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BECOME A WHALE WATCH 'CITIZEN SCIENTIST'

Whales are back hugging our Surf Coast shoreline and Friends of Lorne recently held a webinar to update information on those magnificent animals who visit us on a regular basis each year.

Led by scientist Mandy Watson from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's (DELWP), the webinar went into some details on the species and where they are most likely to be seen.

An interesting aspect is the call for 'Citizen Scientist' – more information is needed by authorities, and anyone with a good camera and an observant eye can take part.

The project is officially called WhaleFace and is a platform that allows anyone to contribute to the conservation of Southern Right Whales in south-east Australia.

By submitting your sightings and photos of Southern Right Whale faces, you will be helping researchers monitor and protect this Endangered species.

Called WhaleFace because of the unique patterns of white features (known as callosities) on the Southern Right Whale's head, the markings allow scientists to identify and follow individual whales. The collection of whale faces captured help to monitor Southern Right Whale movements, breeding patterns and trends in the south-east Australian population.

WhaleFace was developed to allow community members to easily contribute photos and sightings, build a community of Southern Right Whale citizen scientists, support meaningful scientific research, and provide updates about these incredible creatures during their breeding season.

Whilst this project focuses on Southern Right Whales visiting south-east Australian waters (Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland), also welcomed are sightings and photos of any other whale species as this information assists to better understand, conserve and protect all species in Victorian waters.

Join WhaleFace to submit your sightings and learn more about the research. While DELWP rely on photos and



sighting information for research, anyone is welcome to join the WhaleFace community and stay up to date with this important project.

WhaleFace contributes to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's (DELWP's) whale research and monitoring project. It is supported by SWIFFT and the Centre for eResearch and Digital Innovation at Federation University.

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Recorded webinar with Mandy Watson:

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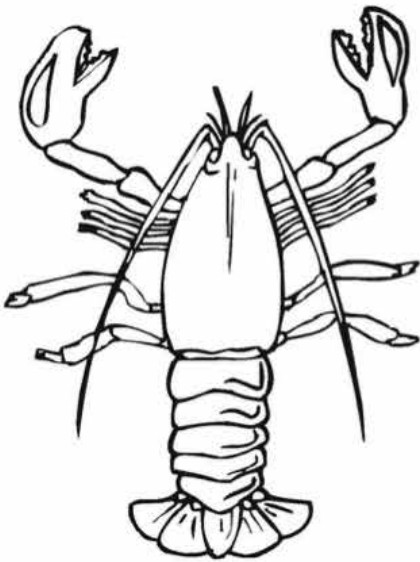
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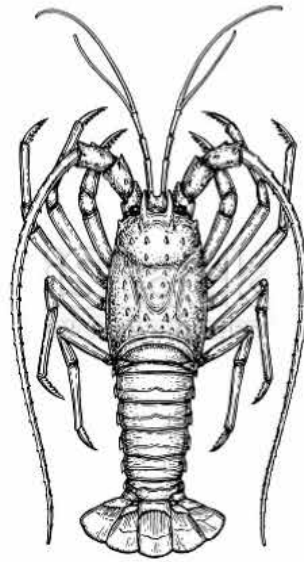


From the Deck by John Agar

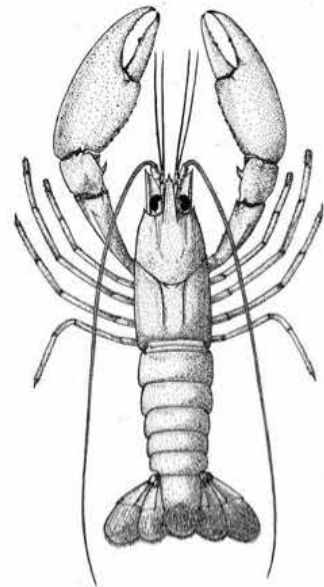
LOBSTER, ROCK LOBSTER, OR CRAYFISH



Lobster



Rock Lobster



Crayfish

For three-quarters of a century, I have been living a crustacean-al lie! Since childhood, I have revered and delighted in our superb Southern Ocean crayfish, but, as I now realise, I have been ‘getting it wrong’. I have been living under an incorrect, uninformed misapprehension!

Some readers may have watched when our brilliant red crustacean recently and justifiably held centre-stage in an episode of MasterChef, filmed on the Apollo Bay harbour wall and played during lockdown #4. As an aside, I confess to a pang of jealousy that it was not being filmed in Lorne, but to be fair, AB is an exceptional taste bud on our culinary coastline, and we must give credit where credit is due.

