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Know a legend?



Surf Coast Shire Local Legends is a recognition program to celebrate people and groups who are helping our community and environment to thrive.

Local Legends is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the strength of our community in an ongoing way.

People or groups can be considered a Local Legend by having a positive impact in any of the following ways:

1. Building connections or strengthening our community.
2. Caring for our environment.
3. Improving inclusion and celebrating diversity.
4. Promoting healthy eating and active living.

The Local Legends program is not competitive and is intended to highlight the contribution of great people in our community. All nominated people or groups who meet the criteria will be recognised.

The nominated person must:

- Live, work, recreate or go to school in the Surf Coast Shire;
- Make a positive contribution to the community;
- Be willing to be nominated and give their consent; and
- Agree to be featured as a Local Legend in Council's communication channels and local media.

If you know someone who should be recognised, give us up to 100 words about their brilliance – how they go above and beyond to make a difference in the community.

See www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au for details – search for Local Legends on our home page.



GARY ALLEN OUR NEW LORNE WARD COUNCILLOR



Our new Lorne Ward Councillor is well-known entity Gary Allen following Councillor Clive Goldsworthy's decision not to stand. As Gary was the only person who nominated, his election is automatic.

He will take his place on the Shire Council next month.

Incidentally, the Lorne Ward has been extended to take in areas past Deans Marsh and Bambra.

Gary Allen is a true 'son of Lorne' in that his family has lived in the town over many generations. Yes, Allen Reservoir and many other placenames around town have been named after the family.

Gary studied economics and taught the subject through his long teaching career. He retired as principal of the Lorne P-12 some years ago.

After time in Melbourne, he returned to Lorne and is now involved in the Bowling Club, and is president of the Lorne Historical Society.

He said that he felt strongly on issues such as plans for economic recovery of the Shire following the pandemic, to protect our natural beauty and heritage, fight for rate/spending equity in all Shire communities, and importantly to look to the well-being of Lorne and Shire residents.

"I would also like to enhance community engagement in local decisions," he said.

It would also be most appropriate to thank Clive Goldsworthy for his many years of service to Lorne. Clive stood as an independent on the council, service not made easy by the dominance of a very strong Labor and Green representation.

His background in international finance and economics, his unfailing courtesy and fabulous sense of humour made Clive a most effective, pro-active and much-respected councillor.

We appreciate your work Clive for what you have done for Lorne and thank you most sincerely.

Many thanks too to your Lesley who truly was a supportive councillor's partner and initiated many activities of her own, including the very active Lorne Ladies Golf team which has played in competition near and far. - JV



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SUMMER IS COMING

With climate change now a reality, a three-part ZOOM session recently made up of authorities on extreme bushfires and drawn from academia, the Surf Coast Shire, CSIRO and GORCC, predicted that Lorne could expect more frequent fires to impact the Surf Coast,

The sessions examined some of the history of the region, the conditions that led to fire ignition and fire spread, and what we can do to limit future damage to our communities.

Taking advantage of the new fangled ZOOM, the three sessions were organised by Friends of Lorne and the Aireys Inlet & District Association.

Although time was taken up by by 'academic speak' accompanied by graphs and charts, a number of clear facts and figures related to Lorne and the Surf Coast became clear, perhaps the most notable was the emphasis away from a 'big government' approach (firefighting units, water bombing aircraft and more personnel) to more reliance on local responsibilities.

The sessions heard that in some area's of Victoria people had organised groups to work towards reducing fuel loads generally, in both the area's hinterlands as well as areas near settlements and especially around buildings and dwellings.

Scientist Justin Leonard from the CSIRO emphasised the imminent dangers of ember attacks which often moved well ahead of the main bushfire. Ember attacks are especially relevant to timber decking, posts, even wooden beams used in retaining walls. Special mention was made of the danger from embers on un-sealed understoreys of houses.

No details should be ignored, even removing the door mat before an ember attack hits.

On the subject of trees, Mr Leonard asked: "Friend or Foe?"

On the positive, trees can shield from wind and the fire's radiant heat, provide shade and add to the general aesthetics of a building and its surround, but how close should they be situated from a building? On the negative, trees can topple and shed leaves and bark, a big factor in the build up of flammable fuel.

Both Peter Ashton from the Surf Coast Shire and Professor Barbara Norman (University of Canberra) emphasised the importance of making sure properties in fire prone areas are cleared before the start of the fire season.

Several speakers drew attention to the lack of knowledge many people have in fire prone areas, and the need for education on how best to cope with fire in all its ramifications; There was a call for better information on the behaviour of bushfire and how to best protect people and dwellings.

How to safe guard decking and retaining walls, also the positioning of gas bottles, fire resistant building materials, the space between trees and dwellings... were among the topics discussed.



Photo by Ian Walding

Each of the participants was asked to comment on the future of fire prone areas on the Surf Coast and there was consensus that climate change was a reality, that there would be gradual dryer conditions and temperatures would rise. The Surf Coast and its hinterland could expect more frequent fire break-outs. There was also a need for people to be better informed and planning for the future was a most important factor. Collaboration by people and authorities was the key and the overwhelming message was: "Stay ahead of the game!"

All the webinars are now online. The links are as follows:

Session 1 <https://youtu.be/GxFquW-UqZM>

Session 2 <https://youtu.be/FP-J9c0IZyc>

Session 3 <https://youtu.be/-px8kOysTIU>

or go to:

http://www.friendsoflorne.org.au/includes/pages/news_ed_page.html where you will find links to the slides as well as the webinars.

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From the Deck by John Agar

EARLY LORNE HISTORY AT THE EDGE OF THE OCEAN

Wandering from the George river mouth, past Shelley Beach and Vera Lynn to the Pier, then dipping down onto the golden kilometre to the surf club, the main beach, the rock groyne and the river mouth, then around the north Lorne rocks to Fishermans rock beyond Stony ... echoes of yesteryear tell of the early history of settled Lorne. Marks, footings, long-forgotten structures, and grand follies – all are abundant. As you stroll this four 4km stretch, watch for these markings of the past ...

The first sign of human activity can be seen at Shelley Beach – that wonderful strand that is a ‘magnet’ for shells. There, hard against the cliff face, stands an old, weathered, low stone wall behind a long, concrete shelf at exactly the right height for weary walkers to sit, rest, and contemplate the relentlessly surging ocean. I have often wondered what purpose the structure had served. Who had built it? Why was it now but a fading ruin of human endeavour, being inexorably reclaimed by nature?



Tony Stribling has provided the answer. In the late ‘30’s, his father Hector had had an idea: one of many schemes he pursued to ‘enhance’ the town he so loved. What about building a summerhouse on the beach? – a shelter for those caught in a sudden shower! Tony thinks there was even “a bucket system to cater for modest women” ... by this, I presume, a ‘loo’.

All was well until February 1946, when Lorne was hit by a unique weather event. Some called it a ‘cyclone’: the Melbourne Herald described “a hurricane, that lasted five minutes and recorded winds of 320km/hour”: Doug Stirling says it was “a tornado”. Of these three, Doug’s tornado seems by far the most accurate.

It roared out of the Erskine gully, uprooting trees at the site of the current supermarket, and shredding the gums of Scotchman’s Hill. It damaged Jura, Kalimna, and Yuruga, then blew the tower from the Pacific Hotel, destroying the lift, shattering eighteen sets of windows, and stripping the wrought iron from the balcony balustrades. It then demolished Hector’s pride and joy – his boathouse beside the pier – ‘parked’ three boats from atop the pier on the rocks of Point Grey, then last of all, smitheren’ed Hec’s summerhouse at Shelley Beach. He never rebuilt it. Shelley beach mystery solved!

Now walk past the remains of Hec’s ill-fated boathouse ramp beside the pier, past the Angling and Aquatic Club, and step down to the ocean’s edge. From there to the surf club, numerous old footings dot decaying lines from cliff-edge to low-tide mark across the rock shelf. Some are just rusting stains ringed by old, crumbling concrete; others still supporting the remnants of weathered wooden posts. The metal footings mark the remains of drainage and effluent pipes from the homes along Mountjoy Parade above, while the wood-bearing footings tell of an old cattle fence that corralled the Mountjoy herd. A further fence remnant can occasionally be seen on the North Lorne rock shelf before Stony Creek – encroaching sand depending.

