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LIONS SHOW HOSPITALITY TO DISABLED TRAVELLERS

Lorne Lions were delighted to organised overnight accommodation at the Lorne Leisure Centre for a group of travellers recently.

‘Freedom Across Australia’ is a group of dedicated Lions from NSW who take disabled people on trips to different destinations around Australia.

They travel for two week at a time, staying at locations organised by other Lions clubs around the country.

Lorne Lions joined them for a wonderful roast dinner cooked by the fantastic Wayne and June Adams and served by local members and other volunteers. - **BB**

Right: Lorne Lions President John Bliss welcomes Freedom Across Australia travellers



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NEXT STEPS FOR THE AQUATIC CLUB

After countless meetings between ourselves - GORCC, DELWP, the Architects, Builders and Consultants, the plans for our new club house and the complete Point Grey Redevelopment have been handed in to the Surf Coast Shire Planning Department and DELWP for planning approval.

We are extremely happy with the location we have been given which is much the same as our current location only slightly closer to the town.

Because it's on Crown Land we had very little say in the shape and outside appearance of the building, but we believe the final result will be acceptable.

Our floor plan which we have been negotiating with the Architects for many months isn't exactly what we wanted but with a couple of small changes to the bar, cool room layout and removing wall sections in the front windows the negotiated outcome will be acceptable. GORCC have assured us this will happen.

We have asked GORCC in writing that our requested changes be incorporated into the final plans and we will only commit funds to the build when happy.

There is no boat wash shown on the plan adjacent to our building, but we are still negotiating and haven't yet won this battle but haven't lost it either.

Because the state government is forming a new body to manage the Great Ocean Road in my opinion this will probably delay the redevelopment by a year or two. As time goes by, the cost of our building will increase substantially so even after the \$900,000 grant awarded to us by Sarah Henderson and the federal government, we will still need to do a bit of fund raising in the near future.

The plans are on display in our clubhouse so please drop in and check them out. We welcome your feedback.

Keith Miller, Commodore

Below: The proposed LAAC club house drawing on the sea side.



LORNE SCULPTURE BIENNALE 2020

Saturday 17 October – Sunday 8 November 2020

What is the largest, most far-reaching and rewarding cultural event in the township of Lorne? What is the event which involves hundreds of willing local volunteers and exceptional generosity from all who appreciate the town and its unique location?

It is the Lorne sculpture biennale!

Lorne sculpture biennale has been a successful part of Lorne's artistic and cultural history for over ten years.

This event will be even more impressive in 2020. It will reflect the natural beauty of Lorne while sculptural creations will depict how people have occupied this landscape through time.

The NEW MODEL will seek to present up to 16 public art projects created in spaces or precincts along the foreshore. Each precinct will become a transformed space. Artists will take ownership of their precincts to create new experiences. Artists will be free to highlight the diverse influences that make Lorne unique as a magnificent natural location but one of fascinating human activity, both now and in the past.

Artistic director Graeme Wilkie is currently commissioning Australian and international contemporary artists to reflect and interpret Lorne's rich and diverse coastal identity.



Above: Lorne sculpture biennale President/Business Manager Dr Sandra McComb

Artists will be asked to animate stories of Lorne which expand an appreciation of Lorne as a magnificent natural location but one of human interest as well.

The biennale committee, led by Sandra McComb, faces a complex task of weaving a business around preparation for the event itself. The crunch comes in attracting substantial financial and in-kind support to enable the biennale to occur. It requires more investment in time and dollars than might be expected. The committee has already been hard at work budgeting and planning but we need assistance.

You can help.

You might hold fund-raising events. You might donate large or small amounts. You might sponsor artists, precincts or simply some of the variety of supporting requirements for staging a significant event. Or you might become a substantial partner with not-for-profit Lorne Sculpture Inc.

You can add your name to the sponsor board at Qdos café, next time you visit.

Or you can contact committee members to discuss a tax deductible commitment.

Graeme Wilkie OAM - Artistic Director

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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

Lorne is a small village with the permanent population demographics weighted towards those who have the wisdom, the problems and the 'baggage' of retired folk living in a place that many call 'paradise'. And so it is. Just as the tide ebbs and flows – so does our little town and so we welcome our tidal residents who have arrived to enjoy their Lorne houses. We also welcome those renting and camping and picnicking and shopping. You bring our town to life and fill the air with joyous holiday sounds. And since the Geelong bypass avoids the 23 sets of traffic lights in Geelong, many folk come to Lorne 'for the day'! Oh the joy of only one set of traffic lights from the Westgate right through to the Bay! Anglesea pedestrians have needs!

However, prior to the Christmas King Tide of holiday makers, we locals had the schoolies! 3,500 of them descended on one week, cared for beautifully by 50+ dedicated youth workers – The Red Frogs – who in turn were hugely subsidized by our local Op Shop to save them dipping into their own generous pockets for their mega week in Lorne. This year's Schoolies seemed taller, a bit wiser, and happy to interact with locals. Nice.

A couple of report-worthy incidents just must be shared. On 'my' big hill in north Lorne, at about 10.00 am whilst trying to fit twice as much into the green bin as it can actually take, I lifted my head at the sound of laughter. Struggling up the centre of the steep road after a big night out came two lads. One carrying a golf bag on his shoulder (Esky?), the other with the obligatory stubby in one hand and his willy in the other – drinking and weeing all the way up! You had to be there!

Of the many many tales which circulate about Schoolies week the winner is the Foodworks Supermarket sign that proclaimed: "Manager's Weekly Special – Lubricant!"

Living in Lorne one becomes so very fond of our darlings who seem to have always been here. At the Pharmacy, at the Medical Centre, at the Supermarket we cross paths and pause for a catchup and hopefully a hug. We've lost a few of these precious folk in the last year, as we do, the latest being Margaret Hodson – always seen with a basket over her arm, always remembering our names, taking her part as a precious volunteer and President at the Op Shop and in other needy tribes, and always with time to smile and chat. Such a special lady .

