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THE COAST'S VERY DANGEROUS FIRE SEASON IS ALMOST HERE ...

and authorities are starting on strategic fuel breaks to make our towns safer. See page 3
Above: FFMVic's Barwon South West Deputy Chief Fire Officer Andrew Morrow.



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STRATEGIC FUEL BREAKS AROUND GREAT OCEAN ROAD TOWNS

Work has commenced to create 35 kilometres of strategic fuel breaks around Lorne, Aireys Inlet and Anglesea, to provide better protection from bushfires. Although planning and some work to reduce fuel is now well on the way, the main work will not start until the cooler months next year.

The project will see Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) construct the 40-metre wide breaks using specialist mulching machinery to reduce bushfire fuel. By connecting existing fuel breaks, the works will create a ring of fuel-reduced land around each town.

Work mulching flammable vegetation in bushland at Anglesea has already begun with crews also removing hazardous trees, to ensure any future firefighting within the fuel breaks can be carried out safely.

Once established, the new fuel breaks will resemble open parklands following the removal of dense ground vegetation, and larger trees being left in place.

In an innovative approach to reducing bushfire risk, the fuel breaks will cross private land as well as public land, with works to take place on 41 private properties following extensive consultation with landholders.

Crews will also remove hazardous trees along 45 kilometres of local roadsides, to reduce the risk of falling limbs blocking roads for emergency services and residents during storms and bushfires.

The \$1.5 million project is funded by the Victorian Government and is being delivered by FFMVic in partnership with the Surf Coast Shire, CFA and Regional Roads Victoria.

Make sure your campfire is safe

The Conservation Regulator have stepped up patrols across the Otway Ranges, targeting illegal campfires. Conservation Regulator officers, with Forest Fire Management Victoria, will patrol popular camping and recreation areas in forest across the Otways including sites near Anglesea, Lorne, Wye River and Forrest.

Officers will look for unsafe campfires and will issue infringement notices to people found in breach of campfire safety rules.

They will also remind visitors about campfire safety and encourage people to report suspicious or illegal activities, including unattended campfires, to - 136 186.

The following campfire safety rules are always in force on public land: In State Forests, use a purpose-built fireplace if provided, otherwise use a trench at least 30cm deep.

In National and State Parks, campfires may only be lit in purpose-built fireplaces provided. Branches and logs on campfires must be less than one metre long. Never leave a campfire alight or unattended. Fully extinguish your campfire with water, not soil and please note that all campfires are banned on Total Fire Ban days.

Know a legend?



*Surf Coast Environmental Action Team
(photo taken before COVID restrictions were in place)*

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

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 nominated person must:

- Live, work 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.

You can nominate community members of any age.
Don't wait - nominations close on 31 January 2021.
 If you know someone who should be recognised, for going above and beyond to make a difference in the community, go to www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/locallegends





Join us to celebrate

International Day of People with Disability 2020

Celebrate the achievements and contributions of our community members with disability this December with two special events.

Connections TV: Wednesday 2 December, 10 – 11am

Join us for a special edition of Connections TV, an entertainment show featuring genU Connections participants from the Surf Coast, Bellarine, Geelong and Ballarat, celebrating all abilities. Started during lockdown to maintain community connections via Zoom, this special edition will be streamed via Council's Facebook page www.facebook.com/SurfCoastShireCouncil, giving you a unique opportunity to join the fun. Segments include Joke of the Week, Fry Up Friday, Song of the Week, and special guests.

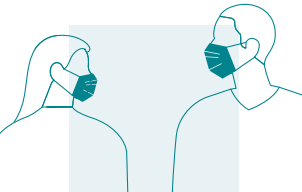
Online Art Exhibition with All Aboard disABILITY Support Services: 2 – 31 December

Witness the creativity and resilience of artist participants from All Aboard disABILITY Support Services, based in Torquay. View works created from home during lockdown, and in the studio together since restrictions have eased, and hear stories from the artists about life during the pandemic and beyond. The exhibition will be online through the Surf Coast Arts Trail Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SurfCoastArtsTrail


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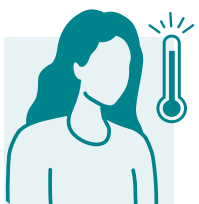
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COUNCIL'S FOUR BIN SERVICE KICKS OFF IN FEBRUARY

Surf Coast Shire Council's new four-bin kerbside collection system, including a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service and glass-only bin service, will start 1 February 2021.

The new four-bin service applies to all urban residents and any rural residents that receive Surf Coast Shire Council's waste service.

The service was originally due to begin from 6 July 2020 but was postponed because of COVID-19. It is part of Council's commitment to improve waste management, promote sustainability, and respond to the climate emergency, and is also aligned with state directives to transform recycling in Victoria.

Council ran a successful pilot of the FOGO service in Anglesea in 2018/19, and the service has remained in place.

Preparing for the service:

- In December/January, township residents will receive an extra kerbside wheelie bin with a purple lid for collecting glass.
- Rural properties will receive the purple-lidded bin and a green organics bin for food organics and garden organics.
- Households will also receive a small kitchen caddy to sit on the bench and aid in the collection of organic scraps.

From 1 February 2021:

- All organic waste, including food and garden waste, will go in the lime green-lidded organics bin and will no longer be accepted in the landfill bin from this date.
- Households will start putting glass bottles and jars in the purple-lidded bin. It will no longer be accepted in the recycling bin from this date.
- The yellow bin will continue to be used for collection of paper and cardboard, rigid plastics 1-5, steel and aluminium cans.
- Other general household waste will continue to go in the landfill bin.

Landfill bin lids that are maroon or green will be changed to red in December and January during your regular collection day.

Residents are asked to put the bin out the night before and bring it in the morning after your collection day so our contractors have a chance to get each bin lid swapped.

The introduction of a glass-only bin service will reduce broken glass contaminating other recyclable materials, with glass to be recycled separately and can be reused locally.

Organic materials will be kept out of landfill and composted to be used at farms and in parks via the FOGO collection.

Waste collection charges will not increase as a result of the change, with Council acknowledging Victorian Government funding received through Sustainability Victoria.

An informative calendar will be mailed out to residents early next year, and detailed information, including changes to collection frequency, can be found online at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Kerbside2021.

Residents and non-resident ratepayers are encouraged to visit the website, sign up for the e-newsletter, and follow Surf Coast Shire Council on social media to keep up-to-date with the deliveries and changes to the waste service.

- SCS media release



The four-bin kerbside service starts 1 February 2021



Contractors have started delivering glass only bins and kitchen caddies, and changing the lids of landfill bins to red.

You can expect your new glass-only bins and kitchen caddies to arrive in Lorne in January.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a gravity lock supplied by Council, our contractors will replace it with a bin strap for your landfill bin.

If you have your own lock, contractors will leave it behind so you can refit yourself.



www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/kerbside2021

- Get more specific dates for deliveries/lid changes
- Read answers to other questions
- Sign up to our newsletter for updates





From the Deck by John Agar

SQUID, CALAMARI, OCTOPUS, AND CUTTLEFISH

It's the season: summer, outdoor eating, seafood, white wine, and above all, calamari.

First, calamari and squid: are they the same? ... or are they subtly different? Then there is octopus: whole baby [] or adult – tentacles alone? What then of the cuttlefish: but surely if the cuttle, it is just the 'frondie bits' – the arms, legs, or tentacles that extend at the front, or the back ... or both? ... I guess it depends on whether it is feeding or fleeing.

Does Sir/Madam/Guys' prefer narrow or wide rings [but never ring that flash blue]? Perhaps you may prefer flat, elongated slabs, or slabs scored and deftly curled into tortured triangular or corkscrew shapes? But are those cut from arrow squid or calamari ... and does it matter?

Would Sir/Madam/Guys' like it served 'Greek style' and raw? ... or cooked? If cooked, then dusted, battered, crumbed, flash-fried, or deep fried, or wallowing in chilli ... though to me, chilli is anathema, 'kills' the flavour, and is much to be avoided!

Then, for fine dining, there are whole hoods: roasted or grilled, and stuffed with rice and/or a variety of herbs, tomatoes, other vegetables, and even other seafood. There is squid done 'Korean style' and paired with my personal 'dread', kimchi; or done in the 'Japanese manner', with 'Italian tomatoes', or in the 'Greek way', with the Greeks regarded by many as the true 'owners' of calamari. While calamari, as it is most commonly listed on the menu, can come in a dizzying array of shapes, sizes, and culinary creations, one thing is certain: calamari is the coastal culinary king. But – and here's the question ... is the calamari on your plate really calamari? ... or is it common squid. Are the various cephalopods we consume with such naked pleasure [and perhaps, eventually, with specie-stressing over-abandon] all the same?

Indeed, the answer is no.

Squid and 'calamari' squid ... indeed the common squid [Nototodarus gouldi: the 'flying' or 'arrow' squid] and the calamari squid [Sepioteuthis australis: the southern reef squid] – both of which are native to coastal oceans of Australia and New Zealand – are two different creatures of the sea.

