

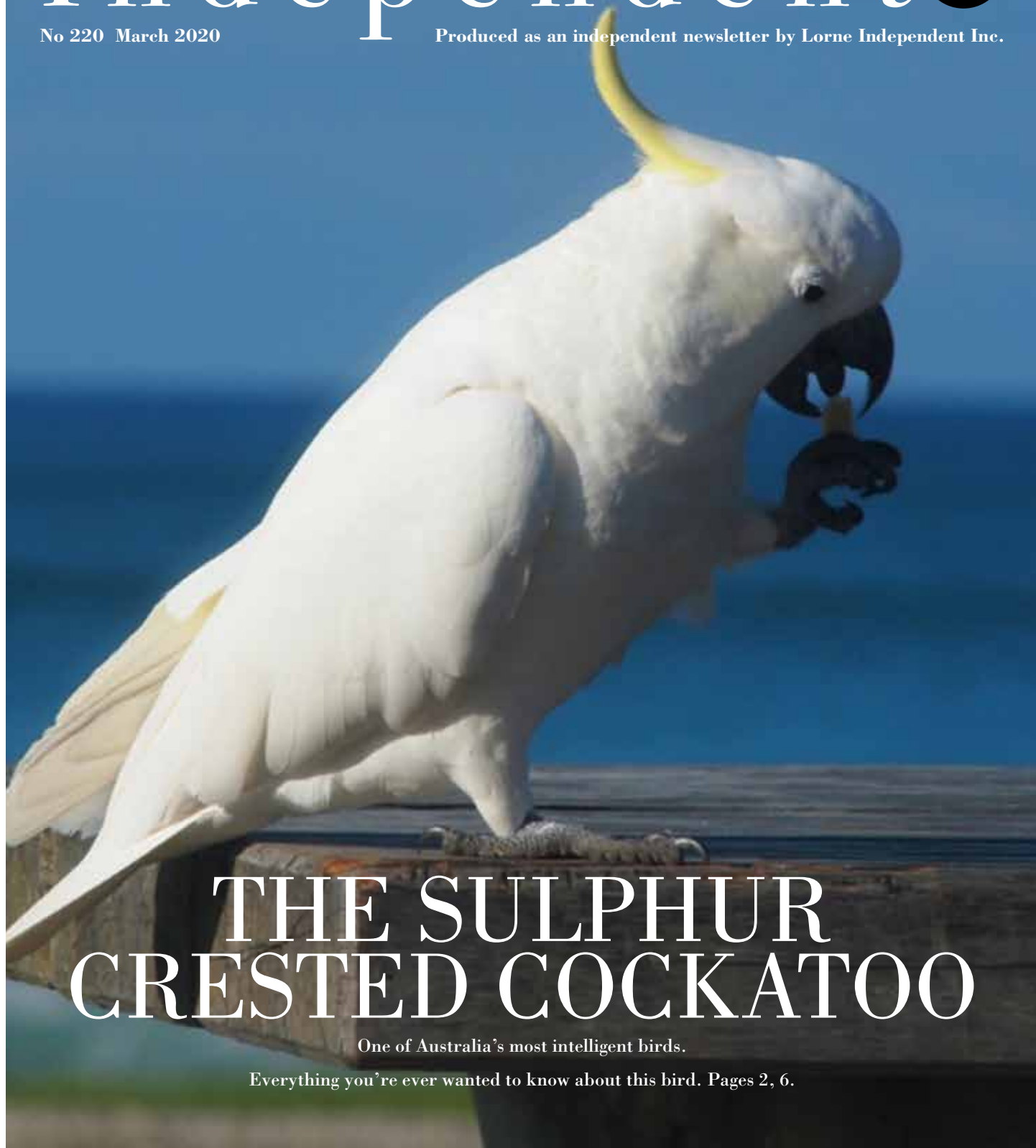
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THE SULPHUR CRESTED COCKATOO

One of Australia's most intelligent birds.

Everything you're ever wanted to know about this bird. Pages 2, 6.



From the Deck by John Agar

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOOS

Love, Hate, or Admire?

It is rather de rigueur for Lorne residents to complain about - and sometimes denigrate - these amazing birds, particularly on 'put-out-the-bins' days or, when planning a sleep-in, one decides to preen, chest-beat, and prove its I-have-the-loudest-screech-in-Lorne superiority on a 'Bendigo' ... i.e. on a 'branch just near you'.

The sight of well-intentioned but ill-informed visitors feeding chips, bread, and other inappropriate food to a cacophony of cockies is a frustrating and upsetting daily occurrence as this inevitably threatens their ability to exist in harmony with their native environment. Meanwhile, stung by a recent flagrant act of 'cookie-binning', locals have been heard to mumble: 'better that the tourists feed them than they feed from our bins!'

I recently listened to a fascinating 25-minute audio-cast on Radio National's "Off the Track" program presented by Ann Jones. It would be 25 minutes well spent for Lorne locals to hear it, as the insight it brings to cockie behaviour is priceless!

The URL to copy to your browser is:
https://abcmedia.akamaized.net/rn/podcast/2019/08/otk_20190824.mp3

I have paraphrased much of the audio-content of Ann's program below. It follows the research of two German researchers from the Max Planck Institute - Dr Lucy Alpin and Dr Barbara Klump - who have prowled the cockie-infested streets of Sydney's southern suburbs, especially on 'bin days', watching, recording, and filming the behaviour of bin-plundering cockies. So, let us follow along with some of their observations ...

Cockies ... and no-one who lives in Lorne will be surprised by this ... are highly intelligent birds with a strong sense of cultural and societal integrity within their complex self-help community. No other bird - save perhaps for the magpie as an equal - has such wit, wisdom, intelligence ... or cunning! Urban adaptation has quickly morphed the bush cockie into the town hoodie. Often now known by the epithet 'bin cockies', these highly social birds have a life span not dissimilar to ours own (50 - 70 years), take 7 years to reach sexual maturity, and again like us, many may decide not to breed ... that is, if cockies can consciously decide.

Moreover, they live within a highly structured social 'community' in which Lucy Alpin says they 'play games' of social politics, seek mates, stay faithful, work together to find nesting sites, and make their cacophonous way up the 'pecking order' within a structured social hierarchy. Just like us, cockies have the ability



to express emotion, to empathise, to express grief when a friend dies, and to exhibit protective mourning if the body of their dead mate is disturbed or threatened.

Cockies also communicate through a range of differing calls, from feeding chatter and tongue-clacking, to show-off screeching, and to the brief, patterned warning calls of the sentinel bird.

But it is their wheelie-bin opening skills that are the most curious of all. Although not all birds raid bins, some repetitively do so. The observations made by Lucy and

Barbara divide bin raiders into 4 types: 'loafers', 'weightlifters', 'almost there's', and 'dinky-die muscle-bird bin-openers'. Pause for a moment and you will recognise each of these as they operate (or scam) our Lorne streets.

Loafers just stand back and watch! A loafer may be a young bird using the classical surgical trainee learning technique of 'see one, do one, teach one' ... though it is not yet clear how many they have to watch before they try it for themselves. Loafers may, however, 'morph' to another category.

Weightlifters repeatedly try, but repeatedly fail - for the simple reason that they stand on the lid as they attempt to open it, thus having to lift their own weight as well as that of the lid. Locked into their error, the WL's repeat the same mistake, again and again. Another descriptor might be 'strong but not too bright'!

Almost There's have likely watched the Dinky-dies, but still haven't quite got the hang of it. They approach from the side (good), they hook the lid with their beaks (good again), they even edge along toward the hinge, slowly edging the lid upwards (nearly there), but fail at the final 'flip manoeuvre'.

Dinky-die, Muscle Bird Bin-openers are amazing birds. Once they get the hang of it, they are unstoppable! They do everything that the 'Almost There's' have learned to do, but then complete 'the flip' with a flourish! ... hey presto ... some scattering fun, then free food for the clan. They are Shakespeare's 'Compleat Thief'.

So, while tourist bird-feeding may frustrate us, while psittacine beak and feather disease is a constant health threat to the whole cockie population (see: Feeding Native Birds: Lorne Independent 11/2019), and while cockies clearly hold sway as our #1 Public Mess-maker (except, that is, for NYE revellers), the joy and interest that these amazing and beautiful birds bring to our town far outweighs their peskiness.

Meanwhile, the bricks have fallen into the verge, the Men's Shed locks have been broken, the rubber hooks have been vanquished, and Bin Wars Round Four awaits.

