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# FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

## Jason Cichocki, Citizen of the Year

Most of us, travelling on South Coast road networks have experienced first-hand injured animals, but unfortunately few of us give thought, or indeed take action to provide a measure of help for the affected creature.

Kangaroos are the most vulnerable, especially at night, and it's a sickening sight to see the carcasses on the roadside. We can only guess at the number of animals, though badly injured, make for the bush only to die in agony later.

But one man who has taken the plight of injured animals to heart is Jason Cichocki, who is ready to help out in the most trying circumstances simply because, as he said, "it's plain and simple, I love the animals."

Jason has become a bit of a legend along the Surf Coast for his ability to drop everything – he runs a mechanics and automotive business in Torquay – to come to the aid of an injured animal. His work has now been recognised by the Surf Coast Shire by naming him Citizen of the Year on Australia Day recently.

He's lost count how many animal rescues he's been involved with over the last seven years but the number could be as high as 1000. "As far as I'm concerned the animals are my family, and you'd do anything to help a family member in trouble. Nothing stops me from rescuing an animal. It doesn't matter what's going on, everything gets dropped."

He has answered the call for more than seven years, with rescues ranging from stricken wildlife to domestic animals and stock. "I often spend \$1000 on fuel just driving to help injured animals in one week," he said.

Jason said kangaroos, koalas, possums and birds are his most rescued wildlife. He puts his own life on hold day or night, 365 days a year for the welfare of animals, supported by Surf Coast Animal Rescue Service.



Above: Cr Hodge with Jason Cichocki

He said that one of his aims is to set up a wildlife sanctuary between Anglesea and Lorne so that injured animals could get proper medical attention and care.

### SCARS

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### Surf Coast Shire Grant Opportunities



**Open 1 March**  
**Close 31 March, 2019**

Surf Coast Shire Council invites applications for the following Grant Programs:

### Small Grants

Secure up to \$2,000 for community strengthening programs and activities.

**Categories:** Community Initiatives, Culture and Arts, Environment and Recreation and Leisure.



All Applicants must speak with a Council officer prior to submitting an application.

Council is providing grant writing assistance sessions, **18-21 March**. Bookings essential.

For more information including guidelines and online application forms visit [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au) or contact Council on 5261 0600.

# THE WORLD SAUSAGE ROLL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lorne Aquatic Club has thrown down the gauntlet to find the very best of the best sausage roll – not only in Lorne and the Surf Coast but world-wide ...A massive challenge ...but why not?

Wrapping meat and other foodstuff in pastry has been around since Greek and Roman days but in the modern sense from the 1800s, meat paste, usually pork, mixed with vegetables and wrapped in puff pastry became popular in England and the recipe was subsequently exported to Australia.

Oh the joy of a sausage roll with its golden crust and delicious filling, perhaps topped by a dash of tomato or some other sauce still plays an important part on social occasions.

The championship is the brain child of Commodore Keith Miller who inaugurated the Great Surf Coast Garlic Championship some months ago and is now casting his net wider.

“Start practising your sausage roll cooking skills,” Commodore Miller advise those who flock to the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club. “This is going to be huge!”

“We will be serving sausage rolls every day all through the Queen’s Birthday Weekend (Saturday June 8 to Monday June 10). The actual judging will take place on Sunday evening.”

He said that there will also be a separate condiments section with judging of the best home-made relish, chutney and tomato sauce. “Get your name in now, get in early because the number of entries will be limited,” Commodore Miller added.



## Tender



### Stribling Reserve Terrace Renewal

Contract T19-024

Council invites tenders from qualified contractors for the construction works associated with the Terrace Renewal at Stribling Reserve in Lorne.

Tenders documents can be downloaded from TenderLink. Tenders to be lodged electronically [www.tenderlink.com/surfcoast](http://www.tenderlink.com/surfcoast).

Tenders close **2 pm, Wednesday 6 March, 2019**

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# WATCHING BIRDS

Doug Williams

Through a gap in the trees there came four yellow tailed black cockatoos. They're on a mission, I thought, and the motion of their wings reminded me of the swerving glide of a seal or of a martial arts move in the way their wings sliced the air with authority and grace. They landed on a banksia right outside a window and so we watched one as it detached a cone and began feeding off it as though it was a cob of corn.

In time, being a lover of native plants one cannot avoid an interest in the birds that visit them. With acacias and an assortment of pimeleas, pulteneas, ti-trees and so on in the surrounding eucalyptus forest and a selection of grevilleas, hakeas, lomandras and callistemons in our garden there is plenty of food for native birds throughout the seasons. In the spring small flocks of gang-gangs forage in the wattles after they have flowered and late summer/early autumn is when the black cockies visit us. New Holland honeyeaters on the other hand are here most of the year round and find food with the progression of flowering periods, not being specific to banksias for their dietary intake. Birds seek the nectar that the flowers of key pollinators produce and this is their source of carbohydrate.

There are other honeyeaters such as the lovely Eastern Spinebill – its long curved beak adapted to feed from tubular flowers like correas and epacris (*Epacris impressa* is Victoria's floral emblem). It grows in and around Lorne just as all the other plants listed here will do. Red flowers are more attractive to birds than other shades are as we know from earlier columns. But honeyeaters also need protein so insects and spiders form part of their diet too. These latter are also important plant pollinators of plants but, apart from bees, their influence is less apparent to us. It's at night that moths, for example, visit the stamens where the pollen is to be found.

As such one might think that birds and bugs are dependent on plants for their survival. Well yes, of course they are. But plants are dependent on birds too. Without the cross pollination provided by honeyeaters going from flower to flower and stamen to stamen plants would not survive. So, what came first: the chicken or the egg, the plant or the bird.



*Eastern Spinebill on bottlebrush*

There can't be one without the other. The symbiosis between bird and flower shows how linked the two organisms are. You'll see parrots doing their thing with seeds, nuts and fruit but they will tackle nectar and insects as well. And then your focus will shift to birds like magpies and birds of prey and seabirds and while none of these are nectar feeders you are looking at them and watching their behaviour as well so that as well as being a plants person you are starting to become a bird watcher too. Good fun isn't it? Now as well as a magnifying glass to get up close to your flower you'll need binoculars to get closer to your bird.

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# THE LOUTTIT LOOP

It's been a sad start to the year for many families. Five of our gorgeous most senior darlings have passed away. Lorne's oldest resident Eileen Quick died aged 104. Eileen was such an active member of the Community, especially at the Op Shop. Daughter Beatrice was summoned by the Hospital as they were concerned about Mum. On her arrival there was no sign of Eileen, as she'd gone on the bus trip to Wye River for lunch! But only a few days later, she passed away.

*Well known identity Nellie "Mish" Kenis also passed. Mother of local Annie Nadenbush, Mish was defiantly active in her dotage and she will certainly be missed.*

We also lost Joan Shiells who was 82. Joan's darling husband Peter died some years back and Joan still managed to live in her hilly home with its big beautiful garden – lucky she was a green thumb! Her speciality was flannel flowers. Sympathies to her two kids and to her six precious grandchildren. Lyn Bellwood and Joan used to work together at the Op Shop and were often referred to as Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee and even travelled overseas together! Lyn will also miss her friend Joan.

*Meryl Doery passed away at 91 and we have received a beautiful blurb on her life in Lorne, full of wonderful memories which is reproduced elsewhere in this Independent. RIP Meryl and sympathies to her four children.*

And Vale to Kathleen Sutterby who was lucky enough to spend her last years in our beautiful Nursing Home after a lifetime on a farm in the Western District.