The Dolphin Research Institute <https://www.dolphinresearch.org.au/> explains the [generic] squid as follows: ... it "has a distinct head, two large eyes, eight arms with suckers and two, usually longer, feeding tentacles [to] catch its prey which it then holds in its eight arms as it shreds it with a parrot-like beak. It has three hearts, breathes using gills, and can change its colour at will." But, while in most respects, the specie-variant 'calamari' squid is similar to an arrow squid, there are subtle differences. While a generic and so-called 'arrow squid' has small, pointed flaps [or wings] at its narrow end, a 'calamari' squid has larger eyes and longer, triangular flaps which run the full length of its body".

In general, calamari squid are a smaller, more delicate specie variant.

These minor differences also translate into slight variations in flavour and texture in the culinary-preparations that make their way to your plate. While squid is commonly best when stuffed or stewed, the delicate calamari with its distinctive 'nose' [like a fine wine] is best for frying, stir-frying, and grilling. But, as calamari squid are more expensive to source, the end-product on your restaurant plate that is often described as calamari is actually the less tender, cheaper-to-source 'common' arrow squid.

Octopus ... the 'usual' octopus that makes it to our restaurant plates is the 'baby' octopus ... despite that I have always thought that 'eating babies' is somehow just a little bit 'ikkie' ... but, they are beautiful to look at on a plate, and they are so delicious to eat! True octopus is culinary delight – especially when grilled – but is less commonly served. But, as you next eat octopus, consider this: the southern ocean octopus – the octopus commonly found on plates in Victorian restaurants – has three hearts and nine brains and is regarded as the most intelligent invertebrate known to man.

Cuttlefish ... the most obvious of all the many-armed mollusks we see, day-by-day, is the cuttlefish, as our Lorne shores are regularly strewn with cuttle 'skeletons' – especially after easterlies. These are the malleable chalky slabs my father taught me to carve into the shape of whales and elephants when I was a lad. Cuttlefish [or cuttles] are a cephalopod closely related to the arrow squid, the calamari squid, and the octopus, but have one unique difference – an internal shell [the cuttlebone] which is used to control buoyancy. Along with the octopus, they are also renown for an extraordinary intelligence – a feature we are only just beginning to understand and explore.

As food, the cuttlefish [which, of course, is not a fish at all, but a mollusc] is highly favoured both in Mediterranean diets and in the cuisines of Southeast Asia where dried and shredded cuttlefish is a popular snack. Ink from the cuttlefish and squid are used to flavour and colour tapas and pasta, while strips of cuttle-flesh is popular when deep-fried.

One lesser-known fact is that cuttlefish ink was once an important dye ... sepia. Just think of the sepia colouring that makes old photographs so alluring! However, although sepia pigment is chemically inert and imparts remarkable longevity, artificial dyes have now largely replaced natural sepia.

So ... as you chomp down on your next serve of squid, calamari, or octopus, spare a thought for these extraordinary and intelligent creatures that grace our seas and tempt our taste-buds.

As Kosta [Ipsos: Lorne] says, opening a discussion about cephalopods – which is best, how to cook, etc. – will forever open up an argument, especially if a Greek is within earshot. Clearly, there is more to our ocean cephalopods than can meet their giant eyes!

EDITOR'S PAGE

One of the negative experiences of our so-called peak holiday season (apart from the difficulties of negotiating the hordes of people and inability to find a park) is the overflow of rubbish.

Even before the rubbish bins are collected (usually on Monday morning), much rubbish finds its way to the side of the bins, into gutters, even strewn onto roadways and lawns ...anywhere except where the rubbish should actually find a space – in the appropriate Shire provided bins.

Our famous cookies are in part responsible and indeed there rides much guilt on their sulphur coloured crescents, but the fact of the matter is that there is simply too much rubbish and not enough space in the bins provided. Residents are usually most careful about placing rubbish, be it cooking scraps, cartons or bottles, in the right coloured bin but alas, the same does not apply to many visitors. They have come to Lorne on a visitation for the benefit of their well-being and when it comes to taking out the rubbish it is almost a right to display a certain cavalier attitude.

If there is a bottle among the food scraps, oh well, it'll be sorted out by someone somewhere. She'll be right, mate! Bob's your uncle! And if the bin is overfull, and no amount of pressing down creates any more space, oh well, just shut the lid as best as you can.

Besides, the lids on the household bin, (the one with the dull black lid) often can't be shut properly anyway. A piece of wood or a rock should do it. Wrong! Just watch how easily the cookies can shift that wood or rock. We've got super-intelligent cookies in Lorne, we have!

They're got Ph.D. from the Surf Coast avian university in lid opening techniques. The heavy piece of wood residents used to screw onto the underside of the lid was a most successful deterrent, but then the Shire in its wisdom forced on us the installation of lid-locks. Most people lost their keys in a very short time. The rubber clips came next! Good and very clever design except that a couple of well-place cookie pecks and bingo! Open sesame!

Many wise citizens have now gone back to screwing on that block of wood they had unscrewed with the coming of the magic lock and key. A good solution but hey, you didn't hear it from me.

And now the Shire has introduced a new bin, a purple one, only for glass. (See the Shire's media release elsewhere in this edition). Also, a 'kitchen tidy or caddy' to throw those veggie and other bits and pieces discarded while preparing food.

But quite a few of us are wondering how we're going to store this line-up of four coloured bins, especially if a building is divided into two or more households. It's not a particularly appealing aesthetical look to have a row of bins stored at the side of the house, or indeed at the entrance.

Oh well, something for all of us to think about while we enjoy the hectic days of mid-season. A new topic of conversation to have around the barbecue! - JV

Surf Coast Shire Council election

Declaration of results



The following candidates were elected to the Surf Coast Shire Council at the general election held in October 2020:

Anglesea Ward

STAPLETON, Libby (1st elected)
BODSWORTH, Mike (2nd elected)

Lorne Ward

ALLEN, Gary G. (elected unopposed)

Torquay Ward

GAZZARD, Kate (1st elected)
PATTISON, Liz (2nd elected)
HODGE, Rose (3rd elected)
BARKER, Paul (4th elected)

Winchelsea Ward

WELLINGTON, Heather (1st elected)
SCHONFELDER, Adrian Dwight (2nd elected)

Further details about the results are available at vec.vic.gov.au

Noel McPhee

Election Manager

Thursday 5 November 2020



Helan & Tony Stribling

Tony Stribling

LORNE'S FOREST SELECTORS... Part 2

In this extract, Tony Stribling continues the story of Lorne's first settlers. It's a tale of hardship with almost daily battles by the individual settler to survive...

The Birregurra Leader in 1888 reported "the opening of the Otway's for selection as land of first class quality but densely timbered, outside communication of a most wretched description, roads almost impassable for several months but the Birregurra-Apollo Bay road has been surveyed through that area, prospects of the district brighten considerably in the near future. Messrs. Mountjoy have announced intent to establish a line of coaches between Deans Marsh & Apollo Bay shortly."

The Argus of 10 April 1880 mentions "the selectors clearings are seen with trees ringed for felling long dead & leafless, naked & disfigured, where clearings have been made the bark huts & hovels are visible, the beginnings of things great. One selector is on a hill top rapidly progressing to wealth, Mrs Love a finely stout specimen of a Scottish housewife takes advantage of the delay caused by the driver fetching water for his horses to supply the passengers with fern specimens & cups of coffee or milk."

James Riches Bailiff's report of 21 October 1881 lists a log & brush fencing, a slab hut, 12 acres cleared & sown to rye. In 11 February 1885 James writes that "he has ringbarked 200 acres & all the roots are alive," by Feb 1885 he requests to forfeit his 266 acres "as the clearing costs are greater than his means, no grass at all, needs years of work." (P&T Jennings)

Mr Herbert & son made butter & grew fruit, they had a horse & spring cart both were well presented in white coats as they delivered there produce in Lorne, one day they just walked off, the bush quickly reclaimed their lot. (Steven Callaghan notes)

Mr A Flanagan of Lot 4 in May 1879 had 318 acres partly fenced with hut, 1884 a four roomed dwelling of shingle and weatherboards, a well, 80 acres burnt scrub sown to grass, 14 acres oats. Fires in 1889 so lost it all including the fencing, crops & cattle, result cannot pay rent. (P&T Jennings)

Richard Delany had 106 acres on Lot 15 in November 1882 by February 1884 he states "he had a broken arm for 6 months not well yet rent in 3 months. November 1884, Things are against me my health is bad I have sold the horse & dray, hope to pay in 3 months." March 1895, "been laid up since Christmas in Colac Hospital, need 6 months for rent." In 1895 he has leased out the land and in December 1896 the Secretary for Lands receives a cheque from Western Australia for rent owing from Richard Delany. In 1919 Richard now from Deans Marsh is in Colac Hospital with both hips broken. (P&T Jennings)

15 May 1885. Once a Month newspaper states, "About 5 miles this side of Lorne is a house where refreshments for man & horse can be procured, for the horse water, for the man, milk, temperance drinks & fruit. While the hostess will for a consideration of

25 cents provide a box of ferns for your return. Knowing the average man would rather expend twice that sum than devote his leisure & talents to collecting a similar variety." (Ferns were exotic & collectable) The Leader of January 1886 mentions a man named Love of the Big Hill Refreshment House had a number of cattle destroyed by fire in a paddock from which they could not escape. Love saved his residence with considerable difficulty but his neighbour Groves' house was destroyed in minutes; near the Erskine Falls several selectors are burnt out. A Relief Fund in Colac was set up & raised 3116 pounds, Groves, Wickham & others expressed their gratitude for the prompt aid afforded them.



