletoe has sucked the life out of them. They enjoy a world-wide distribution but it is Australia that is home to eighty or so varieties in two families. They are as Australian as gums and wattles. Technically speaking they are classified as hemiparasites because they can perform photosynthesis to a varying degree; some do so to a greater extent than others. According to the Wikipedia entry on mistletoes whereas they are often considered as pests that kill trees and devalue natural habitats in fact some species have recently been recognised as ecological keystone species, organisms that have a disproportionately pervasive influence over their community. A broad array of animals and birds depend on them for food, consuming the leaves, young shoots and fruit, and in the process transferring pollen between plants or dispersing their seeds.

They have found a niche in every Australian ecosystem and while many are able to live off a variety of hosts others are quite specific in their choices. Some for example will only grow on wattles, another only on casuarinas and

yet another confines itself to just two species of melaleucas. One species, *Nutsyia floribunda*, attaches itself to the roots of eucalypts and grass trees growing in desert areas. By contrast there is one that will only be hosted by tropical mangroves. There is even a mistletoe that preys on other mistletoes, surely an example of metaparasitism - if I can coin that phrase.

They are an important food source for native marsupials and many bird species, primarily honeyeaters including New Holland honeyeaters so frequently a resident of Lorne. Birds eat the pseudoberries and excrete the seeds. But it is to *Dicaeum hirundinaceum*, the mistletoe bird, that they owe most for their distribution. The seeds are surrounded by a sticky substance called viscin and when these birds excrete the seeds they wipe their anus across a branch and the seeds attach themselves to it. Later the viscin hardens and forms a protective layer around the seeds until they germinate. In some instances mistletoes mimic their host plant. (See plant mimicry, May 2015 issue.) There are a few such species that simulate eucalyptus leaves and then there is the buloke mistletoe which is almost undetectable from the leaves of its casuarina host. There are a number of theories on why they practice mimicry in this way but the reason remains indeterminate.

- Doug Williams

“A Country of Mistletoes “ Wily Violets and Underground Orchids by Peter Bernhardt, Allen and Unwin 1989 (A fair bit comes from his chapter on Mistletoes.)

Doug Williams still makes himself available for consultations and specialised work. 0408 522 011

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This and that

Has everyone noticed how quiet it has become in Lorne this mid winter? There are no shortage of parking places, the supermarket car park is easily navigable, southern right whales and hump backs are frequently spotted cruising the bay with pods of dolphins, select restaurants are on their long vacs up north or in more exotic destinations while old stalwarts plod on with reduced staff and shorter hours, Bower birds are back tunnelling down their remembered valleys and ravaging unguarded veggie gardens and above all the SULPHUR CRESTED COCKATOOS are at last getting the message - Lorne is no place to hang out, cadge, snatch, scrabble and delve for a meal out of our hands or our town and domestic waste bins.

HALLELUJAH!! The bin strategies are working. No longer am I woken up by raucous squawking over my roof, the Cumberland is no longer draped with big white birds on every balcony and bird lime dripping down its walls, Chopstix's umbrella is safe from big white cocky feet, Lorne Larder's tables and Grand Ma Shields' bakery are free of menacing, strutting, white stand-over merchants, on bin days our streets are no longer strewn with rubbish, the only white birds on the foreshore are seagulls, the Pier Restaurant no longer has a row of cockies sitting on its rails, the Info Centre car park is no longer over-run by cockies posing for pictures and asking for food - they are now doing what birds of their ilk should be doing - eating gum nuts, pine cones and chewing nut grass!

Thank you Lorne Shedders, thank you Surf Coast Shire, it took a long time and a long campaign but at last we appear to be winning. To keep up the good work remember to keep the lock on your bin free of all dirt - give it a good hose every now and then and PLEASE don't over fill the bin or press on the lid to press down the rubbish or the lock mechanism will not function. If you have problems with your bin lock let the Shedders know. We do not want a return of the white menace. Wonder where the bulk of them have gone Torquay maybe? better not speculate just enjoy the peace.

This winter Lorne will not be entirely quiet Thanks to Anna Mac and her team at the Bowls Club we can look forward to our Monday nights being filled with good home grown talents, good wholesome food, good local company and all for a very modest outlay. The Aireys Pub is also having First Fridays open mic music jams starting on 7th July 5pm - 11pm. Also Lorne central has Trivia Nights in hand - check it out.