*Our Cemetery Trust is working like crazy to create a special memorial garden at the rear of the cemetery. Looks very interesting and we certainly appreciate their proactive hard work.*

If you're visiting the Hospital, pop in and check out the new garden at the Nursing Home which is just delightful, and the Op Shop Volunteers lucky enough to be present at the charming Opening certainly approved of the excellent use of their donation.

*It's nice to see two dogs in the tray of Paki's ute lately. Turns out he's minding the Fenton's dog Major who is even responding to Paki's commands and whistles and wearing a bandana! Cute as.*

Quite a lot of wildlife round this hot summer – both inside and outside the house. Our Editor Jo has had bats in the bedroom (not for the first time). He's now got the message (from Google) that the only way to get them out of the house is this: when it gets dark, remove all kids and pets, open a window or door as wide as possible, have a very weak light turned on and the bats will sense the fresh air and depart. Worked like a charm is the report!

*It's hard to believe that such caring vigilant dog owners as the Ince family would have drama with their beautiful black Giant Schnauzers! Whilst Keith was walking them along Dorman Street, on the lead, Gertie managed to get bitten by a snake hiding in the grass at the side of the road! As it was after hours, they rushed straight to Geelong Animal Emergency at 102 Fyans Street S Geelong where the experts took over with a fantastic result for all! Geelong Animal Emergency's contact is 52 222139 and they're open all weekend and all night!*

PS On another walk last week Gertie stopped suddenly and stared at the side of the track, and guess what? Yup – a tiger snake well

concealed in the grass! She and Holly are very tuned-in dogs and lucky too!

*Happy Birthday to Bryan Poynton who has achieved OBE status.*

Localish journo with the Sat. Age Spectrum has once more made us laugh out loud with an account of the family's new dog Wilma. Turns out she was on death row. Well, that's the country law for a dog who kills a sheep! Also dealt with some chooks – dessert? Seems to be fitting into her new Lorne life, but we have been warned.

*Awesome to observe a huge table of rather upmarket men having a reunion and a wonderful meal at The Pier Restaurant. Rumour is they're a group of High Court Judges who gather annually at The Pier to reconnect and revel in the Greek Lorne atmosphere.*

The Lorne Op Shop book-pricing team found some precious family photos and little albums amongst a donation of books. A note on the Lorne Facebook Noticeboard immediately drew a response with name and address of the owner who was both delighted and horrified. He ran his hand across his neck indicating he may be in a bit of trouble!

*Barwon Water are about to start some work on pipe replacement and water mains in and around Stony Creek. Good old Lornecare's Alain Purnell took the opportunity to make a small request for a tap to be installed. Up till now the volunteers watering in new plants have had to lower a bucket on a rope into what's left of the creek mid-summer. Watch this space!*

Beautiful to see pretty ten year old Franca Eddy in our local free weekly newspaper photographed on our beach. Franca was proudly holding a huge fragile nautilus paper shell she found near the Pier poking through the seaweed. Perfect. Years ago Vivien Scheffer was at Shelly Beach and nautilus shells were 'all over the place'. She carefully put seven on the floor of her car, leaving plenty behind. Sue Addison found some in front of the Surf Club and reckons that was 20 years ago! Unbelievably Google tells us the shells are created by female octopus tentacles to lay eggs – a protective space for mother and her eggs to float in until the eggs hatch - aaaah! Apparently only about three shells are washed ashore every seven years! Well done Franca.

*Congratulations and thanks to Luke Morgan and Anna Macildowie for creating such a very special atmosphere at the February Monday markets in the Bowls Club carpark. The atmosphere was indescribable and the goodies for sale were blackberries, garlic, zucchinis, food, clothing, bric-a-brac and bamboo. Very simple and very special and everyone a winner!*

Many folk wandering round Lorne with dogtags denoting conference time! Word received from the International Annual Cancer Conference was extremely positive this year, and also that the organisers and attendees absolutely love, love, love, the wonderful facilities and atmosphere at the Cumberland which is so good to hear.

*I picked up a sheet of paper blowing round the Lorne golf course, and was stunned to read the list of changes to the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf! So player friendly and all seem to be changed with a view to speeding up the game! Rules such as – a drop must now be taken from KNEE height (not shoulder!); three minutes to search for lost balls now, not five; no penalty for double hit and only counts as one stroke; one can leave flag in the hole whilst putting and no probs. if your ball hits it, etc. etc. Hard to believe as many of these situations previously incurred a two shot penalty. Better grab a free Players Edition of the Rules of Golf from your club and get with it!*

Lots of fun on our golf course at the challenge match of the 'fishermen' vs. the "Nancy Pansies". Thanks must go to the so-called Nancy Pansies golf club members for their patience with the inexperienced golfing fishing fraternity. Congrats. to the Lorne Country Club who were declared clear winners!

**Get busy dead heading those agapanthus flowers please!**  
Lillian xxxx

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# SURF COAST SHIRE RECYCLING UPDATE

Surf Coast Shire residents should continue recycling as usual despite voluntary closure of SKM's Geelong processing plant.

SKM has elected to stop receiving recyclable material at the site to manage immediate stockpile issues. Stockpiling pressure at SKM's Geelong site follows the Environment Protection Authority issuing a notice to SKM that resulted in its Coolaroo and Laverton North plants not being allowed to receive recyclable material due to fire risk.

Surf Coast Shire Council General Manager of Governance and Infrastructure Anne Howard said regular collections of yellow lid recycling bins would continue in the shire.

"For the time being our recyclable material will go to Council's Anglesea landfill site, which is very disappointing and our last resort. This will only occur for as long as SKM has its Geelong plant closed or until an alternative can be found.

"We need people to keep separating their recyclables to ensure that processing can continue again as soon as possible, but urge them to only put out recycling bins for collection if they are full.

Kerbside collection of green organics and landfill bins will remain unchanged.

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## Recycling Update

Following the voluntary closure of the Council's recycling processor, SKM, have temporarily stopped receiving recyclable materials at its Geelong depot, where they sort materials from the region before sending it to its recycling facilities. They have elected to stop receiving recyclable material

at this site to manage immediate stockpile issues. Stockpiling pressure at SKM's Geelong site follows the Environment Protection Authority issuing a notice to SKM that resulted in its Coolaroo and Laverton North plants not being allowed to receive recyclable material due to fire risk.

As a result of the Geelong closure, recyclable material collected through the Shire's kerbside yellow bins will temporarily be disposed of at Council's Anglesea landfill site. This will occur only as long as the SKM depot is closed.

Council sought to understand whether they could "store" at the landfill site, in a cell or elsewhere, and then cart for processing later. The EPA does not approve 'storage' of recyclable material without special permits, which Council doesn't have and cannot obtain easily or in time.

In the meantime residents should continue separating their recyclables, regular collections of yellow lid recycling bins will continue however if your yellow bin is not full please don't put it out for collection yet. Holding it until the next collection will mean your recyclables may be recovered if the service resumes by the next collection date.

Collection of green organics and landfill bins will remain unchanged.

The Council continues to work with other G21-Geelong Region Alliance councils and Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group seeking action on a longer-term sustainable solutions to challenges in processing waste and recyclables. This requires all levels of government to work together, which is not happening !!

## Deans Marsh Festival – Lock in the date !

Sunday 24th March 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Deans Marsh Reserve, 10 Pennyroyal Valley Rd, Deans Marsh.