The Benwerrin Sports Meeting was held on Jan 1891 with 12 events including quoits, Old Duffers Race, potato race of 15 yards, hurdles, tug of war, competitors must supply performances for the last two years as some events have handicaps, including the hurdles, district 100 yards and the Benwerrin Cup of 120 yards. The Grand Ball was held in the Tea Rooms that evening. A Benwerrin football team was formed on 18 July 1890 and a Post Office was began in October 1886 (it continued to 1927) in a separate building nearer the road junction.

Alexander Polwarth (Lot 2) had the now cleared land to the right from the Erskine Falls Road junction, and he wrote to the Lands Board stating "he was working at Mr Roney's sawmill near Lorne we cannot get any money at present please give me time & you will get one years rent." With neighbour Henry Wickham on 17 August 1894 they sent a letter holding the Shire "responsible for any accident on the new Corduroy road near the Wymbooliel Post Office" (P&T Jenning). Saplings are laid across the road to keep traffic above the mud, wheeled vehicles were rare, sleds were more successful in the thigh deep mud than thin wheels. In a Shire letter of 8/7/1893 H Love asks for "extra time to complete his contract of metalling the Pennyroyal-Lorne road & suggests Corduroy be used instead for 2 chains length."

The Geelong Advertiser of 16 March 1889 has "Lorne in danger of being shorn of her beauty, ugly scars are now being made to her fare face if the ruthless woodmen's axe is allowed free swing the glory of her seaward features will have departed forever. How is it that the powers that be allowed that insatiable earth devolving individual the Selector to come within miles of Lorne, if I had my way I would drive back every selector five miles inland?"

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The 16 March 1903 Bailiff's report stated that "Alexander Polwarth had lost 12 years of effort to the 7 February 1901 fires that destroyed his buildings, sheds, orchard & potato crop, he was caring for his parents & cannot afford to re-fence," the Bailiff Constable Dungey of Birregurra wrote, "he is a genuine bona fide settler & should be allowed to continue otherwise the land will revert to bush & harbour vermin," by 1917 the land was rented to Edward Babington of Murroon. (P&T Jennings)

On February 4, 1888, the Geelong Advertiser noted that "Fifteen Ratepayers, Parish of Lorne requested attention to the dangerous state of the road between Mr Wickham's & Benwerrin Post Office particularly the portion near Messrs Flannigan & Love." Alex McRae in a letter to Shire (17 Jan 1888) asks for "some improvements along the dividing range from Wymbooliel to Mt Sabine along the track he & Mr McLennan cut themselves, the Shire noted the track was impossible for wheeled vehicles & would need a Surveyors realignment." Mr Cowley after ten years on his selection in March 1888 urged the Council to "have a defined track to Mt Sabine, it was agreed that a 10 yard wide track would be blazed," (Colac Herald). The Lorne Progress Association was still trying to open up this bush area with a letter to the State Member asking to "open up a road from Benwerrin to Mt Cowley," (The Age in 1933).

In 1888 Matthias Groves (Lot 10) receives 300 pounds from the Colac Fire Relief Fund as on 5 January 1888 he lost his home, buildings and crops. On 1 August 1896, his son dies of influenza, the Colac doctor attending said "the Wymbooliel roads were the

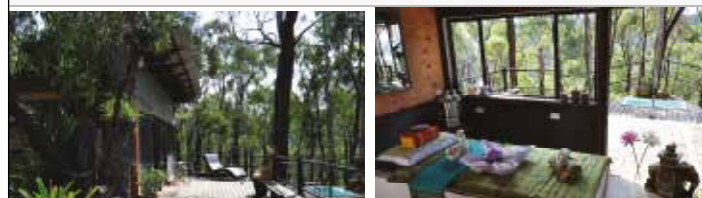


Above: Trays were favoured over wagons because of the mud

worst he had ever experienced," and on arrival he found the father dead, one son buried and another in sinking condition. His penniless wife lives on the neighbour's handouts but being resolute on 12 February 1897 the Colac Hospital received 50kg of gooseberries in lieu of payment (P&T Jennings).

Jim Garvey would take 6 bags of spuds to Colac & get 30 cents a bag, buy chaff for his horse at 20 cents a bag & one day he walked off the property without telling anyone, leaving behind his hut & some cleared land & completely broke. (Steven Callaghan notes). In March 1893 Charles Wickham states "for 12 years he has endeavored to make a living out of this land but worse still is trying to keep down the rabbit nuisance."

(To be continued in the January edition of the Lorne Independent)



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NEW COVID-19 VACCINES ON THE WAY FOR AUSTRALIA

Australians could have access to a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as March 2021, and to facilitate distribution, a -75°C cold chain system has been worked out.

The Australian Government has secured two more vaccines, including the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, with Pfizer reporting that interim analysis showed more than 90% effectiveness.

The government's agreement with Pfizer includes full cold chain logistics distribution, which utilises an 'esbies' type cold chain system to provide the vaccine to hospitals, respiratory clinics and general practices throughout Australia.

As an mRNA vaccine, it is expected to require a cold chain of -75°C.

The head of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Professor John Skerritt said Pfizer had done some 'really clever work' on the distribution system of the vaccine.

They're very sophisticated eskies, which require dry ice. They last for 14 days and can be refilled twice to give a month-and-a-half of cold chain protection.



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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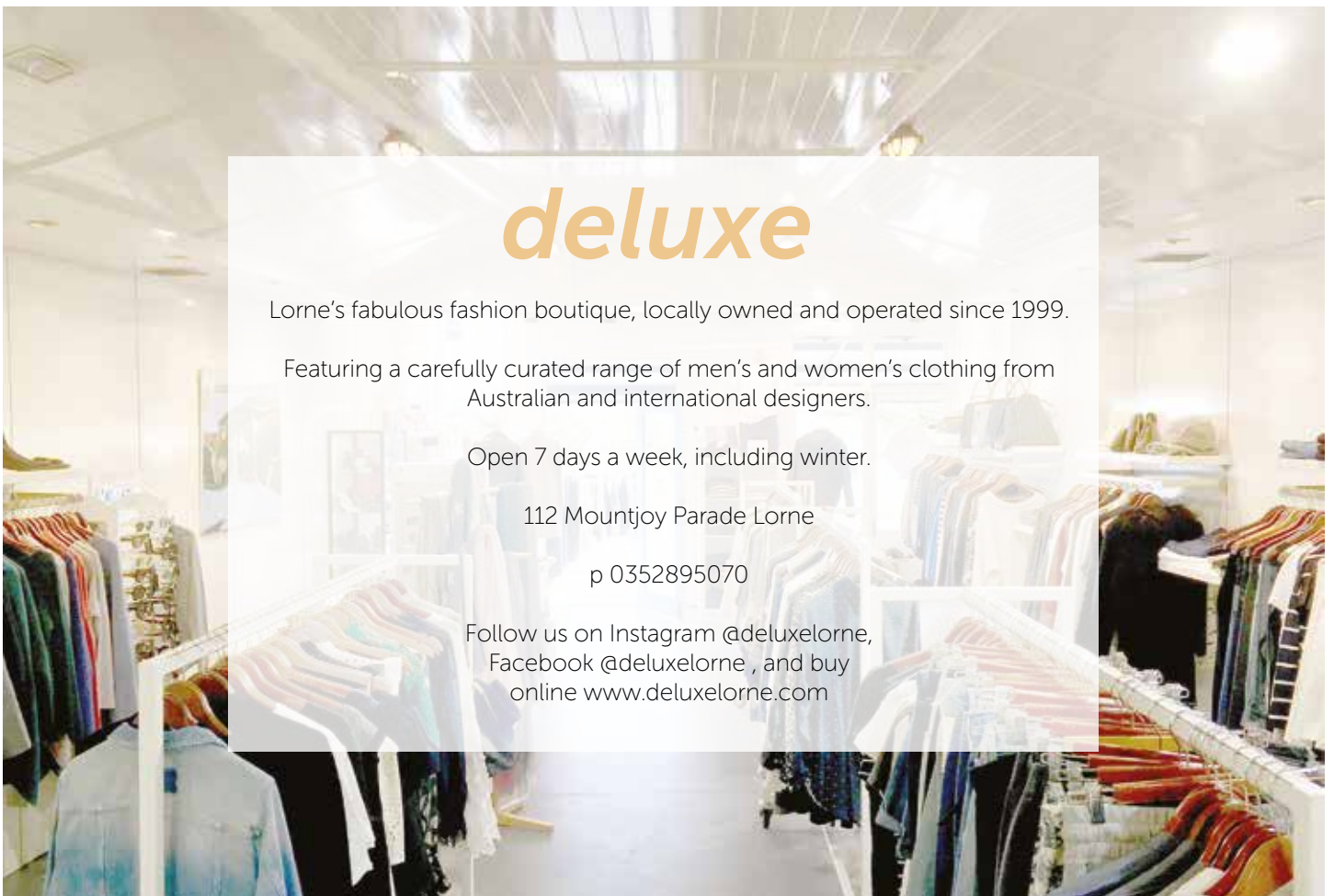
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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

On that Monday after the ring of steel was removed many, many Melbourne people headed for Lorne, and how happy they looked! Imagine how they felt after being restricted and locked down for so long?! We welcome them to our beautiful town of beach, bush and beauty. One little nag – please don't drop or chuck your rubbish in our streets or on the beach and rocks, and please pick up anything your dog drops from the end which doesn't bark or bite! The massive increase in rubbish and barkers' nests over the last few weekends prompted for this plea!!