Grizzle Alert!.....How the hell did GORCC and the Shire connive and employ builders from PORT MELBOURNE (hello???) and accept their price of \$27,000 to erect an extremely ugly view blocker at a mighty dangerous spot in the skate park???? This new tall lean-to apparently has been built to shade the skaters in their bowl and desecrate our view of the ocean from the main street? Yes, they probably do need shade but looks like an ugly erection just waiting for a skater to collide with it at high speed flying out of the bowl. But why not involve the locals? Sadly the timing of the whole incident was weird as everyone is flat out prior to Christmas and strangest

of all our extremely vigilant and excellent representative on the Shire executive was in London for two weeks!!! Surely it could be placed lower down the hill out of eye level, as happened with the toilet block which was just about to be built opposite the newsagents level with the footpath until locals had a mega tantrum and got it moved down the hill to its current spot. AND the same applies to the roof which has been erected over the café adjoining The Pavilion on the beachfront. Huge new roof NOT adding to the simple, tasteful ambience of Lorne's foreshore and one really does wonder if a permit was applied for, issued and adhered to? Time to speak up folk!

Welcome to a bundle of golden Labrador joy – Basil – the naughty little puppy who has come to Lorne to walk and entertain Jenni and Keith Miller.

Bit of creative chaos in the courtyard at the Nursing Home! Well one can't make an omelette without breaking eggs eh? A very special 'human space' is being created for our most precious residents – once more heavily funded by our absolutely amazing Op Shop, and once more the workers are out-of-towners.

We must dip our lids to two of our young Surf Club lassies who met at Lorne Nippers years ago. Hannah Keane and Amy Kenny have just been awarded prestigious Pride of Australia Medals. Off duty at the time, they responded very quickly to the emergency and dragged the two drowning men some 60 metres to the shore. Go girls! They will be on patrol duty this summer! Remember – if caught in a rip, swim to the sides –they are long narrow bodies of water rushing out to sea! AND swim between the flags PLEASE.

Movida restaurant is finally open under the Lorne Hotel and very ooh la la! The huge reno has been well worth it, and despite Melbourne prices it is top notch. Can't wait to try Jorge and Sarah's new eatery Mestizo's (next to Loutitt Bakery), especially the vego risotto! AND the Arab is making a comeback – hooray! But rumour is that the bit of land the Arab rented from the Uniting Church next door has now been rented to – wait for it – the Chop Stix Noodle Shop! Not yet Rumour as Fact, but that's the goss. Lorne's a funny place. AND, the Crepe Caravan team have moved into Sartoma's jewellery shop under the Cumberland if you can't find them. Yum.

Our free local newspaper The Echo reports that there is a theory that the November deaths of about ten seals may have had something to do with the outbreak of bioluminescent algae – also referred to as sea sparkle and Noctiluca scintillan. Please keep dogs well away from seals resting on our rocks. If you wish to report injured, sick or distressed marine life, call AGL Marine Response Unit on 130045678.

Speaking of distressed animals – please ensure your dogs do not eat any Christmas leftovers, macadamia nuts, chocolate, sultanas or raisins, barbeque skewers, tiny Christmas decorations, or ribbons. All these items can have dire consequences for dogs. And certainly do not leave them in the car on a hot day, even with the window down. So sayeth the Vet.

When we cop an Easterly wind, it's usually a one-dayer or a three-dayer! Shocker mid December lasted four dreadful days and as well as sea laden wind, huge fantastic seas, and grey skies, we had foggy mist and no sun at all! I blame Judith Smyth who gets her windows cleaned each year prior to Christmas, and that always brings the Easterly! However, I hear she's not the only one who can no longer see out of salty windows! Sympathies.

All the best, keep safe and have fun – Happy Christmas Holiday.....Lillian.

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GARLIC, THAT TASTE-AND-HEALTH GIVING WONDER BULB

Lorne is fast acquiring a reputation for growing fabulous garlic – it's now certainly the garlic capital of the Victorian South Coast – and this year's honours were shared jointly by Angelo Kambouris and Harry Mammos.

That's Harry Mammos on the front page, holding up his trophy and flanked by Apprentice Judge, Leon Armistead. Unfortunately, Angelo Kambouris didn't attend the award-night so missed out getting his photo taken. The Master Judge for the Competition was Rick Barnham.

The competition was organised by the Lorne LAAC and for the first time attracted entries from our town's ladies – the inaugural winner was Maree Lamana. Oskar Smith, grandson to Vice-Commodore Doug Williams took out the Junior Title.

There were more than 30 entries and Master Judge Ric said that the garlic was judged on appearance, size and odour.

Unfortunately, Lorne has a rival in garlic competitions – the annual Meeniyian Garlic Festival in South Gippsland.

However, Club Commodore Keith Miller is not fazed. "We plan to have a sausage roll making competition in the near future. Now surely that'll be a first!" he said.

Garlic of course has been around for thousands of years since it started its journey from the Central Asia (genus Allium), and is related to the onion, shallot, leek, and chive. Garlic in the early days of white settlement of our great country was not popular because of its odour. Nowadays, what would much of our cuisine taste like without its use in cooking?

Garlic also has a formidable reputation, in addition to making food yummy, as an ingredient in a huge range of medicinal applications from killing viruses to improving your sex drive. It is said to be helpful in combating vampires and evil spirits. - JV

(Cover photo by Keith Miller)

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FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

For the Lorne Ward Cr Clive Goldsworthy - 0400 756 854 lorneward.information@gmail.com



Welcome back to all our non-permanent residents and to all the visitors who will spend their holiday period in Lorne and its surrounds.

With so many people enjoying the beaches and surrounding hinterland, it is timely to remind all dog owners of

their responsibilities to ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy our open spaces with the need for public safety and protection of environmentally sensitive areas. Dogs are required to be on a leash in all township areas including car parks, beach access tracks and all National Parks. Dogs are not permitted in public playgrounds. Timeshare restrictions are currently in force for our beaches, lookout for signs along the Coast or visit the Surf Coast Shire website. www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au for further information.

I am often asked about the population of the Surf Coast Shire and more specifically Lorne. The Shire's permanent population is around 30,000 increasing to over 86,000 during our summer peak. Lorne's permanent population is around 1,200 and peaks at around 15,000 throughout summer. It is estimated that on Pier to Pub day Lorne swells to over 24,000.

In 2017 the Great Ocean Road region received approximately 5.3 million domestic (overnight and daytrip) and international visitors combined who spent an estimated \$1.3 billion.

Daytrip visitors totalled 2.9m, Domestic overnight visitors 2.2m and International overnight 200k.

The Surf Coast Shire received 2.1 million visitors directly spending over \$430 million within the Shire in 2017. Day trip visitors totalled 1.1 million

The Surf Coast Visitor Information Centres engaged over 245,000 people. The Lorne Visitor Centre undertook over 63% of all these enquires and visits.

