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Now more than ever our homes have become our refuge and our sanctuary. My home studio, surrounding landscape and the greater Lorne community is a driving inspiration in my approach to design. With nearly two decades of living and practicing in Lorne, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank my clients past and present, within the local community and afar. We look forward to continuing to offer our design service.

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NEW LORNE HOSPITAL STAFF MEMBER

No, occupying the bed is not a patient but a new member of the Lorne Community Hospital’s staff – Papa-Jo, the state-of-the-art mannikin.

The just-unpacked ‘dummy’ will be used in a range of training exercises and its features include modality CPR and a built-in SIM system which provides immediate feedback. It provides staff with real life advanced support training so that participants can gain up to date life-saving and other medical skills.

Jason Phieler, the Great Ocean Road Health Acute Nurse Unit Manager, said, “When the question was asked, what do you think the staff require to assist with professional development and training, it was an easy answer. We really needed to replace our 20-year-old Advanced Life Support training mannikin ‘Bob’ for a younger model.”

The picture shows Great Ocean Road Health CEO, Sandy Chamberlin and Jason officially welcoming Papa-Jo to Lorne Hospital’s professional training unit.

“We are so thrilled to finally have Papa Jo on board as part of our team,” Sandy Chamberlin said. “Every month GORH staff undertake Emergency Medicine Education and Training (EMET) with Barwon Health’s Emergency Department – Papa Jo will certainly be utilised in these sessions”.

Jason also referred to his own personal philosophy which he calls ‘mind and body memory’. “There is a strong connection between working on a ‘real life’ mannikin that strengthens learning, improves memory, retrieval and enhances learner motivation”, Jason said.

Ocean Road Cyclists (formerly Lorne Spinners) held their traditional fundraising action dinner on January 16 to raise money for Great Ocean Road Health. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the annual Murray to Moyne ride was cancelled, but the dinner did raise over \$40,000 towards professional training and development for the urgent care services in GORH’s Lorne and Apollo Bay facilities.

As part of the program, the naming right for the new \$30,000 mannikin were auctioned and keenly contested with the winning bid going to Team Heine - Matt and Ally, and five year old Harry, and twins Sunday and Raffie,2.





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From the Deck by John Agar

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, OR MINERAL? ... the amazing sponge

To pass the time when we drove anywhere ‘of distance’ with my dad, we would play “I spy with my little eye”, or “I’m thinking of something”, the latter always immediately followed by the question: “... animal, vegetable, or mineral?”

One day as we were returning from a day at the wreck of the Godfrey just past Artillery Rocks where we had collected some remarkably fine sponges for me to play with in the bath, I remember spying a sponge on the dashboard of ‘Jane’, his pride-and-joy Plymouth. I waited my turn, ‘thought of something’, and then taking the plunge ... “I’m thinking of something”! When dad came back with the inevitable follow-up: “animal, vegetable, or mineral?” ... I confidently replied “vegetable”.

Efforts around the car to guess the answer dwindled as we crossed the Cumberland ford, then - always the last to give up - my competitive dad gave up! “OK, what are you thinking of, Johnny?” he asked. If a moment in time kick-started my interest in science and nature - the next was it!

“Vegetable?” he exclaimed ... almost veering into sand trap of the George ... “sponges are animals!” I gulped air ...!

So now to the present ... where the sea has been simply magnificent in recent weeks. While cocooned in our homes to ‘flatten the curve’, we have witnessed some of the most consistent surf for years – sets stretching as far as the eye can see beyond the oft-breaking bar inside the pier. Though this has made it hard to look down on my daily trek to Stony Creek and the Fishermans’ Rock, I could not help but notice that the spectacular seas had thrown an unusually large number of beautiful but now sadly lifeless sponges high onto the beach. I thought back to that long-ago day ... “animal, vegetable, or mineral?” ... and sought to learn more about the humble sponge.

Sponges branched away from the main evolutionary thrust of complex life-forms early in the development of life on earth to become one of the more anomalous branches of the tree of life. Rather than being a single integrated animal with a bunch of organs - a gut, a circulation, or a sensory-motor nervous system - each sponge is an intricately aggregated kingdom of tiny animal cells living largely separate lives. But, for the good of the whole, they bond and work together as a single community. They share nutrients with each other, and they have internalised ‘sex’ with themselves, for most are true hermaphrodites and simultaneously function as both male and female. Sounds fun!

Their skeletons, if they can be called skeletons, are made from a kind of jelly-like substance that is stiffened into a single interlinking structure by fibres of calcium carbonate - the same chemical compound that is found in corals and shells. But ... and here’s the fun bit ... they are linked by fibres of silica – the mineral that forms quartz, is a major component of sand, and from which glass is made!



From: <https://www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org/learn/porifera/hexactinellida/>

Now, why might silica be thought of as ‘fun’? As I peeked into the secret life of sponges, I learned of the Perth Canyon ... a deep gash in the ocean floor that extends far into the Indian Ocean to the west of Perth. Indeed, it far exceeds the Grand Canyon of Arizona in both depth and length. Deep down in the Perth Canyon live one of the world’s most beautiful creatures: ‘glass sponges.’ Yes ... they are made of glass! It boggles the mind to think of an animal with a glass skeleton, but that is exactly what glass sponges have!

The more I looked at images of glass sponges, the more I ached for Bass Strait to be deeper. But glass sponges are deep sea sponges. They are built to withstand the huge pressures of the deep ... and Bass Strait is not deep.

The ability of the glass sponges to withstand huge pressure has been of keen interest to engineers and architects who, realising that these amazing sponges have evolved into one of the strongest structural forms in nature, are now translating the mechanical strength of sponge design into architectural structures. The two pictures that follow - a glass sponge on the left, a building on the right - show how the exquisite structural form of the sponge has been copied by 21st Century architecture.

For those interested, the following site is particularly fascinating: <https://www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org/learn/porifera/hexactinellida/>

Back, then, to the North Lorne beach and the beautiful, lifeless forms tossed to the highwater mark by our endless seas. Back in the 60’s, I would have been astride my beloved triple stringer 9’6” Bennett at the Lorne Point, revelling in the power of the serried swells curving smoothly round Point Grey. Now, with my surfing days long-past age-restricted, I bathe in a different pleasure. With an under-breath arthritic ‘ouch’, I bend, and raise a wondrous variety of sponges, their shapes and branches whispering ‘plant’, but their reality echoing the animals they once were. Sadly, while our Lorne beach sponges are not built on an architectural skeleton of glass - though perhaps luckily so, for if they were, the squidgy plaything for the kids in the bath may be far less innocent - they are, nonetheless, intricate marvels or nature to behold.

“Animal, vegetable, or mineral?” ... next time you will know ... and may win the game!

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EDITORIAL

Our own 'groundhog' day???

The phrase 'Groundhog Day' seems to be a new one adopted by our politicians and health authorities to designate the problem of predicting an end to our viral pandemic. We are all waiting for a sign that the plague will end.

Who can ever forget that delightful 1993 film starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell. Murray is a newscaster on assignment to Punxsutawney in Pennsylvania to cover the annual 'Groundhog Day', an event which is supposed to predict how long the northern winter is going to last.

Each morning as Murray wakes, however, he realises that each new day was a repeat of the one before.

It was without a doubt a brilliant script and no wonder our leaders have adopted the phrase to make it plain to us lesser mortals that predictions to an end to our viral worries is at best precarious. In Groundhog tradition, if the animal exits its burrow and then gets frightened by its own shadow and darts back, it means six more weeks of winter. No shadow means early spring.

'Now don't you worry about that', as old Queensland Premier Joh used to say, but the idea would of course be absolutely fitting for Lorne to stage its own event.

We don't have any 'Groundhogs' in Lorne (the animal is actually a cute rodent) but what about an echidna, or better still a wombat? Although the Otways don't seem to have many of these wombats on offer (the tale goes these mammals were all turned into stew by the early settlers), they would fit the role perfectly.

Wombats have a big presence for all to admire, an image just right for politicians, councillors and all people who consider themselves important. Just imagine – Liberals in pale blue ties, Greens in appropriate coloured jackets and Labor members and sympathisers in fashionable red apparel.

A big hole could be dug by the side of our 'Sea Bath' fortress and a wombat installed, sourced (perhaps rented?) from Daylesford where there are still some in existence – I'm sure a monetary grant for staging the event would be available from somewhere

If the wombat can be coaxed out with a carrot, our problem with the pandemic will be over soonest. Should the animal want to remain in its burrow, good news cannot be expected.