## Cape Otway Road Australia (CORA)

The Minister for Planning has approved the Terms of Reference for the Cape Otway Road Australia Development. Further information is available on the State Government's "Panels & Committees" page which can be found on the website [www.planning.vic.gov.au](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au)

## Lorne Community Connect Celebrity Lunch

The next LCC Celebrity lunch will be held on 6th March, 12 noon at the Community Connect Centre. RSVP to [lornecommunityconnect@gmail.com](mailto:lornecommunityconnect@gmail.com) or call Gary Allen 0421 077 267 or Wendy Hutchison 0419 878 089.

## Surf Coast Shire International Women's Day 2019 – "Better for Balance"

How can we build a gender-balanced community in Surf Coast – and beyond?

Come along for a thought provoking panel discussion featuring :

Clementine Ford – award-winning feminist author and public speaker

Jo Plummer – Chair of the Board, Barwon Water

Vaness Schernickau – CEO, Great Ocean Road Coast Committee.

Thursday 7th March 2019, 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Aireys Inlet Community Centre.

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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.*

*This month we will continue our work along the Doug Stirling Walking Track.*

*We meet in the Lorne Point Car Park at:*

**10.00am on Sunday 17 March**

*The working bee will be followed by a special barbeque at about 12.30pm.*

*Visitors and new starters will be made especially welcome.*

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# Op-Shop Roundabout: IN PRAISE OF OLD BOOKS

During January a lovely young man came in to the Op Shop and, after having a look at the books we have for sale, popped a number of volumes on the counter. A light-hearted comment was made in passing by the Op Shop volunteer who served him regarding the fact that he'd chosen a book on contraception.

The young man in question smiled, shrugged and completed his purchases. A little later that day he returned to the shop with a toddler on his hip and loudly requested a refund because the book on contraception obviously didn't work! Much hilarity ensued, and it was revealed that he is the grandson of one of our greatly loved past volunteers, Norma Hay, who passed away only a few years back. Never a dull day in the Lorne Op Shop!

Speaking of books, you would be amazed at the huge number of books that come and go through the Lorne Op Shop! They are actually one of our biggest sellers. Donors sometimes arrive at the Op Shop with several boxes of books, having just cleared out a house prior to selling or renovating, or sorting out the possessions of a loved one who has passed away. Occasionally the books contain a touching inscription inside the front cover, attesting to a past life as a gift, and sometimes even notes, photos or postcards turn up inside the leaves. These are dealt with discreetly. Sometimes we get old and rare books which are valued and which are sold at a generous profit for the Op Shop. More often we sort through novels which have been bought as "holiday reading" and have served their purpose. Some of our customers buy a few books while they are on holiday in Lorne, read them and then donate them back to the Op Shop to be sold again!

Unfortunately we find it difficult to sell old textbooks or manuals, usually because they are simply out of date and nobody has a use for them any more. These are better put into recycling bins at home.

Bibles and other religious texts are not sold but put out in the shop free to anyone who wants them.

Thanks to all those donors who supply us with great books to sell to our customers!

In celebration of Chinese New Year, Op Shop volunteers were treated to a special delivery! The proprietor of restaurant Chopstix next door came in just after 10am with a freshly made, large steam box full of luscious pork dumplings and soy sauce dip plus chopsticks to celebrate the Year of the Pig and to consume - which they did- and which were shared with the customers who came in, among whom were a very conservative couple from the UK who were visiting with friends from OZ. With much hesitation they shared a dumpling between them and were delighted - pronounced them among the best food they had so far tasted and said they would surely try them again!

Also we had a couple of young trendy Chinese visitors who partook of the dumplings with relish but were also lucky enough to get the best bargain in the shop that day. On the desk there was a case of old fashioned screw in earrings which staff had almost got round to re-pricing because they were going out for \$1.00 pair! However the astute young ladies had spotted them and went off with the two that were worth a whole lot more! One was a beautiful pair of rose gold drop fresh water pearl earrings with screw-on fastenings, the other a pair of pale white opal earrings - again with screw-on fastenings. Needless to say they were delighted with their New Year Gifts! Best Bargains at our OP SHOP

Finally, vale Eileen Quick, who worked as a volunteer in the Op Shop well into her nineties. The Lorne Op Shop and the Lorne community have much to thank Eileen, and others like her, for their years of wonderful service.

- Mandy Calder

## HELP WANTED FOR BUSHFIRE PLAN

Community input wanted into bushfire planning for Barwon South West region - Land and fire management agencies are calling on the public to help inform strategic bushfire management planning for the Barwon South West region.

Strategic bushfire management planning is a multi-agency process that addresses the risks posed by bushfires on both public and private land. It uses the latest science and technology and draws on community values that need protecting. Planning teams consist of representatives from Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic), Country Fire Authority (CFA), Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) and local governments.

FFMVic Regional Manager Forest and Fire Planning David Rourke said: "Barwon South West region communities have

told us that the most important things to protect are human life, private property, the natural environment, human health and well-being, infrastructure, regional economies and Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"We are now seeking community input into a range of bushfire management strategies to help us strike the right balance.

"Strategic bushfire management planning uses technology developed in partnership with the University of Melbourne to identify those areas in the Barwon South West region where bushfires pose the greatest risk. This modelling approach helps us to direct our bushfire management efforts to areas of greatest risk, including the most effective places to target fuel reduction.

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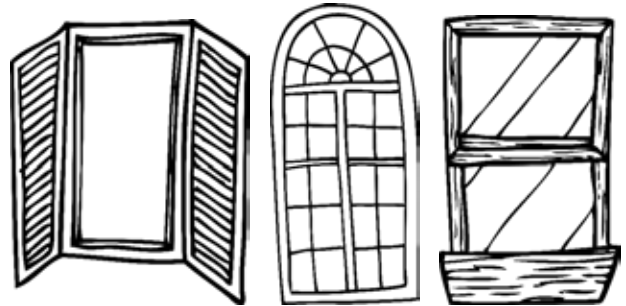
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## Editorial

# LET'S LEAVE DOMESTIC DOGS OUT OF THIS ONE!

The benefits of having a dog around have been well-documented since they first made an appearance at the time the hunter-gatherers came out of the forest, and being well aware of the animals attributes, we have learned to take care of them, one way or another.

With Jason Cichocki being awarded the honour of the Surf Coast's Citizen of the Year, focus has swung full circle – ok, we are most conscious of the need of proper welfare for our doggies and even the few domestic cats people dare to keep as pets – but what about all those wild animals out there, the kangaroos, the possums, the echidnas, the koalas, the many creatures big and small that live side by side with us?

The wise men and women of the Surf Coast bureaucracy all seem to be obsessed by tourism – just encourage them to come, no matter what, because they spend, spend, spend money – and it's therefore a puzzle why not more attention has been given to presenting our native animals in an organised way.

Talking to Jason Cichocki about his work with animals, he mentioned a desire to establish an animal shelter of some sort between Anglesea and Lorne, a sort of facility to which injured animals can be brought and after treatment, can rest until they are able to again survive in the wild.

A next step, and one capable in raising necessary funds to keep such as show running, would be to make the refuge open to the public, and under proper supervision, enable tourists, especially those from Asia, to view animals in an almost natural habitat.

What an attraction it would be for besotted tourists to take their selfies grinning next to a kangaroo, a koala or have a sulphur crested cockatoo perched on their shoulders, the animal being fed not crappy left-over chips but real bush tucker.

Ironically, there is good evidence that this rubbish-eating habit of the cockies actually adds to their reduced life-span.