2018 has been another eventful year for our community, we have had our share of triumphs, sadness and challenges for many members of our communities. Our magnificent community spirit and our sense of place makes for a fantastic living experience. At this time I would like to acknowledge and thank all the dedicated members of our community who volunteer or contribute in so many ways to make our communities so vibrant and engaging

Barefoot Bowls continues over Summer with Disco Bowls being introduced on Wednesday nights commencing in the New Year contact Geoff on 5289 1462.

Summer Tennis competitions begin on Wednesday 26th December, contact Vicki 0438 903 444 or Jillian 0407 338 904

Wishing everyone a Happy & Safe New Year and beyond, you only have 31,536,000 seconds to enjoy 2019

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DOES LORNE NEED A RESCUE BOAT?

The question is not new – Aquatic Club members have performed ten sea rescues this calendar year using their own boats. I personally performed seven of them and on a recent weekend I was called out three times in three days.

Unfortunately, there is no rescue boat between Torquay and Apollo Bay which is a very long way especially by sea. The Great Ocean Road is now one of Australia's biggest tourist attractions, so to not have a rescue boat here in Lorne is unacceptable.

Our local Member for Polwarth, Richard Riordan has written to me on the issue, indicating that the SES are also

interested in the service of a rescue boat, and the LAAC has now undertaken to investigate the feasibility of a dedicated boat and appropriate training for crews. I have been in contact with our local SES and discussed the possibility of getting a rescue boat and operating it together. I've also spoken to the Lorne Surf Lifesaving Club and they are very supportive and Richard has already contacted Lisa Neville, MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, explaining the situation.

And by the way, the boat washed ashore near St George River (we had a picture of it in the last Lorne Independent) has now broken up and debris is scattered everywhere. I can't find out who is responsible for the clean-up. – **Keith Miller**

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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.

As usual, the LorneCare team will be cleaning up the Lorne foreshore and beach on New Year's Day starting at 6.00am.

There will be no monthly working bee in January. Working bees will recommence on 17 February 2019. See the February issue of the "Lorne Independent" for details.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

I am honoured to have been returned as your representative in the Victorian Parliament at the recent State election. Elections are an important time to reassess the priorities of communities, and regardless of how you voted, I am always available for your feedback and suggestions how I can better represent you.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that I will continue to support your community and our beautiful region in my capacity as the Member for Polwarth. I am aware of the need for sensible and sustainable planning in our coastal and country communities and recognise the tourism stress that is impacting on our Great Ocean Road. I understand the need to upgrade amenities and services throughout our region and I will continue to support the needs of the residents, businesses and farmers of Polwarth.

I acknowledge the many concerns about the environmental changes that are affecting our region.

The coast and hinterlands are rich in delicate and diverse ecosystems that need protection and as your representative, I will continue to make sure your voice is heard in Parliament. Polwarth is a beautiful region of Victoria, with an abundance of opportunities and lifestyle choices for those fortunate enough to live here. Our productive farmlands, iconic coastal towns, rainforests and vibrant country centres will ensure our continued prosperity. I am proud to live and work here, to raise my family here and to be your spokesperson in Parliament.

My promise to you is that I will work hard and always put locals first. Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of being your representative, I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Riordan - MP, Polwarth

SHIPPING CONTAINERS HELP OUT IN GOR WORKS

As part of the Victorian Government's \$53 million investment to safeguard the geotechnical future of the Great Ocean Road, Regional Roads Victoria is undertaking important rock descaling works at Cumberland River, 7 kilometres west of Lorne.

Earlier this year, VicRoads undertook a detailed survey of the coastline using specialist drones, which enabled them to closely study the cliffs above and below the road.

"At Cumberland River, our geotechnical specialists identified that we need to descale some rocks from above the road. In recent weeks, crews have developed plans to undertake this complex work," a spokesperson said.

"Before we start any rock removal, we need to install a protective wall around the cliff face. In coming days, you will see us building a 100-metre long wall using 34 shipping containers, double stacked.

"We have organised for all containers to be painted a neutral green/grey colour, to minimise visual impact. This wall will replace the current concrete barrier and traffic light at Cumberland River."

Shipping containers have been used in this way in New Zealand and Queensland and are recognised as a strong and effective measure.

Each shipping container will be filled with water and weigh around 20 tonnes, providing substantial protection. Once complete, the wall will be anchored to the cliff by steel posts drilled into the rock. All up, the wall will weigh around 680 tonnes.

"By installing the container wall, we will be able to keep two lanes of traffic open on the Great Ocean Road across the busy summer season - welcome news for locals, businesses and tourism operators alike.

"We expect that rock descaling at Cumberland River will take between 2-3 months and will begin in earnest in early January. Descaling work will take place behind the container wall and will not disrupt traffic," the spokesperson added.

FOR SALE

The Men's Shed has a large (about 4m long) table constructed by one of its members from a single slab of red gum, crafted and polished with style and featuring the original edges.

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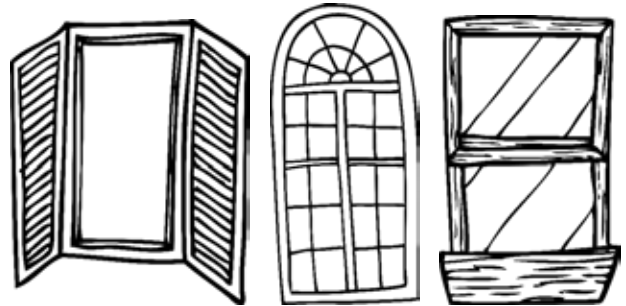
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LORNE AND APOLLO BAY MAY SOON SHARE MEDICAL RESOURCES

Combined medical services between Lorne and Apollo Bay could start within months following the expected approval of the scheme soon from the Minister for Health and Human Services.

The new arrangement will enable the sharing of resources by the two townships and ensure the long term success and viability of existing health care services.

Over the past 18 months, the Lorne Community Hospital and Otway Health Boards have been exploring the possibilities of sharing resources and the two General Practices are now integrated.

This exploration has identified additional opportunities for a sustainable health service along the Great Ocean Road and as a result, Lorne Community Hospital and Otway Health are planning to seek approval combine operations under a single entity.

The joint proposal of the two Boards to combine the health services of Lorne Community Hospital and Otway Health will ensure the provision of improved service delivery and greater access to care for local communities, still close to home.

Otway Health and Lorne Community Hospital are both faced with challenges experienced by regional and rural health facilities – in area such as recruitment and retention of staff, service availability – which can impact how health services are delivered to people in our community.