NEW SURF COAST SHIRE WASTE SERVICE BY JULY

Surf Coast Shire Council is changing the kerbside waste service for all residents, with the new collection scheduled to start by July 6, 2020. From that date, everyone will separate their household waste into four bins.

Council will deliver a new purple-lid bin to each property to be used for glass, which will no longer be accepted in yellow-lid mixed recycling bins. Rural residents who use Council's kerbside waste collection service will also receive a green organics bin before the new service starts. Urban properties already have the green organics bins with the current service.

Residents will start putting all food scraps into their green organics bins along with garden clippings, a service known as Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO). The FOGO service accepts any food scraps including fruit and vegetables, meat, seafood, dairy, bread, and bones. Council will provide residents with a kitchen caddy and compostable bags to assist in managing their food scraps when the new service begins. A Shire spokesperson said that "In recent years it has been clear that we need to take a different approach to waste and recycling – to avoid it in the first place and better manage what we do produce, We should think of resource recovery not waste disposal."

"The changes to the service aim to reduce the amount of material sent to landfill. Separating glass at home keeps broken glass out of other recyclable materials so they can be recycled more effectively. Collecting food organics with garden organics means it gets

processed into compost and mulch instead of being sent to landfill where it releases greenhouse gases as it breaks down".

In the next few months Council will send letters to every ratepayer and resident to ensure people are informed about changes to the waste service.

Before the service starts, Council will:

- deliver additional kerbside bins (a purple-lid bin to every household, and green organics bin to rural customers)
- deliver a benchtop caddy to every property, which will make it easy to collect food scraps in your kitchen and transport them to your outside bin
- switch dark green lids on any kerbside general waste bins to red (in line with the national standard)
- provide a new collection calendar that includes information on what material goes in what bin.

Council officers will also be out in the community for face-to-face conversations at markets, events and pop-up information stalls to help residents understand the service before the change comes into effect. Residents of properties that are classified as rural will still have a choice of whether or not to use Council's kerbside waste collection service. The spokesperson said that "If rural residents choose to use Council's service, it will be the new four bin service, or you can choose to manage your waste on your own in other ways".

For more details and answers to common questions visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Kerbside2020.



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EDITORIAL Torquay pool fandango!

The ratepayers of Lorne are in for a frustrating and quite irritating period with officers from the Surf Coast Shire running about gathering details for a 'feasibility' study on whether an indoor swimming pool and wellness centre should be built in Torquay.

That most rate payers in Lorne as well as others in the Surf Coast have given the Shire a positive 'No' seems not to be good enough. More money has to be spent to make absolutely, absolutely sure!

Behind this fiasco is an entity called the Surf Coast Aquatic Leisure Centre Action Group, based at Torquay which is determined to see an indoor pool facility even though the area is adequately served by a number of regional swimming facilities, most notably the Waurin Pond Aquatic Centre, 20 minutes down the highway.

Both Liberal Sarah Henderson and Labor's Libby Coker took the idea of the pool onboard when contesting the seat of Corangamite at last year's election. Ms Henderson committed \$20 million for the Torquay Aquatic Centre with a 50-metre pool, and \$10 million for another pool on the northern Bellarine.

Not to be outdone, Libby Coker pledged \$15.3 million towards a 25-metre pool at Torquay.

Ms Coker won Corangamite and Ms Henderson was returned as a Senator so now they are both trying to meet their election promises without losing face.

A couple of years ago, the chief executive officer of the SCS, Keith Baillie, appeared in Lorne and tried to sell the idea of the Shire contributing some of the costs towards the aquatic centre. He had what could be called conservatively as a vigorously hostile reception.

Ratepayers were simply not interested in increasing their already sky-high annual rates towards keeping an aquatic centre in any shape or form fully functioning in Torquay. The upkeep of such a centre would come to more than a million dollars annually.

Pushing the pool project in Torquay, Mr Colin Fowler from the Group last year travelled to three municipal pools in Melbourne which claimed to be self-sustainable. "They're all booked out, and each of them said that in hindsight they would have built bigger and better," he told the media on his return.

Mr Fowler said the emphasis on the pools is all wrong. Emphasis should be on the physiotherapy and Wellness of the centres rather than just the pool.

He said the large hydrotherapy pool at WaterMarc (at Greensborough) was critical to its success – "that's their bread and butter money! I've spoken to most of the doctors and physiotherapists in Torquay, and they're all screaming out for a hydrotherapy pool," Mr Fowler was quoted as saying.

Mr Fowler said Torquay growing faster than expected and having three new schools open were factors in favour of a pool in the town.

Yes, that may be all very well but there is a problem in justifying rate contributions from all over the Surf Coast Shire for a complex which will mainly be of benefit to Torquay residents.

So let the debate continue! And watch your blood pressure!

Jo Vondra



Surf Coast Shire Council invites applications for the March 2020 Small Grants Round.

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What is the economy we need?
March 2020



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Café La Hoot, 1 Willis St, Winchelsea

TORQUAY Tuesday 17 March, 2PM–6PM
Surf Coast Sport & Rec Centre Multi-Purpose room

ANGLESEA Wednesday 18 March, 2PM–6PM
Anglesea Memorial Hall Main Hall

LORNE Tuesday 24 March, 2PM–6PM
Lorne Community House Meeting Room

DEANS MARSH Wednesday 25 March, 4PM–6PM
Deans Marsh Community Hall

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OP-SHOP BUZZ

Janet Goud

There is something for everyone

I know many of you have worked with and known Peggy Taylor for many years. She was a clever, opinionated and hardworking woman so full of life it seems impossible to think she is no longer among us. To me, she opened her book-laden arms when I arrived in the Op Shop one Wednesday morning, and with her long-standing partner Trish, made me feel warm and welcome. As a book person too, we had many literary (and other) discussions. I miss her and I'm sure many who knew her far better than I, do too.

What a strange summer we are having! It doesn't seem very long any year, but this year we have only had two weeks near Christmas of hot sunny days. The rain sends visitors and locals into the shops to fill in time and many find real treasures among our bric a brac to take home.

In the Op shop we have sold lots of quite unseasonal gear, as each cloudy, rainy day brings sightseers ill equipped for the weather here. They leave hot, steamy 29 degree Melbourne in search of a golden beach and some blue waves, and arrive to drizzly dripping fog, grey washing machine surf, and even closed beaches along the Surf Coast.

Of course, they need jumpers, raincoats and warm track suit pants and happily we have had many donations of just such gear. One lovely young girl was completely delighted to find an Italian designer cashmere winter coat and danced out with it.

We also had a mega donation recently of a complete DVD library of films and boxed sets, and many visitors (and locals) were able to stock up to watch old and new films.

We have also received many donations of the latest books. The crime genre is very popular for holiday reads, and we have many of the old favourites like P.D. James, Kathy Reichs and Patricia Cornwell, and newer ones like Lee Child, available in good-as-new condition. Children have been well catered for with beach toys and many books. We have a summer special of 3 children's books for a dollar.

You can view many of these and our latest treasures on the Lorne Op Shop Facebook page. It's a good site to keep an eye on, especially if you are looking for a particular item, as things move through quite fast.

Please keep up the good work donating and help us to help the community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Nostalgia

In November 2019, my wife Lesley and I sadly settled on the sale of our former holiday home at 18 Lorne Avenue bringing to an end our continuous link with Lorne of over 40 years.

We remember Chris's under The Cumberland, Sharky on the beach with kids crawling all over him (ours included), the very early Pier to Pub swims and the very first fun run through 'the forest.

Our three kids grew up in Lorne - little nippers, toga parties at the Surf Club, the oneeyed ball, dodging tiger snakes on the golf course and our own pet echidna and koala.

Oh! there were worries as well like the Ash Wednesday and Wye River fires but the positives far outweighed the negatives.

We felt privileged to be part of the Lorne community and we already miss the place and our friends down there of course. It was a place of refuge for the whole family and for me in particular providing as it did the best antidote to the stresses of everyday life. Oh! how we miss the smell of the eucalypts as we rounded the curves at Big Hill.

Apart from wanting to express our thanks to the good folk at Lorne: the store keepers, the staff at the hospital, the restaurateurs, the garbos, the ambulance drivers, the police for keeping us safe, the SES, the CFA and the Surf Club (sorry if I left anyone out), I wanted to enclose a poem entitled simply-Lorne - that I wrote some years ago.