As for the experience of each new day being the same as the last – well, we have had months and months of it, haven't we?

The American Groundhog Day is held on February 2, but I'm sure we could come up with an appropriate date, perhaps a date in the middle of our Spring?

What a tradition we could start! 'Wombat Day' established when the world was in the grips of a terrible plague and each year thousands of visitors would flood into Lorne ...VIPs, music, perhaps a few floats, streamers, speeches, Mountjoy Parade appropriately decorated.

Just think what it would mean for tourism. - JV

QUO VADIS LORNE TOURISM

The Victorian Government has called for board positions to fill 12 committee places on the new Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCCPA) and expectations are great that this body will provide a definite refreshed approach to managing the Surf Coast, especially tourism.

The Government has made much of this 'landmark reform to protect the iconic GOR coast and parks for future generations.' The new authority is also tasked to manage substantial tourism operations as the largest provider of visitor accommodation in the region.

We all know that the virus pandemic has changed much of our world, and in many cases drastically so and we also know that pre-virus tourism will probably not return in the form we remembered it, and it would therefore not make sense to ask tourism organisations at this time what they had in mind for a post-virus southern Australia.

However, last year Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism (GORRT) undertook workshops with key communities along the GOR and one of the most interesting aspects to surface was the need to define the essential DNA of their region, especially the actual townships.

The concept was that each community would articulate a distinctive profile that would then translate this entity into forthcoming marketing, communications, business focus, local tourism experiences and help to build local community pride.

Presumably, this 'community identity' would also indicate what type of tourism a particular area is looking for, and most of all, is capable of delivery.

As far back as July 2014 in a number of public forums along the coast, the GOR Regional Tourism Limited, through its chair Wayne Kayler-Thomson preached the need to 'think differently', that is differently to the message of the Geelong Otway Tourism Board which basically pushed a policy of 'more bums on seats', thus the avalanche of Asian visitors.

It was an era of 'bucket list' tourism. Off the plane quick-smart, rent a car or catch a bus-tour, down the GOR, take as many selfies as possible, back into Melbourne, have a look around and then board the plane home. The GOR had become the number one tourist destination in Australia, we were constantly reminded.

We were also reminded, constantly, just how much this fact contributed to the area's economy. Sure, the money spent on accommodation in Melbourne, the fares for the bus-tour, eating and drinking, souvenirs and the like, that was a given, but actual money to the 'regional economy' may not have been as much as the tourist authorities wanted us to believe.

After the 2014 forums GOR Regional Tourism Ltd promised to reveal soonest how we could all 'think differently' but I personally

have no recollection of ever being illuminated on exactly what this great revelation was.

I've got a feeling that main results from these forums were simply 'lost in translation'.

But in contemporary thinking on tourism in the present ever-changing climate, perhaps a good start would be defining our DNA. The Greek philosopher Plato really hit the mark when he said, "Know thyself" and it is a phrase that has reverberated down through the centuries.

In the last issue of the Lorne Independent, writer and Lorne identity John Agar asked the very important question on who exactly 'belongs' to Lorne. Born in Lorne? A member of a long and distinguished generational lineage? Ten, five, two years as a house-owner? A visitor who just loves Lorne and returns regularly? A shopkeeper? A businessperson? A caravaner who has used the town's camping sites for years...???

So, what exactly is our DNA? Are we a sand and surf town? A town concerned with sporting events such as the Pier-to-Pub, GOR runs and organised marathons, any number of bicycle events? Do we care about the arts? Is the base of Lorne a small core of permanent residents and the rest part timers; is the town's population young or ageing; do we care much about football, netball or tennis? What's our gourmet profile like? ...a hundred and one questions, all requiring answers.

And it is, then, not such a big jump to ask that if we do really and truly know who we are, we presumably also know what we can offer tourists in a well-formulated tourism policy that that has at its centre the identity of Lorne and that reflects the values of the community.

Another big ask - should we work out the rules and regulations ourselves, or allow others to do it for us? A big and very important question that!

As a start to this discussion on tourism, have a look at <https://destinationthink.com/blog/fight-dmos-identity-crisis-place-dna/>

It is also about leadership and very importantly, getting rid of siloed thinking.

Also look at Liz Price General Mgr. <https://www.greatoceanroadtourism.org.au/meet-the-team>

We've got a bit of time to ponder these important questions in that tourism ranges over a whole spectrum of our life in Lorne as we know it. The Lorne Independent hopes to publish more articles on this subject, so let us put our thinking caps on!

(With thanks to Suzanne Cavanagh, Director, Creative Planet Media)

THE USE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Hundreds of local residents and tourists have visited their doctors from home, as part of a COVID-19 telehealth boom at the Lorne and Apollo Bay Medical Centres.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the medical centres conducted almost 1,000 consultations over the phone or online, using telehealth, allowing continuity of care for patients from the safety of their own homes.

Other services such as allied health providers and mental health professionals are also adapting to telehealth (when the patient is unable to attend the clinic) and seeing the positive effects in their patients.

Lorne Medical Centre GP, Dr David Mullen said, ‘Telehealth services have allowed people, particularly for elderly and immune-compromised patients, to access essential health services in their home and will support self-isolation and quarantine policies to reduce risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19. It has also helped vulnerable doctors to continue to deliver services to their patients.’

‘Patients should also talk to their regular doctors about their most appropriate course of care, whether it should be via phone or face-to-face. For most people, a phone or video

consultation will be suitable – but some patients will still need to see their GP in person for the flu vaccine, pathology tests or physical examination.’

From July 20, telehealth GP providers will be required to have an existing and continuous relationship with a patient in order to provide telehealth services. This will ensure patients continue to receive quality, ongoing care from a GP who knows their medical history and needs.

In other words, every new patient, or a patient who has not seen their GP (or another GP in the practice) for over 12 months, must book an initial ‘face to face’ appointment (exemptions do apply). ‘Your health is so important during the pandemic, don’t ignore warning signs that something is not right,’ said Dr Mullen.

The Lorne Medical Centre would like to remind patients that all other services are back up and running. These include Podiatry, Osteopath, Physiotherapy, Exercise Physiology, Social Worker, Optometry, Diabetes Educator and Counselling.

In regards to booking your telehealth appointment (via phone), simply contact the Lorne Medical Centre on 5289 4333 and our friendly staff will guide you through the process. - **Emily Lens**

GORCPA: It’s looking for suitable board members

Our newly-created Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority is seeking to fill 12 seats for its board and if you’re interested, you’ve got until August 2 to get your application in.

Typical government, this does not give those possibly interested much time. Perhaps they still in their generosity, accept late entries.

The Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D’Ambrosio said that committing to strong representation of local Traditional Owner groups. The new authority is part of the Victorian Government’s landmark reforms to protect the iconic Great Ocean Road coast and parks for future generations.

‘The Authority will care for and protect public land along the length of the road, including areas of national park with Parks Victoria, and manage substantial tourism operations as the largest provider of visitor accommodation in the region,’ she said.

‘The board will have up to 12 members and include an independent chair, a nominee of each recognised Traditional Owner group in the region and independent, skill-based board members.

‘Suitably skilled local community members are actively encouraged to apply. The authority will have its headquarters in Torquay, district offices in Apollo Bay and Port Campbell, and operational bases in other coastal towns along the road. The Government promoting diverse representation on boards and encourages applications from young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with a disability, Aboriginal people and LGBTIQ community members,’ she added.

More information on board vacancies and the expression of interest process is available at getonboard.vic.gov.au.

GROUNDWORK: DEMOLITION STARTS AT STRIBLING RESERVE

Demolition work has begun on the netball and main pavilions at Stribling Reserve in preparation for their upgraded replacements at Lorne's major recreation facility.

The Stribling Reserve Pavilions Redevelopment Project will deliver a new netball pavilion and a main pavilion. Demolition of the current netball facility will pave the way for construction of new change rooms and amenities for home and away teams, an accessible toilet, an office, first aid/trainers' room, umpire amenities and storage.

While demolition of the netball pavilion was scheduled for mid-2020, demolition of the main pavilion has been brought forward due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting activities that can be held at the pavilion. This includes the cancellation of the 2020 Colac and District Football Netball League senior home-and-away season.

Cr Clive Goldsworthy said that the Project Control Group – made up of representatives from Committee for Lorne, Lorne Football Netball Club, Lorne P-12 College, Stribling Reserve Committee of Management and Surf Coast Shire – approved early demolition of the main pavilion.