A spokesperson for the LCH said: “Our geography and seasonal population on the Great Ocean Road put us in a rather unique position. The two current Boards are taking a proactive approach to ensure the future sustainability of our health services across the local regions of Apollo Bay, Lorne and surrounds, by coming together to build and further improve on our existing safe, high quality services.

“We want to meet the health needs of our communities in the best way possible, into the future”.

By joining the two health services can:

- Enhance the sustainability and increased stability of GP services throughout the local region;
- Increase access to a broader range of health services locally, and would have greater choice of where health services are conducted;
- Improve levels of care in sharing knowledge, expertise and training across both sites;
- Provide greater work opportunities for staff such as professional development and extended scope of practice, flexible job sharing and workplace location, resulting in a highly skilled workforce in this area; and
- Improve operational effectiveness that can be directed towards enhancing direct patient care.

“We anticipate that the community members and visitors who use our health services, as well as those who work with us, may have a range of questions as to what this all means.

“We welcome you to engage in direct discussions via small group ‘tea talks’ with the CEO and Board members. In addition, regular information updates will be published via local newspapers and newsletters, Otway Health and Lorne Community Hospital websites, mail-outs and social media platforms,” the spokesperson added.

To register your interest to attend a 45-minute Tea Talk session, please contact:

Otway Health - Phone: (03) 5237 8502
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Lorne Community Hospital - Phone: (03)5289 4386
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PASSING OF JOHN SCHMIDT

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of (John) Johann Schmidt, ex Post Master and active Lorne community member.

John passed suddenly (with beer and prawns at his fingertips, and reindeer antlers on his head) from

complications of Prostate Cancer on Christmas Day 2018, surrounded by most of his loving family and grandchildren.

Heather Schmidt (Yamba NSW), Adrian Schmidt (Ocean Grove) and Sue-Ellen Hyne (Yamba NSW).

SPORTSBRIEFS

with John Ford

Summer Sports Action

Summer in Lorne offers a broad range of sporting and leisure activities. In addition to swimming, surfing, bushwalking, running, tennis and golf, the football ground is there with a near-perfect surface on which to train. I like to suggest playing really hard, but it is worth remembering to respect the dangers of the heat, the surf, the traffic, and most of all to respect each other. Play hard but play safe!!!

Lorne Surf Lifesaving Club

There are many scheduled events during January with the annual Pier to Pub swim being the best known. January 12th will be the 39th year of the 1.2km open water swim with a likely 6000 swimmers taking part. The Mountain to Surf run on 11th January will be the 36th year of the 7.5km event, with the course starting near the foot of William St, heading uphill to Allenvale, along the St George river track and back along the road to the surf club. For advice about these and other events you can contact the surf club directly or peruse their web site.

Tennis

Social Tennis is available at Lorne Country Club every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning from 9.00am till 12.00, and on Fridays from 4.00pm till 6.00pm. Visitors are very welcome with a fee will be \$10 per session. Refreshments are available at the main clubhouse after each session.

The Club will also be holding a mixed 'round robin' tournament on Saturday 26th January for the Australia Day weekend. For more details about these great tennis events, contact Tennis Captain Kevin Diviny on 0407 829 296.

Summer Golf

This article was forwarded by the players who enjoyed the Rick Grant Memorial Day.

The 2nd Rick Grant Memorial Trophy Golf Day

The week before Christmas saw quite a big field of our senior regular golfers battling it out competing for the Rick Grant Memorial Trophy. About 35 gathered for lunch in the newly renovated Country Club restaurant and thoroughly enjoyed being the first to welcome back the chefs and gorgeous girls on the bar!

The tucker was great, the drinks perfect - all reasonably priced - and the view the usual gobsmacking treat. The winner on the Day was Alan Bolloch - original member Keith Hocking's son-in-law - with 19 points Wiley Harry Hill came second on a count back and Rod Angus was third.

Organiser Chris Wood did a great job and reminded those present of some of Rick's advice and golf sayings.

Sue Grant

Ladies Golf

It's official: our Ladies Club Champion this year is Rose Wyles, for the seventh time! This event is played over three consecutive Tuesdays and is a Stroke Event, (for non golfers this means counting every stroke). Lesley Goldsworthy was runner up with some excellent scores but, as Lesley has said, it's Rose's consistency that wins the Event. Our Snowy Barr Champ is Jenni Miller, played concurrently, the winner of the Net Event. Snowy Barr was a Collingwood player in the Thirties who believed the net winner should also be recognised, so a great tradition to continue.

Continuing the Lorne winning streak, Jane Purdie, Rose Wyles and Victoria Paterson won the Ladies Section of the Three Person Ambrose at the Birregurra Open Week, end of November.

Lorne Open Week this year was a great success, with a good representation from visiting Clubs on the Ladies Day. We even had three women from Barwon Valley staying over on the night before, which would be good to promote next year.

There was some keen competition for the Lorne Associates Shield, but the Lorne Ladies won the day, represented by Jenni Miller, Sue Neill and Danni De Bon. The Open Scratch winner was Kerrin Biddle from Queens Park, runner up Dee Stewart. Rose Wyles won the B Grade Scratch Event, Danni the Best Net Score and Caz Bartholomew the Best Net on the second 9.



Above: Centre: Rose Wyles, Ladies Club Champion, (scratch event) left Jenni Miller, Net Champion, right Lesley Goldsworthy, winner on the day and runner up for Club Champion, played over three weeks.

The final golf event for the season was the Mixed 4 person Ambrose, held on Sunday 16 December, to precede the award presentations for both men and women. It was a great success with 40 odd people attending the after play barbeque.

We hope to have several more of these mixed events next year.

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Winners of the day were Caz Bartholomew, Earl Darcy, Jane Purdie and the bandit from Wye River, Wellsey. The runners up were literally “pipped at the post” by a fraction of one stroke: Jenni Miller, Danni De Bon, Martyn Gilbert and Dale Ridgeway. Nearest to the pin winners were Caz Bartholomew and Geoff Couper.

Over summer there is the 9 hole Summer Cup, organised by Marion and Barry Church. So you can become a member and join in the fun. You only have to submit 5 cards marked by a member, played at any time, other than the 5th card, which is played on the final event at the end of January. Contact Wendy Hutchison, Sue Neill or email the club.

Visitors are always welcome, but after Christmas, bookings can be made by ringing the Club. Visiting women might also want to join us for a social round on a Tuesday morning over summer. There will be a booking for 9.00 hit off.

When the Golf season starts again in Feb we will continue to welcome new players. There will be a GIVE GOLF A GO DAY, so please tell anyone who may be interested to get in touch.