This poem is included in a Book of Poems-The Golden Mile-which has just been published with international release. Please feel free to publish the poem in a future edition of the Lorne Independent as my way of saying thank you to the beautiful little town of Lorne and all those who make it the place that it is.

LORNE

When the spirit struggles gamely but is in desperate need of care,
and the conscious self transfixed, and one's gaze a sullen stare.

It's time to head for Lorne, with its seascapes and clean air,
and let them cast their spell, as they go about repair.

With the solstice sun a'peeking, through the mist of grey and blue,
a formation of red parrots, gives that colour life anew.

It starts to warm the cockles of a morning laced with dew,
a dream of the troubled many, but there for precious few.

What is it about this town, nestled down between the trees,
with its gullies, ferns and cockies and its undulating seas?

It's winding roads and waterfalls and swarms of honey bees,
make one seek forgiveness as one prays upon one's knees.

Lift that gaze towards the heavens, with its filtered blood red light,
and heave that erstwhile spirit, with all your earthly might.

Believe in yon tomorrow, and abandon thoughts of flight,
for it seems that this idea feels gentle, calm and right.

Brian Ward OAM - Lorne

Dear Editor

Sulphur Crested Cockatoos at Lorne.

Congratulations to the Lorne Independent, it is great. I look forward to reading it every month!

However, it seems to me that hardly a month goes by without some bad press about 'Our Cockies'. Undoubtedly, they can be a nuisance, particularly with rubbish bins. I wonder if people properly utilized, one of the two or three bin locking devices, there would be no problem.

Dare I cautiously suggest that the supposed ill effects of feeding wild birds, may not be as 'cut and dried' as we all think. I suggest for anybody that is interested in this subject, it is well worth reading - 'The Birds at my Table', by Daryl N Jones. He looks at the world-wide phenomenon of feeding wildlife- in particular birds. He suggests that research shows, in general, minimal problems. A scientific study was done on Magpie feeding, I think in Sydney. It was found that the birds woke at dawn and went out and foraged for all the good natural foods in the environment. These were fed to their offspring. Then, later in the morning they arrived at the bird feeder for 'morning tea'. The conclusion - not much of a problem for the magpies, but enormous satisfaction and enjoyment to the feeders! Magpies are a favorite species commonly fed in Australia.

If you happen to be at Kennett River, when tourist buses arrive, it is quite astounding to see the flocks of Sulphur Crested Cockatoos, King Parrots, Crimson Rosellas and even Wood Ducks that arrive to be fed. The smiles and laughter from the tourists, would suggest to me that it is one of the highlights of their trip and what a way to discover the beauty of our wildlife, particularly when there are a few koalas around as well.

Bird feeding is a major industry; in the USA a billion dollars a year is spent on foodstuffs, in particular bird seed. The book tells us that, for whatever reason, wildlife feeding in the USA is strongly encouraged. A survey found that 30% of the population were 'bird feeders'. In Australia, feeding is strongly discouraged by Governments and Wildlife authorities. Believe it or not, a survey of our population revealed that 30% were feeders also! Good luck to Lorne in its attempts to change the situation!

Today (5/2/20) I have just read in The Age, that the lease of Grant's Café, in a picnic ground in the Dandenongs, will only be reissued if feeding of cockies is banned. Something that has attracted tourists for at least 25 years. Good luck to them as well!

Food for thought or for cockies?

Alan Sherlock - Lorne

Dear Editor

Cookies and signage

I often look forward to reading the Lorne Independent when visiting. The articles are extremely interesting, considering broader world issues like climate change as well as delving deep into community.

However, in reading the War with Cockatoo article the last time (February issue, 2020) was disappointing.

The writer is correct, the council could create signage that could be more inclusive for frequent travellers. But placing blame on a single race is just a form of casual racism that has no place in your publication.

Dori Ellington - Lorne

(There was no mention of a 'single race' nor did the article 'blame' anyone. Calling for more signage in an 'Asian language or two' is hardly a racist remark. Ed.)

Dear Editor

Lorne the sweet years of youth

It was with great pleasure that I read Andrew (Rumpole) Ramsey's article on Lorne a while ago. So many similar memories of mine have been re kindled.

I first came to Lorne in January 1958. We travelled by Trans Otway Bus from Geelong. The driver threw out the daily newspapers at many locations en route.

I stayed with my cousins, the Buicks and Penningtons at 'Banya' in William Street, opposite the oval. This old timber house had windows with fly wire and shutters only. It is now replaced by three new family homes. They had a Bathing Box in the Second Row just south of the Surf Club.

I was introduced to their 14-foot-long surf board and eventually made a run-in standing up. Alas no one was watching and my repeat run was a failure!

Over the years I had happy memories of "Sharkie". I was told he rode on his mini-motor bike to Queensland at the end of our summer and would bury his clothes somewhere on his way north and pick up his Queensland attire.

This would be reversed on his way back to Lorne!

We had so much fun on the beach under our beach umbrellas when we could see and talk to other groups. Today you can have your view obscured by someone putting up their 'wig wam' in front of you. We would take it in turns to go up to the café under the old Cumberland and bring back our dim sims in grease proof paper bags and a bag of 'boffs' (potato chips)

The old Surf Club would turn on a Saturday evening dance upstairs. I also recall the Wild Colonial where we had the back of our hands stamped for re-entry!

The Pacific Hotel was a high-light for the older ones. It was managed by Ron Todd and was known as 'Ron Todd's college of carnal knowledge'. Later it was owned by Jonathan (Pal) Crawford and was a popular meeting place with the Jet Bar and that little bistro (now the Ladies Loo). The Fishermen's Bar was where you met the locals. Now they meet at the Aquatic Club next to the Pier. The Lorne Hotel in Ernest and Doreen Beurpaire's time was very smart for dining with Sergie and the Flippers playing popular dance music.

It was reported that after the band had left about six waitresses found themselves pregnant. I do recall Jack Ridgeway's Super Market and Butchers shop opposite the now ANZAC memorial. Ivy Baldry was an icon in Lorne, running the Grocers Shop which has since been the Newsagency and now a shop. She had her hair done in a bun on each side and was active with petitions to keep the foreshore free of any building proposals.

The Butchers shop in the main street was run by Noel Challis and is now of course replaced by the shoe shop and still has the white tiles on the front façade. We also enjoyed our ice cream from the Ozone Cafe nearby.

I was one of many who became fond of some of the girls working at Erskine House and being flushed out by Mr Mullins armed with his torch!

There were two cranes and about 25 fishing boats on the Pier in those days. We would watch them being lowered into the sea in the middle of the night. They had two heavy timber trolleys on the rail line to the fish co-op. We would push one of them at high speed down the Pier, jump on and zoom around the corner to collide with the other trolley in the dark. We became airborne.

There is so much more to recall over the years since I bought my own house in 1965. Lorne has changed, in that there are so many new very modern houses and new people. We are now much older and enjoy ourselves in a quieter mode but still get so much fun in such a special place.

I treasure my time in Lorne and enjoy keeping in touch with so many fabulous locals whom I have known for so long. Thank you Lorne for so much pleasure!

Richard Grimway - Lorne

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THE CHRISTOS' POETRY & FREEDOM PRIZE

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The prize is inspired by the legacy of our poet and friend Christos Raskatos, who ran Lorne Fisheries in his flamboyant, generous and poetic style for so many years. Each week Chris would compose a new poem and write it in chalk on the blackboards and windows in front of the co-op at the pier.

The poems would chronicle daily events and people in Lorne, political events, sporting triumphs, the passing away of loved community members and the birth of new ones. The poems would often celebrate the beauty of Lorne itself and often with a strident dash of exuberant humour.

Christos was of Greek-Macedonian origin and saw our local world through the heroic lens of the Ancient Greek Gods. Everyone's life was important, no battle was too small or insignificant to fight, and he often placed the humblest community members on a footing with the gods. He acknowledged the private depth, difficulty and beauty of our inner lives as well as the often wild comedy of public life, whilst dissolving the gap between the two. He wrote with great freedom and insight, in both tragic and comic modes, to weave a compelling web of metaphor, fable and wisdom which enriched our local lives.

For 'The Christos Poetry & Freedom Prize' this year the theme was 'Lorne, the Ocean and the Otways'. The judging was focused on the quality and power of the writing itself rather than the opinions or subject matter expressed within it. Entrants are encouraged to take risks and follow their vision, to explore writing techniques in order to find the most powerful way of using written language to inspire and delight readers.