The final design of the main pavilion is expected to be available for review later this year. Community members will be invited to provide input.

The main pavilion will also feature spaces that will benefit the community. Plans consist of a new second level with community/social spaces, northern entry, a commercial kitchen, the inclusion of unisex amenities to promote increased use by the adjacent school and female sporting participants, and provision of new public toilets.

"We know Stribling Reserve is vital to the health and wellbeing of the community," Cr Goldsworthy said. "This \$6.5 million redevelopment of the pavilions is going to provide both locals and visitors with valuable opportunities to participate in a range of activities."

Surf Coast Shire Council acknowledges the funding of \$3.3 million received from the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF). The BBRF grant is being matched by Council and community contributions.

To stay up-to-date with the Stribling Reserve Pavilions Redevelopment Project, visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/striblingreserve.

GRANT FOR LORNE SCULPTURE BIENNALE 2021

Lorne's Sculpture Exhibition has received a \$17,500 under the federal government's Festival Australia program.

The money is for a project, Lorne Lode: Sampling the Core to provide an exploration of place and its influence on environmental awareness and ethics. Artist Carmel Wallace will create a colonnade of sculptural core samples, each exploring an element of the botanical, geological and social history of Lorne and its hinterland.

The Australian Government is providing almost \$540,000 through the latest Festivals Australia round to support cultural projects at festivals in regional and remote Australia.

The sculpture event due for this year was cancelled because of the virus pandemic but with a few more grants and some private funding, there is a good chance that the exhibition might see the light of day next year. - JV

New medicine dispensing arrangements

Temporary Continued Dispensing Emergency Measures will be extended to at least 30 September, allowing Australians to continue to access essential medicines at Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prices if their prescription has run out.

The emergency measures were originally put in place during the bushfire season and extended when the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded. It was due to expire on 30 June.

Under the initiative, eligible pharmacists can supply a patient with certain PBS and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medicines without a prescription. A patient can only get one supply per eligible medicine every 12 months. Controlled drugs are not included in the arrangement.

Medicines supplied under continued dispensing are subject to PBS patient contributions and refund requirements and section

51 of the National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017 – immediate supply 20 day and four-day rule. The medicine also counts toward the patient's PBS Safety Net threshold.

For Cameron Walls MPS, Pharmacist Manager at United Chemists Wodonga on the Victorian side of the Victoria–New South Wales (NSW) border, the recent border closure and escalation of restrictions in Victoria show how important ongoing continued dispensing is.

'Many of our patients are finding it difficult to see their doctor and access prescriptions for the medication they need. Being in a regional area, getting in to see your GP is difficult at the best of times,' he said.

'Even though many GPs are embracing telehealth, we've had to use the continued dispensing provisions fairly regularly over the last few months because our patients just can't see their doctors soon enough,' he added.



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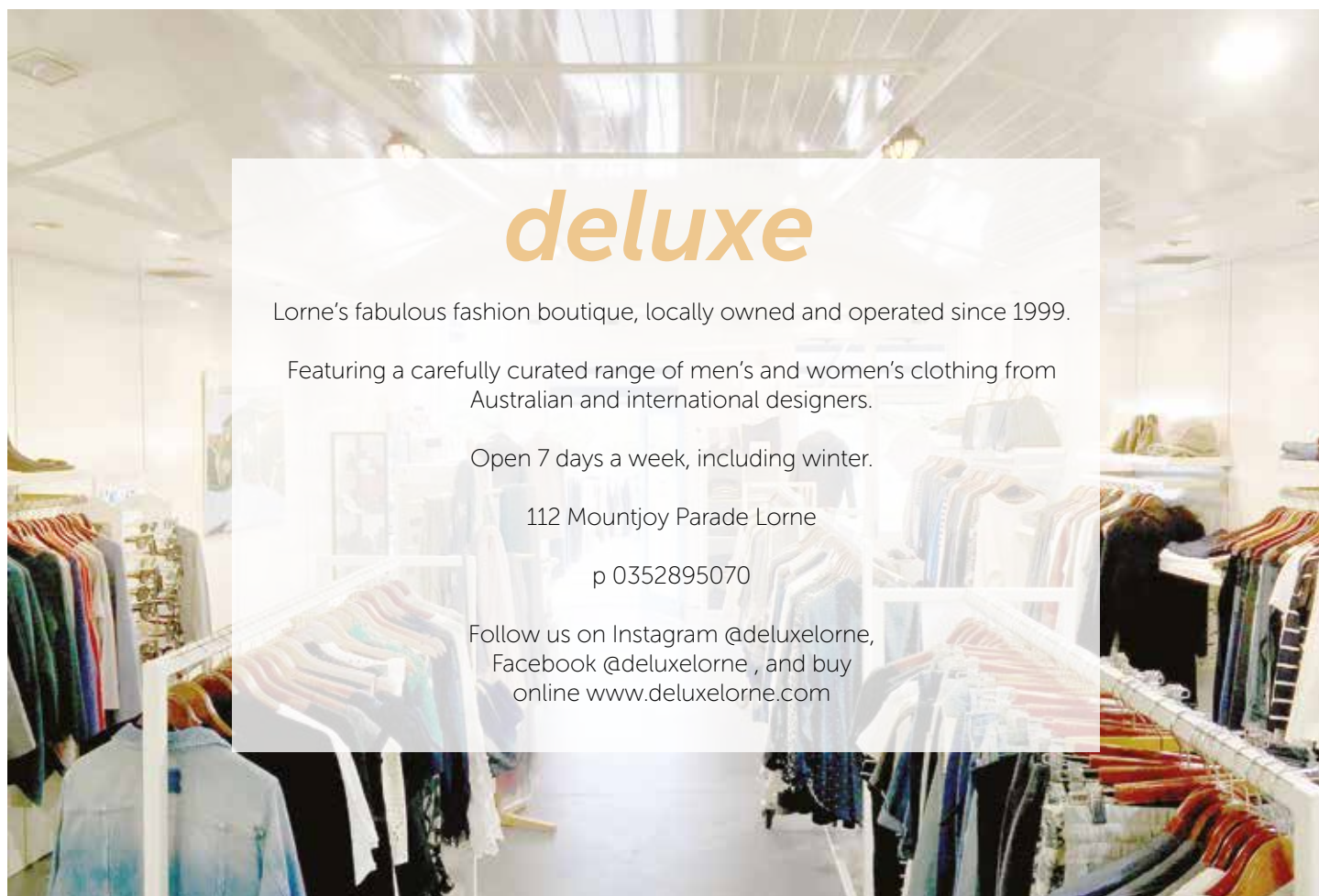
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Lorne is busy. Still filling up. Great Ocean Road Real Estate reported a sale a day for seven days in a row mid July – Mid-winter??? COVID Life Changers, and folk realising what we all know so well – Lorne is THE place to be! Especially when the sun shines at least every morning (well almost) and the sea is calm and beautiful with dolphins performing close to shore! At the very top of the Summerhills Avenue hill three houses in a row were sold in that big week – one of them being what we call the Howley house – on a double block with a creative outdoor gym/exercise area and a kids paradise, and without a doubt one of the most beautiful houses in Lorne with a big big view.

Many non-permanent folk have been here well over a month now – some for three months – most falling in love with the village and its surrounds! The restaurants are busy, most having two shifts – and it's unbelievable the variety of careers these personalities have enjoyed – or are still 'working' at. Even a world famous artist who is unable to fly out has hired a house with his two friends and is more than making the most of the situation!

The big kerfuffle on The One and Only Lorne Facebook page has abated and is less aggressive and feisty. But many of the comments were understandable when you remember that we have a precious cystic fibrosis lass in our community and she needs to be protected thoroughly and in every way from this Virus. Also a rumour went round that we did have a case – Melbourne folk renting for the holidays. The truth of this is totally unfounded and uncorroborated but it could have been the 'elephant in the room' causing the backlash and comments directed against tourists coming down for a nice drive, or even staying one night! As our wonderful man of many wise words John Agar said in the Surfcoast Times recently – "The 'welcome mat' has been cleaned, dusted, laid out, and is clearly visible.ready to 'go' when the travel barriers are lifted." Over and out!

First it was toilet rolls, then rice, pasta sauces and spaghetti! Then art shops ran short on supplies, especially with a rush on white paint. And now there is a plunge on elastic! Sewing machines everywhere have been dusted off and are knocking out masks of every type. Its great fun to go Google 'facemasks from socks' and marvel at the cleverness of this idea. Easy to get the message of how to transfer the odd socks basket into masks, no machine or elastic required!