Above:Winners Ladies Section, Birregurra Open Ambrose, Jane Purdie, Victoria Paterson and Rose Wyles.

The Peak Restaurant is now open, so come up for a meal or just a coffee or a drink to enjoy our fabulous view. Ring the Club to make a booking or email: thepeaklorne@gmail.com

Happy hitting and give us a call for further enquiries.

Wendy Hutchison - Lady President

Lawn Bowls

The Lorne Bowls Club is continuing to have a very good season. Well done to all bowlers.

Our midweek Division 3 team are top of the ladder and are hoping to cement that achievement until the finals in March. We welcomed Doreen to the midweek Pennant team last month and now we have the pleasure of welcoming two new Pennant members Karen Turner and Sheryl Donne. All three ladies are very keen and attend practice sessions regularly on Monday at 4.00pm and Thursday at 4.30pm. Other Lorne ladies may wish to join us. Ring the Club for more information on 5289 1462.

At the present time our Saturday Division 2 team is third on the ladder whilst our Saturday Division 4 team is placed fourth. We hope to build on these positions for the finals in March 2019.

The latest Pennant results are from Saturday 1st December, the first day of Summer, under very hot windy conditions –

Lorne 1 Division 2 defeated Colac Central by 36 points

Lorne 2 Division 4 lost to Cobden by 21 points

Lorne Midweek Division 3 defeated Colac City by 21 points

Congratulations to Merna Smith for winning the Ladies Singles Championship. Both Merna and Marilyn MacKenzie were thrilled to reach the Grand Final and wish to thank those members who came to watch the game.

Congratulations to Heather Olney and Jen Dulloo who won the Ladies doubles defeating Merna Smith and Ingrid Coulson.

Congratulation to Peter Jacobs who won the men’s 21 Up defeating Che Turner after a very high standard performance.

Congratulations to Kevin Van Deuran and Steve Donne who won the men’s doubles defeating Jeff Woolley and Harley Davies.

The men’s Singles Championship will not be finalised until the New Year.

On a lighter note – Ken says the Tuesday and Friday 10.30am group claim to have produced a Ladies Single Champion as Merna practices with 4 or 5 men at these times. They say how good would she be if she attended the men’s physio gym at the hospital before practice, as they do, so if any other ladies wish to become champions think about joining us. (Merna says she just joins them on these days to keep an eye on them!!). A Happy and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year to Everyone from the Lorne Bowls Club.

Merna and Ken Smith

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

THE SIGNS ARE THERE!

Doug Williams

Call out the Druids, the witch doctors and the medicine men, look to the old cockies and the old wives' tales, consult with the birds and the bees, keep an eye on plants that will inform you and in this way the signs for future weather can be interpreted.

If you haven't been paying attention you might be surprised to know that often it simply comes down to spider webs. Not many of us stop to make such observations these days and since we are increasingly urbanised and confident of forecasts provided by a variety of algorithms with the weather at our fingertips we won't necessarily notice larger than normal webs which can be indicative of a hard winter ahead. It is said that if a spider leaves the web it's going to rain but if it is weaving a web in the middle of the day the weather will be dry and then if there are webs floating in the air we can expect an extended period of dry weather.



Can you, however, use the kelp behind Point Grey to predict the weather? Yes, it seems you can. Because the salt on its surface is hygroscopic (meaning it absorbs H₂O) it is moister when the air is humid, indicating the arrival of a pressure system bringing impending rain. Similarly, in Ireland there is a type of kelp known as "Poor Man's Weather Glass" given this name in the lyrical way of the Irish and which is used to predict the weather when it is hung in a dry spot near the back door for precisely this purpose. All over the planet certain plants can foretell the weather so that in Tibet there is a bog sedge (Kobresia spp.) that somehow prepares for the arrival of monsoonal rain by unfolding its leaves and this is in response to weather conditions many thousands of kilometres away in the Indian Ocean. These sedges pick up on sun angle and wind speed among other indicators.

Just as the early seclusion of bees in the hive anticipates a hard winter and just as ants mound the soil up around their nests in anticipation of rain (and travel in straight lines when stormy weather approaches) the Scarlet Pimpernel opens its petals wide just before rain and this is why it is called the "Shepherd's Weather Glass" in the quaint English way of things. As many people know, dandelions will close up their flowers in response to imminent rain.

In the lead up to summer how many people observed the copious flowering of the eucalypts in the forests around Lorne this year and what does it mean? For me it signifies that we can expect a wet winter to come because this will aid in the germination of the seeds that follow flowering. Wattles also flower heavily in response to forthcoming wet weather and

in so doing are picking up on the warm air influence that comes with El Nino and the cool air associated with La Nina. Up in Aireys black cockatoos will fly down the Painkalac if rain is coming and upstream to the west when there is dry weather ahead just as we will hear kookaburras laughing during the middle of the day and currawongs warbling. The late Lorne artist Rob Coy was the first person I knew to refer to currawongs as "rainbirds" for this reason. And many will know that if the ti-trees are bearing heavy loads of blossom this is also a hint that wet weather is ahead. All in all then it seems that all the signs are there for wet weather to come. Just keep an eye out for the gums shedding a lot of bark because this is another sign that rain is on the way. There should be an algorithm for all this folklore information. (The technical term is 'phenology'.) When you feed it all into the system don't neglect to assess whether the leaves of any poplars around town drop firstly from the top of the tree which indicates harsh weather late in the winter or from the bottom which tells us we are in for an early winter. All the signs are out there.

HEALTH AUTHORITIES WARN OF 'SEA SPARKLE' DANGER

With the Surf Coast's holiday season now in full swing, health authorities are warning people not to have contact with the so-called algal bloom which is affecting waters from the Bellarine Peninsular to Apollo Bay.

Members of the public are advised to avoid direct contact with affected water. Direct contact may cause allergic reactions such as skin rashes or itchiness, sore ears or nose, or if swallowed, gastroenteritis, nausea and vomiting.

DELWP incident Controller, Stephanie Ryan said that algal bloom (*Noctiluca scintillans*) commonly known as sea sparkle is affecting marine waters along the Surf Coast and Bellarine Peninsula. It first made appearance about two months ago, and has returned several times since.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)'s Stephanie Ryan said that when present, blooms can produce a spectacular pinkish-red slick during the day and glowing light at night. "Sea sparkle is one of the most commonly occurring bioluminescent organisms in the world and during blooms can produce toxic levels of ammonia that can lead to



fish deaths. Blooms can look like a murky, sludge or oil-like substance floating in marine waters and washing onto beaches. Affected water can become temporarily discoloured and have an unpleasant smell.