And on the day of 'no more masks needed on the beach' we rejoiced in the open smiles of so many – such genuinely full-on happy smiles! Didn't you love Dan's easy reference of a trip to Bunnings to explain how the new part-time mask rule works?

Fascinating to stroll down our main street. So many changes. The Cuda Bar (apparently now owned by Ghanda) sports new signage – Jetty Road Brewery – has had a mini facelift and looks so smart all white with orange trims! Just in time for schoolies! No more Marks Restaurant or Maple Tree. Hasora (Home, Art, Design) has moved from the old newsagency area to the servo area and has a whole new look, and almost next door is Wattletree Child – a Pandora's box of divine items for littlies. Visitors searching to reminisce at the Arab will find it is now Captain Hooked – a beautifully fitted out local fish and chips shop. And Kerry's Coastal Diva has relocated to Anglesea right near the Four Kings corner – just when her new Lorne abode is almost finished.

Hint! Whilst wandering the main street pop in to Gelato Gelato and try the raspberry sorbet! OMG!

Several owners of single story freeholds on Mountjoy Parade have been approached to consider selling the air space above their shops. Pretty valuable air when you think about it.

A sincere apology to the family of the late darling - Lois Black. I missed a name! Correction: Lois had/had two gorgeous daughters – Julianne and Angie, partners Michael and Amanda, and precious grandkids Prue and Olive. So sad for everyone when the matriarch dies - such a big gap. Love to each of you. xxxxxxx

Welcome to the seven new Councillors on the Surf Coast Shire group of nine! Our own Gary Allen is so well qualified to represent us for the next four years and we wish him all the best in the position. He quickly sent out the latest restrictions for the third and last step of our roadmap to recovery. All 9 pages of them! That's our thorough Gazza!!

20 years ago a small group gathered to create the first Landcare 'working party' – under the "Lornecare" moniker. Camel (Michael) Callinan and Alain Purnell led the charge and we started with an outright war on blackberry plants! We soon learned that yanking them out was useless, as they seemed to actually like that and became more vigorous. A low cut with secateurs and a quick dab (within 30 seconds) of Roundup diluted with water and coloured with food dye was a permanent solution! Stony Creek Valley is a tribute to this knowledge. Congrats to the current eclectic group of locals and not so locals for giving their time and energy – and to Alain who does just so very much to keep it all going. Of course the absence of dear Camel is painfully felt, but he sure started a good tribe!

One never ceases to be surprised by the way our local Foodworks supermarket goes that extra mile for us. Whilst shopping with recipe

in hand as one does, found young Ravi busy restacking shelves but was happy to point out where the Porcini Mushrooms were hiding, and then located fresh lasagne – temporarily out of sight! Totally so happy to help!!

This awesome mushroom lasagne recipe also called for a celeriac! Prepared to drive to Anglesea, but first emailed Foodworks to see if they had one 'out the back'! "Tomorrow!" Between Jonn and Dan three arrived from Bacchus Marsh (no doubt in the vehicle that brings the huge yummy strawberries)!! These may seem to be silly little happenings. Wrong! They are, in fact, very impressive service from a fantastically well-run organisation. Much more impressive than the Safeway truck racking up food miles dropping off shopping all over town, when in fact our very own supermarket could supply it all! Please consider shopping locally with all our traders especially with Christmas looming???!

One of our most senior ladies not only remembered my name the other day when our paths crossed, but immediately offered me a potted Lone Pine plant she had struck from a seed within a pinecone!! Good call for someone in her late nineties!

Speaking of pinecones – one local dog spent a peaceful morning demolishing a pinecone recently and then spent an afternoon at the vet – violently ill!

Apparently 'The View' at the Lorne Hotel is being transformed into another gorgeous ladicah restaurant – CODA – goody! Their website claims French-Vietnamese/Asian infusion/modern Asian influences and the Menu is to drool over! Take my money!

Goodness knows what is happening at the Pavilion on the beach!

Glad to hear Pam has sold dear Robin's yacht and soon it will be back at sea where it belongs. So difficult to do these big things when our men are no longer around! He'd be elated!

Surf Coast Art Calendars will be available from the Visitors' Info Centre from early December. Once more - Free! Loved seeing that Elizabeth Rickey (ex Lorne, now Anglesea) was one of 13 talented local artists whose work was selected and which addressed this year's theme "The World at Home".

Lots of work in the bush behind our Surf Coast villages. Vic Government is dropping and lopping, clearing 35 kilometres of 40 metre wide fire breaks on existing tracks – creating rings round each town. Great access for bush management and for fire access and even for walking, as well as hopefully slowing down fires. They are also removing hazardous trees or branches along major roads to minimise the risk of falling branches etc. (Thanks to the Surf Coast Times for this info.)

How fortunate we are to have access to the excellent writing skills of John Agar! Not only in this very rag, but also in the SC Times. A real pleasure to read, learn, smile and laugh! Love your work John!

Schoolies this year will be interesting to observe. Heaps of bookings, Red Frogs guaranteed for one week (Thank you Op Shop), but very few organised events. Hope it works. As Mr Agar so wisely reported: "...while there will be inevitable frustration and much understandable disappointment at the lack of venues, gigs, free gathering, and group association, we ask them to maintain respect for local property and local sensitivities as they plot their paths from school into the wider world!" Stay safe kids.

Should be a wonderful summer on the beach with the fashionable G-string bikinis being 'the look'! The Op Shop team almost got hysterical when a barefoot lass with a divine figure did a circuit of the shop in her orange one piece plunge-front G-string bathers – purchasing a leather jacket, a towel and a book prior to leaving! A guy was seen on North Lorne's beach recently sporting a Borat bather 'rig' and he not only had the body for it, but had the moves as well. Bring it on. Lorne is a fun place. Enjoy it! Be safe. Cheers! Lillian xx

FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

For the Lorne Ward - Cr. Gary Allen



At the declaration of the poll last month, the following people were elected to their respective wards on the Surf Coast Council: Anglesea Ward – Mike Bodsworth and Libby Stapleton, Torquay Ward – Paul Barker, Kate Gazzard, Rose Hodge and Kate Pattison,

Winchelsea Ward – Adrian Schonfelder and Heather Wellington. I extend my congratulations to these councillors and I look forward to working with them to represent the residents of the Shire.

The residents have elected a large number of new councillors, with Rose Hodge and Heather Wellington being the only councillors re-elected.

I know that I will have a very steep learning curve, but I also know that I can draw upon the vast experience of Clive Goldsworthy and many others in the Lorne community to assist me in the role.

We have now completed a six-day induction program, with the first council meeting to elect the mayor and deputy mayor, held on Wednesday 18. Congratulations to Libby Stapleton who was elected mayor, with Liz Pattison her deputy, I wish them well in these respective roles and I also want to acknowledge the outstanding commitment to our Shire and its residents by Cr. Rose Hodge the outgoing mayor.

There will always be a dilemma for elected representatives, reconciling personal views and convictions with the majority-held position of residents.

The challenge is to accurately judge what the majority view is, then to match that with what is possible under commonwealth, state and local government statutes. I believe that I must operate, whenever possible, within the following framework:

- Ask is the matter core council business
- Determine what is the majority view, and
- Use the test of what would a “reasonable person” would decide to do.

To honour my pledge to be available at a set time at Lorne Community Connect for a trial period, I will start with 10.00 am – 11.30 am on a Monday morning beginning next year. Naturally, residents may contact me outside this time by mobile, email and the casual conversation in the street, but I will see if the set-time works.

My council contact details are: Mobile 0438 637 274 and email gallen@surfcoast.vic.gov.au I must also add that council matters should be initiated by you lodging a request on the council website info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au and this will initiate a CRM. If the matter is urgent, then ring the Shire on 52610600.

The council has begun the installation of sensors in the parking bays between Otway and Bay Streets. The installation of the sensors is occurring to help traders maximise customer traffic and will not result in paid parking.

I have been contacted about the waste bin overflow, a perennial problem. I have requested that the matter be listed for discussion in councillor briefings in the last week of November.

I must also add, that the most effective short-term action that we all can take is to SMS the bin number to the contractor (details are on each bin) and/or the council.

The contractor may have a vehicle in Lorne at the time to immediately address the matter and the volume of complaints assists in lobbying for increased collections.

May I wish all residents a safe and happy Christmas and new year.

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NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY FOR SHIRE COUNCIL

Surf Coast Shire Councillors have elected Cr Libby Stapleton (Anglesea Ward) to the position of Mayor at a special meeting of the council last month. Cr Liz Pattison (Torquay Ward) was elected Deputy Mayor.

In her acceptance speech, Cr Stapleton singled out COVID recovery as a key priority for the new Council. She also acknowledged the environment was a critical issue for the community.