In front of the Beach Pavilion can [rarely] be seen the last remaining wooden groyne of eight that were installed in the late ‘50’s but, deemed unsafe, were removed again in 1970. The one remaining groyne reappeared briefly this March after a relentless February easterly tore back its sand cover. Perhaps embarrassed by being revealed, it soon demurely slipped back beneath the shifting sands.

Here, too, once stood the Men’s and Women’s Sea Baths [see photo] – segregated, of course: it was then indiscrete to appear scantily clad in sight of the opposite sex. Not surprisingly, they also soon succumbed to an easterly.



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Another of Hec Stribling's improvements – the rock groyne that suddenly appeared 'overnight' in the '50's – comes next. Hec claimed a dual aim: the retention of sand, and a safe promenade to the open sea for his Erskine House guests, but it sparked much local hostility, Tiger Clissold once bemoaning: "... in my lifetime, a beautiful sandy beach has been destroyed by groynes and stone barriers."

Between the groyne and the river mouth lies at least one wreck "the Osprey" – and possibly a second – hidden beneath the sand. The bones of at least one hull was scoured out by easterlies in the 1950's and again in 1970. The mystery of 'which ship and where', recently hotly debated on the 'One and Only' FB site, deserves deeper detection at a later time.

150 metres past the North Lorne pine that clings in silent desperation to its disappearing soil, and just before the 'sitting rock', a metre-wide circular ring can be found at low tide, nestling in a rock crevasse. Encrusted with sea life, it looks metal ... but no ... it is a simple road culvert 'escapee' from the road above that must have rolled, bounced, then lodged.



Finally, 'the last find' beyond Stony Creek and the last [or first] house in Lorne ... a concrete access ramp to the old Lorne sewerage pipe that traverses in a concreted trench across the rock platform of Fisherman's Rock.

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GREAT OCEAN ROAD VIRTUAL HIKE FROM TORQUAY TO 12 APOSTLES

By Emily Lens

Over the month of September, a large number of GORH staff, health-care providers, family and friends spent 30 days clocking up their steps, with 10,000 being the optimum daily goal.

This inaugural event was the initiative of GORH Exercise Physiologist, Campbell Craig who simply wanted to encourage people to feel motivated and inspired throughout the second wave of COVID restrictions, particularly healthcare workers.

A team member from GORH filmed a section of the walk and shared on facebook daily, everyone was encouraged to feel connected and post a photo of their daily activity.

"Week One was always going to be big, a morning run followed by a lunch time walk, an afternoon walking meeting, a trot with the dog in the evening and every Zoom meeting spent cutting laps of the coffee table driving other family members mad. Families were spending time together on Father's day 'going bush' and jumping snakes, or bribing the younger family members with lifesaver's candy to keep the adventure going.

"Of course, the wheels started to fall off by day Seven with shin splints presenting as an over-use injury, an old hammy injury flaring up and the inevitable roll of the ankle with people pushing out a few extra steps late into the evening. These unfortunate injuries led to a shift towards some lower-impact activities such as yoga, cycling, mindfulness, and Pilates with one eye on the laptop following along and the other on the clock, marking off each 10 minutes for another 1,000 steps for the team," said Campbell.

"So what are the results? Well, ultimately the leader board became a forum for some light-hearted sledging which everyone both embraced and ignored as we all appreciated that what we have achieved collectively and as individuals was really special. We shared a journey along the beautiful coastline that we are fortunate to have in our backyard," Campbell said.

If you would like to view our virtual hike video library, simply log onto youtube and search for Great Ocean Road Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Thanks for 'sensitive' garage addition

Many of us are quick to criticise development in Lorne. So when someone sets the standard by doing it right, they should be acknowledged.

Thank you from the Friends of Lorne and the Lorne Historical Society to Maree and Rocky Lamanna, the owners of the 1890s mansion Ravenswood in Smith Street, for their sensitive addition of a garage. Your care and stewardship of one of Lorne's prize assets is appreciated.

Ravenswood was built in the late 1890s for the Buick family of Bendigo as a holiday house. It became known as Ravenswood from the 1920s. Margaret Cunningham, a member of the family and former principal at Fintona Girls School (Melbourne), left the property to the school in 1983.

Penny Hawe and Gary Allen - Lorne

Dear Editor

Cracks In Care

Cracks are appearing everywhere; they always do in a crisis. Most can be traced back, although it may seem strange, to the austerity-driven policies of Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, and those who still follow in their ilk today.

Therefore, Australia is now reaping the havoc created by the Aged Care Act 1997. This federal legislation enabled the establishment of a federally funded system of privately-operated aged care. This aged care system has been deliberately designed with few checks, balances or oversight of how taxpayer funds are being spent.

However, it is designed to attract investment from the private sector, thereby reducing pressure on the Federal Budget, so that the budget, as Thatcher advocated, remains balanced or in surplus.

It also creates a profit opportunity for the private sector, underwritten by the taxpayer, however the system is seemingly without consistent mandated standards to ensure the proper care of residents.

Such inconsistency has been the cause of much anxiety for residents and their families, as well contributing to the tragic impact of COVID-19 in care. While there are some excellent facilities, others are definitely not so.

However, all is not lost. We do have a sizable sector of State-operated Aged Care throughout much of country Victoria. Might it be time to discard the federally funded and inspired system of aged care and make aged care an integral part of the State health system?

A detailed analysis comparing the federal profit and not for profit systems with the Victorian State system is urgently necessary; not only for the management of COVID-19, but also other critical ongoing matters: primarily the proper care, health and happiness of the residents, but also working conditions, training and remuneration for staff, transparency, and community satisfaction. Costs to both residents and taxpayers must also be evaluated.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care, along with nearly every commentator, are in agreement that the federal profit and not for profit aged care systems are broken. Could a comparison with the State system shine a light on how the federal system may be modernised, or even if it ought to be abandoned?

Peter Small - Gritjurk

Dear Editor

'Selfishness and arrogance'

My reaction was feelings of both sadness and anger when I heard that Melbourne people have used back roads to come to their Lorne holiday houses during Stage 4 Lockdown. The selfishness and arrogance of these people beggar's belief and then to brag about it makes it even worse.

I am sad because I fear for our society when there are privileged people out there who obviously think it is Ok to cheat; angry because these people are arrogant enough to put their needs before the safety of the Lorne Community.

We too would love to be able to come to Lorne and get away from Lockdown. We miss the beach, the birds, the locals and all the joy that Lorne has to offer.

Jill Robinson - Melbourne

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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

Naomi Daly asked if we'd like to help with a secret project. And so began her plan to deliver a bunch of daffodils to every house that looked inhabited in Lorne. Encouraged and backed by Lorne Business and Tourism, 800 daffodil bunches of ten were picked, assembled, placed in a small plastic bag with a bit of water, rubber banded and handed out by the bucket load to the volunteers to be delivered as per the given map! That's a 10,000 'host' of daffodils! One could write a book about the day. One should. Leon Walker's divine photos tell it all, especially the one of dear Jack with his precious bunch. We thank clever Naomi, the growers, the pickers, the assemblers, and the 50 who delivered joy in the form of daffodils. That's Lorne. An amazing place full of eclectic, eccentric and clever people. Even made the radio and TV news.

Honestly, there is no need to be lonely in lockdown in Lorne! Collecting the mail, or waiting in the street for a coffee can become a serious social outing and enjoyable if you let it be. Nothing beats walking on the beach! Take today - masks up and we're off! First we meet fairly new beach friend Murphy's owner who needed a dentist! A quick text to Pete Spring (natch!) confirmed my recommendation to my dentist in Geelong. Next pause was newish walker who asked did we know where to find any fossils in Lorne, and had we been to the big cave? Resisted pointing out the bleeding obvious - that we two were the only fossils on this beach - her contact was happily added to my phone, and a walk partly arranged to share the wonderful low tide Lorne cave experience. The guy with the little yellow bucket who is rearranging some sand to observe the tides had left by the time we reached his spot, but a cobbler from Tradewinds came along and we chatted about someone starting their Wednesday burnoff right on 3 o'clock when you are meant to be putting the fire out! What's more the tree being burned was only dropped that day and happens to be close to back yards in North Lorne. Then along strides Christina who walks faster than all of us, is in her 80's and has teamed up with our fossil seeker. So chat and laugh replaced walk and talk! All this and it's only ten o'clock in the morning. Gotta love Lorne.

Farewell to Merle Wilson who passed on in September. Much like Randall and Renee, Merle and husband Len were both pharmacists and practiced in the middle of the main street near the Arab. Merle and Len were long term Lornites and also had a house in Alice Springs where they "wintered". RIP Merle.