Greg Day



Philip Harvey, left, Margaret Pithouse, Kathryn Ross and Greg Day

Winner

Gloom Huggins Smokes Turf - Margery Pithouse

Gloom Huggins smokes Turf
Water to his ankles,
Monstered by the waves
Cray pots balanced
On the deck of his pride
Gloom Huggins smokes Turf

Yellowed fingers twisting
Bruised sky crying salt
Electric coast guard crackle
Thin moon his only guide
Gloom Huggins smokes Turf

Easterly at his back
Man's heart buoyed by
Red arrows in the sky,
Light on the Aireys side
Gloom Huggins smokes Turf

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From page 8**2nd prize****Louttit Bay - Kathryn Ross**

Salt water floating
 A prairie sky
 I am sea lily tendrils
 Feather and drift
 The currents can take me

Ocean swirl at my ankle
 This sound is my home
 A gentler self
 Remembers this song

Sky, like drama
 Colours itself
 In the voice of the gods
 Dissolve, dissolve

Take me with you
 Or come back tomorrow

Ripples in sand
 We count the summers
 we spent here, such hours
 Sun-bleached sea grass

The age of a star
 Is also measured in light

From cliff top a map
 Of green glass
 Spidery with reef
 And long lines of kelp

How easily sea
 resutures itself

I take my troubles
 To the committee
 Of small waves
 And long shadows

Tidal pools and all
 the small tragedies
 I am too soft
 For this world

They say it all looks blue
 From space, a piece of sky
 And the quiet company
 of periwinkles

At shoreline the sheoak
 Leaves dribbled thin
 A million pulled threads

The poem was already written
 before I arrived

But ocean is in the pines again
 There is more that needs to be said

3rd prize**Lines on the Great Ocean Road
 Philip Harvey**

wake from city corridor lost script
 dreams to ocean house open books

undertow warm after cold spray, the
 boogie board tugs to get back in

issues that were crucial last week pass
 by like horizon containers

dragonflies tangent above our heads as
 we stand in hard surf rush

chinese on the bus, their cameras full of
 road signs blurred koalas

salt residues wash with orange soap,
 sand curves in the shower corners

questionmarks are their sulphur crests
 peering down from the gutters for seed

three grey powers park their harleys
 near the jimmi hendrix campervan

time for coffee, the newspaper tells how
 melbourne trams need improving,

towels doonas wetsuits bathers on the
 railings, sun goes behind cloud

quite hotel soul music as red ball
 thumps into corner pocket

brain finds words for 'waves':
 inexorable, folding, arched, blooms,
 final, first

one rounded weed above sludge and
 leaves: the green light to clear the
 gutters

it's like the fridge: you only get out of it
 what you put into it

it's like rosellas: you have no control
 over it, they just show up

carefree dogs chase wave foam ahead of
 owners, dawdling with uncaught leads

silent deckchairs sit one on top of the
 other looking out to sea

Judge's Comments**Gloom Huggins Smokes Turf by Margery Pithouse - Winner**

A richly vernacular poem that combines the discipline of poetic verse structure with an unfaltering sense of historical atmosphere and characterisation. Through six line verses hingeing on a repeated refrain and carefully chosen rhymes and half-rhymes, the poem miraculously transports us out onto the water with the crayfisherman. We are right there with the water around Gloom Huggins' feet, we inhabit the delicate balance of his working life on the boat amongst the elements, and we feel the physical and spiritual bearings he relies on in epic and momentous surroundings. In Gloom Huggins Smoke Turf the inner life of a local man and the physical scale of the oceanscape he inhabits are made one. The American poet Robert Lowell once remarked that 'a poem is an event, not the record of an event'. Gloom Huggins Smokes Turf achieves this high aim.

Louttit Bay by Kathryn Ross – 2nd Place

Kathryn Ross's poem Louttit Bay elicits the deep and consoling enigma of the sea through a hypnotic weaving of elemental sound and emotional sense. The poem is beautifully made, working in the true scale of the measureless ocean

and the human heart. Louttit Bay paints clear word-images of shore and cliff that are simultaneously immersed in the sonic rhythm of the tide and waves. In its final lines the poem expresses an understanding of the way these elements call to us to keep singing, to give enigma, beauty and consolation a name. In so doing it credits the littoral landscape as a poem itself, a poem that is always there, before and after human perception, waiting for us to tune in.

Lines on the Great Ocean Road by Philip Harvey – 3rd Place

Philip Harvey's Lines on the Great Ocean Road is an intricately constructed list, or catalogue poem, chock full of wit and pith. It combines everyday imagery of the coast with familiar rituals of the holiday mode. Having 17 lines, each measuring 17 syllables, Lines on the Great Ocean Road plays with the boundaries and distilled visions of haiku, stretching and running an ancient form to new and local ends. The poem's effect draws at least in part from the way it credits objects both animate and inanimate with resonance and meaning, showing how our experience of the coast is built from opposites: micro and macro, city and ocean, spirit and object, memory and the present. Ultimately the poem ends on a still note blending both human presence and absence, appropriately returning us to the essence of haiku.

TO FACEMASK OR NOT TO FACEMASK...

With the coronavirus now slowly becoming a problem in Asian countries and Australia, some people are asking if it's appropriate to wear facemasks. Fortunately, Australian health authorities have had enough time to put into place effective measures to safe-guard against the virus.

Careful screenings of people arriving in Australia by air and sea are most vigorously enforced, and could include

periods of quarantine on Christmas Island and the facility just outside Darwin.

Should you have concerns about the virus, please talk to your regular general practitioner, or with your pharmacists at your regular chemist outlet.

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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

‘VIRUS INFECTS TOWN TOURISM’ screamed the Herald-Sun headlines on Feb.9. They report the huge drop in numbers of tourists. At places like the Torquay chocolate factory daily numbers have fallen from 300 to about 30 international visitors. We’ve all noticed the lack of traffic – both buses and slow drivers. Lorne’s not hit as hard as Apollo Bay where most buses pause to shop and eat. But traders and accommodation providers are certainly feeling the pinch.

The wild seas caused cancellations and chaos but also washed up some v interesting bits and pieces! The most impressive was an apricot coloured sea horse about a foot long with a curled tail. The sea foam was full of colour revealing small bubbles of every colour when closely examined. And of course lots of sand was removed to distant beaches. Just a reminder that the recently revealed rock platforms can be very slippery when wet!

The poor Foodworks supermarket started the very busy time with two cars with overseas drivers colliding with the front of the shop in one morning. One smashed a window which shattered into a fantastic pattern. The other seemed to drive over the little barrier and into the front wall right near the beautiful Leon Walker photographs. Thanks to the big team at Foodworks keeping everything ticking along so efficiently despite crowds.

It was fantastic to have Paki in the Supermarket carpark directing traffic and preventing backing collisions! His usual wonderful banter was delivered at happy high volume and his Security cap and shirt made waiting for a spot to park a delightfully entertaining event.

GORCC seems to be well and truly still alive and busy despite the rumored changes. They are removing tea tree bushes galore north of the cypress tree carpark, and would like to remove it all and plant grasses. What? Apparently in our area it is a noxious weed?!?! Says who? Come on! There’s a good example of grass only roadside area at North Lorne beach, and the rest of the dog off lead walking beach has protective charming, hardy, Australian tea tree. Please GORCC just leave the tea tree in place, or simply tidy it up. Tourists can still enjoy the beautiful views of the sea.

The Shire hired a contractor to attack weeds in Stony Creek Nature Reserve and they reported back that they had sprayed Blackberry(c/w ripe fruit), Agapanthus, Cape Ivy, Asparagus Fern, Ragwort and Thistles. Also had a cut and paint attack on Pittosporum and Mirror Bush! We should all do likewise on these last two mongrels on our properties.

Tripped over a Youtube piece on The One and Only Lorne Noticeboard on Facebook. Someone’s idea of the ten best things to do and see in Lorne. A few are predictable, and a few are surprising? Starting at number ten: Lorne Hotel, cockies, Lorne Shoe Shop, Lorne Op Shop, Lorne Cinema, Walking Tracks, especially round town and the Swing Bridge, the new Pitstop American Diner (for a sundae), Lorne Pier, Lorne’s Historic Buildings and the very best at Number One to enjoy – Lorne’s Main Beach! No mention of Teddy’s Lookout fantastic lookout, or kangaroos and koalas at the stunning golf course, or the atmospheric Swingbridge Café, or the performing seal at the end of the pier, etc.