Rumour going round is that a Meat Inspector from Melbourne introduced the COVID virus to Colac when he made a call at the Lamb abattoirs. He also went down to Warrnambool apparently. How fast this virus spreads in a community is terrifying.

The Monday arvo Stitching ladies were happily gathered at the old Senior Cits building creatively sewing and knitting when they received a visit from the Lorne Police. Hello Hello, what's going on here??? Just checking on their social distancing and doing their job very thoroughly indeed.

Our VCAL Students are conducting a project called Tales of A Local Lockdown (T.A.L.L.) They are seeking feedback regarding the effects of the lockdown across the entire community of Lorne. Hop on to <https://locallockdown.weebly.com/> to have your say and to support Bailey, Che, Jenae, Justin, Maddy, Matt, Perry, Reif and Sam who we congratulate on their responsible approach to this valuable project, and also thanks to our community leaders who are involved. Leaflets at Foodworks.

After about 15 years of 'community consultations' and bickering and even an architect's competition to decide a suitable design, our Surf Coast Shire has formally issued a notice of decision to grant

a planning permit for the Point Grey development – mind you it's subject to almost 50 conditions. Get on to www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/about-us/council/meetings-and-minutes to read all about it, and maybe cringe at the behaviour of certain councillors. NOT ours though – Cr. Clive represented us superbly (as usual) and proposed several amendments to the Aquatic Club plans.

Delightful to have some correspondence with former Lornite Elizabeth Rickey – now in Anglesea. "Having a studio has been a godsend. I can wander out there and fiddle, leave a mess and go back to it whenever I want. Hadyn has his workspace in the garage where a couple of blokes from the Men's Shed built him a much bigger you-beaut bench on which to do his work for them. He is their painter of furniture and toys so we currently have a mob of giraffes awaiting spots, and couple of bar stools to be finished off." Hope he's still writing poetry!

Lorne Garden Group member Lynette has sold the Little River farm and moved to Anglesea. A most commendable move in this weird COVID environment.

Betty Thompson has also sold her property and is in the process of packing, hopefully to move into the Cumberland. Jack would be very proud of you Betty.

Is there a piano tuner in Lorne? Yes indeed there is! Craig on 0407 323047.

A big shout out to two 16 year old lads who helped save the life of a Scuba diver round on the rocks near Shelley beach. Apparently, he'd managed to spear himself somehow and when the SES and Ambulance arrived these plucky, smart boys were still pressing hard on the wound to stop him bleeding – probably to death. Well done guys.

Pretty strange to see a black swan cruising round on the Erskine River recently. Cathy Jenning reported this and sure enough there it was. Not an uncommon event in the so-called olden days, but a welcome bit of elegance for all to enjoy.

In mid-July two young lassies knocked on doors in Dorman Street giving residents a sign saying "Have a great holiday in Lorne, and stay safe!" Well done Ivy and Ruby – that's the Lorne spirit.

One couple receiving these good wishes has been living in Lorne for over fifty years, but was still so touched that they reported it to The Independent. Thanks Judith and dear Dr. John.

How great has the Love Lorne radio marketing campaign been over the last four weeks. Thanks to the Cumberland, The Lorne Hotel, Movida, and the Live Wire Park for giving away vouchers as incentive to visit us. So great to see the town join in such an excellent promotion. Lorne Business and Tourism Assoc and the Committee for Lorne joined together to create 60 Great Escapes packages as giveaways and the thought of the Hot Chocolate in a cosy cottage in Aireys Inlet as a get away from all the COVID worries was brilliant.

Be careful you don't frighten your dog when you don your mask! He relies on seeing your mouth! Rocco the border collie simply gave me his head on one side look which implied "OMG – what IS she wearing now?"

Almost four years since the plans went to council and were passed despite over 50 objections, the five story ship-shaped house at the far end of Hall Street has reached its maximum height. Dubbed The Ruby Princess by many locals because of the disastrous blocking of the rear neighbours' view, one rejoices that Tubby Parker is no longer the owner and we commiserate with the Crittendens.

So novel to have the whole town grounded and unable to hibernate north for the winter. Weird. Luckily we've had a sunny start to the 'season'. Let's make the most of it! Explore our own backyard maybe – highly recommend a drive to the Redwoods out of Apollo Bay. Absolutely a world class experience!

Take care and mask up when out, ok? Labrador Basil found a beautifully Gladwrapped lunch, and as a good lab. would, he devoured the lot. The Vet removed about a metre of plastic wrap from his stomach! The Vet also removed a considerable amount of \$\$s from Jenny and Keith Miller's bank account! Basil – you need a mask!... Lillian x

FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

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



Local Government Elections 2020.

Local Government general elections are held every four years on the fourth Saturday in October. The next local council elections are on Saturday 24th October 2020. Victoria's new Local Government Act 2020 includes some changes to who can become a local council election candidate and how. These new

requirements are still under development by Local Government Victoria and will be updated on the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) website. Due to COVID-19 the election will be run as a postal vote, and ballot papers are expected to be mailed out by the VEC between October 5 and 7. Voter enrolment for this election close at 4pm on Friday 23rd August.

Candidates – All candidates will be required to undertake candidate training before nomination. Anyone wishing to stand as a candidate must be nominated by 12 noon on 21st September 2020

Interesting to note : Victoria now boasts the highest number of female mayors in history with 32 in place across the state. However, 13 of Victoria's 79 councils have just one female councillor while overall, women account for just 38 per cent of elected representatives. Surf Coast Shire currently has 33%.

Pathway Construction Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road.

Construction of Stage One of the 1.5m wide pathway between Deans Marsh – Lorne Road and Railway Terrace will shortly commence taking approximately 4 weeks to complete. Stage Two of the works will commence after winter. If you require further information contact Lisa Robinson on 5261 0600 or via email info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au alternatively "Lodge a Request" via the Shire's website.

Parking Overstay Detection System – update

Council is in negotiation with its supplier and have decided to delay the installation of the Parking Overstay Detection System sensors pending updates on the COVID-19 situation.

Surf Coast Shire COVID-19 Impact Survey

Council is seeking to understand the social, wellbeing and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on individuals families and businesses by filling in their survey – see link below. This information will assist in identifying trends and emerging needs to see where help is needed the most in our communities. Visit the Shire's website for the latest COVID-19 information and resources.

Abandoned Vehicles

From time to time we observe vehicles that are likely to be abandoned in a public place within the Shire, in fact recently a vehicle was left in a parking area along the Great Ocean Road, 100 metres from Fairhaven SLS Club. If you suspect that a vehicle has been abandoned, please notify Council with relevant details, ie. location of vehicle, colour, make, model etc. via the Shire's website "Lodge a Request"

Surf Coast Shire CEO

Keith Baillie will be taking up a new position as CEO Gforce Employment Solutions after more than 5 years as CEO at Surf Coast Council. I would like to acknowledge and thank Keith for his leadership and commitment to the Shire & region. He has led reform in areas such as financial, project and asset management, governance and customer experience. The Shire has been enormously successful in advocating and receiving significant grant funding leading to a record capital works program in 2020/21. Thankyou Keith.

Councillors resolved Ms Anne Howard the current General Manager Governance and Infrastructure will serve as acting CEO until the new CEO is appointed once the new council is sworn in following October's council election.

COVID -19

As COVID-19 new cases continue to increase, we cannot be complacent, the virus is on our doorstep, wearing a mask is the "new normal"! Be kind and respect each other, watch and keep your distance, continue to wash and sanitise your hands regularly and wear a mask. STAY SAFE.

Farewell Gilstead (Gilly).

Last week Lesley & I made a very tough decision to say farewell to Gilstead. His doggie mates will miss the chases on the beach, we will miss the long beach & bush walks and his never ending devotion, his sometimes weird reactions and his loyalty to both of us but especially Lesley.

" Gilly was not our whole life, but he made our lives whole."

R.I.P Gilly

OP-SHOP BUZZ

Janet Goud

Hello in wintery August! It seems only a short time ago that I began writing this column last year, when most of Lorne residents were able to reach for the sun and head to European holidays or to the warmth of the Northern States and Territory mid winter. Not so this year!

In keeping with the Victorian and specifically Melbourne case increases, the Op Shop has decided to cease its minimal operations on Friday's for window shopping. This had been welcomed by many people, but the increasing visitors at the time of the school holidays posed too much risk. There are no immediate plans to reopen the Op Shop at present and it may be a different experience when it does open as it will be under the strict Covid guidelines on numbers in the shop, hygiene and track and trace measures.