There is nothing as heart-breaking as to see a cockie, having lost its feathers and obviously ill, hobbling around Lorne's main shopping area.

It might make a great selfie to entice the cocky up on your shoulders ...but transitory tourists seldom give thought to the follow-on effect, as demonstrated by their ignoring signs all around the town warning not to feed animals.

And it should also be remembered that nearly all native animals – kangaroos, possums, echidnas, cockatoos, those flocks of cute ducks that waddle across Mountjoy Parade, yes, even snakes – are protected under law.

That means you can't kill them, but also implies that they should not be harassed or disturbed in their natural environment; they are not doing any harm so just leave them be.

It's not an unusual sight, especially in summer, to witness some dogs obviously not under control of their owners, disrupt the peace and tranquillity of kangaroos gathering up at the Lorne Golf Course to munch on the succulent grass around the well-tendered golf holes.

Accessing these animals in some sort of controlled environment would certainly be better than to have cars stop in the middle of the Great Ocean Road for the occupants to throw open the doors and make a dash for the side of the road, their fingers and cameras pointing to the lone koala sitting there in the fork of the tree.

In other words, perhaps it's time to put a little common sense and thought on how visitors can access our wildlife in an orderly, safe (for both native animals and visitors) and interesting way. A local shelter for our large range of diverse native animals could be the first step!

**Jo Vondra**

## New additions to the team at the Lorne Medical Centre

**Dr Jo Yorke** - Jo has strong ties to the SurfCoast, having been born and raised in the area and currently lives in Aireys Inlet with her family. Jo studied Medicine at Deakin University and also holds a Bachelor of Nursing degree. She has an interest in addiction medicine, mental health, paediatrics and obstetric care. "My community is the backbone of my life, and I am committed to giving back to this beautiful region as a rural GP"

**Dietitian Ali Patterson** - Ali is an Accredited Practising Dietitian, Health Coach and Advanced Sports Dietitian.

She has expertise working with clients with chronic disease, food intolerance, nutrient deficiencies and sporting goals. Ali appreciates that when it comes to food and nutrition there is no one solution that suits every client – she doesn't believe in prescriptive diets and will respect your personal and dietary preferences and make sure that the plan we come up with is sustainable for long-term success. \* Ali will be posting weekly healthy recipes on the Lorne Medical Centre facebook page. You can also download a copy from our website: <https://lch.org.au/health-wellbeing/>

# SPORTSBRIEFS

with John Ford

## Bowls on Television

For most of us sport is about the thrill of the competition, improving our skills, being part of a team and striving to win against a range of opponents. For those who do not play it is great to be a spectator, urging on your favourite player or team.

Television plays an important role too, in that not all of us can travel to see our sporting events interstate or overseas, but we can watch the action live or replayed. Television can also be a starting point to promote and create interest in a sport, leading to new players 'trying out' at a local club. Essentially television broadens the audience – I know some folk who boast that they can watch ALL nine weekend's AFL matches on television!

Most sports are experimenting with 'repackaging' to heighten the excitement and to fit into convenient television timeframes. Examples that we are all familiar with include cricket's one day and Twenty20 formats, tennis 'fast four', and shorter quarters in AFL football. Many 'purists' lament the fiddling with the original rules of these sports, but it is essential to keep up with society's expectations.

Beginning this year the Ultimate Bowls Championship promises to be a shorter action packed format which will be televised internationally through the ABC and Fox Sports. Lorne's Leigh McIlvenny has been selected to participate in what will be the first of these championships. We wish Leigh every success and of course the Lorne Bowls Club can be proud of the development of this young bowler.

Another high point for the Bowls Club is that they have three teams currently playing in finals - Midweek Pennant Team, Division Pennant Team and Division Four Pennant Team. Playing dates and times from Don Baldwin 0401 718 585.

**Go Dolphins!**

## Golf Action

### Lorne Womens Golf February 2019

This year our Golf Season kicked off with a clinic with Mandy Buckley, a leading light for women's golf in the South Western Region. Mandy gave us some valuable tips on bunker play, including how to conquer that steep bunker on the 9th hole. However, there are still many of us who have to overcome that psychological barrier. Mandy went through the many changes to the golf rules, which aim to speed up play. Having the option to leave the flag in when putting is the most obvious, but there were far more than we had realised. Most can be seen in the 2019 Golf Rules booklet, available at the Club, or on the South Western Golf Association website.

During February the Women have been playing the Summer Cup, however we were "rained out" on the second round, so it was played over two Tuesdays.

Congratulations go to our Summer Champion Sue Neill, closely followed by runner up, Danni De Bon.

The Otway Pennant Season started on Friday 8th Feb against Colac, played at Apollo Bay. Lorne Team triumphed on the day, followed by a second round win against Anglesea at Clifton Springs. It would be great if we can hold on to the current top place on the ladder, but early days yet.

Two mixed events in which women played during February were the Lorne Country Club versus the Aquatic Club and the Robert Trickey Event played with Barwon Valley over two weekends. Both events were very successful and lots of fun, forerunners of future mixed competitions. (The Country Club team outshone the Aquatic Club despite fierce competition.)

GIVE GOLF A GO DAY, on February 26th, is an opportunity for anyone who has ever thought they might like to at least try golf to come up and try it out with lots of support.... No cost and we supply equipment. This event will be over by the time of publication, but any woman wanting to try golf please get in touch, as the women's group will always support someone wanting to make a start. We always welcome new players, beginners or experienced players.

LORNE GOLF COMPETITIONS The Women's Competition is on Tuesday mornings; both 9 holes and 18 holes comp. There is a mixed 9 holes comp Friday evenings. Men's Competition is on Sunday afternoon.

The Peak Restaurant will definitely be open for Easter and is always available to book special events. It may continue to open weekends over March if there is sufficient interest. Come up for a meal, just a coffee or a drink to enjoy our fabulous view. Ring the Club to make a booking or email: [thepeaklorne@gmail.com](mailto:thepeaklorne@gmail.com).

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# THE HANGING GARDEN OF LEMNOS

Not satisfied with his domination of the Lorne Aquatic Club's annual garlic championship, Harry Mammos is now looking around to match his tomatoes against the best on offer. Unfortunately, there is no Lorne Tomato Championship, well, not yet anyway ...

Harry shared the garlic championship at the Aquatic Club with brother-in-law Angelo Kambouris and the two gentlemen from the Greek island of Lemnos have a reputation around Lorne from growing things big – garlic, pumpkins, tomatoes ...

Harry came to Australia in 1961; both Harry and Angelo worked in the hospitality industry. He bought the Lorne house in 1977 and in the back yard on a steep slope started to plant his 'hanging garden'. Harry can't remember how he procured the seeds ... "Just call them Harry's tomatoes," he said.

The lush garden which offers a bounty of beans, lettuce, and other fruits and vegetables looks like it's hanging precariously over the small BBQ area where Harry and wife Anna entertain family and friends.

Facing Mountjoy Parade, the house is conspicuous between the shops and renovated Cora Lynn apartment buildings and an attraction to display blood red roses Harry and Anna tender lovingly in the front garden. There is also a big sign announcing proudly: "Lemnos".

There is no front gate and often visitors, especially those from Asia, can't resist taking a few snaps of the stunning flowers. What sort of roses are they? He shrugs. "Harry's roses!" - JV





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# VALE MERYL DOERY

## 1927-2018

Our Mother Meryl Doery recently passed away just before Christmas, ending her great love affair with Lorne and the sea. She grew up near Brighton Beach and was a strong swimmer and for many years, a member of the Brighton Life Saving Club.