Anglesea’s iconic butcher Gordon Stabb has closed down. Even before the busy time. Shop’s still empty but a sign says “Butcher

coming soon”. Still chasing more information - the Stabbs were great butchers.

It’s not often that we experience an event which hasn’t happened for 900 years! On Sunday 02/02/2020 the date could be read or written the same way frontwards and backwards. This rarity is called a Palindrome Date!

Seem to be more spiders sheltering in our houses after this weird weather. One giant huntsman had to be relocated from a bedroom – just not on! Luckily marvelous neighbours were happy to come and help at 10.00 p.m. Thank you Sue and Adrian for parking him in the garden, minus one leg.

It would appear that Wicked vans with tasteless or crass statements painted on them are venturing down this way again. Call me a prude, but fart jokes usually are only funny to five year olds!

Congratulations to Simon Holloway (Chef) and Anna McIlldowie (creative front of house) who have earned a four star score and fantastic write-up in the Food pages of the Age for their transformation of the Lorne Bowls Club restaurant. It’s hard not to salivate whilst reading the half page descriptions of the mostly Italian meals. Sadly they will be closing for a break after Easter to await and enjoy the arrival of a second baby in May. These two are such a great asset to Lorne and the little Monday evening markets in February are such a special ‘country’ experience - all thanks to Anna!

Captain Moonlight’s awesome restaurant at Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club is closing down on March 1st! What? Why? They’re just in the middle of a mega renovation! Story goes that the Club members feel the eatery appeals to well-heeled out of towners and not local punters. Hello?? Surely a snacky café could be popped somewhere in that huge building! The restaurant with new kitchen etc is up for tender and we are assured that Matt and Gemma will be keen bidders and we wish them luck!

Feel some sympathy for Rocco the border collie who had his summer trim which includes a shaved tummy. In the area towards his private parts he seemed to have two or even three ticks attached to the tender area very close to his shaved willy(?). Panic! Wiped them with tea tree oil and attacked one with the tweezers, but ended up at Liz the vet at Aireys as Rocco was not being helpful. Guess what? They were nipples!

Lorne Larder posted on The One and Only a great photo of a whitish cocky sitting atop a parking sign eating cream from a small bowl stolen from a table. He dropped and smashed the bowl when finished. Welcome to new owner Josie and her team – especially the great barista!

Dee Stewart also posted photos of some shoplifters helping themselves to her stock! What the...? The female of this thieving couple looked straight at the CCTV camera so let’s hope someone recognizes this law breaking couple. AND, Dee was devastated that someone entered her Dad Norm’s yard and stole the entire crop of nectarines from under the protective netting. Damned hard to believe, but hopefully someone spotted them in action and will dob these creeps in!!

LorneCare group have decided to really put in and restore the north bank of the Erskine River. They worked there in 2001 and 2004 but the bush has taken over again. It’s a great challenge and hopefully GORCC, kids from our school and members of our community will also give some time and muscle to the task and everyone will be a winner! You’re all very welcome to join in.

About 60 mourners farewelled Peg Taylor late in Feb. Arriving at the Pier Restaurant we felt we could have been in Peg’s birth place in Scotland – misty rain, wild sea and a beautifully attired bag pipe player (Val and Daryl Hoods grandson Callum Watson who is a world famous award winning pianist, musician and producer). Thanks to Hadyn and Elizabeth Rickey for organizing everything, and thanks to The Pier restaurant for the curried stuffed eggs, tuna open sangers, and Devonshire tea! Simple, yummy, and so special. Peg would have loved it.... Lillian

LET'S GET CRACKING ON THE ROCK BARRIERS

About twelve months ago VicRoads constructed a masterly natural rock “global warming” barrier on the Great Ocean Road just this side of Kennett River.

The problem was that eventually the GOR would be washed away at one of the few low points along the coastal road.

The wall is a beautifully constructed rock ledge seamlessly butting up against the coastal lip and the sandy beach.

It's a 10/10 to VicRoads.

Back at Lorne beach we have an eyesore. The pieces of concrete and rocks juxtaposed at the edge of sand and semi eroded grass verge are as tired as an old pair of plumber's Blundstones. Seriously, it's an embarrassing GORCC mess and its time something is initiated to restore our beach area.

It does not need a whiteboard, community consultation, a facilitator and years of potential bureaucratic posturing, just some positive action to restore the amenity and aesthetic appeal of the Lorne foreshore.

ITS TIME for some action!

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“Councillor Clive Goldsworthy, Lorne Ward, is overseas. His regular column will be back in the April issue.



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Development ARTS Seed Fund

The Arts Development Seed Fund provides funding between \$1000 - \$5000 to artists and community groups for public art projects that benefit the Surf Coast community.

This year's theme **Creative Action For The Climate Emergency** encourages artists to create innovative, multidisciplinary public artworks that seed ideas for climate action.

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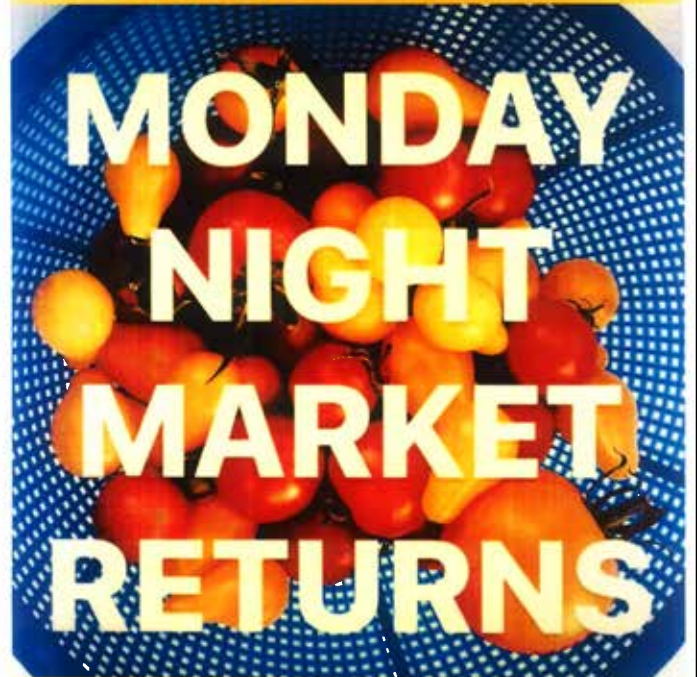
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ATTEMPT TO BRING MORE BUSINESS TO THE SURF COAST

The Surf Coast Shire has launched a new project to explore how places, people and business link together to help foster Prosperous Places.

The Prosperous Places Project will describe the economy we have in the Surf Coast, how it is evolving, identify our current skills and create an action plan for the future skills and businesses that may come with change.

Residents and businesses are invited to help by sharing their thoughts on what will make their local area a prosperous place.

People are invited to provide input to the Prosperous Places project in March.

Community engagement sessions

Drop in at any time to the following venues on the below dates:

- Café La Hoot, Winchelsea: 4 March, 10am – 12pm
- Surf Coast Sport and Recreation Centre, Torquay: 17 March, 2pm – 6pm
- Anglesea Memorial Hall: 18 March, 2pm – 6pm
- Lorne Community House: 24 March, 2pm – 6pm
- Deans Marsh Community Hall: 25 March, 4pm – 6pm

Business engagement sessions

A presentation and discussion will be held at:

- Happy Spaces – Gilbert St, Torquay: 3 March, 8.30am - 10am
- Great Ocean Road Resort, Anglesea: 11 March, 6pm - 7.30pm
- Cumberland Lorne Resort: 12 March, 8.30am - 10am

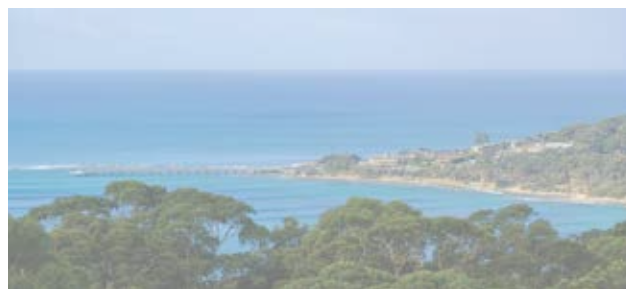
All information and ideas received at the sessions will help inform a strategy that will plan for the future of the Surf Coast Shire as a place to live, work, operate a business or visit.