“I expect the environment will be a key focus on our agenda ... but more immediately, supporting our local business, community organisations, residents and visitors, in the COVID recovery must be a priority,” Cr Stapleton said.

“Our approach as we commence this term of Council will be to bring people together to engage, to really listen and to understand each other and our community’s needs.



“During my campaign, it became clear to me that the community wants a positive, proactive and collaborative Council that can get on with the job of leading, to create the kind of place in which we all want to live”.

Cr Stapleton acknowledged the skills and experience of her fellow Councillors. “When I look around at the Councillors who will be representing our community for the next four years, I am inspired by the expertise this Council will bring to the table,” she said.

Cr Liz Pattison said she was excited to be given the opportunity to represent her fellow Councillors and the community. “I feel that a

key role as deputy is to support the Mayor and councillors in fulfilling their role to the best that they can.

I see myself as well placed to provide that support to Mayor Stapleton”, she said.

Vale Bill Vasilios Raskatos 07.01.1953 – 13.11.2020

The thousands of us who purchased our fish at the “Lorne Co-op” as it was affectionately known, knew it was a family affair. You would be served by either Christos or Bill, Bill’s wife Julie, then later by Bill and Julie’s daughter Laura or son Stephen.

The ‘boys’ were all similar in stature with Bill the anchor of the ship for he and his family lived in Lorne. Often the roller doors were down but you could hear the steel honing the blades to fillet the fish when walking home from a night squidding on the pier. And no one could fillet a fish like Bill.

Bill was the quiet one, always working in the background. But the minute you walked in the shop, he made you feel like one of his family when you went to buy his fish. “No, you don’t want that, I’ll just get you something from out the back.” OR “What are going to do with it?” A big smile then often followed by some advice on how to cook it. There would often be a lemon wrapped up in the paper with the fish. The smiles never stopped, Julie always smiled, so did Laura, then later on so did Bud {Stephen}. Our loving thoughts are with you Julie and the kids, who are now adults, and may Bill Rest in Peace, always smiling.

Hadyn Rickey

Sensor technology to improve Lorne parking

Surf Coast Shire Council is installing sensors this month in Mountjoy Parade to help traders maximise customer traffic, which can be reduced when cars overstay the time limit and prevent others from using parking bays.

“The aim of the technology is to improve parking availability, which has become problematic, especially at peak times,” said Lorne’s Cr Gary Allen.

The technology installation was originally planned for June but was postponed because of the lockdown.

Last year, traders expressed their concern to Council about motorists overstaying in time restricted parking spaces. A survey of 51 traders in Torquay, Jan Juc, Anglesea and Lorne identified that 78 per cent supported the scheme.

A total of 132 sensors will be installed in Mountjoy Parade between Otway and Bay Streets.

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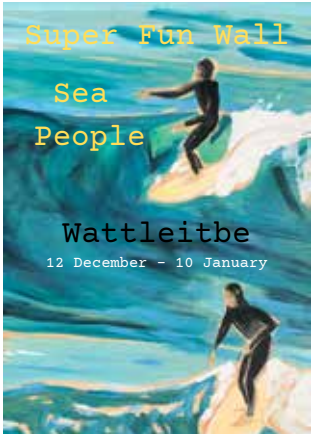
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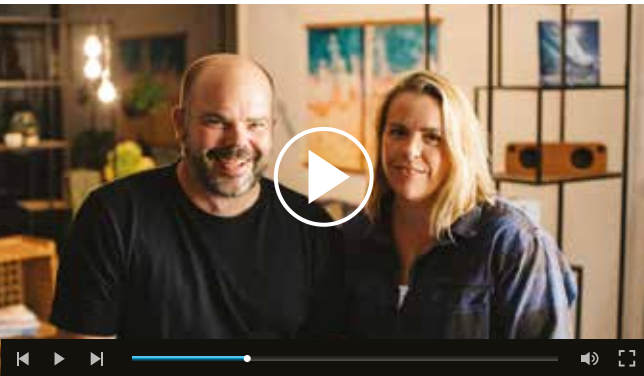
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During the 16 days view our videos featuring local people sharing reflections about respect and equality around our famous waves. Visit our Facebook page or www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or family violence contact **Barwon Orange Door on 1800 312 820**, or **Safe Steps on 1800 015 188**.

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73 POLWARTH ROAD LORNE

LORNE HIATUS

Nestled in a little known pocket of Lorne, this architect designed home offers both easy walking access into town and an abundance of privacy, peace and tranquillity. Bordering both Polwarth Road and Clovelly Court, "Lorne Hiatus" is a contemporary beach home.

Two storey and projecting from a steep block the timber clad home sits comfortably in the surrounding treetops. Simple yet cutting edge u-shaped design provides 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and multiple indoor and outdoor living zones. Polished timber floors, combustion wood fire, stone bench tops and double sliding doors leading to a stunning deck area.

A very popular holiday rental, the property is being sold on a walk in walk out basis should the successful purchaser wish to continue holiday letting or the pure convenience of a stylishly kitted out home.

The home invites families to enjoy its exceptional location, stunning natural surrounds and an overall slice of modern elegance.

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LORNE PROPERTY FOR SALE



53 SMITH STREET LORNE

LUANA

There are only a small handful of standalone holiday homes located literally within a stones throw of the main street and Lorne beach. Luana is one of these. The location cannot be overstated. With laneway access, a return trip for a dip in the ocean can be achieved in minutes. Set yourself up on the beach for the day and revel in the ability to duck home for a snack, drink or the sun screen you forgot.

Dream location aside, Luana is full of surprises. Somewhat basic and maybe a bit underwhelming from the outside, the inside is far from. It's 80s funk mixed in with modern upgrades in all the right places. Open plan living upstairs is stylish with lounge, dining, kitchen and chilling zones rotating their way around a classic spiral staircase. Flanked by the master bedroom and bathroom, the entire top level enjoys Ocean, Pier and main street views creating a backdrop that is constantly luring you back into the action day and night.

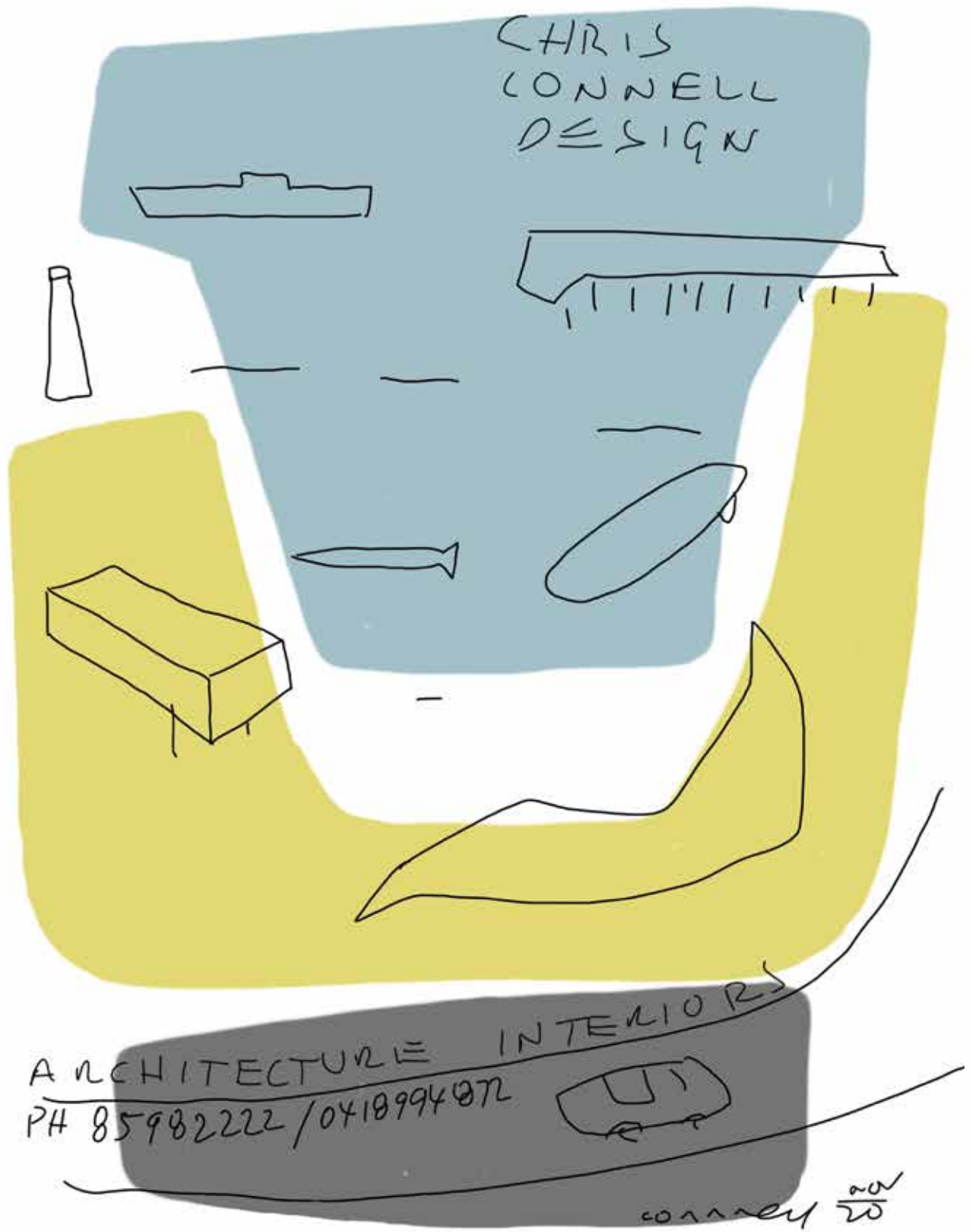
Downstairs is fun. Fun for the extra living space, comfy couches, TV and epic old school table top arcade. Fun for the polished concrete floors, painted brick walls and funky art. Fun for the let's come together and smash out a 10,000 piece puzzle kin. Two more stylish bedrooms and bathroom fills out the ground floor. Heading out back is a private grassed courtyard, affectionately referred to as the compound. Plenty of space to spread out, catch some rays, wax up the boards or simply chill out and read a book.