Good news is we have air purifiers and EFTPOS facilities thanks to our assistant Treasurer, Allan Brown, and the Lorne Community Op Shop Facebook page (you can like us!) and the Lorne Op Shop gmail account- lorneopshop@gmail.com.so communications are well up to date.

We ask our generous donors to hang onto their donations until we can process them and on-sell in safety to the community. One sad financial fact of this year, is the payment of \$13, 000 for Rubbish removal over the year (which has really only been 2/3rds of the year for donations), so we do plead with you to only donate useable, clean goods which people would want to buy.

At this time of year, The President, Stella O'Donnell presents her Annual Report for 2020 to the members, so the following are excerpts which may be of interest to our community.

Her thanks go to all members and the Committee of Management for support in this extraordinary year. Sadly, we have lost many valued members but our membership continues to grow and community support remains strong for the Op Shop.

Due to the merging of the Lorne Community Hospital (LCH) and Otway Health to form Great Ocean Road Health, with one board to oversee both operations in 2019, the Lorne Op Shop needed to update their 2009 Statement of Purposes and Rules. These updates were agreed unanimously at a Special General Meeting in November 2019 with pro bono legal advice provided by John Bannister for which we are grateful.

Our official name is now The Lorne Community Opportunity Shop.

Financially from July 2019 – Feb 2020 our sales raised a record amount of money. We were open seven days a week. Our treasurer Bill Rees continually provides thoughtful guidance to the business operation, with donations well over \$100,000 made in response to Community needs. These included the Lorne Festival of Performing Arts, Lorne Community Hospital Appeal and other medical equipment, Lorne Country Club, Kids Performing Arts Group, Red Frogs and Lorne Police. Our monthly "treats" "hopefully lifted spirits in the lockdown times of the Aged Care at the LCH. Some necessary repairs to the Op Shop were also undertaken.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the Op Shop closed on March 14 which saddened both volunteers and customers. However, the Committee was not idle and devised the Lorne Community Opportunity Shop COVID 19 Response providing Foodworks accounts to vulnerable residents and seasonal workers in Lorne, material and financial support to the Lorne Community Connect Food and Clothing Bank and hand sanitiser to Lorne P- 12 School.

The Annual General Meeting has been postponed, but the Annual Audit was organised by the Treasurer, and all is well. So WE GO ON, if behind closed doors for the immediate future, and thank our members and the Lorne community for its continued support. We stand ready to resume when it is safe to do so. We continue to serve the community wherever we can. We hope to see more of you all in the Spring.

How can we help you today?

Over the years, we've come to understand the needs of locals and we'd love the opportunity to meet you and understand your goals. Every path is different, but they all have the one thing in common, we're here to help.

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Tales of A Local Lockdown

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The Lorne VCAL students are working with the
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Use this link - locallockdown.weebly.com
or fill out the form at Foodworks



For more info contact Lorne P-12 College



ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE COMING TO LORNE

Barwon Water is improving Lorne’s drinking water supply security with construction of an additional water storage tank near Teddy’s Lookout to begin soon.

Barwon Water General Manager Infrastructure and Technology Shaun Cumming said the new tank on George Street would increase the town’s treated drinking water storage to 700,000 litres.

“This instalment will increase storage capacity during peak periods and cater for future requirements. Along with the tank, we have a dedicated power generator to ensure the pump station can continue to operate during outages,” he said.

The new storage tank will be installed next to the existing tank at the site.

The walking circuit to Teddy’s Lookout will remain open for the majority of works, however there will be a short period of time during the works that will require some track closures.

- Barwon Water



SURF COAST SHIRE COVID-19 SURVEY

Help us to better understand the social, wellbeing, and economic impacts on individuals and families over the course of the COVID 19 pandemic by taking our survey.

Respondents will be able to repeat the survey at regular intervals to allow us to monitor changes and emerging issues over time. To achieve this, the survey will be sent to you every two months over a 12 month period.

It only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

The link can be found on the COVID pages of our website www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Public-health/Coronavirus-COVID-19-information-and-resources or directly via <https://surfcoastshire.secure.force.com/r/COVID19>. (Please ensure you open the survey in one of the following browsers: Microsoft Edge, Chrome or Firefox as there are problems loading this in Internet Explorer).

Please let people know throughout your networks and if you or others need support to complete this survey, please get in touch via info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or 52610600





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PIER VISTA

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Comprising 4 bedrooms, ensuite to master, a second bathroom to service other sleeping zones plus a third bathroom/laundry directly accessed off the deck. The expansive glass windows to the south east provide all year round natural light and the implementation of Velux opening skylights, add to this unique light filled ambience.

Immaculately presented and the ideal floor plan can accommodate large groups of people staying together. A Jetmaster gas heater, split system, well appointed kitchen and wet areas, fantastic internal/external lock up storage, hot and cold outdoor shower plus mature privacy planting all provide an enviable holiday home experience. Lastly, the property has been a consistent holiday rental performer should you decide to capitalise on the strong repeat clientele.

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ERSKINE DREAMING

Welcome to Erskine Dreaming

Offering its guests a somewhat secluded, relaxing escape away from the hustle and bustle, Erskine Dreaming is still only a 10 minute stroll into the township.

Recently renovated to maximise space both indoor and out, this two storey three bedroom family beach home has everything you could possibly need for a relaxing summer holiday or weekend away. Spacious open plan kitchen/living/dining, all look directly across the town and to the famous Lorne Pier beyond. Classic plantation shutters in the kitchen allow copious amounts of natural light throughout the day and privacy at night. A newly built second living area downstairs is the perfect retreat from the main living zones and features its own deck and impressive ocean views.

Brand new furnishings throughout living and sleeping quarters give Erskine Dreaming a fresh feel. Three bedrooms offer plenty of accommodation options. Master with queen size bed, second with a double and 3rd with 2 singles.

Other features include high ceilings, combustion wood fire, reverse cycle air con, off street parking, sheltered deck with outdoor dining and side access balcony. Erskine Dreaming not only captures the sea but also boasts direct access to some of Lorne's most pristine wilderness walking trails. Bring the family and friends, sit back and lap it up at Erskine Dreaming.

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ASHLEY – LORNE SHED’S YOUNGEST MEMBER

President Bob Sinclair would like to introduce the Lorne Men’s Shed youngest member, 26-year-old Ashley Brown.

Queensland-born Ashley has a BA in architecture from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and hopes to finish his qualifications at a Victorian tertiary institution when we know what’s what with the virus, and then perhaps get some practical experience.

Meanwhile, Ashley and his partner Millicent are calling Lorne home – they are renting a unit from Millicent’s family which hails from Ballarat until the pathway of their future is clearer.

The couple has just spent some time in Germany where Ashley worked as a barman at an ‘Irish Pub’ in Karlsruhe. Millicent was teaching English.



“We loved Germany and wanted to stay but just couldn’t when the pandemic started. We’re lucky that Millicent’s family offered us the Lorne accommodation,” Ashley said. “I am also lucky to get a job as a barman quickly in Lorne.”

Ashley runs his own business, Ash Brown, design and furniture restorations. Considering his qualifications and interest, President Bob immediately set Ashley to work in the Men’s Shed – making a sink for Lorne’s Kindergarten.

By the way, Irish and English style pubs are most popular through Germany and Austria. In addition to offering locals a different style of hospitality, these pubs are a magnet for Australian and English-speaking expatriates. - JV

ANY SYMPTOMS 

GET TESTED

It’s important to get tested for coronavirus at the first sign of any symptom and stay home until you get your result. Getting tested means you keep yourself, your friends, family, workplace and your community safe.

It’s not over yet.

STAYING APART **KEEPS US TOGETHER**

Find out where to get tested visit vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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Where to find help

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Torquay Food Aid p. 0409 614 630
e. torquayfoodaid@gmail.com

Feed Me Surf Coast p. 0422 441 205
e. feedmesurfcoast@gmail.com

SalvoConnect Barwon South West
p. 5223 9200 (Mon to Fri 9am – 3pm)

Bethany Community Support
p. 5278 8122 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

Need help with everyday tasks?