She always loved the sea and has passed that on to all of our families. We all love Lorne! She met her husband Derek Doery at Kalimna. Dad had been to school with Don and Normie Stewart. A few years later Dad proposed to Mum around at the George River and they were married in 1952. Mum then became a farmer's wife and lived at 'Montreux' Westmere where they had four children Robyn, Sally, Jane and Bruce.

Essie and Bert Hutley, mum's parents retired to Lorne and had the house in William St which used to be the wine bar. We had wonderful holidays with our cousins down there and Essie would hang the tea towel out the window to signal that lunch was ready when we were all down at the beach. They both died suddenly in their early 60's and then the house was sold.

Mum and Dad took us caravanning down at the caravan park. I don't know how Mum did it she always had about a dozen for each meal. In those days many of the caravanners were all farmers, we all had a ball.

With Mum's great passion for surfing, fishing, swimming and of course water safety! She dressed us all in green bathers and yellow bathing caps, even my brother and we all learnt to swim in between the flags. Mum was always on patrol at the beach even at 90 she was checking to see if people had the sand bags attached to their umbrellas.

Dad died at 58 then Mum made the move to Lorne to live in Stirling St. She just loved it and was to spend the next 30 years here. Lorne was always her second home and she



arrived at the same time as her great friend Doris McLelland from the Mallee. They loved their new life and would walk along the beach and the pier every day and usually end up having a coffee at the Arab or the Pier. It would often take hours as they talked to everyone especially people with dogs and babies. Mum was tall and Doris was short and they knew everything that was happening.

Mum joined the golf club, bowls club, the Lionesses, Meals on wheels, St Cuthberts church and was a volunteer at the Hospital. She felt as if she was on holidays every day! I think she was still making snow cones when she was 90 in the Lion's caravan down at the beach. She swam and caught huge waves on her boogie board right up till her late 80's

She was interested in everyone, all ages and from all walks of life. She had a lot to give and would love making her shortbread and rich chocolate slice for everyone. One day she bought some sausages for a group of schoolies as they said they could only afford beer and on cold wet days she would often make sausage rolls and take them down to the poor life savers on duty.

The Lorne community is something very special and Mum was lucky enough to live down here and be part of it all. Through her wonderful friends, neighbours and all the Lorne hospital community she was able to live at home and she was terribly grateful for everyone's support and care. She loved all her friends and family dearly and has left us all a great legacy for the unselfish way she lived and for her optimism and great zest for life. Thank you to all the wonderful people who cared for and loved Mum in her beloved Lorne.

**Robyn, Sally, Jane and Bruce (Meryl's children)**

# Model yachts being readied for Erskine regatta

The boys at the Lorne Men’s Shed have been busy with the painstaking tasks of assembling six T37 yachts for the planned inaugural regatta to be held on the Erskine River Estuary near the Swing Bridge over the Easter Weekend next month.



The first kit arrived about the middle of last year and since then the boys have been sanding, gluing, assembling and spray-painting to ready the boats for their debut. Wind is the only force pushing the boats and the sails and rudder are controlled via a small battery radio operated installation.

The models were purchased overseas following the inspiration generated by award-winning industrial designer Tony Wolfenden and his love of small replica boats, and some of Lorne’s leading citizens and businesses have provided funds to put together a respectable-size regatta.

The regatta will also feature more sophisticated battery powered model boats that have made an appearance on the Estuary over the last years.

This is what the manufacturer says about the boat: “The T37 RC Racing Sloop is a fully sanctioned one design class in the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA). It is an ideal club boat, affordable for everyone, fun and easy to build, and perfect for racing. Each boat has a unique personality reflecting the builder's preference for paint styles and colors.

The day event is co-sponsored by the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club and the Bendigo Community Bank (Lorne Branch) and Shedder President Allan Walls said that he had been led to believe that the guardian of our foreshore, the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) might have to issue a permit before the event is ‘legitimised’.

“The decks are almost always varnished and give this RC sailboat a distinctive yacht look that makes sailing the radio control T37 sailboat an exceptional experience”.

What? Shock! Horror! You’ve got to get a permit to sail a few model boats? As they say on the ABC’s regular radio segment: “God forbid!”

*Above: Hard at work to get one of the T37 models ready for the inaugural Easter regatta – Professor Graham Brawn, left with the unelected commodore of the Lorne fleet, Tony Wolfenden.*

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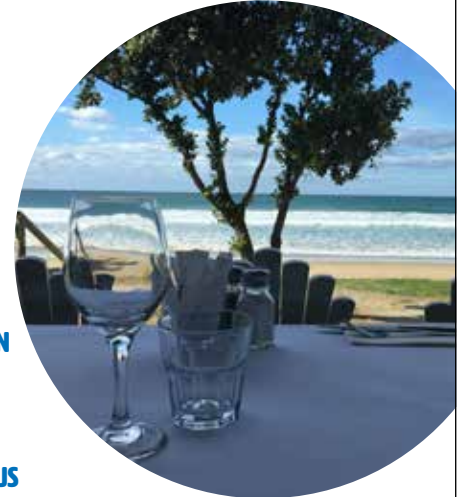
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

## GORCC Complaints

I noted that the February issue of the Lorne Independent contained two letters complaining about the proposed designs for the restaurant area and Aquatic Club buildings at Point Grey with particular reference to the resources spent at the "pie in the sky design factory at GORCC."

The very nature of the setting up of five architects to come up with individual proposals for Point Grey without any constraints or input from the Lorne community, invited pie in the sky proposals. The notion that the heritage of the fishing and logging industries could best be represented by poetic words carved in the stone slabs of footpaths is most impractical. I'm sure that the international tourists would prefer some realistic representation of the industries (as exists at the Great Ocean Road archway) instead of some unintelligible foreign language graffiti.

Worst of all, my experience is that there is substantial community dissatisfaction with the proposals but that GORCC does not seem to be open to hearing public criticism.

The prospect of GORCC being replaced by a comprehensive and professional organisation along the full length of the Great Ocean Road holds out high hopes for a new consideration of the plans for Point Grey

Name and address provided - Lorne Resident

Dear Editor

## Fight to save tree

I was deeply saddened to recently discover a person had come onto our property at 7 Fern Ave, and ringbarked a thirty year old eucalypt.

This tree is regularly visited by one of Lorne's koalas and hundreds of birds use the tree on a daily basis. This however seems of little importance to this person, who I presume wants to improve a view of the ocean.

At the moment the tree still looks healthy and I have tried to protect it against further ringbarking with fencing wire.

I live in hope the tree survives.

Rod Oaten - Lorne

Dear Editor

## Numbers of ill cockies

I wonder if anyone has noticed the rapid rise in diseased birds.

If it is the bird and feather virus (which I think it is) rather than bad food from tourist feeding,

I fear the flock will soon disappear. I have a very large garden and have observed many sick birds.

I realise there is not much that can be done.

Eve Dimsey - Lorne

Dear Editor

## Share the water

When Richard Pratt (the former packaging king) proposed a joint venture with the federal government to build a pipeline into Victoria from the Northern Territory, he made no headway. His visionary idea was to use recycled plastic bottles in manufacturing the pipe, bottles which now go into landfill. We are a dry continent but dumb as a desert when it comes to managing our water resources.

In the Coorong there is once more some dispute over management of water to the lower reaches of the Murray where typically the user at the bottom of the river system gets last use of the water. (Think cotton farming and the Darling River.) In Bali the person with first rights to water use is the one who is at the end of the stream, not the one at the headwaters.