Luana is a well-loved beach destination for all the right reasons. Atop this long list is that holidaying here is quite simply, easy.

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More restrictions eased

The Premier has announced a further easing of restrictions, including:

VISITORS

The number of visitors to your home has increased from two to 15 per day.

From 11.59pm on 13 December, you'll be able to host up to 30 people in your home per day.

MASKS

If you're outdoors and you can keep a safe distance from others, you don't have to wear a mask, but you must carry one.

You'll still need to wear one when you're indoors and on public transport – and where you can't keep your distance.

For example, you'll need to keep your mask on if you're at a busy outdoor market, but if you're headed for a quiet stroll around the neighbourhood, you won't need to wear a mask – but you will need to have one with you, in case the situation changes.

OUTDOOR GATHERINGS

Up to 50 people can now gather in a public place such as the park or beach.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Up to 150 people are now able to attend weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies indoors.

RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND PUBS

For smaller venues, the density limit is now one person for every two square metres – up to 50 customers. QR code record keeping is mandatory. For bigger venues, the density limit of one person for every four square metres stays the same, but the cap has increase to 150. Total venue capacity is now 300.

CINEMAS, GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

These venues can now host up to 150 people indoors.

ORGANISED SPORT

Contact and non-contact sports can begin for adults as well as kids for up to 150 people indoors with a group size of up to 20 and up to 500 outdoors with groups of up to 50.

EVENTS

Organisers can apply to host a public event. Different requirements and rules will need to apply, depending on whether it's a school fete or a major sporting match.

POOLS

For indoor pools, up to 150 patrons are allowed, subject to density quotient.

For outdoor pools, up to 300 patrons are allowed, subject to density quotient.

GYMS

Gyms can host up to 150 people in groups of 20, with a density limit of one person per four square metres.



**SORE THROAT?
RUNNY NOSE?
COUGH? FEVER?**

Whether you live locally or are visiting the area, please get tested if you have these or any other symptoms, no matter how mild.

LOCAL TESTING LOCATIONS:

Torquay Community Health Centre: call **4215 7815**

Lorne Community Hospital: call **5289 4300**

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

For advice or more information:

- Call the 24-hour hotline: **1800 675 398**.
- Go to: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-tested

WHERE TO FIND HELP

EMERGENCY AND FOOD RELIEF

Uniting Barwon – Winchelsea

p. 0419 535 490

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)

Foodlink Anglesea

p. 5263 2116 e. admin@anglesea.org.au

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p. 0428 563 014 e. SurfcoastAngels@gmail.com

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SalvoConnect Barwon South West (Adult)

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

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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)

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

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Do you know a local legend? Nominate them now!

We need you to tell us about our local legends.

We want to know about all those incredible people and groups who are helping our community and environment to thrive.



In place of the previous 'Citizen of the Year' award, the Surf Coast Shire Local Legends recognition program is all about celebrating those who go above and beyond to help make our community a great place.

If you know someone who should be recognised for making a difference, go to www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends and tell us why. Nominations close in January.

MEN'S SHED AGM

Bird shelters safely delivered

The construction of five bird shelters, continued work on a small two-person dinghy as well as cutting and shaping beams for the façade of the Lorne Historical Society building were among some of the projects the Men's Shed members continued on with during the recent lockdown.

Although the Shed was officially closed to inter-mingling, several members took to working on projects alone and socially distancing from everyone.

President Bob Sinclair told the AGM that the bird shelters had now been delivered to a veterinarian in the Mansfield region for distribution in fire affected regions.

The shelters are the work of the Shed's most senior member, Leo Collins, who totally devoted himself to the project. The shelters are important in attracting birds back to fire devastated areas.

President Bob said that he hoped the Coota-style dinghy would be ready for the planned Easter Weekend model boat regatta – it will be used to free boats should they be caught up in reeds or mud. The regatta is now considered to be a major Lorne Easter attraction, especially for children and those adults still young at heart.

Other projects the Shedders participated during the two lockdowns, March 13 to June 13 and August 1 to November 10, included Art Screen Repairs by John Bliss and Gary Norton, Historic Society Wall (1st Stage) constructed on site, Garry Fenton and John Westacott puzzled over a better router table, members assisted with community projects e.g. Tradie Trailer for the Footy and Netball Club, Bowls Club, OP Shop, a mud kitchen completed for the Lorne Kindergarten (Ashley Brown and Bill Youl) and last by not least Garry Fenton's great undertaking to record via book and video the history of the Lorne & District Men's Shed. The first set of interviews (around 15 members) has been recorded by Garry. There will be more to follow as we head towards our 10 year anniversary in 2023.

The line-up of Men's Shed executive positions remained unchanged with all renominated. Vice president is Max Pitt with Allan Walls Immediate Past President, Secretary is Bill Youl and John Barber remained Treasurer. The committee consists of St. John Sutton, Tony Peddie, John Bliss, Garry Fenton, Gary Norton and Alvis Svikers.

Lorne's newly minted Shire councillor Gary Allen attended the meeting – his first since he was nominated to the Lorne Ward of the Surf Coast Shire council.

The total paid-up membership of the Men's Shed now stands at 97. - JV

LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEALTH DOES NOT STOP DURING COVID

When it comes to health, prevention is better than a cure, especially during the pandemic. The Lorne Community Hospital has in place screening programs designed for people without any signs or symptoms, so even if you feel healthy, it's wise to keep up to date with your appointments.

That said, it's important that you also keep an eye on your body and visit your GP if you see any changes (like a lump, new mole, sudden weight loss or change in bowel habits). There are health checks for older people - as you get older, keeping an eye on your health becomes more important.

With COVID restrictions easing, all Lorne Medical Centre services are up and running including, dietitian, massage therapist, osteopath, podiatry, physiotherapy, optometrist, exercise physiology and counsellors.

Great Ocean Road Health will also be running COVID pop-up clinics, if required, during Summer. We urge everyone to maintain your social distance, wear masks when required and please continue to wash your hands. Together we can keep our community COVID free. – Emily Lens



Keith Miller
Commodore



Commodore's Notes

Well summer is just around the corner and we are still restricted to only 10 patrons inside the clubhouse because of the four square metre rule but we can have 60 outside so it's fine when the weather is cooperating. We are continuing the Members Only rule until the restrictions are relaxed.

It's easy to become a member and it's only \$45 or \$60 for a family. All the details are on our website.

The marquee is being put up and down like a yoyo depending on the weather and wind but it's working extremely well keeping everyone dry and cosy. Currently we are open every day except Tuesdays and Thursday's but from the 28th of November we will be open 7 days a week.

The Humpback Whales have now gone and will be well on their way to Antarctica but there's still lots of dolphins about and our friendly lady dolphin comes and goes at her pleasure. She was in Torquay for a few days playing with swimmers and surfers then reappeared here doing the same. Sammy our resident seal is back living under the pier and stealing the odd fish from unlucky fishermen.

AGM

Unfortunately, the AGM was held just as the Lorne Independent went to print so please read about important news in the January issue.

Secretary/Treasurer

David Worth our Secretary/Treasurer has taken on a new job in Melbourne which will take up most of his time so unfortunately he has had to step down from the role and also off our committee. We are hoping to find someone out there to put their hand up to take over his role. We have our own paid book-keeper so the role of treasurer is not difficult or time consuming at all. The role of secretary would mainly involve organising an agenda for each monthly meeting and helping out with the general running of the club.

Rescue Boat

I'm very sad to tell you that we were forced to pull the pin on the purchase of the rescue boat from the Port Fairy Marine Rescue Service. We had made the decision to purchase the boat from the Port Fairy Marine Rescue Service but were told that we couldn't operate it until we were affiliated with Emergency Management Victoria which involved a lot of red tape and could take a long

time. We were even told that as recreational fishermen we shouldn't be carrying out any rescues at all and should be dialling 000. This would mean that a boat broken down off Lorne would have to wait for a boat to come from Apollo Bay or Torquay which could take over 90 minutes in a moderate sea and much longer if the wind gets up.

Melbourne Cup Extravaganza

We had to limit the numbers for this year's event but I reckon it was the best one ever.

The weather was sunny and warm so we removed the marquee and set up lots of umbrellas. Because of the Table Service only rule we encouraged each table to bring an esky which allowed everyone to purchase wine and beer by the bottle which made it a lot easier for Hutch and his staff.