Surf Coast Angels p. 0428 563 014
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Housing and accommodation

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Barwon Child, Youth and Family (Youth)
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Crisis Accommodation
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Family violence

The Orange Door
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e. barwon@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

The Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre
p. 5222 4318 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)
e. reception@safvcentre.org.au

Safe Steps
p. 1800 015 188 (24-hour phone service)
e. safesteps@safesteps.org.au

Mental health

To access local mental health support make an appointment with a GP/doctor.

headspace Geelong (Youth)
p. 5222 6690 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

Beyond Blue p. 1300 224 636 (24-hour phone service) www.beyondblue.org.au

Lifeline Australia p. 13 11 14 (24-hour phone service) www.lifeline.org.au

Alcohol and Other Drug Support

Barwon Child, Youth and Family
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(Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm)

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Financial hardship

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IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000

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VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT DURING SELF-ISOLATION

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To find out more call 1800 675 398 or visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

For more advice or to find out where to get tested:

- Call the 24-hour coronavirus hotline: **1800 675 398**
- Go to www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19
- Call your local doctor

LOCAL TESTING LOCATIONS:

- **Torquay Community Health Centre**
Call **4215 7815**
- **Lorne Community Hospital** Call **5289 4300**
- **Colac Area Health** Call **5232 5402**
- **Barwon Health - University Hospital Geelong** Call **4215 4445**

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AT ALL SITES.



We are all living through what will become a significant chapter in history, so it's important we capture our stories for future generations.

Lorne P-12 College VCAL students are working with the Lorne Historical Society to do just that.

They are gathering isolation experiences from the Lorne community and beyond to create a unique online time capsule and visual exhibition, which will be stored for community members and historians.

Anyone can take the 'Tales of A Local Lockdown' survey at www.locallockdown.weebly.com/

You can choose to attach a photo or a creative response, such as a poem or artwork.

The students plan to eventually exhibit the local stories and artworks at the Lorne Historical Society Centre.



Wear a mask

The Premier is asking all regional Victorians to wear a mask when out in public and social distancing isn't possible – such as on public transport or shopping.

Masks can be bought, homemade or it can take the form of simply wearing a scarf.

For more information and advice on face masks, including instructions for making your own, go to: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au and search "masks".



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SPORTSBRIEFS

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Stribling Reserve Soccer

On Monday nights from 5.00 pm most locals will have noticed youngsters running around training under the Stribling Reserve lights. Each week the group seems to become larger and so I thought I should go down and have a 'close up' look at the action.

A group of around thirty boys and girls aged from about seven to fifteen years were learning soccer skills and enjoying every minute, under the watchful eye of their co-ordinator Lauri Lassila. I know very little about soccer, but it was obvious that there was enormous aerobic benefit for these children as well as gaining speed, agility, balance, coordination and ball skills. They were also learning teamwork and defensive and attacking skills.

With the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, where our lives are being 'locked down', it was impressive to see such a large group having so much fun outdoors. Here is Lauri's story in his own words:

"Let's go back in time...20 years to be exact...and move onto a steep mountainside in Meiringen, Switzerland...where I had the honour of being part of something extraordinary...

"Together with Janne Lahtela and Sami Mustonen - two of my best friends since my early childhood we put down our best runs in the mogul finals of the FIS Freestyle World Championships and ended up on top: 1st, 2nd and 3rd. A clean sweep of the podium at a World Championship level - a feat that has not been accomplished by Finnish athletes ever since - not just in Freestyle Skiing but in any sport...

Those who don't know better, may call that a lucky day?

I'm a firm believer of creating your own luck and the fact is that, at the time, we were simply the hardest working athletes (and had been for a very long time) and hungry for success. All the elements just happened to (finally) fall into place and success started breeding more success...it's not a coincidence that we pulled off a similar sweep in a world cup event 10 months later, and for period of time, became a small-nation-powerhouse in a sport traditionally dominated by the Canadians, Americans and the French.

Obviously a lot has happened and changed in 20 years...there have been other life-changing events, like getting married, founding a business, having kids, moving to Lorne and building a house...but there are also things haven't changed one bit...like the friendships that were born and forged through the life of sport, training and competitions - and not just in Finland and Australia, but all around the world.

These days most people in Lorne know me for two things... first and foremost I'm known as the husband of the Olympic Gold Medalist - Lydia, whose sporting accolades are like a row of Ferraris compared to my Holden Barina...Second, I'm the creator and admin of 'The One and Only Lorne Community Notice Board' on Facebook - something that I blatantly use to promote Monday Night Soccer.



Happy young soccer players with coaches Jorge Guerrero (aka the Swingbridge Mexican), left and Lauri Lassila, far right."

But back to soccer now...as you might have guessed, in our household sports are deeply ingrained in the family DNA. As a parent of two hyperactive boys, I was looking for ways to get them moving...get them out of the house, away from screens and other modern life digital distractions.

Since moving to Lorne in 2015, I quickly became friends with Jorge Guerrero - Argentina's gift to the culinary scene of the surf coast - who is probably more well known in town as 'The Swingbridge Mexican'. It turned out that the Swingbridge Mexican shared my concerns about the wellbeing of kids in town and that sport could provide the answer.

Since skiing - or any sort of snowsport - is out of the question in Lorne, we turned into a game that we both knew well, a game that every kid could play and a game that would be easy to organise - the concept of Monday Night Soccer was born.

Why Monday nights? Well, when we started four years ago, it happened to be the only day that didn't clash with any other organised event in town. On Mondays there was no footy, no netball, no surfing or any drama or music classes.

Why do kids like it? They love it!

Picture this: Calm, cool and fresh night. Perfect pitch of grass with 'auditorium like' surrounds. No one around. Just your kid(s) and their best friends. Goals that are good enough for Manchester United. Lights that are good enough for the AFL and live TV.

One ball. One hour. Run and play as hard as you want. Now imagine getting something like that for your kids in Melbourne or Sydney? It just wouldn't be possible - and if it were, it would be crazy expensive... Not in Lorne. In here it's not just another pipe dream - it's 100% real. You get all of the above with no money down!

Who can play? Anyone between the ages of 'I no longer see myself when I get excited' and 'what is a razor and what do you do with it?' is welcome to play.

What to bring? All your kid needs is a comfortable pair of sports shoes - patience, humility, sense of humour and discipline are also more than welcome (we'll make 'em work on those whenever possible).

But don't just take my word for it...

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Womens Golf

Most Tuesday mornings this month there have been several groups of women teeing off for a weekly round. Rose Lloyd won the monthly medal and she is obviously in good form, winning again this week.

During this time with restricted travel, it could be a great time to try a hit of golf. The pros at Anglesea Golf Club, Steve and Jason, are always very helpful to Lorne players so lessons are available from them. We always welcome new players so if you would like further information please contact Wendy Hutchison on 0419878089 or Sue Neill on 0418 674 062.

Wendy Hutchison, President Women's Golf

Lorne Bowls Club

Hello Everyone.

We hope you have all been obeying the rules. Ken and I have been hibernating but it was nice when rules relaxed a little and we could see some friends faces.

We were able to have the mid-week AGM and we now have a new Lady President. Helga Lewis retired as President after many years of wonderful service. Karen Turner is our new Lady President and she promised to do her best to follow in Helga's wonderful footsteps.

An AGM was also held at the Connect Hall and Peter Barraclough was again voted in as President. Peter said unfortunately he was unable to carry out all the improvements planned for 2019/2020 because of the Covid-19 crisis but as all members know many improvements took place.

We now have a new permanent Coach, David Leeder, from Apollo Bay, and there will be supervised practice sessions on Tuesday mornings from 10am until 12.00noon. David's first lesson proved very popular with members with his introduction of a particular warm up session.

Please let Marilyn MacKenzie know, (secretary@lornebowlsclub.com.au) if you wish to attend as numbers are limited. This session is open to Members only.

Hopefully, we will have more news next month concerning the future of Pennant Games on whether they will go ahead?

Sorry I cannot relate any social news but I thought you may like to know Ken and I have a Great Grandchild, Violet Grace, now six months old and we have only held her twice in that time and another 'Great' is on the way any day now, so there is Joy and Sadness because for safety sake we are keeping away from them.

**Keep safe, keep warm.
Merna and Ken Smith.**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

No money for a dangerous sign removal

The Dept of Transport recently allocated \$31m for work on the Deans Marsh-Lorne Road over this financial year. Very welcome news.

In 2016 the Amy Gillett Foundation erected two Bicycle Activated Warning lights along the Deans Marsh-Lorne Road. These lights have caused a lot of media discussion and after months of pressure by the DMLR Safety Group, RRV in 2018 engaged consultants to carry out a study as to the functionality of these lights.

The report had many recommendations as to improving the functionality of both these signs, but in particular found the position of the lower sign to be suboptimal.