Newbies may not be aware of the flagpole opposite the pharmacy which is used to announce births and deaths in the town. So the four blue flags over the last month meant four more baby boys had arrived! No names, sorry, but all good. But when the flag is at half mast, questions are asked and the sad news spreads. Thanks to Pharmacy staff who attend diligently to the flag.

We've had a heap of lost dogs lately. "Have you seen my dog?" was almost a daily question. One bad dog didn't come home till 1 a.m. after doing a runner. The One and Only Lorne Noticeboard on Facebook is a great place to announce a found or lost dog. The very spunky Shire's Dog Catcher was even on the beach searching for one well known Houdini dog who had nipped someone who tried to grab him. Another missing beast had slipped his collar and leapt off a stationary Ute! Hopefully found by now. One newish puppy caused quite a big search, until he was found asleep in the owner's garden shed.

Quite a few new dogs as well. One lives out at Big Hill and is called Bunny. Cute. Sadly the Spring's dear old dog Rory passed away recently, also Heather Rice's trusty brown buddy Rusty, and the Goldsworthy's precious dog also. It's just so awful when your 'best friend' reaches his or her use-by.

Good time for a nag - PLEASE pick up your dog's droppings! Standing on or swimming in a barker's nest is just not on. If you are kind enough to pick up after other dogs - we call it "one for the team!"

How flash do the new Ghanda shops and apartments look? Awesome. Not keen on them renaming Bell's Lane to "Selfy Lane"! Feels just slightly illegal don't you reckon? Great paint job on the laneway wall though!

Lots of exciting and also sad happenings in the retail sector of Lorne! Much coming and going. We'll miss the goings terribly, and hopefully embrace the comings!

Thanks to GORCC for the new seat which replaced the ant eaten bench at the Lily Pond end of the Stony Creek gorgeous walk. Also, thanks for removing the fat little body of the small seal which breathed it's last on the beach near Stony Creek. Hoping it's not the one from the Pier, but enormous waves for a few days probably challenged the little guy.

Happy happy big birthday to dear Wendy Hemingway last month. Wendy is a great walker despite living right in the centre of Lorne. She strides along and is always so cheery. Good on you dear Wendy. Commodore Keith and his team raised over \$1700 through the sale of Lorne Aquatic Club masks through Kafe Kaos and Gazman. Great effort and they are the fave masks! If you find yourself out walking and have forgotten your mask - like everyone does sometimes - what to do? Jog!

The Surf Coast Shire Council is in 'caretaker mode' prior to Council elections. Lorne thanks outgoing Councillor Clive Goldsworthy for the absolutely amazing job of representing us. Clive and Lesley are an awesome team and we are so damned lucky to have them settle here!! We welcome Gary Allen to the unenviable position of Councillor, and wish him well. Travel safely back and forth from Lorne almost to Geelong where the Shire offices stand. Go Gary, and thanks for stepping up!

The organisers of the 2016 Falls Festival - Ash Sounds - recently admitted liability for the dreadful crowd crush accident that year and agreed to pay \$5.7 million to the lead plaintiff and class action group members. \$1,275,000 had previously been paid by Ash Sounds on account of six group member's claims. Such a dreadful experience for all involved.

How very odd to see a crane beachside near Café HAH removing the unsightly, maybe illegal steel roof supports from the Pavilion restaurant/café. Must be a change of owners!

Grizzle alert! The saga of the pool planned for Torquay - now called the Surf Coast Aquatic Centre - is unbelievable. Our Shire has approved plans costing \$39 million!! Cr Rose Hodge said it can proceed swiftly once they find the \$9 million shortfall in funding! It is not a "new facility for the Surf Coast community" dear Rose! It is a new facility for Torquay and Geelong and it is infuriating that our rates are going towards a pool hardly any of us will use.

A couple of tabby feral cats were trapped last month and taken by the Council to see if they could be rehabilitated as purring pets. The Lost Dogs Home has been forced to start waiting lists during COVID. Almost every day their stocks are cleaned out. The waiting list contains over 1,000 new owners waiting for pets.

Last but not least - a huge apology to Joy Dwyer who certainly DID NOT retire from her job at our Hospital as I announced last month. Pretty weird mistake to make but she has not castigated me and I certainly owe her at least a coffee! So, So Sorry Joy!

How divine was the little grab of the dolphin playing with our surfers and its leaps of joy and backward somersaults so close to the main beach?Lillian

Australia's 'hidden' health crisis

For the fifth year in a row, more than 2,000 Australians lost their lives to overdose in 2018, according to Australia's Annual Overdose Report 2020 from Penington Institute.

Opioids were the drug group most identified in unintentional overdose deaths, followed by benzodiazepines and stimulants, and alcohol was a contributing factor. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is yet to be determined, but is expected to be considerable.¹

The 2018 overdose findings included¹:

- 75% overdose deaths were unintentional
- unintentional deaths were 3 times more common in men than in women
- unintentional deaths were 3 times more common in Aboriginal Australians than in non-Aboriginal people
- unintentional deaths most commonly involved opioids (900); followed by benzodiazepines (648) and stimulants (442)
- unintentional deaths were more common in regional areas
- older age is a risk factor for unintentional overdose deaths.

Causes of unintentional overdose deaths have changed from 2013 to 2018, including:

- deaths involving multiple substances (4 or more) have quadrupled
- deaths due to stimulants have increased five-fold
- anticonvulsant deaths have increased from 11 in 2015 to 128
- antipsychotic deaths have increased from 15 to 223, representing 14% of all unintentional overdose deaths in 2018.

Over the five years from 2013 to 2018, heroin was more commonly involved when men suffered an unintentional overdose death, whereas pharmaceutical opioids were more likely to be implicated in women.

As highlighted in the 2019 report, this is a public health issue that must be addressed, with this year's report showing no improvement.^{1,2}

The CEO of Penington Institute John Ryan said overdose was Australia's 'hidden health crisis'.

'It's a crisis that is costing us billions,' he said. 'And what's worse is these deaths are preventable.'



Your monthly health newsletter brought to you by the team at the Lorne Pharmacy & Beauty Retreat

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

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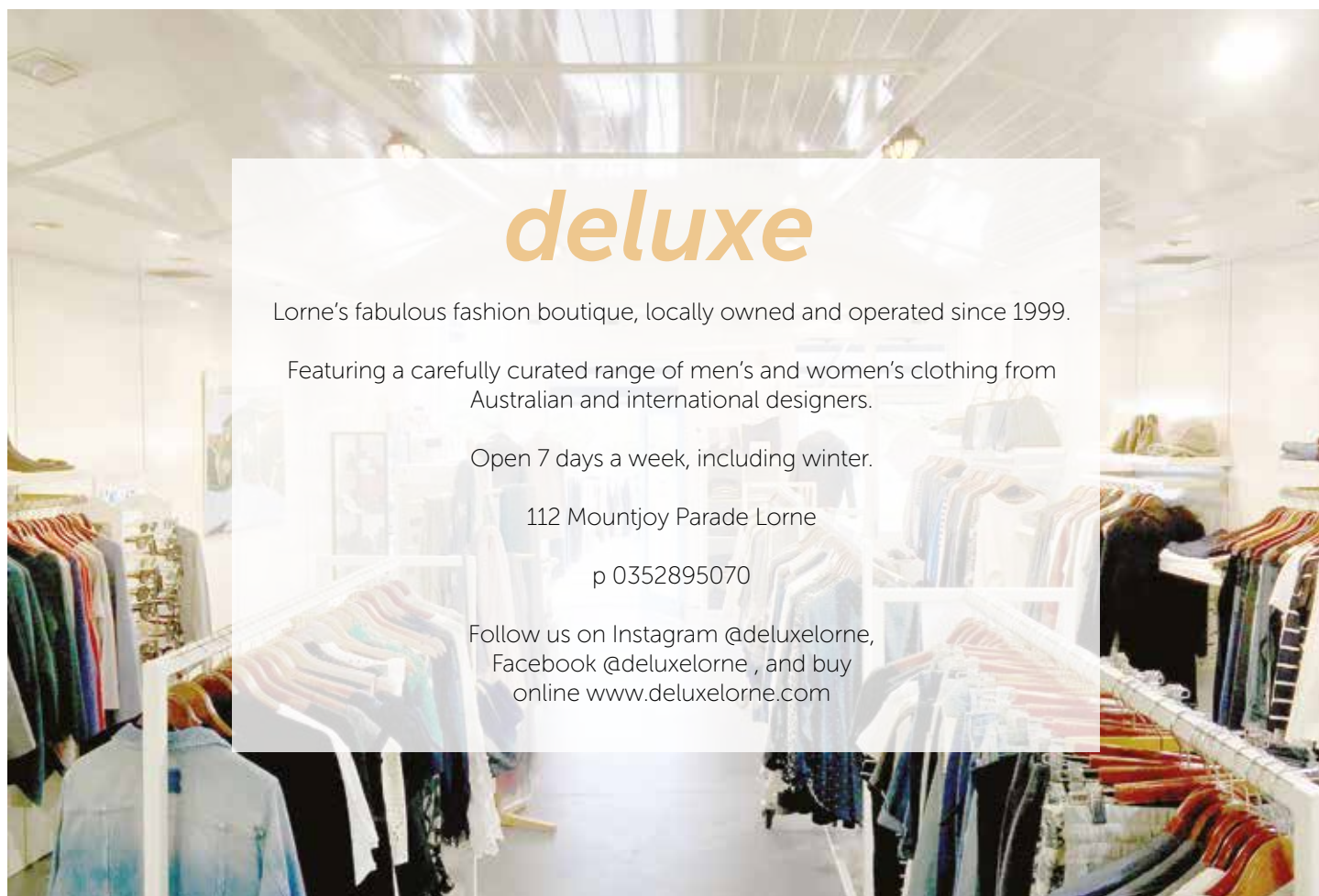
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LOVE IN THE COVID PANDEMIC