Everyone received a free champagne on arrival and we supplied chicken for lunch. Each table brought along their own salad and nibbles. We ran several sweeps for every race and set up an outside TV so everyone could see each race.

A special thanks to Michael Causon who ran all the sweeps and helped organise the day. The fashions on the field were a great success with Rose Riberu winning the Ladies Section and Ric Addison winning the Gentleman's.

The best Ladies Hat also went to Rose Riberu. Best Men's Hat was taken out by Jamie Trigg. And this year we had a Best Mask section which was won by Leslie Goldsworthy.

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Major Fishing Comp Sponsored by Lorne Hardware

Our final fishing competition for the year was held on Sunday the first of November in excellent conditions.

The winner was Tom Curran with a big snapper 5991 points

Runner Up was Ric Barham with a leatherjacket 2958 points

Third was Ian Middleton with a flathead 2883 points

Our Club Champion is Ric Barham with a total of 11,510 points. Runner Up is Andrew Clarke with 10,925. Third is Ian Middleton with 9,483.

Our Calendar Year Comp Winners for 2020 are:

Snapper: Luke Norton
Bream: Rose Riberu
Flathead: Rishi Williams
King George Whiting: Tilo DeBon
Salmon: Steve Arundell
No Garfish entered this year.

There will be photos taken of all these winners at the AGM presentation which will be included in December's Commodores Notes.

Sinker Making Day

We've now received plenty of lead so we will have our sinker making day at 3pm on Saturday the 12th of December.

Thanks to all the people who donated lead, especially Ashleigh Floyer who dropped in hundreds of old sinkers he found using a metal detector and Steve Spooner who also supplied us with heaps of old sinkers he found by snorkelling. All members are welcome to come along and see how it's done.



Top: Tom Curran with his winning Snapper.

Above: Ian Middleton being presented with a prize from sponsors Nala from Lorne Hardware.

Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)

I've been in constant contact with the Victorian Fisheries and we are getting our FAD's back again early this month. They will be deployed in the same spots as last year. The exact coordinates will be displayed in the club house.

Point Grey Redevelopment Report

Since the last Point Grey Redevelopment report several things have occurred.

GOORC has advertised for interested parties to register for a design and construct development at Point Grey.

GOORC has also committed money to progress the current Design Development drawings to construction documentation.

Following the approval (with 40 plus conditions to be met) of the current design by the Surf Coast Shire there have been some objections lodged to the proposal which need to be addressed by VCAT. There has been a first compulsory hearing at VCAT recently and at that meeting one objection has been referred on to a hearing in April 2021 and 4 other objections were given time to represent to a further hearing in December for a ruling. Fingers crossed. We will keep you posted.

Fishing Report

It's been the usual windy spring weather but we are managing to get out at least twice a week.

The water temperature is finally starting to rise and is now 15 degrees which is about normal for November.

The flathead fishing over the last 6 months has been sensational. They are nearly jumping into the boat. It's common to pull in two at a time and have several others following them up to the boat. Recently I had a big flathead take the bait and hook out of a small ones mouth right on the surface which was a bonus. It's common for anglers to catch their bag limit in under an hour.

The same can't be said for the snapper fishing which has been a bit ordinary, hopefully they arrive in reasonable numbers soon. There's been quite a few Teraki, Nannygai, Swallowtail, Blue Morwong and big Gummy Shark being caught and still quite a few King George Whiting being caught off the pier. The gurnards are still in plague proportions which is a pain.

Coffee

Jason will be open from 8am until 1pm Friday to Monday for the next few weeks serving up his world famous Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and bickies.

Unusual Fish Caught Off Lorne

Jackass Morwong or Teraki.

These fish appear to be increasing in numbers and also in size. They were an unusual catch not so many years ago but are starting to become reasonably abundant.

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They are a bycatch when targeting snapper and in our neck of the woods are usually caught in the 40 to 60 metre mark.



The name Teraki comes from the Maori name of Terakihi which for some reason has become the common name here in Australia. The fish markets often call them Sea Bream and Silver Perch as there are no regulations for fish names. They are targeted commercially by trawlers in southern Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand and are managed by quota so the total weight of fish caught is restricted. The males live up to 16 years and the females up to 40 years. They are a good eating fish and great fun to catch.

Merchandise

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A Sporting Summer – Almost

The relaxing of the COVID-19 restrictions has allowed many organized sports to resume – albeit with correct sanitising, social distancing and wearing face masks when unable to achieve the correct spacing, and indoors! It is disappointing that the annual Pier to Pub and Mountain to Surf events can only take place as ‘virtual events’ this summer, but the organisers have been correctly following the COVID protocols. I am hoping that players in all sports return fit and with a renewed hunger to go out and achieve. Those long hours of isolated winter training should provide a fitness platform for success. However we all need to take great care and respect the dangers of the ocean, forest and weather – taking into account that our once electric reflexes and hard-earned aerobic capacity may have trailed off a little during winter!

The committees of our sporting clubs have been working hard to interpret and present concise details of what has been allowable with the frequent COVID rule changes. This is a great time to support all our clubs in Lorne, check that your membership is still current, and support their restaurants and various functions. I wish us all a safe, merry Christmas and a positive outlook for an exciting 2021.

Womens’ Golf

Hello to all those interested in the sport we play in Lorne, and specifically, with this article - in Golf. Each month I will aim to let you know what the women members from Lorne Golf club have been up to; our wins, losses, laughs and adventures.

The course is in great nick after our rainfall over the previous months, and with the care of the green keeper - Pete Wheal, and the army of volunteers that assist so if you haven’t played for a while, and are thinking of breaking out your irons and your foot joys come on up! There is a new on line system now that the Club asks all members and green fee paying guests to use when planning to play - either in a comp, or socially. Just head to the website www.lornecountryclub.com.au, There is a red link “book tee time”. So please use this system, even if just coming for a casual hit. We love our wildlife up at the course - so when you do play, you’ll also enjoy sharing the fairways with Kangaroos, their joey’s, all sorts of birds, eagles, Ducks and their ducklings, and if you’re lucky, you may spot a Koala - an extra incentive to come up for a round and bring your visiting guests!! There have been some changes to some aspects of play due to Covid to be aware of - at this stage, there are no hire buggies, no public sand buckets - (byo if you can to fill your divots), Drinking Water faucets are unavailable, no rakes in the bunkers, and we leave the flagstick in the hole when putting. but we have been so lucky to be able to play, and these are all minor inconveniences. So when you come to play - with the weather getting warmer - please remember to bring your own water.....

Medal of Medalist final: Throughout the year, each month the women’s competition has a “Monthly Medal” winner. Last week was the final competition between those Monthly Medal winners, to see who could take out the year’s honour. This years much deserved winner was our ladies Club Captain - Chris Angus with a Nett 71. Well done Chris.

Club Championship: We are currently in the middle of this 3 round comp, with women competing in both A and B grades.

Last week’s 1st round was played in Hot and windy conditions providing an extra challenge! With 2 more rounds to go, there is still time for the ladies to improve their chance of winning, but currently in Grade A - Sally Young is in the lead, and in Grade B - Helen Lawrie is on fire!

Irish 3-ball competition at Colac: The ladies from Lorne are renowned in the region for winning comps at other courses. Recently 7 of the ladies went to Colac to participate in this comp..... and a team of 3. Lesley Goldsworthy, Caz Bartholomew and Wendy Hutchison took out the win! Wendy also won the straightest drive of the day. Well done girls.

Working Bee: The army of keen members and volunteers came to the course on Saturday Oct 31st for one of the quarterly working bee’s. A chance to break out the whipper snippers, the gardening gloves and other gardening paraphernalia to help keep our course looking beautiful, followed up by some deserved refreshments - it is hard work, but it is also great to socialise and mix with the group, and we all love to see our beautiful course looking it’s best. Clive usually sends out an email to all members when the next one is due - the more the merrier!

New Members: We have enjoyed having some new members join us this year... we welcome one and all - whether new to golf or returning to golf... we’d love to have you come up and join in with our Ladies group. If you’re interested, or have any questions - please give us a call Ladies comp day is Tuesday morning. Contact Sue Neil on 0418 674 062 or Wendy Hutchison on 0419 878 089.

Pennant golf: We are currently putting together our 2 pennant teams for 2021 season. Let’s hope it can go ahead next year!

Summer comp: The summer comp will be on again this season, and “hotly “ contested !- more info on this in next months article.

Thanks, Cheers, and Happy hitting! Danni De Bon.

Tennis

Lorne Country Club’s mixed team in the Tennis Geelong summer competition is currently fourth on the ladder. The standard of play has been very good with points, games and sets being closely fought. The season continues on Saturday afternoons until Christmas, resuming in February, with finals next March. Team practice and social tennis take place on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings where members and visitors are welcome to join in – visitor’s fee is \$10 per session.