"Wash immediately with fresh water if you come in contact with the algae-affected water. Seek medical advice if experiencing illness after contact with affected water. Pet owners should prevent pets from having direct contact with the algae-affected water." DELWP is monitoring coastal waters for blooms and will provide further information as the situation changes.

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OP SHOP BUZZ

As we begin a new year and look forward to lots of positive things in the twelve months ahead, you might like a round-up of where the Lorne Op Shop's money went in 2018.

In total for 2018, the Lorne Op Shop returned \$128,759.52 to the Lorne community, 82% (\$105,900) of which went to the Lorne Community Hospital. This was comprised of the following:

Victoria SES - chainsaw and parts	1,431.98
LCH - nursing home special treats	9,600.00
Lorne CFA - radios, defibrillators	6,143.54
LCH Annual Appeal	50,000.00
Wye River CFA - garden project	4,434.00
LCH - bed monitors, etc	5,772.00
LCH - bariatric bed, etc	16,168.00
Lorne P-12 College - food for camp	600.00
LCH - mental health training	1,500.00
Red Frogs - schoolies support	10,000.00
Lorne P-12 College - VCAL award	250.00
LCH - garden rehabilitation	20,000.00

The Op Shop is very popular with visitors to Lorne, many of whom are just passing through on the day. We see people from all over the world in our shop - from India, China, Malaysia, Singapore, Argentina, Italy, France, Germany

and the Netherlands, to name just a few. How many of our donors realise that their donated goods will be packed away in suitcases and taken to such far-flung parts of the world! Our volunteers are occasionally amused by some of our customers who want to bargain on price, even when they are getting items for a tiny fraction of their retail cost.

We assume that bargaining is their usual way of doing business, and the exchange is always good-natured!

Speaking of donations to the Op Shop, here is just a gentle reminder that we only want goods that are saleable and in wearable, usable or working condition. Just recently, a good local friend of the Op Shop, Pakitu Henry, was passing the shop early one morning. He spied some people in the process of leaving a large amount of stuff at the closed door of the shop. Sauntering over, he asked what they were doing and was told that they were leaving some donations for the Op Shop. He cast his eye over the pile of things there and told them, in no uncertain manner, that the Op Shop would not want any of that, and to please take it away and dispose of it themselves, which they did! He saved the Op Shop a lot of time and expense by being in the right place at the right time!

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LORNE COUNTRY CLUB

Tennis Activities

The Lorne Country Club Tennis Section are holding Summer Tennis sessions throughout January and an Australia Day Tennis Tournament

Summer Tennis sessions

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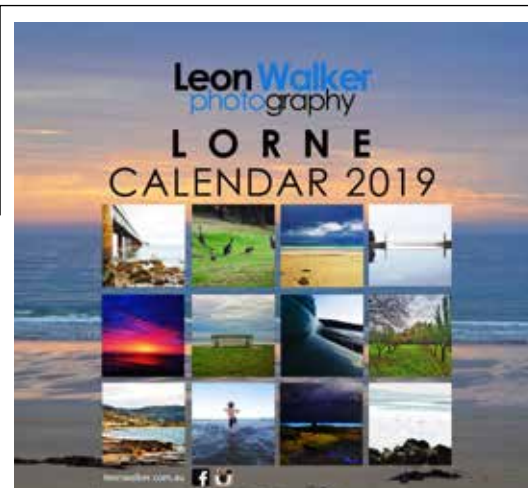
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LORNE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

At the Annual General Meeting of the Lorne Community Hospital, the following Recognition and awards were announced:

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Awards

Lorne Medical Centre – Triage Education program
Jane Maartman:

Education delivered by the Practice Nurse – Jane Maartman to the reception staff on the Australasian Triage category with the aim of ensuring a rapid response to urgent situations.

LCH at home – Men’s outing – Julie Walter:

A new social support group aimed at older men in the community. This group has also enabled carers to have valuable periods of respite.

Allied Health-Gym update - Ellie, Bill & Campbell:

Our physiotherapy team have worked together to review existing gym equipment, identify and source new equipment required and develop a layout for the gym.

Aged Care – Montessori sustainability – Brock Shiels:

The Aged team have developed a new process of reviewing individual activities as part of the Resident of the day program. This is an excellent method of continually improving the activities offered to residents and embedding the Montessori approach to care.

Support Services – European Cuisine – Janet Smartt:

The catering team have thrown themselves into the Grand Tour of Europe wholeheartedly with a different menu created each month associated with the country the Residents are visiting. Highlights include Paella in Spain, Crepes in France and stuffed vine leaves in Greece.

LORNE IS OK FOR WATER

Lorne’s water storages are secure for the summer ahead, with Allen Reservoir currently 100% full.

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting average rainfall and warmer-than-average temperatures over the next three months, but water restrictions would not be required in Lorne, even under the worst climate conditions.

A spokesperson for Barwon Water said: “We’re prepared for extra demand on Lorne’s water supply this summer and will continue to monitor water storages closely to ensure the supply remains secure.

“We strengthened the security of Allen Reservoir earlier this year with a \$4.2 million upgrade, which increased the reservoir’s flood capacity and strengthened the dam wall.

“We’ll also be visiting popular tourists spots as part of our new summer campaign to remind holidaymakers and residents that even though there are no water restrictions, it’s still important to use water wisely and remember the permanent water saving rules, which apply all year round.

“These rules include fitting your garden hose with a trigger nozzle, only turning on a sprinkler or watering system between 6pm and 10am, and using a broom instead of water to clean hard surfaces like driveways and footpaths.

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EDITORIAL

John Agar

The Great Ocean Road is clearly a highly ranked Australian “must see/must do” destination for tourists visiting our great southern land. As core custodians of a key – and the busiest – section of the road, our Lorne community should be justly proud of this fact. But, with honor comes responsibility. That responsibility includes a collective duty of care for the safety of all who travel the road – whether unfamiliar interstate/international tourists, or familiar locals.

It is a relief to see that many much needed upgrades are underway, and although these can try our patience, the end result will be a safer surface and a surer verge. As such, most can accept the minor inconvenience of the time delays that these improvements entail.