To stay up-to-date with the project, visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/YourSay/PPP or join the Surf Coast Business Collective Facebook page @SurfCoastBusinessCollective.

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DINOSAUR PLANTS

Doug Williams

Back in the time when dinosaurs did what they do best - ie roamed the earth - there were ginkgo forests. It's hard to imagine that rainforest once covered the Antarctic continent and that North Pole ice did not exist and that during this period much of the land mass that was come to be called Australia was under water.

Then, as Gondwanaland drifted apart between 180 and 45 million years back to form separate continents, the temperature of our world which had been over five degrees centigrade warmer began to cool, the rain forests died out and huge sheets of ice formed over land and sea. Surprisingly – surprisingly, because a great many people believe the opposite to be true – carbon levels in the atmosphere were many times higher than today. That's right – during the ice ages that recur every millions of years the atmosphere and the oceans were very much cooler and contained greater concentrations of carbon in the form of the gas carbon dioxide.

Many plant systems died out along the way as the weather became warmer and then cooled again and so on and so on and, as we know from the Dreamtime, dinosaurs had died out in Australia as had their swampy habitat and marsupials had evolved alongside a new vegetation regime. New ecosystems developed and while the vast eucalypt forests that now cover much of the Australian land mass had not yet predominated, within the last two million years they have proliferated and branched out into hundreds of species adapted to diverse micro climates leaving behind their original roothold (foothold) in the rainforests that prevailed for aeons but were unable to adapt to drier climates. Plant Molecular Biologist Carl Kulheim of ANU says, "On no other continent does a single group of plants dominate the landscape as eucalypts do in Australia."

Many gum tree varieties thrive in hot and dry landscapes which are difficult for many plant varieties. Their trick is that they help wipe out competition by spreading wildfire, which of course, they are adapted to. They have been around for an awfully long time now - the oldest reliably dated macrofossil of Eucalyptus is a 21-million-year-old tree-stump encased in basalt in the upper Lachlan Valley in New South Wales according to a compilation article on Wikipedia.



Although conditions for plants are different today there still remain a few plants from the age of the dinosaur. Ginkgo biloba is one of these. With the common name of maidenhair tree it can be grown in Lorne, but apart from the one I planted for myself back in the eighties of last century I have only come across one other in a garden here. I would be interested in knowing if there are others, so please tell me if you know of any. These are medium sized trees to around six metres with a pleasing open form, smooth light grey bark and unusual primitive leaves a bit like a duck's foot or a malformed oak leaf. They are deciduous and display a buttery lemon leaf in the autumn before releasing them.

Maidenhair trees go back two hundred and seventy million years and it amazes me that we can still see them today, can imagine a forest of ginkgos with a family of stegosaurus grazing in their shade and then, as the planet cooled, retreating to isolated pockets in China seeking refuge from glacial encroachment and being confined the east of the country where Buddhist monks preserved their habitat. Other 'dinosaur plants' you might like to consider growing successfully in Lorne include cycads (a bit fussy) and any number of ferns; all of these developed before the flowering plants. So, tree ferns and ground ferns and the like - ideal conditions in Lorne. Cycads are fern-like in appearance and occur world-wide in tropical and sub-tropical regions. Related somehow (insert botanical explanation) to ginkgos and conifers too, they feature as crossed leaves on the flag of Vanuatu to denote peace and appear perhaps as a taboo symbol - the research on this provides both explanations.

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PROJECTS UNDER WAY AT THE LORNE MEN'S SHED

Coot Boat: Tony Wolfenden (Lead)

1. The timber forms and a jig have been purchased and the Coot boat is just underway
2. We hope to have the boat ready for our 2021 Model Boat Regatta - its job will be to rescue the boats that shoot off course!!

Historic Building Façade: Bob Sinclair (Lead)

1. Stage 1 of the facade will begin on site towards the end February

Tradies Trailer Refurbishment: Garry Fenton (Lead)

1. The Tradie Trailer is ready to hand back to the Footy Club for an auction/raffle
2. Garry Fenton and his merry team of shedders did a fabulous job

Lions Art Screens: John Bliss (Lead)

1. The Lions Art Screens project is complete thanks to John and a number of Shedders. The screens are now much lighter and therefore easier to handle by the Lions Team come art show time.

Bird Box Project For the East Gippsland Bushfire Affected Region: Leo Collins and Bob Sinclair (Leads)

1. In order to assist the fire ravaged East Gippsland area, it has been suggested by the Victorian Men's Shed Association that we might like to get involved in building bird boxes to be placed in the forest around Mallacoota
2. Leo Collins (our fantastic member, into his 90s) has the plans well underway
3. President Bob is sourcing some suitable timber and contacting the wildlife people in Gippsland to get the most practical solution to their needs



Tony Wolfenden and Bob Sinclair

Model Boat Regatta Easter Sunday: Allan Walls (Lead):

1. The Model Boat Regatta is in the planning stages with Easter Sunday being chosen as the date

If any Shedder would like to be involved in any of these projects feel free to contact the lead, or come down to the shed and join the team on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Our new coffee machine is making a great brew which we would love you all to share when you get the chance. - BY

A dinghy with versatility use

'COOT' is the name for the design of a small pram dinghy chosen by its designer Nick Schade a boatbuilder in North America famed for his lightweight and beautiful Cedar strip plank canoes.

This type of dinghy is often used as a tender for a larger craft allowing yachtsmen access to a moored craft without getting their feet wet.

If you wanted or needed a small dinghy to set marking buoys and possibly recover stranded model yachts in the Erskine River, why not just go out and buy one?

"Well" said Tony Wolfenden of the Lorne Men's Shed, "it really isn't about just having a boat but more about the discovery and experience of building one, about improving one's skills and learning stuff".

The LMS committee agreed so plans were obtained, Cedar strip was purchased, a building jig is being constructed and a small team is starting to assemble the elements needed to make it a reality. "It is not intended to be a rushed job, but an enjoyable one" said Tony. There is no deadline although the Easter Regatta 2021 is a possible launch date.

There are approximately 100 small Cedar strips to be fitted over the forms between the transoms at both bow and stern before clear fibre glassing both inside and out so there are plenty of opportunities for various Shed members to have a hands-on experience in boat building.

The finished dinghy although only 2.4 metres long and extremely light weight could accommodate three adults with one rower and two passengers and could also be powered by a small electric outboard motor. - TW

AUTUMN PLANNED BURNING TO START IN THE OTWAY DISTRICT

With stable weather conditions on the horizon, Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is preparing to begin Autumn planned burning in the Otway District over the coming weeks.

Forecast average rainfall and mild temperatures over the next few months are expected to provide favourable conditions to safely conduct planned burning.

If conditions are favourable, the Autumn program will begin with several planned burns in grasslands near Colac, Cressy and Camperdown.

Larger planned burns up of 1,900 hectares in size will be conducted later in autumn in bushland behind Lorne, to connect past planned burns and significantly reduce the town's bushfire risk.

The Autumn program will also focus on reducing fuel loads around Great Ocean Road townships including Aireys Inlet and Anglesea.

Further planned burning is scheduled for inland areas, with the largest individual planned burn in the Otways to be near Forrest at 1,600 hectares in size. Reducing fuel loads in this area will protect the Forrest community in the event of a large-scale bushfire approaching from the west.

For large planned burns to be conducted safely, crews will use a significant amount of aircraft including helicopters for aerial ignition, water bombing and observation.

This year's program will build on the work undertaken during autumn planned burning in 2019 across the Otway District, which covered more than 5,500 hectares.

Businesses and residents situated near scheduled

planned burns are being contacted and informed about the upcoming program.

All planned burns in areas with known wildlife populations are supported by a range of measures before, during and after burns to manage the welfare of wildlife. The planned burn program is undertaken across public and private land, and FFMVic works in partnership with CFA, local government and landholders.

FFMVic Otway District Manager David Roberts said: "The current weather outlook is favourable for planned burning from late February through to the end of April, which could see a considerable amount of burning activity occur across the District."

"The eastern Otways continues to be our priority for planned burning due to the high density of coastal townships surrounded by dense bushland."

"Reducing fuel loads means bushfires are less intense, making it more likely that firefighters can contain them before they impact on people, property and the environment."



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AQUATIC CLUB

Keith Miller - Commodore

News from the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club

Tunagate

When we included tuna and king fish into our fishing competitions in late 2018 we didn't envisage the large size and therefore scores of the tuna that were weighed in at our Australia Day Fishing Competition.