Jack Retires From AFL

Lorne’s own Jack Steven has announced his retirement from AFL football. Jack played 183 matches for St.Kilda in a truly outstanding career, winning the Saints Best and Fairest award FOUR times. He frequently amassed over thirty possessions – sometimes over forty – in a game and was an inspiring midfielder and forward. He would delight St. Kilda supporters with his dash, acceleration and ‘gut-busting’ running – in a team that generally lacked pace. Jack spent his final season playing for Geelong after health issues and injuries restricted his availability. Jack went to Lorne P-12 College and played briefly for the Dolphins before being recruited by the Saints as a sixteen year-old. All in Lorne including family, friends and colleagues are very proud of his success. The Lorne Independent congratulates Jack on his successes and wishes him well in all his future endeavours.

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NEW AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

There was much disappointment by many people that Lorne missed out on a representative on a seat of the board of the newly-minted Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority.

The former GORCC authority had left a bad taste in our mouths (remember the pool fiasco and Point Grey on-going?) but let's not be cynical and hope that the new crew might listen to some of our voices.

GORCAPA was formed several years ago to bring together under one umbrella the many separate authorities involved in administering the Great Ocean Road. It was established on a bi-partisan directive.

Libby Mears, a former chair of the Victorian Coastal Council, a former Surf Coast Shire and senior public servant has been appointed chair by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Lily D'Ambrosio, and the new authority is expected to start functioning by December 1.

It will work out of premises at Barwon South West Region, Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 30-38 Little Malop Street, Geelong.

Others in the GORCAPA line-up include Associate Professor Dr Daniel Ierodiaconou (Deakin University, Professor of Marine Science), Mr David Pope, Mr Douglas Humann AM, Mr Jason Mifsud, Mr Wayne Kayler-Thomson, Ms Christine Wyatt, Ms Jenny McMahon, Ms Jodie Leonard, Ms Sarah Eccles and Ms Terry Bracks AM.

Contact Email: greatoceanroad.actionplan@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Address: Barwon South West Region, Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 30-38 Little Malop Street, Geelong, VIC, 3220.

Engage Victoria: more information about the plan can be found at Engage Victoria.

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THE 'INNER CHILD' AT CHRISTMAS

Imagine a world in which our worth was not determined by our work, but by an entirely different standard. Suppose we weren't assessed for our adult skills, but for our childlike abilities. Suppose further that our annual performance appraisal was done by our children – or grandchildren.

It opens up all sorts of possibilities.

Rather than a rating for promptness, we'd probably have a scale reflecting the ability to lose all sense of time for hours on end.

For the ability to fix motors or hang wallpaper in a straight line, we'd substitute skill with Legos. And the talent for making tasty pizza, and hamburgers that taste like Big Macs would earn extra points on our performance scale.

Our world would certainly be a different place. Some of us would be in serious trouble and would have a lot of catching up to do. For all of us, priorities would change in a hurry as we came to terms with the new values and norms.

There might be a little confusion at first, but it would be worth it. "No hitting" and "Plays well with others" would take on new meaning as we evaluated world leaders.

And the world would be a more sensible place as Matchbox cars were substituted for expensive cars as status symbols, Barbie-doll fashions replaced Prada and Armani, and Uno cards became the new coin of the realm.

Regrettably, the world has a long way to go in learning to cherish the child.

An African academic, wrote, "When I think of my own children, raised in the West, I realize how our society has learned to dispense with child-inspired patterns of living."

Maybe that's it! Maybe it takes a child to lead us back to that which is precious, even to lead us to discover God

A child would understand about God – at least until an adult tried to explain it.

This Christmas season let's learn again to treasure the child and we can only do this by first rediscovering and treasuring the child still within each of us – hidden beneath layers of needless complexity and sophistication. But, better still, at Christmas we can we open ourselves to the child who offers hope and a sense of future for all.

Let's welcome that little visitor this month and accept the gift he brings. You'll find it's heavenly!

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GERMAN BOTANISTS IN AUSTRALIA

Doug Williams

Ferdinand von Mueller was appointed as government botanist for Victoria in 1857 and subsequently became director of the Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens, a post he held until 1873 when his successor was William Guilfoyle more of a garden designer than von Mueller and who gained great success with this skill throughout the Western District laying out gardens and regional botanical gardens.

His manner was far more attractive to people than the von who was a crabby individual by nature. He was the archetype of the colonial Australian in many ways with his amalgam of determination, success and arrogance. He was in some regards as victim of changing tastes in botanical design as form prevailed over mere function and presenting plants as an aesthetic became the new way.

Even so the Baron contributed hugely to the development of botany and natural history in the newly mandated colony of Victoria. During the 19th Century immigrants from German-speaking parts of Europe outnumbered arrivals from most

other countries apart from the (then) United Kingdom. One of many such arrivals who contributed to our country's advancement, he was an explorer who headed expeditions in the Northern Territory, Queensland and Gippsland, had sound credentials as a geographer and was also a

physician - to complete his Renaissance Man attributes. He helped set up the National Herbarium and received numerous honours both here and overseas. Appearing on the 21/2d stamp in 1948 was not as great a recognition as the decorations he received from six separate nations for being an internationally renowned botanist. Because he believed so strongly in discovery, he promoted the explorer Ernest Giles' push overland to Western Australia. Ludwig Leichardt, another German, was also patronised by the von, was a victim of his own arrogance and disappeared without trace in southern Western Australia in what have been described as 'mysterious circumstances' only to surface a century later as the protagonist of Nobel prize winner Patrick White's novel *Voss*. Nevertheless, von Mueller was discerning about whom he supported and was adamantly against the ill-fated Burke and Wills folly.

There are pluses and minuses though. He was great as a plant collector, organiser of collections, and supporter of exploration on the one hand but he was instrumental in the introduction of blue gums to the world - a mixed blessing this; they are responsible for very damaging wildfires in California and Spain. Promoting the planting of blackberries to control riverbank erosion was a less beneficial program he got behind and the image of him strewing the landscape far and wide with blackberry cuttings from the saddlebags of his horse as he traversed the landscape like a demented Johnny Appleseed disturbs me still. Ultimately he achieved far more good than bad and on the plus side of ledger is his promotion of women botanists, notably the unconventional Amalie Dietrich from German Saxony who lived as an adventurer and naturalist in Queensland for a decade (where she identified the taipan as a separate genus) and affirming that the Victorian age of scientific enquiry was not limited entirely to men. A redoubtable woman, she has a wasp and a wattle named after her. She met up with von Mueller in Melbourne before returning to Europe via Tonga, arriving home with two pet eagles in her luggage.



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How wonderful it is to greet you all from the Other Side. What a valiant effort it was, especially from our Melbourne friends. So now the Op Shop is finally open again and full of treasures just waiting to be found.

Of course, we need to be vigilant still as many people flock to share our beautiful surrounds and local specialities. Looking at the terrible Covid waves occurring overseas reminds us to sanitise our hands well, wear masks and have any niggling cold symptoms tested. In line with this, the Op Shop must follow a strict Covid plan involving mask wearing, hand sanitising and limited entry. While this may seem inconvenient to some, we do ask you to appreciate that this regime is better than a closed Op Shop. Please be courteous and accept the restrictions for everyone's protection.

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several unused Gazman shirts now sit proudly in a debonair young man's summer wardrobe. The latest, of almost-new books read during lockdown are available for the coming beach season. Stock up your holiday houses with these for your families and guests.

So welcome back to all our faithful supporters. May you find the bargain of your dreams, fill your Christmas stockings with thoughtful gems and then rid yourself of all unwanted Christmas presents. Remember Aunty Karen's ugly figurine is perhaps a collector's missing piece! And you are giving money to those worthy hardworking frontline institutions in your own lovely town.



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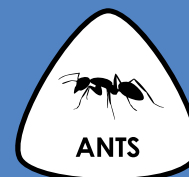
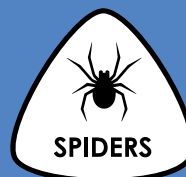
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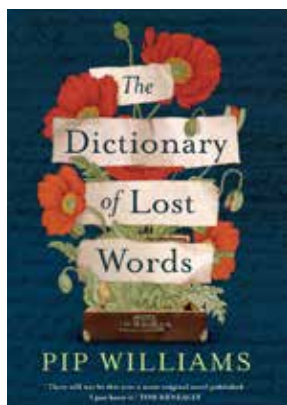
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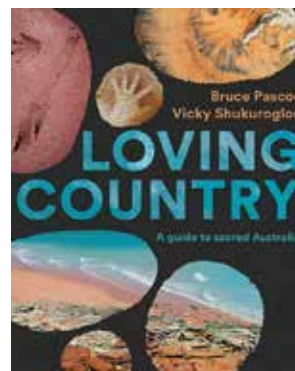
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In 1901, the word bondmaid was discovered missing from the Oxford English Dictionary. This is the story of the girl who stole it. Set when the women's suffrage movement was at its height and the Great War loomed, *The Dictionary of Lost Words* is a delightful, lyrical and deeply thought-provoking celebration of words, and the power of language to shape our experience of the world.

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Louis de Bernières is the master of historical fiction. This book follows an unforgettable family after the Second World War. Daniel Pitt has seen a lot of action. He was an RAF fighter in the First World War and an espionage agent for the SOE in the Second. Now the conflicts he faces are closer to home. Daniel is a flawed but captivating hero, and this coming-of-old-age story illuminates both the effect of two World Wars on a generation and the irrepressible spirit and love that can connect families despite great obstacles

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