More insidious, more threatening, and of far greater concern have been the increasing anecdotal reports of drivers – especially those used to keep-to-the-right lane road laws – being met head-on around blind corners. Some have even been seen to attempt a roundabout in an anticlockwise direction. Some novice GOR users – commonly, it seems, our international visitors – nervously drive at such a snails pace that normally sane locals, or the visiting hoon brigade, are tempted to intemperate passing from sheer frustration. Finally, some drivers simply stop, unexpectedly, in the centre of the road, with no awareness of the traffic behind.

Letters to this publication have demanded government intervention to require hire car operator to conduct pre-hire road tests, or run pre-hire educational videos for would-be hirers. Sadly, while well intentioned, such requirements are unlikely to be either legislated or enforceable. Nor, I fear, would they or could they work. Something more immediate, more cost-effective, and more tangible is needed.

Road ‘arrow’ markings adjacent to common stopping points are a useful recent addition, but have limited value unless the road is ‘arrowed to death for its’ entire length. ‘Drive on the left in Australia’ signs probably help – there are 15 between Anglesea and Lorne – except for two drawbacks;

First: all current signs are in English only, yet anecdotal evidence would suggest most transgressors are not fluent in English, and multi-lingual signs in multiple languages would be impossible. Not all our Asian visitors read Chinese.

Second: signage already blights the pristine beauty of the road! I thought to count the signs between Anglesea and Lorne but returned, hurt, after Urquaharts Bluff! More signs are not the answer.

Many of our visitors likely live in cities where city traffic is all they know. The challenges of driving on open country roads may be just as foreign to them as is driving on the left. A compounding difficulty.

What just might work best – with thought and good will from legislators, VicRoads, and hire car operators – might be to require a dash-mounted green arrow pointing ‘left’ be fitted to all hire cars to overseas visitors. If connected to the ignition, it would light up when the car started and remain on till the car stopped.

If programmed by the hirer at point of hire with the native language words for “KEEP LEFT” – adjusted for country of origin – it might solve two problems: (1) it would be a constant in-car reminder and (2) would permit the removal of a mass of scenery-blighting signs.

Just thinking laterally ...



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FROM THE DECK ...

John Agar searches the sky

While it would stretch the truth to say that I have seen one from my deck recently, this simply means I have not looked up at the right time, or on the right night. But, in my time ... a phrase that imparts a comforting longevity to my 70+ years ... I have seen maybe a dozen or so Aurora Australis, shimmering in gossamer greens and purples behind Teddy's Lookout in the deep and wondrous infinity of the southern sky.

Auroras occur during heightened sun spot activity when solar winds are hurled in the direction of planet Earth. Solar 'wind' is not wind as we usually think of it, but rather, it is a stream of tiny, high energy, sub-atomic particles, mainly electrons and protons, that are thrown off into space by nuclear activity at the surface of the sun.

As these nuclear particles strike the magnetic field that surrounds our Earth, electrons (tiny charged particles) accelerate along the lines of the magnetic field. As they do, they strike and agitate gas atoms in the upper atmosphere, releasing tiny packets (photons) of light. We see these dancing photons in the darkened night sky as shimmering curtains of coloured light – commonly in green, purple, red, and blue.

In 2017, I spent a week in Norway, and ten days in Iceland, where photographs and exhibits depicting the 'Aurora Borealis' – the northern lights – are everywhere. To an Icelander, or a Norwegian, the 'northern lights' are, and ever will be, their Barrier Reef, their Outback, their Uluru.

I went to an Aurora Borealis exhibit in Reykjavik. While it was awesome, it did not once acknowledge that the Earth is battered by solar winds at both ends, and all angles. The Aurora Australis was neither mentioned, nor acknowledged. It was as if the 'lights' only 'light up' at one end – the arctic end.

But, this is not so. The Aurora Australis is every bit as wondrous, as incandescent, and as captivating as are the Northern Lights. True, we in Lorne are much further from our southern pole than Icelanders and Norwegians are from their northern pole ... Lorne is a little under 40 degrees south, while Iceland is at 60 degrees north. Being closer, they witness auroras more often than do we, but ... when a solar wind hits – sufficient to stir electrons as far as 40 degrees south – the southern lights light up for Lorne ... and ... oh, my!

Sun spot activity and solar winds are cyclical, their peaks and troughs cycling over 8-10 years. As we are currently just emerging from a trough, the chances of seeing more aurora will likely increase over the next few years.

That said, a spectacular aurora behind Teddys Lookout was photographed in 2017 by Josh Beames (from Warrnambool). It was published in the Herald Sun on 29/6/2017.

Were we wiser ... if we tuned more into nature and less to our multiple screens ... if we more often sought the darkness, adjusted to it, and then looked up ... then – now and again – when we least expected it, we would wonder in awe at the flickering green and purple curtains of light in the southern night sky.

To be out on the deck on an aurora night, to experience the



dance of colour, the explosion of light, is an experience of pure joy. And, though I hate to admit to this, it dwarfs the joy of a one-point Cats win over Hawthorn, every time.

Especially for those of us lucky enough to live in North Lorne, the chances are that if you follow these simple rules ...

[1] Wrap up in a rug, turn out all lights, face south, and stand on your deck before bed

2] Allow your eyes to adjust to the dark for 3-5 mins

[3] ... then, look beyond Teddys

... you will be amazed.

There is a really useful and simple website worth visiting for more information: <https://www.aurorahunter.com/solar-cycle.html>

For those who want an App on their phone to show the daily extent of and likelihood of seeing an aurora, there are two very instructive and helpful Apps to look at: Aurora Forecast and Aurora Pro. Both have different features, both are fun to use, and both should prompt us, on the occasional night, to stand on our decks before bedtime, look south over Teddys, end enjoy.

Don't give up. They DO occur! We just need to be ready when!

AQUATIC CLUB

News from the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club

Summer has finally arrived, and we are now open seven days a week so drop in for a cold one and say G'Day! You can pick up your new membership card any time and remember they are now numbered so always bring it with you. Our members lucky draws will happen at any time, but you have to be present with your card to win the cash if your number comes up.

Visitors are always very welcome to our club, but they must sign the visitors' book and can only visit 5 times a year. Why not join up, it's only \$45 for a single or \$60 for a family membership, you get lots of benefits and feel part of our friendly team. We've just added a new Membership Category, Pensioner \$25. Don't forget our facilities are available to members for weddings, parties anything.

AGM

We held our Annual General Meeting at the club house on December 1st which was followed by our fishing competition awards, an open bar and a beautiful supper generously donated by Foodworks Lorne. We had a great turn out and covered the years club happenings in record time.