For some padlocks are a symbol of love and so there's been an increase of devices secured to the safety railing at Teddy's Lookout.

It takes some effort to procure a small padlock then trek up to the Lookout, presumably holding the hands of your beloved, then snapping the lock shut, a token though physical proof of love between two people ...

A romantic gesture to be sure ...but one not very popular with authorities. There are any number of images on the internet from Australia and overseas of railings and indeed whole bridges groaning under the weight of the thousands of padlocks and other contraptions fitted in the name of love.

Someone, ultimately has to removed them, and it's not an easy task snipping the steel hoop through with a bolt cutter.

Never mind! In these extreme times, let's allow lovers a bit of magic Reality sets in soon enough!

JV



OP SHOP BUZZ

As I write this, I am feeling lighter and more hopeful as I'm sure you all are, in the lovely spring sunshine. Covid numbers are falling and we have a real sense that the worst is behind us and the lazy summer days, albeit in matching togs and masks with socially distanced towels, is before us.

Local businesses are stirring, walls painted bright colours and the Op Shop is considering ways to offer their much loved and appreciated services to the public again. This will probably occur soon with reduced opening times and lots of Covid safety features in place, of course. So, watch this space and our Facebook page for any developments, times and days of opening and similar information.

A committee zoom meeting was held recently and despite our much-reduced funds this year, proposals to assist in expanding the popular gym at the hospital and helping purchase a Lorne rescue boat were put to the members. It seems likely these funding proposals will go ahead at this stage.

As noted in my last column the Music Memories kept coming and were so popular the cutoff date was deferred. The accompanying snippets of people's lives were fascinating.

We were transported back to sixties and seventies Lorne and the Wild Colonial nightclub. Also, the Arab where folk singers played and patrons "sat on cushions on the floor"- a revolutionary idea at the time. There was a 1964 concert at Festival Hall with the wonderful Louis Armstrong. We also went dancing with the crew on an Italian cruise ship, travelling from Kathmandu to London on a double decker bus and attended Sunday morning concerts in a Spanish Opera house. We had a lovely visit to Darwin in the early sixties when the first stirrings of the feminist political movements were happening in batik skirts and Indian sandals. We also were guests at a special wedding where Bohemian Rhapsody was played by a string quartet.

Special songs like, Up There Cazaly, Georgie Girl, Ruby Tuesday, I Got You Babe and God Only Knows recalled special times with family. As you can see from this tiny preview, the recording of the selections will be marvellous and various.

Hopefully I will be able to report more from the reality of the open shop soon, and tell you how and when we can begin accepting all those wonderful donations you have carefully stowed away. Meanwhile hang in there, it won't be long now and STAY SAFE.

Janet Goud

A MASK TO HIDE THE TRUE SELF

I've just purchased more masks! They may be a bit uncomfortable, but they make me feel safe and secure. By wearing them they also help protect others. They're colourful and people can see me coming. But there are less visible masks that function in another way. These masks can disguise; cover up; and also enable us to pretend. Behind this sort of mask we can present a version of ourselves that might not be our true self; our honest self; our real self. We can wear this mask so as not to show who we really are, particularly in these stressful and uncertain times.

It takes courage not to hide behind this kind of mask, especially when, too often we find ourselves not doing what we want, but instead doing the very thing we shouldn't be doing! I'm finding that these actions often reveal those very parts of myself that I fight against and don't want others to know about. And, I don't think I'm alone. So, we tell ourselves

that by putting on a mask we'll disguise what we think are the more unsightly bits of ourselves.

But within a church community we're constantly invited to take off this sort of mask!

It's true that to do this isn't easy and it's tempting to want to slip it back on again.

But I wonder. Facemasks bought from the chemist are helpful and can help keep us healthy. The other sort of mask is neither, and wearing it often adds to our distress. None of us can do better than simply being ourselves, so let's wear the mask that helps us and discard the one that doesn't.

Our Sunday Zoom services allow us to meet without masks, and at "All Saints" that means both sorts of masks. Everyone's invited to join in, simply phone 0419 322 385 and the Sunday link will be sent to you.

Enjoy Spring and keep safe.

Phil Jacobson,
Vicar, All Saints, Lorne

Surf Coast Shire Council postal election

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Ballot packs containing voting material will be mailed to enrolled voters from **Tuesday 6 October 2020**.

This is a postal election only.

If you do not receive your ballot pack by **Friday 16 October 2020**, please call 1300 140 714 during office hours to arrange a replacement.

How to vote correctly

You must complete your ballot paper correctly for your vote to count. Put the number 1 in the box next to the candidate you most want to see elected, then number **ALL** the other boxes in order of your choice. You must number **EVERY BOX** and only use each number once.

How to return your completed ballot paper

Follow the instructions on your ballot paper to complete your vote. To return your completed ballot paper, put it in the ballot paper envelope then use the reply-paid envelope provided or hand-deliver it during office hours to:

40 Baines Crescent, Torquay

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all voters who were on the State roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

You may be fined if you do not vote — this includes homeowners and tenants.

You are encouraged to vote, but you will not be fined if you don't vote, if:

- you live outside this local council area OR
- you are enrolled directly with the Council to be on the voters' roll for this election.

Your completed ballot pack must be in the mail or hand-delivered by 6 pm* Friday 23 October

*Local mail clearance times vary. Ballot packs must be mailed before final clearance times in the last week of voting. Don't risk a fine.

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WHAT TO DO DURING A LOCKDOWN?

Janet Goud

Time on your hands? Well, many denizens of Lorne have found their creative spirit in various ways. A few samples ...

So here we are again back in lockdown. Many people in the last lockdown enjoyed the freedom to garden and enjoy the scenery in the warmer weather. But now it's not a novelty and winter has arrived with a spectacular snowy flourish.

This time we have to try harder, so I decided it was time to do something I had been putting off. As our bookshelves were built, I eagerly emptied untidy boxes onto them in no real order. In our former home we had a whole room for books-our own library. So many have had to be discarded and now only the core of our most loved books remains. Perhaps now is a good time to revisit some of these favourites, and put them in sections alphabetically- novels Austen, Bronte; poetry, drama, history, travel, flora and fauna, music, art, photography, sport and the rapidly expanding miscellaneous - The 2CV, Vintage Handbags

Every day, I stop to read. It is a reward for mundane cleaning jobs. By the fire, in the sun, in bed, I open my book and disappear. I like to read a couple of books at a time. One is a serious book on a topic that I am interested in that I need to digest in small chunks. This is because the subjects are complex, and I often need to reflect on what I'm learning and try to absorb the new information into my general knowledge.

At the moment this book is the fascinating history of the Wadawurrung people "My Country All Gone The White Men Have Stolen It" by the Ballarat Historian Fred Cahir. This very thorough examination of the waves of invasion into the well organised and beautifully sustained land of the clans of the Wadawurrung(from near Geelong into the Western District) is told in agonising detail, mainly using records from from the journals of Europeans. I have learnt what a complex and admirable life these people led despite their frequent "wars". And how they cared for and used the land

while they were able to keep some for themselves. How they tried and failed to include the unaware Europeans into their kinship and reciprocal obligation systems as a way of dealing with their loss of land. How enterprising they were, selling baskets and possum rugs to the miners at good prices, and finding many gold nuggets themselves and insisting on proper payment in coin, not supplies.