Meanwhile the Erskine River near the Swing Bridge is closed for swimming because of water quality. This has been the case for some years now. It would be lovely to be able to see young families enjoying this waterway as they once did but I see no sign of measures being taking to make it useable again. Surely the pollutants can be identified and the situation rectified by now.

Doug Williams - Lorne

Dear Editor

## Jamieson River Campsite

After three years of raising the issue of the state of this free camping site along the Great Ocean Road it's finally been closed, albeit briefly. It's being closed to work on the track but there is a strong case to close it permanently.

ParksVic management of this site is appalling and a staff member conceded that he considers the site a disgrace.

It's always oversubscribed, often with campers setting up their tents on the beach. It has no toilet facilities and the bush is consistently covered in excrement and toilet paper. Under the bridge is a favoured spot.

ParksVic has consistently allowed this site to degenerate into a third world eyesore. Their management is abysmal.

If it remains closed it will be a win for the environment and allow ParksVic to concentrate its efforts on Sharps Track and Allenvale sites, further examples of how they have lost control through ineptitude.

David McCormack - Lorne



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# THE CONTINUOUS PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVER SAFETY

We've had a standing-room only public meeting here in Lorne about what to do about the continuous problem of international drivers along the Great Ocean Road and our hinterland.

Drivers on the wrong side of the road, crashes, near-misses, cars going too slow, stopping in the middle of the road ... all that and more have become part of unenviable experiences while using the GOR.

The latest town to hold a community meeting has been Apollo Bay at the instigation of Sarah Henderson, MP for Corangamite, to offer community members a say about a possible solution to this dire problem.

Ms Henderson said that it was simply untenable that foreign drivers who may have no driving experience are permitted to hire a car and drive along the Great Ocean Road, one of the most challenging tourist drives in the country.

The meeting presented an important opportunity for community members to have their say including on the \$250,000 funding allocation that Government has made to an international driver safety campaign under our \$154 million City Deal.

"We need tougher driver licensing laws and better driver education which should include some form of driver testing. That the Victorian Government has ruled out taking any further action is totally out of step with community expectations. More tough action needs to be taken before someone else is killed or seriously injured," Ms Henderson said.

"I am pleased that Roadsafe Otway supports a proposal that international drivers should undertake compulsory driving lessons before driving on Australian roads", she added.

Ms Henderson pointed out that all international tourists on a temporary visa can drive on Victorian roads using an overseas licence which is either in English or has been translated into English. This means that many foreigners are driving on Australian roads with very limited skills or experience. The Geneva Convention governs the recognition of driver licences from some countries only.

"The community is crying out for action and that's why I have launched a petition at [sarahhenderson.com.au/petitions](http://sarahhenderson.com.au/petitions). My message is – please sign my petition, your voice matters". - JV



From the Deck by John Agar

# WHO WAS TEDDY?

“What’s in a name?” ... wrote the Bard ... “a rose by any other name would smell as sweet”.

Yet, names do seem to matter to us. They ground us, fixing both geography and image in the mind. And, from my deck, I see the names of Lorne popping up before me like a Google map.

Across Australia, our white forbears gave English names to everything. Locally, the names are almost exclusively those of our early settlers ... Smythe, Mountjoy, Allan and Gellibrand ... or those that plied the coast and bay: Captain Loutitt, Captain Albany Otway (<http://www.aussietowns.com.au/town/cape-otway-vic>), and the schooner ‘Otway’ <http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/shipwrecks/heritage/510>

Tragically, the lyrical music of the aboriginal names that once identified these ranges and coastline has been ignored – or worse, suppressed. The Gadubanud (the King Parrot people) and their five clans: the Bangurra, the Guringig, the Ngalla, the Ngarowurd, and the Yan Yan Gurt all called these ranges home, yet only one name, Yan Yan Gurt, lives on as an easily-missed property name on the gate of the old George Armytage homestead on the Winchelsea - Deans Marsh Road.

In the 1840’s, Henry Allan pressed for redress, but officialdom won out, and the light footprint of our local first peoples was dusted from memory.

Intending no slight to Cowley, an early area surveyor, late justice might yet be done if the highest point of the Otways were to be renamed Gadubanud ... just as Uluru has replaced Sir Henry Ayers and Kata Tjuta has triumphed over the mysterious Queen Olga of Württemberg. Here is a cause our local school kids might take up with government! ... what about it, kids?

Finally, I come to the primary question for this monthly column. To the south, from my deck, looms a shape that signatures ‘Lorne’ ... Teddy’s Lookout. If Juliet can ask, “what’s in a name?”, so may I. Who was Teddy?

Lorne commemorates many of the contributors to our past: Stribling, Gay, Armitage, Clissold, Dorman, Allan, Stirling, in the names of our streets, walks, glades, and paths. The list is justly long. But ... who was Teddy?

Truth or legend? ... nothing is better to waft the consciousness on a warm summer day than to day-dream about origins and possibilities, sifting the clearly outlandish from the plausible. or even the likely. Who was Teddy is a worthy question.

One suggested ‘origin’ is the eldest son of Queen Victoria, a rake, a dilettante, and the future King Edward VII, known throughout the latter part of the 19th century as ‘Teddy’. However, while it was common to snaffle the names of famous people when in need of a name, the then Prince of Wales is not credible for our Teddy.



It is tempting to consider an early surveyor. Did Edward Cowley, after whom Cowley’s Creek – later to become known as Cowie’s Creek – was named in North Geelong, step this far? There is no certainty that he did, but he is the only known surveyor ‘Edward’ from the region and it is quite possible that Mt Cowley derives its’ name from him. <http://dro.deakin.edu.au/eserv/DU:30111533/saxton1907victoriaplacenames-text.htm>. As a common diminutive of Edward is ‘Teddy’, could Cowley have been the elusive ‘Teddy’?

While the last is plausible, let me switch for a moment from fact to legend, for I like to think that our Teddy has a much more ‘local’ flavour. In that vein, two dominant ‘Teddy’ stories arise from the earliest days of our local white settlement.

The first version conjures a drover, Teddy, who used the lookout to search for his stray cattle. While cattle did graze the hills and gullies around the first settlement of Loutitt Bay – later re-

named Lorne in honour of the Marquis of Lorne – this version, though plausible, lacks a certain romance. It does, however, fix the naming date to pre-1833, and if the story is true, makes us feel thankful that cattle grazing did not continue in the Otways, considering its’ impact on the high country of the Victorian Alps.


The ‘drover’ version is supported by an article published on page 4 of the Camperdown Chronicle, Saturday 3 Feb, 1833, headed ‘Lorne, Loutit[t] Bay’: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/23345225>

*‘... outside the bay southward, at a mile distance is St. George’s Creek, which carrying itself out to sea in a decided stream, besides having a good width and depth of water some way inland, is far more entitled to be called a river than the Erskine, which widens out considerably between the ford and the beach, then dwindles into a stream not wider than the ordinary Elizabeth-street gutter. On either side of St. George’s Creek, in which some good fishing is to be had [as well as] on the rocks at its mouth, are two high hills, rejoicing in the names of Mount St. George and Teddy’s Look Out. Who the immortal Edward was, I have not been able to ascertain, but as the point commands a view of several gullies in land, it is probable that he had more to do with the mustering of cattle than the signalling of ships.’*

But the version that is far and away the dearest to my heart is the one recorded by local legend/identity, Doug Stirling ...