The basis of their expert advice was that the location of the sign within the township, meant that there would be many occasions when the lights would either be triggered by cyclists turning off the road before the end of the 50kph, or cyclists wishing to ride up towards Deans Marsh, not triggering the lights at all.

In both cases, an erroneous message would be conveyed to drivers, especially tourists. Regular users have become so used to the unreliability of these warning signs, that they now tend to ignore them altogether!

The consultants indicated that a static "Cyclists Sharing the Road" sign would be the better option.

We have carried out a survey of the number of properties in North Lorne with sole access to the outside world via Deans Marsh Road – there about 140!

Unfortunately, we were notified by the Dept of Transport last month that despite the strong recommendation by the consultants, the decision had been made not to relocate the lower sign due to cost considerations.

This could be a recipe for disaster.

**Juliet Beatty
DMLR Safety Group
Deans Marsh**

**Jill Chapman
DMLR Safety Group
Lorne**



Keith Miller
Commodore



News from the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club

The big news is that we have reopened and are back serving up the worlds coldest and tastiest beer. We are open every day from 4pm onwards except Tuesdays and Thursdays and a bit earlier on the weekends if there's a few about.

We are complying with all the COVID distancing rules which allows us to have 14 patrons inside, 19 in the beer garden and 7 on the deck, which is a total of 40.

It's table service and we have had to limit entry to members only. Sorry but no visitors or guests for the time being. We have erected the Great Ocean Road Real Estate marquee out in the beer garden and have purchased two new heaters so it's quite cosy even on the coldest of days.

Hutch has done a great job setting up all the signage, hand sanitiser, sign-in forms, tables etc so it's as safe a place as you can get. We are running two happy hours each week on Wednesday and Friday nights with \$2 pots so come along and catch up with all your long lost friends.

We have been very fortunate here in our beautiful Lorne bubble and have escaped any COVID cases so far and avoided the lock down. We feel sorry for our Melbourne based members who be unable to visit us for a while and look forward to things getting back to normal in the near future.

Treasurers Report

On the financial front there is very little to update since last month's report and we are continuing to minimise costs and the government stimulus are continuing to be received.

We have now reopened on a limited basis ensuring social distancing is complied with and with the small number of people able to attend our bar takings have averaged around \$2,000 per week.

Financial projections for 2021 and future years will be prepared when there is more certainty as to how we can operate. Once again, I confirm we remain in a strong financial position.

We are participating in the promoting Lorne LBTA's initiatives and further information will be provided in future Commodores Notes. However, with changes in COVID guidelines it is a little bit of stop-start at the moment. If you have an interest in supporting the LBTA as a member please make contact with us for more information.

Point Grey Update

On Tuesday 23rd June 2020 the Councillors at the Surf Coast Shire unanimously voted to grant a notice of decision to grant a permit for the Point Grey precinct redevelopment. This is for the

whole site including our Club building. There were 48 conditions attached to the permit of which some will impact on the operation of our Club. We will work with GORCC (who was the applicant) to ensure these conditions can be satisfied.

It's been a long process to reach this point. As a committee we support the final plans for our building. Our building will be larger incorporating a community area as well as facilities making it more compliant with today's regulations. It will still have the best views along the Great Ocean Road.

A quick summary of the process has been:

- Over a decade ago "Save our Club" a Lorne community campaign was successful to ensure the LAAC would remain standalone from the rest of the Point Grey redevelopment and be located in a similar position to where it is today. (The original plans were that the Club would have been integrated into the one main new building)
- Through much consultation over the last two years our club has achieved significant changes to the plans initially submitted by the Architect. It was always going to be challenging having to work within the triangular layout of the building but the changes included: - outcomes that improve the views from within the building by moving the toilet facilities from the front of the building to the rear, eliminating screens that were blocking sea and pier views, removing the roof over the barbecue area and beer garden and reconfiguring the internal layout's so it would be operationally more efficient.
- We did not achieve all the outcomes we wanted but rest assured the Committee had made detailed submissions to the Hearings of Council.

These changes were an outcome of many hours of hard tireless work from the LAAC building subcommittee and in particular by Ric Addison.

With this decision behind us we want to work closely with GORCC to finalise plans, negotiate a final lease and the funding arrangements where we have agreed to contribute up to \$450,000 (subject to certain conditions) on top of the \$900,000 that was allocated through the Geelong City deal specifically to the build of our club. We will also be working on a strategy as how we can continue to operate as a club and have access to the boat ramp during construction while closed.

In getting to this point, we thank Deputy Mayor Councillor Clive Goldsworthy for proposing at the Council meeting amendments to several conditions that will ensure our club will be able to continue as a well patronised community hub and also to Senator Sarah Henderson for ensuring \$900,000 of the \$8 million in the Geelong City deal was earmarked for the LAAC building. Each month as things progress, we will provide updates and how we will transition to working with the new authority (GORCPA) that replaces GORCC in December this year.

Upcoming Events

Our next fishing competition is our second Winter Cup Comp sponsored by Hillec Electrical Services on Sunday August the 2nd. As usual the weigh in will start at midday and the cut off is 12.30pm. I use my phone for the cut off time so there is no argument over times on watches being wrong. We have had this issue in the past. We will be supplying a free mixed grill to all competitors and members just after the presentations to the winners which is usually around 1pm. All welcome especially the juniors.

We need all the parents and grandparents out there to get the kids away from the screens and out into the fresh salt air and enjoy Mother Nature. We now have a resident baby seal who has made the pier home. He or she has been a huge hit with the tourists and has starred in more photos than the Taj Mahal.

Albatrosses

When we are out in our boats fishing we often get surrounded by heaps of Albatross. I've had up to 30 around my boat. I reckon they know my boat by now because they start appearing as soon as I drop anchor and we always give them a feed of all the inedible fish we catch that die on the way up. There are quite a few species of albatross but in our area we mainly see three; Shy, Black Browed and Yellow Nose.

They were named by the early seafarers because they wouldn't come close to their ships and were considered to be shy but that's definitely not the case these days. I've had them within touching distance trying sometimes successfully to grab fish off the hooks. They are huge birds with a wing span up to 2.6 metres and can fly 1,000 km in 24 hours, they live up to 60 years old, mate for life and are the only Albatross endemic to Australia.

They nest on three islands off the coast of Tasmania in late September each year. They are listed as endangered which surprises me because they appear to be increasing in numbers at least in our little area in Bass Strait.

They must be related to Labradors because you can't fill them up. They just keep eating and eating. I've had them swallow fish whole up to 2kg.

Unusual Fish Caught Off Lorne

This is a Moonlighter or Six Banded Coral Fish. It was caught by local angler Jamie Trigg and quickly released to swim away happily.

Back in the 1970's while diving I used to see lots of these fish all around the Victorian, SA and NSW coastlines but they have become quite scarce over the last decade or so.

I've never heard of one being caught by a hook and wasn't aware it was even possible. Jamie must be a very skilful angler to get a hook into that tiny little mouth.

They are endemic to southern Australia and can be found on rocky reefs in depths up to 120 metres. They can grow up to 40cm and Wikipedia tells me that they are "commercially important" which I find hard to believe. I've never seen one in a fish market but I know they are sought after in the aquarium trade. As you can see they are quite beautiful.

Recent Events

On Sunday the 5th of July we held our first Winter Cup Fishing Competition sponsored by GARY KEANE of Keane's Brick/Block and Scaffolding.

The weather was awful with only one boat braving the elements but our good old reliable trusty stalwarts still had a crack off the pier and rocks and we had a total of 16 competitors which was pretty good considering the conditions. We even had a junior weigh in a fish which was fantastic because like all angling clubs around Australia the juniors are dropping in numbers.

After the presentations to the winners we served up a free scrumptious mixed grill and a few cold beers which was thoroughly enjoyed by competitors and members.

Results:

Winner, Myself with a flathead = 2483 points

Runner Up, Ric Addison, Flathead = 2020 points

Third, Cody Hutchinson, Flathead = 1956 points

Junior Winner, Jack Hunter = 1539 points.

I weigh the fish and tally the scores so naturally I won.

Fishing Report

The first month of winter has been very kind to us with lots of calm days. Even though it's been cold it's never as cold out on the ocean when there's not much wind, we've been taking our coats off by late morning most days. The fishing has been pretty good with the water still sitting around the 13 degree C. mark so it looks like it won't get any colder than that now. The sea is still full of plankton, jellyfish and krill which is keeping the food chain healthy. There's still lots of dolphins about rounding up the schools of small fish feeding on the krill.