An accompanying book is a recently released novel read at speed. Hilary Mantel's latest offering "The Mirror and the Light" is just such a hard to put down story. It completes the trilogy with the ending of the rise and rise of the busy Thomas Cromwell in the time of Henry the VIII. Her well researched historical novels will give those who like to absorb some history as well as great characters and a suspenseful plot much enjoyment and many pages to turn.

A book from the VCE list which helps put this pandemic in proportion is Emily St John Mandel's

"Station Eleven". This is set in a dystopian world around the Great Lakes between the US and Canada. The Georgia Flu has wiped out most people. It's a world of scattered settlements of survivors, without law and order, without government, but with a travelling orchestra and Shakespearean performing group. If Covid had killed all those who caught it, we might be seeing a similar world. It's terrifying but a surprisingly hopeful read and students and I enjoyed reading it before the Covid world suddenly catapulted us into it as a possibility. .

And then there is always my dear old friend Prufrock lying around to be picked up and read aloud:

" Let us go then you and I
When the evening is spread against the sky....."
"I have measured out my life in coffee spoons"....
"I grow old...., I grow old...
I shall wear the bottoms of my trousers rolled"
Poetry is always the best consolation.

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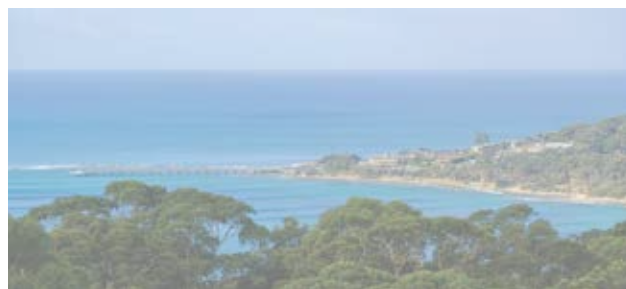
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FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

For the Lorne Ward



A Final Word from your current Councillor

It's hard to believe that eight years has passed since I was elected un-contested for the Lorne Ward. History repeats itself and I would like to congratulate Gary Allen for nominating as your next Councillor. Gary has already been declared your Lorne Ward councillor

un-contested. I am very confident that Gary will be a strong, focused and committed representative for all ratepayers not only in this ward but the whole of the Surf Coast Shire.

It has been a privilege to have served on Council for the past eight years. I believe the introduction of the ward system in 2012 greatly enhanced the ability for all communities in the shire to be heard and considered. Reflecting on the past eight years there has certainly been some challenging issues and sometimes divided opinions in our community and the whole of the Surf Coast Shire. There are too many to dwell on so let me reflect on just a few.

- The Deans Marsh footpath – the community never gave up and finally after seven years funds were committed by the Shire unfortunately COVID-19 has delayed the construction.
- The Men's Shed, what a journey! The final outcome was worth the challenge.
- Stribling Reserve – Scoreboard, resurfaced oval, new netball pavilion and the current construction of the new community facility. Federal & Local government funding plus the huge amount of community in-kind and direct private funding has enabled these projects to come to fruition. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the Stribling Reserve Committee of Management especially Peter Spring.
- Encouraging and supporting a much stronger working relationship between the Shire, government agencies and community groups lead by the Committee for Lorne.
- Supporting the rejuvenation of a number of community groups and organisations with support from many members of our community.

My final day as your Councillor will be the Friday 23rd October however I still intend to be active across a number of community groups and organisations.

There are a number of projects and initiatives that I am passionate about that include the new Great Ocean Road and Parks Authority, remaining on the Board of Great Ocean Road Tourism, supporting the Lorne RSL Sub-Branch to revitalise, reclaiming the naming rights of the Lillian Beaufort Memorial Swimming Pool and addressing the issues of non-native vegetation along the Great Ocean Road including the Lorne foreshore to name a few.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their commitment and contributions, we didn't always agree, nor should we have, it is in discussing and debating our differences that we represented our community as decisions were made.

Thank you to all the Shire staff who work so hard with passion and integrity to not only support Councillors but all members of our communities. Best wishes to the new incoming Councillors who will face the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, unrelenting budget pressures and the ongoing challenge of balancing the needs and sometimes demands of our diverse communities in the Surf Coast Shire.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many members of the Ward who have supported and worked with me over the past eight years there is too many to name individually however I must acknowledge my devoted wife.

Lesley has been a tower of strength and never ceased to offer her support, guidance and sometimes a stern word to bring me back on track! Thank you Lesley I couldn't have done it without you.

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Welcome to White Gables

Those who know and love the stunning coastal village of Lorne, know White Gables has a long history. Once an iconic book end to the North of town, Gables was sadly taken by fire on Ash Wednesday. Since then the property has been rebuilt, renovated and restyled over the years and now finally opens its doors to the public. Its most recent refurbishment takes the home to a new level of luxury and indulgence.

Coupled with a location that literally is a stones throw from the beach, White Gables views are jaw dropping. Even relaxing in the rear courtyard is like kicking back on the deck of ship. Ocean views are all but impossible to avoid no matter where you are in the home.

Four bedrooms flank two main living zones. Decks front and back both equipped with stylish outdoor furnishings. All spaces give off a bit of a Hamptons feel with bright fresh tones, elegant styling and soft artworks. Bedrooms are well appointed and the kitchen fit for a chef. The property has ample off street parking all prides itself on offering both ocean frontage and a sense of privacy at the same time.

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Easing of restrictions

In the Surf Coast Shire, there are no restrictions on reasons to leave home, but please be COVID-safe.

Current restrictions:

- People aged 12 years and over are now required to wear a fitted face mask covering the nose and mouth. Scarves, bandanas and face shields are no longer acceptable.
- Up to 10 people can gather outdoors.
- People can create a 'household bubble' with only one other nominated household, allowing up to five visitors from that household at a time (infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap).
- Playgrounds, outdoor fitness stations and skate parks are now open.
- Outdoor swimming pools can reopen. Please note Winchelsea Pool is scheduled to reopen on 23 November.
- Hospitality businesses will be able to serve patrons outdoors, with a cap of 50 seated patrons per venue, and an updated 'two square metre' density limit in place.
- Indoors, hospitality venues can open with a cap of 10 seated customers per space – with up to two spaces per venue – and in line with the existing 'four square metre' density rule.

- Tourism accommodation can reopen. Regional Victorians are now allowed to travel within regional Victoria.
- Outdoor non-contact and contact sport for under 18s and outdoor non-contact sports for adults can resume.
- Up to 10 people can attend a wedding and up to 20 people can attend a funeral.
- In term four, there will be a staged return to onsite learning for all students, with safety measures in place.

Restrictions are subject to changes at any time. Go to www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus or call the 24-hour hotline **1800 675 398** for the latest updates.

Council facilities:

In line with restrictions, a number of Council facilities are subject to COVID-safe requirements and conditions and others are closed to the public at this time.

For more information on changes to Council services and facilities go to: www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/covid19.

Council's customer service is currently a phone and web-based service. You can:

- Lodge a request via www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au
- Email us at info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au
- Call us on **5261 0600**.

WHERE TO FIND HELP

EMERGENCY AND FOOD RELIEF

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Torquay Food Aid

p. 0409 614 630 e. torquayfoodaid@gmail.com

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SalvoConnect Barwon South West

p. 5223 9200 (Mon to Fri 9am – 3pm)

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Surf Coast Angels

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p. 5223 5461 (Mon to Fri 9am – 3pm)

Barwon Child, Youth and Family (Youth)

p. 5226 8900 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

Crisis Accommodation

p. 1800 825 955 (24 hours/7 days)

FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Orange Door

p. 1800 312 820 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

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

Partners in Wellbeing

p. 1300 375 330

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SUPPORT

Barwon Child, Youth and Family

p. 1300 022 293 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

Direct Line

p. 1800 888 236 (24-hour phone service)

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Australian Government support

www.services.gov.au

Red Cross Extreme Hardship Support Program

www.redcross.org.au/vicrelief

COUNCIL SUPPORT

COVID-19 Recovery Assistance Grants Program.

Visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Help is here if you need it

If you're feeling lonely or isolated due to the pandemic (for example, if you're self-isolating due to age or health conditions), you can access social, emotional or practical support via the Community Activation and Social Isolation initiative.

To access this service:

- Call Victoria's COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398** and choose option 3 or 8
- Call Council directly on **5261 0600** or go to www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request.

We have received funding from the Victorian Government to deliver this program to the Surf Coast Shire community, in partnership with the Red Cross, DHHS and our local providers.



How is the pandemic affecting you?

Complete our anonymous survey to help us build a picture of how people are faring across our shire.

Your data will help us better understand the social, wellbeing and economic impacts on individuals and families over the course of the COVID 19 pandemic.

You will be able to repeat the survey at regular intervals to allow us to monitor changes and emerging issues over time.

It only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

Take our COVID-19 Impact Survey at: www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Covid19

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WATCH OUT FOR SNAKES

With the warmer weather snakes are emerging from their winter hibernation.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is urging communities to be alert for snakes as the reptiles bask in the sun in search of food and a mate.

The most common snakes people are likely to encounter are Tiger Snakes and Lowland Copperheads, while Eastern Brown snakes can also be found in some areas.

These species are venomous, but it is rare for them to bite people. Most snake bites occur when people try to capture or kill a snake.

Remember:

- When left alone, snakes present little or no danger to people.
- If you see a snake, keep calm and move yourself and anyone with you (including pets) away from the area.
- Don't attempt to capture or harm snakes. Instead, call DELWP on 136 186 for further advice.
- Maintain lawns and clean up around your house, as snakes are attracted to shelter such as piles of rocks and timber, sheets of metal, and building materials.



- Undertake first aid training and ensure your first aid kit contains several compression bandages, and if someone is bitten, phone 000 immediately.

Snakes are known to bite animals, such as dogs, if they feel threatened. If your dog or cat encounters a snake, the best course of action is to remove your pet from the area or tie it up while the snake passes. If you suspect your pet has been bitten, take it to a vet immediately.

Snakes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975 and it is illegal to capture, harm, or kill them. Reports of people wilfully destroying protected wildlife will be investigated accordingly.



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Lockdown Restrictions Easing

Since the COVID-19 restrictions came into effect in March there have been many different stages of lockdown affecting greater Melbourne and all regional areas. Here in Lorne we have been somewhat fortunate in the extent to which we have been able to socialize outdoors and play some sport – albeit within the strict guidelines of social distancing and wearing masks when outside your property. It has been very difficult to keep readers abreast of current lockdown rules effecting sport, because of the way these rules have been strengthened and relaxed over the past few months.

As I write this article it is late September and there is some very good news. The State Government in announcing its ‘Roadmap to Reopening next steps for Regional Victoria’ has some pleasing aspects for many regional outdoor sports. Some of these changes are described below:

Tennis

Tennis Victoria has made the following announcements for Regional Victoria:

- Singles and Doubles play is now permitted
- Competition tennis can return
- Group coaching permitted for up to 10 participants.

The Geelong Tennis Association expect that competition will take place this summer. Lorne Country Club could field a Mens’ Doubles Team, a Mixed Doubles Team or a Womens’ Doubles Team. Last summer Lorne won the Section 6 Mens’ Premiership – the rules allowing for inclusion of 1 female player, where Jillian Chapman played a vital role in the success of the team. Interested players should register now as competition will likely start in mid-October. To register contact Kevin Diviny on 0407 829 296 or Alvis Svikers on 0400 864 588.

Organized Social Tennis takes place at Lorne Country Club on Saturday mornings from 10.00am and on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm. Visitors are welcome for a fee of \$10.00 and court hire is also available.

Womens’ Golf

4 Playing Returns

We are so lucky to be living in Lorne, having the freedom to play golf. It is even better to be able to return to a more sociable form, playing with three or four people once again, still wearing masks and social distancing of course.

It’s probably no surprise for anyone reading this column that, given her outstanding form, congratulations go to Rose Lloyd who won the monthly medal competition last week. Caroline Bartholomew was runner up, having given Rose a challenge, by winning the weekly comp the previous week.



Rose Lloyd...our girl in winning form, having just sunk her put, progressing to next round of Singles Knock-out!"

We are now in the middle of “singles knockout” elimination rounds, so watch this space to see who is victorious!

Online

Booking System

The on-line booking system is working well, allowing visitors to also book and pay on-line. Just head to the website www.lornecountryclub.com.au, there is a red link “book tee time”.

Great Time To Try

Golf

At the moment many sports are on hold, so if you wanted to try golf out please give me (0419878089) or the Vice President, Sue Neill, (0418 674 062) a call and we can arrange to take you up to have a hit.

Wendy Hutchison, President Womens Golf

Soccer

The very popular Monday night soccer has resumed at Stribling Reserve. Lauri Lassila is the contact person, but the best way is to call in at 5.00pm as you will be impressed with the amount of fun, fitness and coordination that these young boys and girls pack into their sport. You really need to be there to witness the level of enthusiasm on display from the players and coordinators alike. Beginners are welcome – you only need to be over eight years old!

Lawn Bowls

The Lorne Bowls Club is slowly, tentatively but joyously, emerging from the Covid enforced hibernation. We have much to be thankful for. We have survived.

Unlike other sporting clubs in Lorne the Bowls Club was able to participate and even complete the 2019/20 season before restrictions were imposed, only having to cancel a small number of tournaments and social events. The club championship trophies are still at the engravers in Geelong. They will be presented. Eventually.

We even managed to hold the Annual General Meeting without having to resort to the dreaded Zoom. The Club would like to thank retiring Committee Members Allan Walls, Helga Lewis, Harley Davies and Bob Sinclair for all their work. And it is a lot of work. New members Karen Turner and Jeff Reddie were elected. Karen also takes over as Ladies President from Helga Lewis.

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We were fortunate too that members were largely able to keep practicing during much of “iso”. Plunging your hand into the bucket of freezing cold disinfectant to retrieve the jack was not very pleasant but being able to get out and play was a sanity saver for many who may have missed their winter escapes. Some managed to fly to warmer climates just in time and some were stranded here in Lorne a great if cold place to be stranded in winter.

With the easing of restrictions we are now able to start playing competitions. As you might have guessed bowls is a non-contact sport. The 2020/21 Pennant Season has been shortened and the opening delayed until January. Instead we are running an intra club competition; “Sharks” versus Stingrays, each Saturday until Christmas. The Dolphins have morphed into more dangerous marine creatures. Club Championships are also in progress.

David Leeder is the new coach. He is happy to help both new and experienced bowlers. Remember the greens are open at any time all week to financial members and social playing members but you must book. Information is posted on the outside notice boards. New members are always welcome

Unfortunately play is restricted to financial full and social playing members at the moment and current “Covid” restrictions, listed on the Club noticeboard. still apply. Bookings are essential and numbers are limited.

Working bees to keep the fabulous new green and surroundings in top condition. They are to be held for an hour before each Thursday practice which commences at 4:30pm.

Hopefully the restaurant will open soon under new management. More news about this will follow. We will miss Simon and Anna and all the crew, and we wish them well in their new, exciting venture.

Marilyn Mackenzie, Ken and Merna Smith

Remember to tell us who you would like to see in Sportsbriefs!!! Articles to John Ford at 35 George St, or email to byswerdi2@bigpond.com

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Commodore's Notes

Spring has arrived along with the obligatory equinox winds which is not great for fishing, but the longer and warmer days are very welcome. We've had lots of dolphins hunting and playing right in front of the clubhouse recently (see John Agar's fascinating story "Swimming with Dolphins elsewhere in the magazine) and our new resident baby seal is growing rapidly. Most of the whales have departed but still the occasional sighting. I had a Southern Right near my boat recently.

There's not a lot to report on the social scene as we have been closed since my last notes.

Even though Lorne has had zero cases of COVID we have to remain closed.

We all have our fingers crossed that Regional Victoria will reopen soon followed by Melbourne not too long after us. Hutch is still finding things to paint so if you're walking past don't stop or even slow down or he might paint you.

Our masks were a huge success and we have now sold out and at this stage we won't be getting any more. We raised over \$1700 for local charities so it was a very worthwhile venture. Because we didn't have to close the club until April, we will still be able to show a healthy profit for last financial year, but things look like they will be vastly different this year. We will be relying heavily on membership fees to cover our costs so everyone out there please join up when you receive your renewals in November.

This year is our 60th and we had plans for a huge celebration but this has been put on hold. Hopefully we will be able to have a huge party to celebrate this milestone before the year ends.