Winter in Aireys is one of these local events which has grown like topsy and become successful because they involve local businesses rather than importing expensive outsiders. One can go to what one can afford and choose from a Christmas in July at a Vegan Restaurant (an oxymoron if ever there was one); a kids trivia and pizza night; a Moroccan dinner; a games afternoon; Aireysistible - an evening of festivities in support of refugees; or an impeccably cultured Lighthouse Literary Lunch with Holly Throsby and Hannie Rayson. For a full program of events, dates, prices, etc. go to www.aireysinlet.org.au/event/love-winter-in-aireys/

On Friday 28 - Sat 29 - Sun 30 July, Apollo Bay is the venue for Apollo Bay Writers Festival. The theme this year is social justice which they are promoting with the phrase USE YOUR WORDS. They also announce a writing competition sponsored by Writers Victoria and the Grace Marion Wilson Trust. Four prizes across three categories will share in a total cash prize pool of \$2,175. Their prize catch for the program is Michael Leunig in conversation with Desh Balasubramaniam (CEO and artistic director of Ondru) about Michael's life and work. For full details prices etc. go to : www.apollobaywritersfestival.com.abwf-program-2017

Don't miss out on the Lorne School Community Event Sat July 25 ! Fund raiser 80's Comedy Quiz Night. You get to dress up in 80's gear (If you so wish) Tickets only \$25- so get your tickets fast as they will quickly sell-out!! Keep the date free, put in your calendar, support our great school!

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Committee for Lorne Briefing: Affordable housing and progress at our P-12

The availability of affordable housing has been a thorny issue in Lorne over the past decades or so, and it is now recognised as a national and state issue.

The Committee for Lorne (CfL) has recognised its importance by forming a special sub-committee to examine and possibly provide solution to this complicated problem.

At a recent CfL luncheon, Graham Brawn, Emeritus Professor of Architecture at Melbourne University, gave a presentation on the issue with some radical ideas that may not conform to the present common held view of what the Lorne landscape should look like in the future.

However, thinking 'beyond the square' may prove an answer to this vexing issue.

Lorne does have land which could be utilised for additional blocks for buildings, but this would mean a radical evaluation of existing overlay, and challenging common concepts such as the need for sunshine, view of the foreshore, and a new approach to rental housing and financial arrangements.

Professor Brawn told the audience Lorne "land price is too high. If we could we could access good land, not necessarily with a view, but with sun shine in the winter as a reasonable expectation, also a 7-10 minute drive from the Post Office and around \$200,000 or less a lot, then we are in with a chance".

He said that setting up a 'Lorne community land trust' would be way to address the issue of continuity of purpose – stay in the range of affordability – in the long term future, as well as manage the process of selecting candidates/recipients of access to the 'owned/part-owned or lease land.'

We should also be looking at alternative ways of living and therefore housing such as shared living eg a new form of guest-house, or transitional housing where future or past family need accommodation are rented under new arrangements.

Professor Brawn proposed setting up an initial steering committee to 'get a strong and defensible proposition to put to the government', and making use of all possible existing feasibility studies and other already collected data to ultimately set up a functional and sustainable Lorne Land Trust.

Funds to get the project going could include government grants to cover basic administration costs of the Trust, or Council could be approached to divest itself of some surplus assets in Lorne and invest those funds in a Lorne Community Land Trust.

- JV

P-12

The second speaker at that luncheon was Karen Biggelaar, principal of the Lorne P-12 College and a valued member of the Committee for Lorne. Karen and Vice-Principal Geoff Couper, presented an update on activities

and achievements at our local school. The Lorne School was established in 1879 and was recently demerged from Aireys Inlet school after a partnership of 24 years. The Lorne P-12 college currently has 187 students form Lorne and the surrounding region.

Karen spoke of some of the recent academic achievements. Recently released comparative results have shown that the College's NAPLAN scores were amongst the highest in the Geelong region:

- In 2015, in Yr 9 Reading, Lorne P-12 College was the highest performing school.
- For two years in Numeracy, the Yr 9 students have been fourth highest behind Kardinia, Geelong College and Geelong Grammar.

- In Punctuation and Grammar Lorne P-12 College was placed in the top 5 for secondary school performance in the region.

- High levels of growth from Years 5-7 and Years 7-9.

The curriculum at the school is very comprehensive. It comprises specific learning areas and Capabilities. Capabilities include:

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being equipped for the future.

School holidays as part of their 'Adventurous Journey' component of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

The group for Lorne P-12 have been selected as one of only four Award groups from around Australia to be funded to undertake the Kokoda Track to learn more about the Australian and Kokoda history during WWII. Lorne is extremely fortunate to have such an amazing School as a vital part of our community. Karen and her team and the School Council are to be congratulated on the work they have done to achieve such a wonderful asset for the families in our community.

Peter Spring
Deputy Chair
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GORCC upgrade

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee has commenced work to upgrade stone stairs at Teddy's Lookout in Queens Park, Lorne, connecting the upper lookout to the lower lookout.

The \$17,000 upgrade is being conducted as part of the overall Queens Park Master Plan, which includes improvements to the existing tracks and signage to provide a more sustainable and enjoyable experience for visitors.