The flathead fishing has been the best winter run of flatties for as long as anyone can remember with some really good sized ones amongst them. Lots of gummy and school sharks being caught but the swell or draughtboard sharks are a real nuisance at the moment. The snapper are a bit patchy but if you can find a patch of them they are on the chew with some good sized ones being caught.

Salmon have been very scarce. I have not seen a school of them busting up the surface for a couple of months. Still catching a very welcome bi catch of big Teraki, Sweep, Nannygai and Swallowtail while fishing for snapper. The King George Whiting have gone but they are still catching heaps in Port Phillip Bay. The abundance or lack of fish is always related to one thing. Food. So I'm assuming the food that whiting prefer isn't here at the moment but is in the Bay. The pier is still fishing really well with all the usual species being caught in good numbers.

Vice Commodore Doug Williams has stepped down

After 15 years on our committee Doug has decided to pull the pin. He has been a very valuable committee member and great support around the club, always happy to help out with the many jobs that keep our club functioning. He has been invaluable to me since becoming commodore and we have become close friends. He will be missed but I'm sure he will still be around the club and always available for advice which I've always valued greatly.

WHALES OFF LOUTTIT BAY

The whales appeared off Lorne a bit earlier than usual this year with sightings starting in April - we mainly get Southern Right Whales, Humpback Whales and Orcas or Killer Whales here in Bass Strait.

The Southern Right Whales are our largest and can grow up to 18 metres and weigh 47 tonne. They live up to 100 years plus and for a bit of trivia they have the largest testicles on the planet weighing in at 500kg each.

They are still classed as endangered, but their population is increasing at about 7% annually which is fairly slow compared to other species. Their total population is estimated at approximately 10,000. They spend the warmer months feeding in Antarctic waters and head north to southern Australia in the winter to escape the cold and breed.

The only breeding grounds in Victoria is at Logan's Beach Warrnambool where more than a dozen give birth each winter. The breeding grounds are always in high wave areas which is believed to be safer because the noise of the surf effects the efficiency of the acoustics used by their predators which are mainly orcas who hunt the newborn calves.

Humpback Whales are slightly smaller at 16 metres and 30 tonne. They are the favourites of whale watchers worldwide because of their spectacular breaching, tail and fin slapping. Their pectoral fins are up to five metres long which make them the longest limb of any creature.

When they slap them on the surface of the water you can hear the noise for miles. They are also well known for their loud singing which is only performed by the males.

Recently I was out fishing with some mates in my boat and we could clearly hear them singing even though they were under the water and more than a kilometre away.

Humpbacks also spend the warmer months in Antarctic waters feeding on krill.

In late autumn they head north to breed but their calves require warmer water than Southern Rights so they swim all the way up into the tropics to give birth so the humpbacks we see here are only travelling through. Normally this is west to east in late autumn when they are heading to the tropics then east to west in late spring when they are heading back to Antarctica for the summer.



The mothers lose around one-third of their body weight during this time because the tropics don't have a regular food supply and the calves consume about 500 litres of milk each day; the calves weigh one tonne when born and this doubles at five months.

Humpbacks are no longer classified as vulnerable as their numbers have increased nicely since whaling was banned in the late 1970's. It's estimated the total population is about 30,000.

I've never seen Orcas here in Lorne, but I've spoken to locals who have seen them.

Keith Miller, Commodore, LAAC

(While the occasional whale might be frolicking in Louttit Bay, 'Sammy the Seal' too has been busy vying for his five-minutes of fame – the photo was taken off the Lorne Pier by long-time local Rosie Morgan – Ed.)



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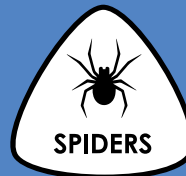
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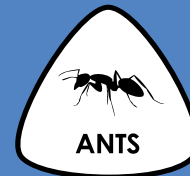


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TRY GROWING DAHLIAS

Doug Williams

I've never been much of a one for dahlias but now I wonder why the interest was never there. Since spending time this autumn just past in a garden which has a dahlia plant with large white flower heads I have developed an unexpected appreciation for these plants. A new found pleasure in an everyday situation, an unforeseen delight sitting in plain sight.

As an autumn flowering plant alone, it earns its place because that time of year can be a lean one for cut flowers in most of our gardens. There is an enormous number of varieties (forty-two species and many, many hybrids because of their particular genetic make-up) and while they don't feature in the current zeitgeist for modern gardeners, they have enormous appeal. Call me uncool for liking them, I don't care.

Trends and garden styles – well, they come and they go. The decline of dahlias in popularity in the home garden is because not many people are gardeners who want a lot more than have easy to grow plants which once set do not need to have much done to them other than a bit of trimming or an annual prune.

Some of us make time for a vegetable garden and this entails soil preparation and plant culture – the prime mover of the garden truck, some of us are willing to put in bedding plants as annuals for a seasonal display – prepare the limousine Jeeves, others like to go the whole hog and take on growing perennials as a semi-serious hobby – foot soldiers if you like. Dahlias are classed as perennial plants.

This means that they can be grown year after year - one definition of a perennial is a plant that lives for more than two years. To do this requires a bit of commitment and some planning.....

That last sentence got rid of many readers but for the handful left - the soldiers – here's what to do. Plant them in free draining garden soil because we don't want the fleshy tubers to be at risk of rot after the ground has warmed up a little, you having added some fertilizer to it beforehand.

Planting in Lorne is best done around Melbourne Cup time, so early November. Note: do not overdo the nitrogen in your NPK mix.

And here's a curious thing - when you set the tubers they must be planted horizontally, not vertically, about 10 cm deep. I could have underlined that last sentence too but take notice because it's critical.

After they become tall enough you will want to stake them so that the heavy flower heads don't cause the plants to fall over.



Dahlias, pictured in the book 'This is Happiness' by Niall Williams (hardcover, Bloomsbury Publishing 2019)

Pros drive in the stakes at planting time. By doing this it will be easier to harvest the blooms and dahlias are a superb cut flower with an astonishing array of sizes, shapes and colours which will keep for many days inside.

The flowering period can last for months and at the end of the cycle late in autumn you can do one of two things : simply cut the stems off close to the ground and leave the tubers in their location to start again next season or dig them up with a fork (less chance of causing damage to them if you use a fork instead of a spade) when the foliage dies back, divide them and store them someplace where they will not completely dry out and then the following spring season simply rinse and repeat, that is, clean the tubers off and plonk them back in your prepared-earlier garden bed leaving ten to fifteen centimetres between the bulbs.

Growing dahlias is not rocket science and it can be very rewarding to get into their culture, so I urge you to give it a burl.

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The last 20+ years have seen many threats to the retail book industry. Borders opened in Melbourne taunting the trade with their capacity to discount books with the assistance of a gullible publishing industry. How many publishers lost money to that fine venture? How many bookshops closed due to the ruthlessness of the discounting? How many great reps and the ABA fought against the diminishing of our industry?

On the 1st July 2000 the GST was implemented, (thanks Democrats), however books coming from overseas suppliers such as Amazon, were exempt from it, disadvantaging an already fragile industry. The Kindle was next, it was supposed to decimate the printed book, and books on demand were going to do away with the need for bookshops. However, bookshops kept opening along the coast, dispelling the fear that great Australian authors, books and bookshops as we knew them were finished.

Little did the industry trust the resilience of the devoted book reader. Many customers owned a Kindle and bought a book as well. Customers rallied and defied what was staring everyone in the face. Books and retail were not dead and still have not died. Children, supposedly addicted to their electronic devices, still read and still love the physicality of the book. Who wants to read from a device in the sun say all the sun-lovers.

Now we have covid-19.

Only you the reader can determine the outcome. In the early 1990's Australia faced its worst recession since the 30's depression. Books and retail came through it. The people we have been supported by in the last 20 years show no signs of allowing covid-19 to destroy their bookshop. Even if the shop is a rebellious den of left-wing radicals, we have never lost the support and humour of diehard right-wingers. There is no page big enough for us to cover the amazing people who have become part of our days and lives, the beautiful children who will not go to the house before coming to the bookshop when arriving in Lorne, the grandparents who want their grandchildren to love books and reading and the other customers, as varied as the authors on the shelves, who come in for the smell of books.

How do we fit in, on this page, our staff who have supported us for years and enabled us to go on wonderful holidays? Through many difficult times, we have been willingly accommodated by them, with great integrity and trust. A tiny town has made us theirs and we thank you all for that.

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