We are due to hold our AGM in late November and it's looking more and more likely that it will have to be held online using Zoom. If this is the case we will need to get proxies from members to achieve a quorum. If you receive an email asking for your proxy, please reply.

Sinker Making



A bloke (sorry I lost his name) generously donated a bucket of old sinkers to us. He found them using his metal detector around our beaches and rocks. I will melt them down and make snapper sinkers that I will give away free to our fishing members on our competition days. If anyone out there has lead they don't want, drop it into the club and when we have enough we will hold a 'sinker making' day and

everyone who supplied the lead can have free sinkers.

I will set a time and date as soon as the restrictions allow us to do so.

This is what I call a snapper sinker. I can make them any size required.

Albatrosses

The most common of all albatrosses in Southern Australia is the Black Browed Albatross. Up until a few years ago it was easily the most common one in our little patch of Bass Strait but for some reason they have become quite scarce and the Shy Albatross have taken over. The Black Browed has a lifespan of over 70 years and breed on the circumpolar islands in the southern oceans. They mate for life.

They are endangered with a 67% reduction in their population over the last 64 years. Their estimated population is 1.2 million. They lay only one egg each spring and incubation is done by both sexes they don't start breeding until their tenth year.

The vast majority breed on the Falklands. There are no breeding colonies on any Australian islands or territories.



Black Browed Albatross near my boat last week

T.A.L.L Project

Lorne P-12 College T.A.L.L. Project

Covid-19 lockdown has changed our lives in 2020 and let's hope we do return to some normality and we can interact with our family, friends and community the way we did previously.

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As you know our Club has closed, open with limited numbers and closed again and at the moment we wait to see what happens next. We could not fish, but at the moment we can so long as we observe social distancing. The Lorne P-12 College wants to record our experiences.

This is all part of our experience and journey and we hope that many of our members who have not already done so takes this opportunity to share their experiences of 2020.

What is T.A.L.L? T.A.L.L (Tales of A Local Lockdown)

For our 2020 VCAL Project at Lorne P-12 College we are gathering isolation experiences from our community and beyond. We want to know how the experience challenged you, how you grew as a person and what changed in your life.

Accounts of these experiences will be put in an online time capsule in collaboration with the Lorne Historical Society to be stored for community members and historians.

Once we have gathered everyone's tales, we plan to exhibit them at the Lorne Historical Society Centre. This event will showcase stories and artworks from our community and beyond,

We invite you to be a part of recording this 'unprecedented' moment in time.

How can you help us? By filling out the survey below you will help future generations have a deeper understanding of what isolation in 2020 was like.

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Op shop to help with rescue boat

The Lorne Op Shop have very generously offered to help fund the purchase of a Rescue Boat for Lorne. A couple of years ago we contacted the state minister for rescue services and asked if they would fund the purchase of a rescue boat for Lorne. Both Torquay and Apollo Bay have boats and I explained that on a rough day they are both well over an hour away from us. Our application was refused. Now with the Op Shop onboard and if we can get a fund raising campaign up and running I reckon we should be able to get some partial funding from the government. Most rescue boats that I'm aware of have been fully funded by the government.

So watch this space.



We needed a rescue boat this day recently

Treasurer's Report

With the club remaining closed and no clear guidelines as to when we can safely reopen, the club continues to operate around about a break even position through the Government subsidies we receive. How this changes over the next few months will be determined by the guidelines that are to be issued by the Victorian Government. At the moment we are considering options in respect to how we hold the AGM for 2020 and once a decision has been made we will advise accordingly. At this stage there is nothing new to report in respect to the Point Grey redevelopment of our club and we have had no communication with GORCC since late July.

Keep well, stay safe.

David Worth, Secretary & Treasure, LAAC

New Appointments

We've got a new Vice Commodore to replace Doug Williams.

He's the reigning world sausage roll champion, a legendary fisherman and our 2018 Club Person of the Year, **RIC ADDISON**.



We also have a new Committee Man - **WAYNE GRIFFITHS**.

Wayne is a well-known popular local identity and the biggest tin fisherman I've ever had in my boat. He holds more club fish records than anyone and most of them used to be mine. Wayne will be a great asset to our committee and club.

Fishing Report

This will be a short one. The fishing over the last month has been a bit ordinary. There hasn't been a decent snapper caught for over a month. The only good news is that the flatheads are still on the chew. It's the best run of flathead fishing we've had for a very long time and there's a lot of really good sized ones amongst them.

The gurnards are also on fire and ready to spike the unwary. The pier is still producing a few King George Whiting, Calamari and Salmon. Hopefully the snapper will appear in the next couple of weeks.

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Luke Norton with a huge Southern Bluefin Tuna he caught out of Apollo Bay recently

Merchandise

We have limited stock of long and short sleeve T Shirts, Caps, Stubby Holders and Stickers. They are great Christmas or Birthday Presents so if anyone would like some send me an email and I can post them out to you.

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Swimming with Dolphins

John Agar

Sixth sense ... second sight ... clairvoyance ... if there ever a creature has been endowed with these instincts, it is the dolphin. Dolphins just seem to 'know' us ...

Recently, Lorne residents have been treated to a swim-with-a-dolphin bonanza. Whether it has been the daily morning and afternoon rituals of the year-round pier-to-pub swimmer troupe, or surfers at the Lorne point, a playful young dolphin has swum at their side, barrel-rolled over their surfboards, and made swim-with-me friends with them all ... safely, courteously and, above all, with apparent unbounded joy.



I have a personal, deeply-etched memory of this understanding – this uncanny knack of a dolphin 'just 'knowing'. In September 1964, my mate Jimmy and I took the train north to a fledgling Surfers Paradise where our host, Fred, an architect who had married my fathers' secretary and moved north, had formed a syndicate to build an aquarium that would later become known as SeaWorld. They had constructed a pen in the Nerang River and were training wild dolphin for their 'feature exhibit'. While now I cringe at thought of the blatant disregard we two teenagers must have shown for their 'wildness', in those days it was not viewed as 'cruel' to pen wild and beautiful animals for human pleasure. How attitudes change!

When Fred offered us the chance to swim with 'his' dolphins, the experience evolved into one of the truly magical moments of my youth. As we grasped the slightly roughened skin of their dorsal fins, the dolphins would swirl us round the pen then dive, with a seeming sixth sense of just how long we could hold our breath before we needed to return to the surface.



Photo: Allison Brown

In the Lorne of my childhood, it was common to see great pods of dolphin – 100 or more at a time – as they followed the schools of couta and seethed the waters of Loutitt Bay. When the couta left, so too did the dolphin and, suddenly, the sighting of dolphin off Lorne became a rare event. Seeing the playful young dolphin in Lorne recently brought all these memories flooding back.

Interestingly, the dolphin that has entertained and endeared swimmers, surfers, and onlookers alike this last week has seemed to be alone. While these highly intelligent and sociable animals commonly travel and live together in pods – for the twin benefits of safety and sociability – some individuals seem to live apart from the pod and embark on a socialisation journey with people ... the so-called 'solitary-sociable dolphin' ... although this practice can be detrimental to the dolphin if it is compromised by injury, inappropriate feeding, or aggressive human behaviour.

If 'our' dolphin is a solitary-sociable loner, then we must do all we can to avoid putting him/her at risk. Swim together, surf together – yes – but respect it for the beautiful, free creature it is ... and rejoice that it has – for a time, made our stretch of coast home. If, on the other hand, the home pod is close at hand, then we may yet be in for a larger, longer treat when 'the whole family' drops by to collect the happy young escapee.

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ON READING: SANDRA MCCOMB

It is comforting to take a break from the screen, and zooming, with a paperback.

Opinions will differ but these are a few I have read over the past few months.

The Weekend by Charlotte Wood, a reading group selection, was the least appealing – a miserable though beautifully written tale of ageing women. It received accolades in certain circles but not from me.

I picked up The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared, published some years ago. I found it an absolute joy, calling on real events of the past – but needing the reader to suspend belief. An escape from reality which felt good.

Tom Keneally's The Dickens Boy is a fun novel based on the true story of Charles' tenth son sent to Australia as a teenager in the second half of the 20th century to join his older brother – largely because he was not much use at home. A great yarn set in the bush of the time. I am now reading David Copperfield again.

Christopher Pyne's The Insider was too intriguing to ignore. His view on the people and events within the Canberra bubble – entertaining and informative, but not expecting agreement on all his comments.