Great Ocean Road Coast Coastal Reserves Manager Caleb Hurrell said the works will improve the accessibility and amenity of the popular Lorne reserve.

"This is the one of the best lookouts along the Great Ocean Road, offering accessible and bushwalking, scenic lookouts and spectacular sea views.

"These upgrades will help promote the beauty of Queens Park to the broader community as we improve all tracks and signage in the area," he said.

Great Ocean Road Coast has been working closely with volunteer group the Friends of Queens Park to develop and implement priorities for the reserve over the next three years.



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New agricultural industry for Lorne - worm farming



Shedders Garry Fenton (left) and St John Sutton work the worm farm.

Colin Leitch has been running a worm composting program at the Community House for the past two years and has assisted a large number of Lorne families in setting up worm composting systems that suit their circumstances. Associated with this project, he has encouraged Lorne's cafes to minimise the waste they're sending to landfill by collecting their organic wastes. Around 200kg of kitchen scraps, juice pulp and coffee grounds are picked up each week for processing in large worm farms at both the Community House and at his home. This means that some 10 tons of organics are diverted from landfill each year and converted into about 2t of worm castings.

The worm castings or vermicompost are a rich source of beneficial micro-organisms that can promote plant growth and soil well-being. Colin has provided vermicompost for use in the Community House garden, the Kindergarten veggie garden, the Qdos orchard and greenhouse and numerous home gardens in Lorne.

Early last year, Colin noticed that an organization called

FareShare was establishing a market garden in Abbotsford to supplement food they were rescuing from supermarkets and turning into meals for the needy. They supply 25,000 meals per week!

FareShare are using organic market gardening techniques and the vermicompost supplied from Lorne combined with deep layers of mulch are providing the garden's growth requirements.

The first two years of the Lorne project were carried out using scavenged materials and consequently the worm farm at the Community House had a rather ad hoc appearance.

During a Fire Protection inspection, it was politely suggested that the operation could be made more aesthetically pleasing. More recently a small grant was obtained from the Shire to cover the materials to construct formal compost bays.

Colin, who is a member of the Men's Shed, asked if some Shedders would be available to assist him to build the bays.

Recently, Keith Hardware delivered the materials to the Shed and the shedders got to work cutting and screwing as required then it was transported to the site behind the Community House where after some soil levelling, the bays were installed.

It is intended that, in time, the Community House program will be able to supply modest quantities of compost, vermicompost and mulch for Lorne gardeners.

We hope the worms appreciate their flash new accommodation and go forth and multiply!

Garry Fenton



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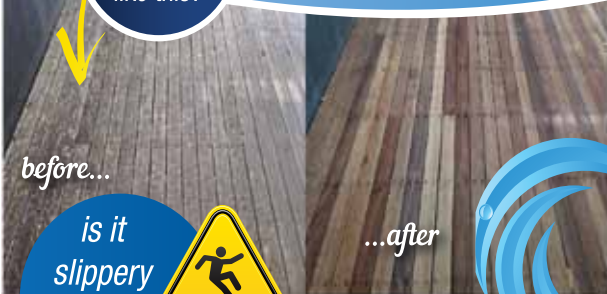
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At about that time the family thought it would be a good time to have a break at Lorne as it was school holidays and it may be our last chance to visit Lorne for a few years.

I was still into fitness, so on this pleasant morning I donned the old track suit and beanie and possibly with a few days dark growth, took off for a jog around the streets. As I was running up a hill I saw a double vacant block with a "For Sale" sign in front. I then noticed an older man sweeping up leaves and putting them on a small fire. The smell in the early morning, with the sun just coming through the gum trees and the birds warbling was overpowering, and I thought to myself what a little bit of heaven it really was. I decided to stop and have a chat with the gentleman.

"Is this your block", I quizzed. "Sure is son", came the curt reply. I noticed the sign said price on application. "What sort of money would buy one of these?"

The whole tranquil setting was blown apart with his answer. He looked at me through squinted eyes, waited for a while and said, "They are eighteen thousand dollars, well out of the reach of a scruffy young fella like you".

I was annoyed that he would assume that, even though he was trying to sell the blocks. I was also annoyed about his obvious dislike for someone not dressed like he thought they should be, even though he lived in a popular holiday resort. I was on the verge of saying something which most likely I would have regretted, when it dawned on me that I could calmly go home get my cheque book and come back and buy the blocks! It would have been the only two months in my life I could have paid cash on the spot.

When I reached home I had cooled down and the clear thinking of a young wife reminded me there was going to be a big loan required to pay for the South Australian property, without having a shortfall. So common sense prevailed.

As I write this (2017) I now live in Lorne and I know those two blocks with a great view would be quite valuable. Hindsight is such a wonderful thing. It no doubt would have been a good investment, and I would have had the pleasure of watching Mr Toff stew in his own juice.