As standard protocol our committee stepped down and a new one elected which is as follows;

Commodore - Keith Miller, Vice Commodore - Doug Williams, Secretary/Treasurer - David Worth, General Committee - Ian Hutchinson, Angela Quinn, Tony Peddie, Leon Armistead, Barry Hayward, Ric Addison, Chris Tutungi, - New Members - Chris Nisbet, Donna Issell.

Life Membership At the end of our AGM we awarded a life membership to our manager Ian Hutchinson. Hutch is a paid employee of the club but he's a hell of a lot more than that.

He puts in a lot more hours than his time sheet shows, he never misses a meeting or a working bee, his staff and our members all have the upmost respect for him and he does an amazing job running the bar like a well oiled machine under quite difficult circumstances during our peak period.

He has been managing the club for 17 years and in my opinion is almost solely responsible for our huge success over recent years. He is a wonderful people person with a great personality and an integral part of the local community.

Artificial Grass

We've finally bitten the bullet and installed artificial grass. Over the last few years we have spent a fortune on instant turf and have tried every hard wearing species known to mankind. Last year we tried a heavy plastic mesh in the hope that it would protect the roots and allow the grass to regrow over the spring months but that didn't work so we had no choice.

We've gone for a very expensive heavy duty type which should stand up to the foot traffic but if smokers do the wrong thing and don't use the ash trays we might have a problem!

Pier to Pub

We will be hosting Lorne's Rock Legend Ron Holmer and his famous band. So, come and dance the night away. The Mountain to Surf run is on Friday, January 11 and the Pier-to-Pub Saturday, January 12.

Not Fair Fisheries!

Last year Fisheries Victoria deployed a couple of FADS (fish attracting devices) off Torquay. They are basically a big orange buoy with reflective items dangling below. They float on the surface and are anchored to the ocean floor. They are very effective in attracting pelagic fish which in our area would be mainly Yellowtail Kingfish.

On reading about this last year, I contacted Fisheries Victoria and explained we would love to have a couple of FADS deployed off Lorne. They told me they would consider it and get back to me.

I've just received Fisheries Victoria monthly newsletter and they announced that they've just deployed FIVE!!!! FADS off Torquay! We get nothing!

I've fished all around the coast of Australia and I don't know of any fishing destination that has five FADS. Exmouth in WA only has two. Port Macquarie in NSW only has one.

I understand that we don't have a boat ramp, but we do have a wonderfully sheltered channel that gives us easy access for launching boats and the number of boat owners is increasing each year. I've contacted Fisheries and I'm waiting for a reply.

World's Best Coffee

Jason our World's Best Barista is operating Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday until Christmas and then seven days a week during January, opening at 7am. Drop in and try his World's Best Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Bickies, Muffins, Slices and Muesli.

Bus

We are seeking volunteers to drive our bus during the summer busy period. It would only be once a week at the most and would be greatly appreciated. You can let Hutch know at the club house or email me on keith.miller@live.com.au.

The bus is still running on Friday and Saturday nights picking up and getting everyone safely home. Please be generous with your gold coin donations. Phone 0498 03 1234.

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Fishing Report

The fishing has been excellent recently with the flathead really on the chew. We've been getting our bag limit in under an hour with some good-sized ones coming in. They are so thick that they are regularly following the hooked ones all the way back up to the boat. They aren't renowned for their fighting ability but their great eating quality more than makes up for it.

The snapper is a bit patchy but if you can get onto a school, they are hungry and biting well with some big ones amongst them.

Still good numbers of big gummy sharks about and we've been catching quite a few Teraki or Jackass Morwong and Nannygai, which are a welcome by-catch when targeting snapper. Yakkas are still about in huge numbers which can be a bit of a nuisance. I've been filleting them and then alting the fillets which make sensational bait. The King George Whiting are still a bit scarce but if you're persistent you will get a feed. The pier is fishing well with a few big snapper being caught. Also, plenty of salmon and Calamari coming in.

This year we ran 10 fishing competitions with a total of 161 Anglers having a go. We had 6 Major Comps and 4 Winter Cup Comps. At the completion of our recent AGM we presented the winners prizes which were as follows:

Club Champion - Andrew Clarke; 2nd, Paul Staley; 3rd, Bill Staley.

Winter Cup Champion - Paul Staley; 2nd, Ian Middleton; 3rd, Steve Arundell.

Bream Champion - Miah Atwell. That's Miah's 3rd win in a row so he's definitely the King of the Bream; Flathead Champion - Glenn Monaghan; Garfish Champion - Steve Spooner; King George Whiting Champion - Doug Williams; Salmon Champion - Joel Norton; Snapper Champion - Joel Norton.

Melbourne Cup Day at The Anglers

We had a sensational day this year with well over 100 members and guests attending.



Above: A bevy of beauties awaiting the judges' decision.

Quite a few dressed up for the occasion so the fashion on the field judges had a difficult job deciding on the winners.

One of our regular members Anson Cameron who is an award-winning author and a columnist for the Age newspaper came along with his family and enjoyed the day so much that he did an article on the day which appeared in the Age the following Saturday. See below LINK.

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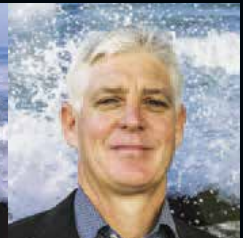
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Garlic: Great taste and a natural medicine?

Our lead story for this month highlights garlic and its place as a food flavour but also a key ingredient in natural medicine.

There are a wide range of natural products available from the Lorne Pharmacy, suitable to possibly help out in a wide range of natural products to benefit wellness and general health.

The benefits of herbs, bulbs, certain fruits, and a host of other plants, and naturally occurring elements have been known for thousands of years and used to relieve pain, misfunctions of the body and generally promote health and wellbeing, but it's only been comparatively recently that our modern world has been able to isolate scientifically the exact reason why a certain ingredient, in a certain plant for instance, is so important to medicine.

There are now hundreds, if not thousands of health aids available on the market and it is the pharmacists, with his or her pharmaceutical training, who are best placed to offer advice.

Should you believe natural medicine might be of benefit for your particular needs, have a chat to your pharmacist and take advantage of his/her training, qualifications and personal knowledge on the range of natural pharmaceutical products available.

However, please take note that the pharmacists might not be able to advise on garlic and its ability to ward off vampires or evil spirits. It's not a subject taught at Australian pharmaceutical colleges.



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Renea Forsyth is our regular Wednesday pharmacist, specialising in women's health issues, mother and baby care, skin problems and fashion ... Come in for a chat any Wednesday

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