Best of all for me was Truganini – journey through the apocalypse by Cassandra Pybus. Drawing on her own ancestors in Tasmania and many years of research, Pybus tells the life story of Truganini as she moved among whalers, convicts, colonists and the terrors of the times, often accompanying the self-styled missionary George Robinson who was later to document the settlement of large tracts of the Western District of Victoria.

LORNE'S UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER

Snow fell only a few km into the Otways. Photo: Jan Goud



WEATHER WOMAN

By Millie Backway

I grew up in a place where the weather was lazy. As soon as you woke up you could look at the sky and feel the air and know what the whole day would be like. If the sky was blue and the air dry, it would be sunny and clear, perhaps with a few puffy white clouds. Hot. A day for swimming.

If the sky was grey, the air wet and fresh it would rain here and there, or all day. A day for gumboots and squelchy grass or sheltering indoors with a warm blanket

Here the weather is alive and restless, tossing and turning like a sleepless body. I like to stand on my balcony and observe it or go into the forest to feel it. Lorne. It is cold, it is warm, it is sunny, it is grey. It is alive and wild. It is still. Some days the sun sneaks up behind lightly smudged violet clouds; the diffused light making the flat, still ocean look like a milky mirror, dotted with black specks of swimmers or surfers seeking a seldom wave.

As the clouds stretch out into the sky, sunshine pours through, illuminating the sea mist that drifts lazily into the folds of the headlands where waves crash gently against the rocks. Clouds frolic over the sunlit ocean. Turquoise is replaced with phthalo blue. The ocean is just the colour of a cloud's shadow. Rain blows in from the open sea, sweeping away the horizon, draping a white-grey blanket over the landscape. The weather is massaged over the hills leaving behind baby blue skies and shimmering waves.

On warm, grey days moody clouds hang heavily in the humid afternoon air, bleeding into each other. A watercolour painting. I love to head into the forest on those sticky afternoons where everything becomes quiet. Walking inland the wind falls away, taking with it the sound of the ocean. The forest sounds become clearer, pulsing with a gentle energy, waking up with the sound of birds warning each other of the coming rain.

Fat rain drops seem to come from no where, tasting so sweet on an outstretched tongue and licked off lips. Each leaf becomes a darker shade of green. Bark is more heavily contrasted against the creamy trunks of trees. The heady scent of wet wattle fills the wet air.

Afterwards the sun breaks through the dissipating clouds and lights up the dripping wet eucalyptus trees. Their leaves glint like diamonds in the sepia light and a rainbow arches photogenically into the sky behind them.

And then there are days which may be my favourite. Days where I don't mind being inside with a cup of tea clutched in one hand and good book in the other. Days where the wind is wild and the rain attacks the windows. The ocean becomes an angry beast of churning sage coloured waves and foam, dumping piles of olive and ochre seaweed upon the sand. No one goes out on those days. Even the cockatoos disappear.

I have the view to myself as if I am the only person here.

(Millie is a writer and painter who recently settled in Lorne. She found our moody weather particularly interesting. – Ed.)



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PLANTING BY NUMBERS

Doug Williams

While I'm happy to provide advice on what will and what will not grow and thrive in the Lorne environs I don't enjoy seeing mandates from the offices of some current Plant Central regarding what we should all be planting. There are keyboard captains who would like to enforce what property owners can and can't plant in their own gardens.

What may have once been useful advice on the most suitable plants to consider installing in coastal gardens given the constraints of weather, salt, soils and such has evolved from guidelines to directives not only telling us what we are allowed to plant but telling us why the plant selection must be adhered to. The current philosophy is that if it's not endemic then it should not be permitted. The dictates (I use the word deliberately) of fashion are to be followed as though there is some form of plant wokeness in place. Then a list of all endemic plants is provided and from this menu you can make a choice. If you don't, it is implied that you are in some way a delinquent citizen who is endangering our fragile ecosystems. Well, as my late Chemistry teacher used to exclaim thunderously when he heard a response either wrong or stupid from a student – "Popycock!!" (And sometimes, "Balderdash!!")

These rules haven't prevented Norfolk Island pines being set into the footpaths of Mountjoy Parade though. An unimaginative choice by uninspired designers who would standardize planting to make our foreshore the same as every other coastal town in Australia: Noosa, Queenscliff, Portland, Port Fairy, you name it. I mean it's not mandatory to feature them yet they've become one of the great Australian weed-trees. They will be a major headache for the streetscape in years to come. I concede that the ones planted back in the day by Hector Stribling in front of the Grand Pacific Hotel and set against the backdrop of the Lorne pier make for a great landscape archetype. But let's not imitate this again and again. It's not as though this template must be the motif of choice every time a coastal landscape plan is drawn up. 'Coastal tree for accent = Norfolk Island Pine', seems to be the default position here. Don't resort to cut and paste, please – use, for example, the banksias which also have been planted in the streetscape; make a selection to individualise the streetscape.

Another tree that is planted far too often is the lovely drooping sheoak which featured in last month's column. It has been planted hundreds of times along the road verges coming into Lorne from the north, beside our riverbank and along the Doug Stirling walk to name a few locations. There appears no overall philosophy or framework to the current plant, plant, plant approach that prevails in Lorne. It seems that any time a gap opens up and the ocean or the river can be seen again whoever is responsible at the time feels oddly compelled to crowd in another plant, often a small tree like



a boobialla, (*Myoporum insulare*) or a sheoak if the space permits. Sometimes even when it doesn't. Neither of these commonly used plants is recommended in the Shire's own Indigenous Rural Plant Guide of 2003 – the most recent edition I could find on the web. Norfolk Island Pines certainly aren't in its list. Early photos of Lorne show that the foreshore and roadsides in the vicinity of the town were not planted out extensively at all but were quite open, making it possible to see the viewable landscapes and the seascapes. Now we only get glimpses through the foliage because of this chronic over planting. Sheoaks were not so common in Lorne one hundred years ago and according to some sources did not occur naturally in and around the town at all. Don't get me wrong; I love them. It's just that I also would like to stand back and once again enjoy the view.



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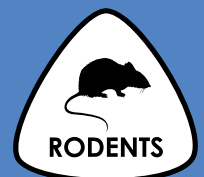
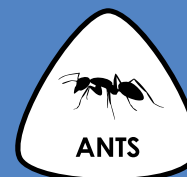
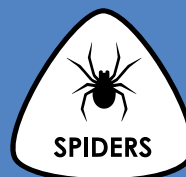
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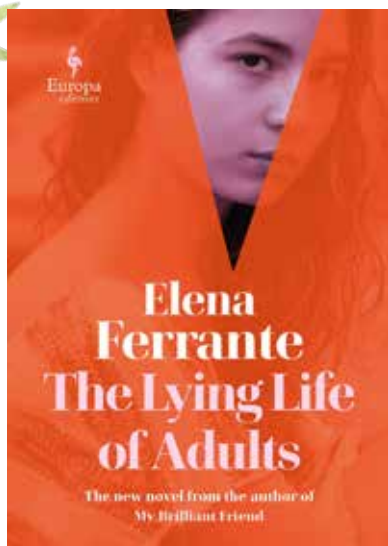
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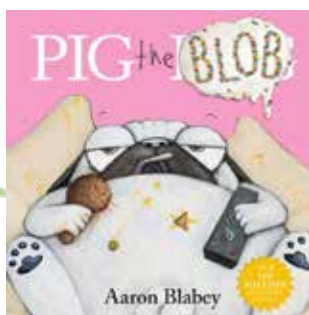
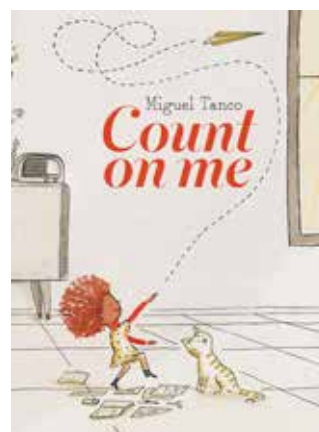
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Pick of the Month



"It's strange how ugly this child is." So begins *The Lying Life of Adults*, the latest novel by Elena Ferrante. One of Europe's most successful and arguably greatest novelist of modern times. Whose true identity is one of literature's great mysteries. Giovanna, a meek, obedient 12-year-old growing up in Naples, overhears her father comparing her, to his estranged sister Vittoria, who her parents had always described as someone in whom "ugliness and nastiness were perfectly matched". It is an event which forces her to gradually redefine herself and her family. A triumph!

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