*‘... there was a Lorne local who owned a donkey, named Teddy. Teddy was a naughty donkey, and he would often wander too close to the edge of the vantage point. When questioned if he was worried that his donkey might slip over the edge, the man replied... “well, that would be Teddy’s lookout, wouldn’t it”.’*

Thanks, Doug ... I reckon that just about nails it!



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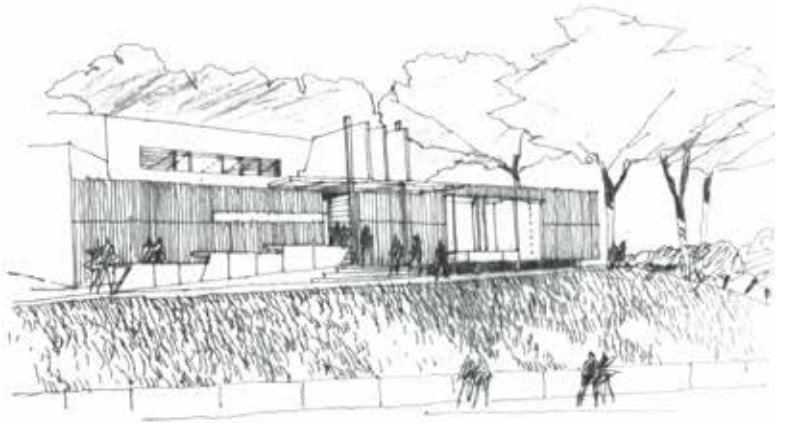
# NEW LOOK FOR THE LORNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Work is now in progress to give Lorne's Historical Society a new and fresh look as befitting one of the first main buildings on view as you drive into Lorne over the Erskine River Bridge.

The work will also be complimented by newly established gardens on the slope down from the building to the pedestrian walk and the Great Ocean Road at the point where it morphs into Mountjoy Parade at the roundabout, right opposite the Lorne Information Centre.

A feature of the work will be a façade of vertical wooden panels fixed to the existing outside of the building walls. There will also be a wide feature window to give an 'open look' from both the inside of the Historical Society area as well as from the outside.

Two retired Lorne architects – Bob Sinclair and Chris Wood – drew up of the designs and finance has been arranged through 'in kind' agreement with the Surf Coast Shire. Timber was donated by Barwon Timber and funding was provided by the Lorne branch of the Bendigo Community Bank.



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# AQUATIC CLUB

## News from the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club

Well what a sensational month January was! Perfect weather, warm water, very little wind but lovely cooling afternoon sea breezes. For us fishermen it was the best month ever, weather wise, in that we we only had a handful of days that we couldn't go out fishing.

We had record numbers of visitors to our club sampling our world's best coffee in the mornings and the world's best beer in the evenings along with the world's best location right on the water overlooking the pier and the Great Ocean Road.

Our courtesy bus generously sponsored by Livewire Park, was kept very busy all month running seven days a week and our free sausage sizzles were also a great success. A lot of our members and visitors from the big smoke can't believe we hand out our scrumptious sausages free of charge.

A special thank you to all our volunteers who drove the bus, cooked the sausages, picked up the glasses, sold raffle tickets, signed in visitors and all those other tasks.

Also Hutch and his hard-working staff once again did an amazing job behind the bar. What they achieve with one beer tap and our tiny little bar is nothing short of sensational.

We ran raffles every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights which were very successful. All the raffle money goes into a separate bank account and is given to local charities during the year.

Our new artificial grass has coped extremely well with the crowds. We've had no more cigarette burns since we banned smoking on it but we've had a bit of trouble with chewing gum which is extremely difficult to remove. Our little old clubhouse is coping surprisingly well with a bit of TLC helping it survive yet another busy summer.



Above: Digging the first hole for the clubhouse in 1961, Sandy Alsop, Len Wilson and Rex Baldry.

### Advantages of being a member:-

- You will have unlimited access, non-members can only visit 5 times and have to sign in each time.
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- Be a part of the world's friendliest club.

So why not join up now, it's not expensive.

Pensioner \$25; Single \$45; Family \$ 60; Boat Owner \$75

### Pier to Pub lookout

We apologise to all our members who had to wait in line on the evening of the Pier to Pub to gain access. We got caught out with an unprecedented large crowd and had no choice but to stop letting in more people. We instructed our security guard to wait until groups left. We will be making changes and will be better prepared next year so it won't happen again.

### Upcoming Events

#### Clean Up Australia Day Sunday March the 3rd

We invite our members and members of the public to participate in the annual 'Clean up Australia Day.' Our emphasis will be to tidy up the entrance to Lorne, basically the car parks from Big Hill to the St George River. If the seas are kind a qualified team will clean up the seabed under the pier.

One may notice the disgusting state of the Big Hill car park!

Date - Sunday March the 3rd.

Time - 9am to 11am.

Register - 9am at our club house.

Bring - Gloves, Hat and sunscreen (bags and coffee provided)

Inquiries - Barry Hayward. 0414 4642730.

#### Major Fishing Comp on Sunday the 10th of March, (sponsored by Lorne Breakdown & Towing)

Come along and have a go, bring the kids, get them away from the screens and out into the great outdoors. We have prizes awarded at each Comp and a roast lunch afterwards. The weigh in deadline is 12.30.

#### Footy Tipping

Our Footy Tipping competition (Sponsored by Smyth Real Estate) starts on 21st March, 2019. You can pick up a draw at the Club. Make sure you return to the Club by the start date - Cost \$15.

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## Recent Events

Our club's popularity increases every summer and this year was no exception. We had a record number of visitors this January who all enjoyed the perfect weather at the World's Friendliest Club.

Wednesdays have become a tradition with the campers who make Lorne their home every January and they all make an effort to get together and enjoy our facilities each Wednesday. They are a sensational bunch who are all extremely friendly and really enjoy a good time.



*Above: This year we awarded our local federal MP, Sarah Henderson, our number One members ticket. Sarah was responsible for the very generous \$900,000 contribution from the federal government to our club for the rebuild.*

## Club to club Swim

For the last few years the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club have run an unofficial swim which has become known as the "Club to Club Swim". It's the Pier to Pub in reverse so it finishes at the Anglers.

It has grown considerably over the years and now attracts quite a lot of swimmers.

This year we dedicated the swim to Murray Howard who died doing his 20th Pier to Pub swim this year. Murray was very much liked and respected at both clubs. We put on a sausage sizzle for all the swimmers and everyone had a great evening.

The Surf Club and the Anglers have always had a great relationship, all our members really enjoy each other's company and we appreciate their patronage.

## Golf Day

(generously sponsored by Trickey Bros.)

Recently we held our golf day where we challenged the Lorne Country Club to a golf tournament. It was a huge success with each club entering 29 golfers, so a total of 58 competitors hit the course with gusto with both the Ladies and Gents all playing together.

We supplied a barby lunch and refreshments before the hit off and then during the game the Golf Club's Gator was driven around keeping all the players well lubricated. At the end of the game we had a closest to the pin competition for \$2 a shot which was very popular. We supplied a barby for tea with plenty of non-playing members from both clubs joining in the fun. John Westacott very generously donated a heap of gloves and golf balls for trophies which was very much appreciated.

This golf challenge has a long history, in that it started when the Aquatic Club was formed back in 1960. Our very first Commodore Edward Stribling presented the original trophy which we still have.

Edward is still alive and well and still resides in Lorne, so he came along to the tournament and presented the trophy to the winning team.

Unfortunately for us the Country Club won on the day, but we will definitely give them a hiding next year.