If we don't adjust the scores, one big tuna alone would score so many points that competitors that didn't catch one couldn't accumulate that many points over the entire year.

Therefore we held a special committee meeting and decided that the total points scored by every tuna weighed in at the comp and from now on will be divided by 5.

This means that the placings at the comp don't change but the scores will be brought right back into the field. For example, a 20kg tuna would get rolled by a 3kg snapper.

I'm sure this won't keep everyone happy but as I've discovered over my time as Commodore, keeping everyone happy is completely impossible but I'll keep trying.

Things are back to normal at the club after another successful summer.

The Hawaiian Shirt Wednesdays were a huge success so they will become a permanent event each January. We also had a group of young blokes set up a wood fired pizza van a couple of nights each week which worked really well. They sold out of pizzas most nights. Some of their profits were donated to the bush fires.

About this time each year I get complaints from some of our local regulars about the club becoming too popular and crowded. I understand their concerns but it's only for one month each year and without it we would struggle to survive the off season months when we run at a loss.

I actually enjoy the busy January nights where we all get to meet new members who are all there to have a good time.

We have some extremely interesting visitors and members and after you get to know them it always amazes me when you find out some of their occupations.

We get surgeons, judges, CEOs, politicians, AFL footballers etc etc

The \$2 pots are back on Wednesdays and Toss the Boss on Friday's with snacks and free sausage sizzles.

Golf Challenge Day

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY @ 12pm was our GOLF CHALLENGE DAY. Sponsored by OTWAY BOOTS.

We are having another crack at the snowflakes up at the Lorne Country Club. Last year they took the score cards into an office, locked the door, shredded them and then came out and told us we had been beaten.

I have appointed a team of auditors this year so that won't happen again.

If any of our members out there can swing a golf club please put your name down at the bar or email us. We don't want to get done two years in a row. BBQ and refreshments at the LAAC afterwards



Tomato Competition

A big crowd watched the judging of the Best Tomato-growing competition with Bruce Ginter declared winner. The picture shows Bruce with the two judges – Vice Commodore Doug Williams, left and Leon Armistead who also judged the garlic competition.

Fishing Comp

Major Fishing Competition Number 2 on Sunday the 8th of March. As usual the Weigh In will start at midday with the deadline being 12.30pm. Only one fish per angler can be weighed in so anyone can win. Presentations will follow as soon as the scores are tallied then a scrumptious roast lunch will be served which is free to all competitors. All welcome.

Cupcake Cup Lawn Bowls

ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY 27th MARCH. CUPCAKE CUP LAWN BOWLS CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY GRANDMA SHIELDS BAKERY.

It's on again only this time we are taking it seriously. We are going to give the Cup Cakes at the Lorne Bowls Club a hiding. Any of our members with any bowling ability at all please put your name down at the Anglers bar or email us.

The Lorne Men's Shed are holding their model yacht and power boat regatta on Easter Sunday the 12th of April 10am

at the Swing Bridge. Free Entry. There will be an Easter egg hunt just before the races start, so bring the kids. The event is sponsored by us.

Vulcans and Paella

After the fishing comp on Sunday 8th March we will have free live music with the Vulcans performing in the beer garden and The Paella Pan will be serving delicious paella, so pop in for a pot and some paella.



Recent Events

Our first major fishing competition for the year was held on Australia Day and was a huge success.

The weather was perfect and we had 37 anglers enter with 29 weighing in fish.

For the first time ever we had Southern Bluefin Tuna here by the thousands and just about everyone who had a crack at them caught lots. It was sensational.

It may not happen again or it might become a normal event. Who knows? It was followed by a magnificent roast lunch.

The results were:

Senior Winner, Keith Miller - Tuna = 5503 points

Senior Runner Up, Richard Coghlan - Tuna = 5484 points

Senior Third, Wayne Griffiths - Tuna = 5450 points

Junior Winner, Ted Middleton - Tuna = 5842 points

Junior Runner Up, Ollie Flint - Bream = 3100 points



FAD Incident

With the news of the tuna reaching Melbourne recently a huge number of boats arrived, off the Aireys Light House near one of the FADS. Unfortunately, a boat owner got his propeller tangled in the rope and cut it off. The phone number for fisheries is clearly displayed on the FAD but they didn't bother notifying them. Luckily it has a GPS monitor installed and fisheries retrieved it

the next day about 30 km away. I've been speaking to fisheries and they are going to redeploy it with a new anchor, rope and chain as soon as possible. The timing is unfortunate because February is traditionally when the Kingfish arrive.



Above: Luke Norton and Simone Pancino

Fishing Report

It's been the best January fishing I've ever had with great weather and lots of fish then the Tuna arrived and really topped it all off. The snapper have been plentiful with most of them above 35cm and some up to 60cm. Gummy Sharks have really been on the chew with plenty around the 10kg mark. We caught one on a Whiting rod recently with 5kg line and a tiny Whiting hook.

King George Whiting have been caught in reasonably good numbers with quite a few smaller school size ones which I've been told is a good sign for next year. Flathead continue to be plentiful with lots of big yanks among them. The Southern Bluefin Tuna have moved on but hopefully they will return. When filleting fish I often check out their stomach contents to see what they are eating. I was surprised to find that every tuna we caught had completely empty stomachs which is a mystery because the sea is alive with slimy mackerel, yakkas, couta and small baitfish.

I'm assuming this is why they were so easy to catch while they were here, they were having a go at just about any lure you put in front of them.

The Pier is fishing well with plenty of Calamari, Trevally, Salmon, Whiting Snapper and the odd Flathead being caught. I spoke to a bloke recently who bagged out on Calamari in under an hour.

Rescue

We had just arrived off Moggs recently and had just started fishing when I got a call from a couple of blokes who were fishing off Wye River and their propeller had fallen off. We abandoned the fishing and drove around and towed them safely back to Lorne.

I don't mind doing it but my motor got too hot to touch so that's definitely not good for it. It reinforces our need for a rescue boat which we have asked for several times and been refused by the government. As I've stated in these notes many times, there is no suitable rescue boat between Torquay and Apollo Bay which is ridiculous.



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Update from CEO Sandy Chamberlin

2020 is going to be a big year for Great Ocean Road Health, with Strategic Planning a key focus, so together we can shape our future.

We will also continue to bring our services together, with signage and uniform updates and further shaping and expanding of our services into the community.

Staff are busy preparing for our National Standards Accreditation. It accesses our urgent care units and acute beds, to assure we meet national guidelines.

If you have any complaints, compliments or suggestions I would like to hear from you. Please call me on 0437283565.

New Osteopath

We would like to welcome Dr Georgina Sayer to our team of Allied Health professionals. Georgina will be practising every Wednesday from the Lorne Medical Centre. To book an appointment, please visit

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Welcome to our two new Doctors

We are thrilled to welcome Dr Amy Harper and Dr Ann Jacob to our team.

Dr Amy grew up in Northern Vic, completing her Medical Degree through Monash University, and has worked and studied in a range of metropolitan and rural centres before settling on the Surf Coast. She has a particular interest in adolescent health, mental health, and women's health.



Dr Ann studied Medicine at the Australian National University in Canberra, and has worked as a doctor in Canberra and parts of Melbourne. She has an interest in Paediatrics and Women's Health. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her young family, travelling and trying new foods.



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Otway Heart Cardiology Service: Friday 6 March

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GORH Strategic Planning

Keep an eye out for our upcoming community forums, on line survey and other multiple opportunities to have your say in planning our future together.

Our strategic plan will provide a purpose that continues to drive our commitment and passion and provide great care for our community.

Further information to be provided over the following months.

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LORNE COUNTRY CLUB SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

The Lorne Country Club held their annual Summer Golf Classic over January 2020.

Over 60 participants played throughout January, enthusiastically chasing down their five best cards which were required to be submitted on the final day. The competition has been held for many years, it was great to welcome back past competitors and importantly a number of our members entering the competition for the first time. The final day of the competition saw 36 participants playing for the much coveted Jackets and the extremely sought after Book Ends. The final round was followed by drinks and the presentations.

The results of the competition were :

Overall Summer Classic Champions

A Grade

Winners : Lynda Stewart and Barry Church.
Runners Up : Rhonda Galbraith and Jeff Thomas.

B Grade

Winners : Danielle De Bon and Chris Wood.
Runners Up : Helen Lawrie and Greg Tootell.



Lynda Stewart/Rhonda Galbraith Barry Church/Jeff Thomas

Best Performances on the Final Day.