- Garry Fenton



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Vale Gladys (Glad) Cooper

Died in Melbourne May 18, 2017, aged 97

Glad was the last surviving Lorne guesthouse owner operator. She with husband Reg, were the last owners of the Gracedale Guesthouse and her passing is an end to an important connection to a wonderfully colourful era in Lorne's past.

Gracedale was originally the home of Bill and Elizabeth Clissold and was purchased as a guesthouse by Reg and Glad in 1950. The guesthouse accommodated up to fifty guests and Glad cooked and ran the in-house jobs, whilst Reg took on the handyman role as well as a full-time

job with the Lands Department. Lynette, their daughter, said that "her mum was in her element, and loved the contact with guests and being in charge of everything!"

The romantic era of guesthouses in Lorne started when the boarding houses were upgraded into guesthouses that also provided vibrant sporting and social activities. Gracedale was one of twenty-one such establishments. Car ownership grew in the late 50's and early 60's and the guest-

houses were replaced by motels. Reg and Glad sold Gracedale in 1962 to Gordon Thompson (owner of Greenacres in Apollo Bay), who stated, "I intend to remove the building and build a motel". He got one out of two correct - part of Gracedale was relocated and is currently used to house the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club. The Gracedale site now contains both the Community Hall, used by the Senior Citizens and the Lorne Community House.

Glad and Reg stayed in Lorne, eventually owning a property in Hopetoun Terrace. Glad took the position as a receptionist at the doctor's surgery behind Wilson's Pharmacy, where she worked for doctors Byers and Swalwell. She and Reg were great friends with the Castle's (Bonnie was at her funeral), Powell's and Spong's. In 1976 they moved

from Lorne to Howqua Inlet, near Eildon. Glad loved to cook, play cards, bowl, knit and support the Collingwood Football Club. She was happiest when being at family celebrations and cooking up a storm for Christmas.

Glad is survived by her daughter Lynette and son John and her six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Gary Allen

Lorne Historical Society



The grand splendour of the Gracedale guest house played a major part in the social activities of Lorne in the early part of last century. With the increased popularity of the motor car, guesthouses gradually gave way to motels. The Lorne Historical Society has a very large collection of photos from this era of its history.



Above, a historic picture of the 'Gracedale' Guest House in its prime. Lorne started off as a camp site for timber workers and gradually developed, over 150 years, into the tourist resort it is today.

How to be a healthy traveller



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First, visit your general practitioner for a thorough check-up to ensure there are no underlying health issues that may affect your travels.

Then speak to your local pharmacist or look for a pharmacy offering travel advice services or travel clinics. They can advise you on issues such as vaccinations, travelling with medicines and being prepared to treat common travel illnesses that may arise.

Many infectious diseases that cause some of the illnesses when travelling are vaccine-preventable. Vaccinations may be an entry requirement for some countries so check with the embassy or consulate of the countries you are intending to visit or transit through. In some countries, you may be refused entry or be required to have the vaccination at the border.

It is recommended you seek professional advice and have any vaccinations prior to leaving Australia. It's never too late to vaccinate. However, some vaccines require a long period to take effect and more than one dose may be needed – so factor this time into your plans. You may also need boosters for childhood vaccines.

Discuss your personal travel plans with a pharmacist or visit a pharmacy providing a travel advisory service. They

can help to ensure you are aware of the required vaccinations and any booster doses of childhood vaccinations. The pharmacist will refer you to a doctor if needed.

Also make sure to visit your GP/pharmacist before travelling for a supply of any prescription/over-the-counter medicines you may need (checking with the relevant embassy or consulate in Australia to see if there are limitations on what you can take). Take enough medicine to cover the length of your trip. If you need to travel with large quantities of medicine, it's good practice to divide portions among different pieces of your luggage in case bags go missing.

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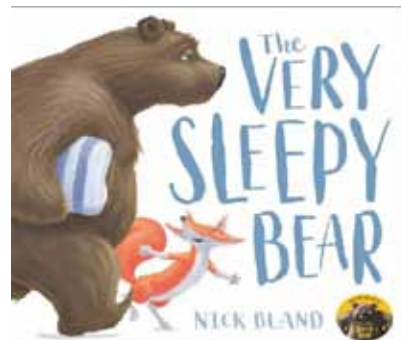


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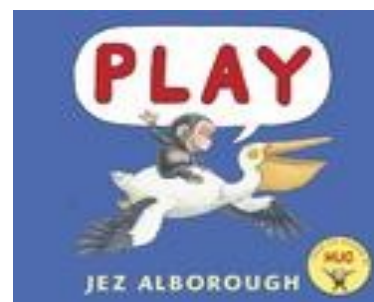


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