## FAD's and Rescue Boat News

I've had a reply from the Premiers Office regarding our request for a Fish Attracting Device.

Our request has been referred to the Minister for Fishing and Boating, Jaala Pulford MP for further consideration. So maybe next year!

Our request for a Rescue Boat is being handled by our local State MP Richard Riordan who has written to the Minister for Police Emergency Services Lisa Neville MP. We are currently waiting for a reply from her.

## Coffee

After an extremely busy January, Jason is now operating; Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday until further notice.

## Courtesy Bus

The bus is now running Friday and Saturday nights only. Volunteer drivers are always appreciated.

Please be generous with your gold coin donations. 0498 03 1234.

## Fishing Report

King George Whiting have finally arrived in good numbers with some big ones coming in.

The flathead are still on the chew and are everywhere at the moment. They are being caught anywhere from 10 metres to 40 metres. Gummies are still plentiful with quite a few big ones being landed.

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Snapper are still patchy but if you can find a school they bite well.

There haven't been a lot of Mako Sharks caught yet. They tend to follow the arrow squid which haven't been about so hopefully this month that will change. The pier is fishing really well with lots of good size salmon, mullet, snapper, calamari and King George Whiting being caught.



*Above: Lou Pansino and Luke Norton with a huge Bronze Whaler Shark they caught recently.*

## Major Fishing comp results

We held our first Major Competition for the year on Sunday January the 27th. We had great conditions with lots of boats hitting the water and our dedicated land based Anglers fishing off the Pier, the rocks and local rivers. There were plenty of great fish weighed in with some exceptionally high scores amongst them.

The winner on the day was Kaide Love with a gigantic King George Whiting which was 53cm long and nudging very close to the 1kg mark. His score was 3180 points. We had a draw for second place with our current club champion Andrew Clarke with a nice King George Whiting and Ian Middleton with a big Salmon. Their score was 2890 points each.

I came 3rd with a good size Nannygai earning 2820 points.

After the presentation of the prizes we had a beautiful roast lunch.

## Members of the Month

Tony and Heather Elder are our members of the month. I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone and do them together. Tony is the Great nephew of Hilda and Cicely Lascelles who owned Waverley

House until the mid-1990's. The main Ladies golf trophy at the Country Club is named after Cicely. A large number of the streets around Waverley are named after the family. Gwynne Ave is rumoured to have been named after a favourite Labrador.

Both Heather and Tony came to Lorne as children, but they never met. They ended up meeting through Tony's sister Kari who took Heather along to watch Tony in an equestrian event (dressage).

Heather grew up in Mordialloc and Brighton whereas Tony grew up in Warrandyte and Toolern Vale. Tony went to Geelong Grammar (resulting in him becoming a Geelong Cats tragic), including being at Timbertop in 1966 - the year Prince Charles was there. He participated in an episode of "where are they now" where they tracked down a few of the boys and took them back up to Timbertop. Heather made Tony wear a bright yellow jumper, meaning he stood out like a sore thumb in the episode.

Tony left Geelong Grammar and finished his schooling at Taylor's College in Melbourne (he says they came to a mutual agreement that he should go but others say he put one too many cherry bombs into the toilets and was "invited to leave". The real truth is still a mystery).

Heather attended Star of the Sea Catholic College in Brighton, she then worked for Chandler & Macleod as a buyer for Myer for several years before meeting Tony. They married in 1976 at St Peters & Paul's Church in South Melbourne, with the wedding officiated by Father Bob Maguire. Whilst this wasn't Heathers usual parish, they married there because Father Bob was one of the few Catholic Priests who would marry a Catholic and non-Catholic inside the church.

Their wedding day was exceptionally hot, and the photographer left the film inside his car and it was ruined. Luckily their friends were snap-happy and they have some lovely photos of the day.

After marrying they moved to Woodend with Tony commuting to Melbourne to work at the family law firm Madden, Butler, Elder & Graham. After having three children they moved to Hawthorn where they stayed until 1999.

Tony became partner in the law firm and worked on some high profile cases including the Pyramid Building Society case. Heather was a regular fixture at school events, ensuring they ran smoothly until she took over the Grimwade tuck shop for many years.

Following a bout of breast cancer in 1999 and with the three children all successfully through school, in 2001 Heather embarked on a new adventure - Real Estate. She joined Marshall White (then a small company of only 16) working alongside Rae Tomlinson and together they became one of the most successful real estate teams in their area. Heather also completed the REIV Real Estate Agents Licence Course becoming a fully licensed agent. She retired only recently but is still doing a bit of consulting for people in Melbourne and Lorne.

Tony left working in law firms to become a barrister in the late 2000's, a decision that allows him to work from Lorne when he is not required to meet with clients face to face (he's pretty happy with that decision).

Tony and Heather are both very hard-working active members of our club, driving the bus, cooking barbecues, preparing salads and other tasks.

**Cheers... Keith Miller - Commodore**



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Polypharmacy is also a concern in transition care. For patients aged over 65 and on five or more medicines, 34% reportedly are not aware of changes to their medicines and experienced problems such as unwanted side effects and confusion.

For patients in the community, 1.2 million have experienced adverse effects from medicines in the last six months. One in five are suffering adverse effects from medicines when receiving a Home Medicines Review, and almost one in four older people are prescribed an excessive dose of medicines that are processed by the kidneys.

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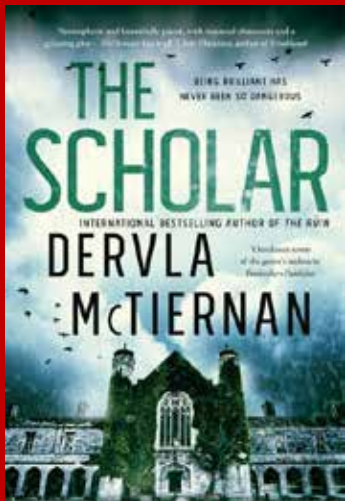
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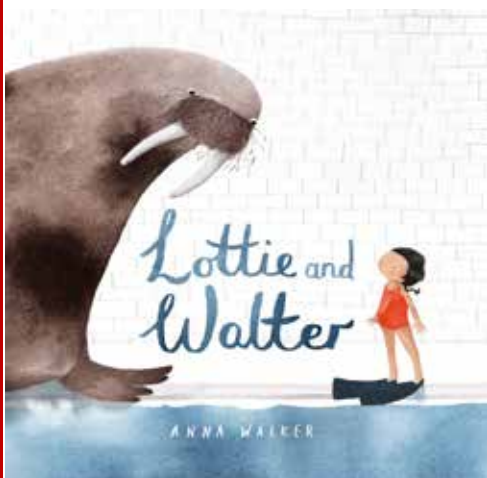
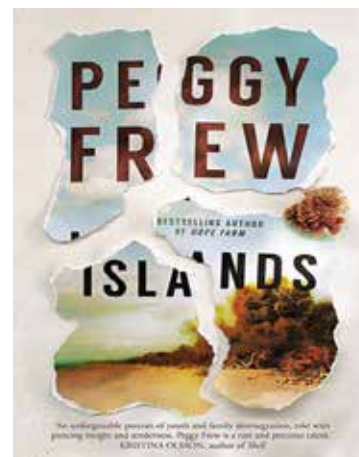


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*The Ruin*, \$16.99, Dervla McTiernan

Helen and John are too preoccupied with making a mess of their marriage to notice the quiet ways in which their daughters are suffering. Junie grows up brittle and defensive, Anna difficult and rebellious.

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