Winning Women's score

Danielle De Bon (20), with Jan Tootell (19) second place, and Wendy Hutchison, Jane Purdie and Lynda Stewart tied for third (18).

Winning Men's Score

Geoff Balderas and Jeff Thomas equal first (22), Gary Pollard second (21), and Greg Tootell, Jim King and Chris Wood equal third (20)

Nearest The Pin

On the 2nd: Danielle De Bon and Jeff Thomas
On the 5th: Jan Tootell and Martin Gilbert
On the 9th: Jenni Miller

Longest Drive - Sue Neill and Martin Gilbert.

On behalf of the Country Club I would like to thank all those who participated in this summer's golf classic, either by actually playing or by providing great social support.

A special thanks to Maz & Baz for all their hard work in making this event happen.

Clive Goldsworthy - President, Lorne Country Club

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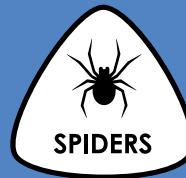
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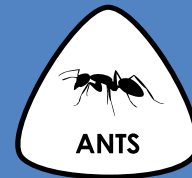


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Lorne Leads The Way!

On Sunday 16th February the Barwon Heads triathlon was held consisting of a 400m swim, 14km bike ride and finishing with a 4km run. More than 800 competitors took part in the event which involved swimming downstream along the Barwon River, cycling out and back along 13th Beach Road, then running toward Ocean Grove and back – what an effort! A group of Lorne women not only took part, but two of them came first and second in their age group! Yes Lorne's Bernie Everett was first in her age group with Jenni Miller coming in second place.

These women are an inspiration to us all, showing that you can enjoy the fun of sport, remain competitive and even keep improving over time. Readers will recognize them from their roles in working and volunteering in key organizations around town. The photo opposite show the happy group.



Above left to right ; Karen Stribling, Mandy Farrelly, Jan Cahill, Jenni Miller, Bernie Everitt, Julie Wilmot and Carolyn Griffiths.

Australia Day Tennis Tournament

Lorne Country Club held its annual Australia Day tennis tournament on Saturday 25th January. The weather was perfect – being fine, sunny, only a gentle breeze, and a top temperature of around 22 degrees. The round-robin mixed format attracted 16 players ranging in age from 11 to 70+ years, all keen to display their skills. A sumptuous morning tea provided time for participants to exchange stories and encourage each other.

After all players had completed four very competitive sets it was time to award the prizes. Women's winners were: Eileen McBride 22, Joan from Albury 21 and new club member Julie Ruffy 19. Men's winners were all players from out of town: Patrick from Gippsland 24, Fred from East Melbourne 18 and Esmond from St Kilda 17. Prizes were generously donated by Lorne Central and Lorne Cinema. Players are now looking keenly toward tournaments on the Labour Day and Easter weekends, but in the mean time you are welcome to join in social play on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Men's Tennis Team

Lorne men's tennis team in the Geelong Tennis competition is well placed to play in the finals. The season which started in October, now sees four teams emerging as candidates for the March finals: Fyan's Park is the ladder leader, closely followed by Lorne, Lethbridge and Highton. Lorne has had convincing wins against the lower teams in the competition, but has had hard-fought struggles with the top four teams. On February 15th Lorne and Fyan's Park tied with 3 sets and 32 games apiece on a windy, rainy afternoon! Both teams lamented chances to win that slipped by.

Dolphins Football and Netball

Lorne's football and netball teams are currently training hard and finalizing their squads for the 2020 season. After ten very successful seasons as netball coach, Carly Enticott has handed over the duties to Zoe Donne. Carly describes Zoe as "the perfect candidate to take over and bring her experience and knowledge from a higher level". A new netball pavilion will be constructed during 2020 which will replace the current very basic shed - which does not even have toilet and shower facilities.

The football team will be striving hard to reproduce its Premiership form of 2019. Signing of new recruits to cover the loss of several players due to unavailability and injury is challenging especially in trying to achieve the best team structure and balance. The surface of the ground is in superb condition after many rainy days, and the new lighting towers will provide safer training conditions and allow for twilight matches. We are keenly awaiting the start of the 2020 season. In the next edition we will preview the season and have interviews with club coaches and committee.

Game-changer: new netball pavilion for Lorne

For Lorne netballers, 2020 marks a new year, new coach and new netball pavilion.

With pre-season underway, Lorne Football Netball Club netball president Carly Enticott is excited for the next 12 months both on and off the court. As part of the Stribling Reserve Pavilions Redevelopment project, construction of a new netball pavilion will be underway this year.

"It's going to provide all of our participants – from people aged 3 to 65 – with safe, warm and spacious change areas," Ms Enticott said.

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“We’re especially excited it’s going to have multiple functions and provide the wider community with a brilliant facility. Stribling Reserve is the cornerstone of our community and is integral to the health and wellbeing of so many – from school students to sportspeople to community groups.”

The project will also see an upgrade of the main pavilion including the social rooms – scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2021.

The netball pavilion will provide netballers with new amenities that are more comfortable, functional and meet Netball Victoria requirements. It will feature change rooms and amenities for home and away teams, an accessible toilet, an office, first aid/trainers’ room, umpire amenities and storage. It can also be used by the wider community as a space to hire.

The Dolphins will be led by newly-appointed coach Zoe Donne in 2020, with Ms Enticott handing over the reins after 10 years at the helm.

The \$6.6 million project is underpinned by \$3.3 million from the Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF). The BBRF grant is being matched by Council, and includes a community contribution.

Women’s Golf

The Lorne Women competed for the Summer Cup, played over three Rounds. However the final Round has had to be postponed until late February, due to the heavy downpours.

The Summer Classic played over January - see story on page 25.

The Lorne women were also part of the teams in the serious Ambrose competition, with the Anglers Club, held Sunday 16th February. Lorne Country Club retained the trophy and the hospitality from the Anglers was great. Otway Boots sponsored this Event. Women Winning Team: Chris Angus and Dani De Bon; Men: Rod Angus and Peter White. Nearest to the Pin, Dani and Geoff Couper.

GIVE GOLF A GO DAY....PUTTING TO PARTICIPATE
As part of the “This Girl Can” week throughout the Shire, Lorne Women Golfers are offering women of all abilities a free session in putting with Anglesea Golf Coach, Jason Kraan, with lunch and some fun competitions. March 24th, from 10 ‘til 2. Sue Neill on 0418 674062.

Save the date: Good Friday 4 person Ambrose, mixed competition.

We meet every Tuesday early. Information, Wendy Hutchison 0419878089 or Sue Neill 0418 674 062.

Wendy Hutchison, President Women’s Golf

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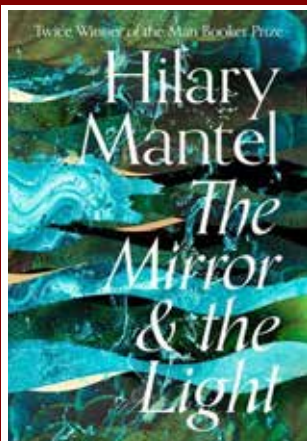


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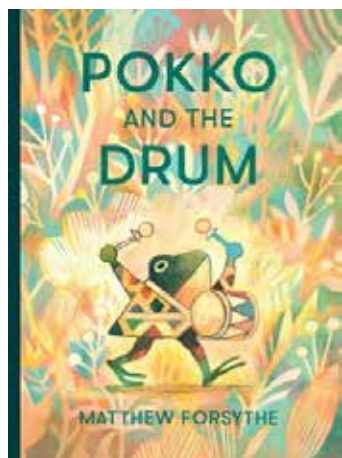
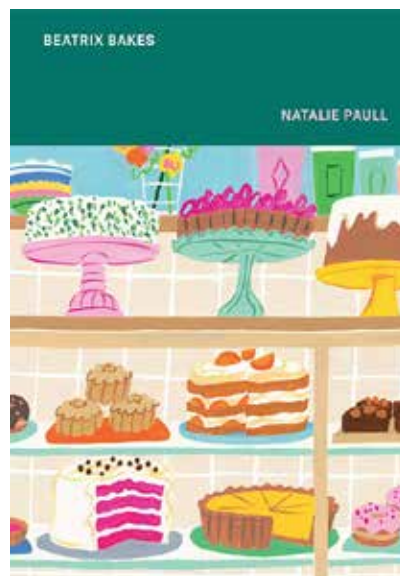
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