Enjoyable though the episode was, I couldn’t help being struck by one mixed [and confusing] message it sent. The local fishermen and the judges continually referred to the magnificent sea creatures that hero’d the episode as “crayfish”, while the contestants kept calling them “lobsters”. I shouted at the pixels ... “crayfish, crayfish, they are crayfish”.

Several years ago, I encountered a similar inconsistency in a Seattle fine-dining restaurant where “Famous Southern Australian Lobster” held pride-of-place on the menu. I cheekily suggested to the maître d’ that it be changed to read “Southern Australian Crayfish”. In retrospect: oops!

Thinking it time to check, once and for all, what our sea beauties should be called, it seems we are all wrong. They are not lobsters, but nor are they cray. They are rock lobsters!

Does it matter – especially when one’s tastebuds dance to such delicate flavours? Perhaps not, but I do like scientific accuracy. To be correct: crayfish live only in fresh water, lobsters are found only in the Northern Hemisphere, and our Southern Hemisphere friend is actually a rock lobster. Most importantly, all three are quite different, and all three clearly fall – both biologically and structurally – into three quite separate evolutionary families.

So, what did you catch – or eat? Is it a lobster, a rock lobster, or a crayfish? [NB: some Americans – especially from the deep south – call a crayfish a “crawfish”, but they are one and the same].

What now follows is naked and unabashed plagiarism as I directly “borrow” both text and photography from the most straightforward explanatory reference I have found: an article by the Western Australian Museum titled ‘Lobsters, rock lobsters, and crayfish’ [see Ref. 1] ... so, most of what follows is their work, not mine!

Two simple characteristics will identify them accurately:

[1] the claws - are they present or not?

[2] the water - was it fresh or salt?

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From page 4**Rule of thumb [or claw] ...**

- Caught in salt water and has no claws ... it is a rock lobster
- Caught in salt water and has claws ... it is a lobster
- Caught in fresh water and has claws ... it is a crayfish

All three are aquatic arthropods. Arthropods have external segmented skeletons made of chitin, a similar substance to the keratin of our fingernails. But, despite that they may look similar, lobsters, rock lobsters, and crayfish do not belong to the same family. They are of the same order, Decapoda, but then diverge into their separate families.

The unfortunate confusion comes from the common names we use: the word “lobster” crossing the boundary between two quite different sea-water only animals. At the same time, “crayfish” are only found in fresh water, with the Western Australian marron and the ubiquitous yabbie being our two better-known species.

Lobsters, rock lobsters, and crayfish are not closely related. Although rock lobsters are often called “crayfish” in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, they are neither lobsters – in the true sense – nor crayfish either.

The first significant difference is in the leg structure. While all have five pairs of legs, the pair closest to the head of a lobster [left] has evolved into claws that capture and crush its prey, while the front pair of legs of the rock lobster [right] has evolved into “feelers” that act as antennae. Pick up one of our Southern Ocean rock lobsters and you will immediately see that there are no claws.

In contrast, the Northern Hemisphere lobster has two enormous but unequal and specialised claws: one to cut, the other [larger and dented] to crush. These different functions serve different feeding patterns: the lobster feeds on a range of foods [small fish, sea urchins, crabs, and star-fish], while the rock lobster – not adapted for efficient hunting or able to cut up its prey – feeds on smaller animals [snails, clams, crabs, small shells], or scavenges.

The second main difference between the lobster and the rock lobster is found in the ‘carapace’ that covers the thorax. It is smooth and shiny in lobsters and fresh water crayfish, while in rock lobsters [like ours], it is spiny and rough.

Crayfish [in Australia, mainly marron and yabbies] have one large set of claws upfront, a smooth carapace, and living only in fresh water, feed on aquatic plants, insects, worms and molluscs, or scavenge.

So, lobster, cray, and rock lobster are all different – each being magnificent in its own unique way. Indeed, they are so magnificent that my fork will now momentarily hesitate – mid-air – as I murmur a soft ‘thank you’ to our natural world for creating such creatures to savour.

And as for our Southern rock lobster? Well, you beautiful red creature from our shores, rock lobster you may correctly be, but in my lexicon, you will always be a Bass Strait cray!

Reference:

1. <http://museum.wa.gov.au/explore/articles/lobsters-rock-lobsters-and-crayfish>



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Plans for this year's Lorne Sculpture Biennale make **STEADY PROGRESS!**

The organising committee of the Lorne Sculpture event has been rather reticent in releasing much information on some of the coming highlights, but we can reveal at least two – an installation by the imaginative and surrealistic artist Geoffrey Ricardo and replica of a historic aircraft.

Geoffrey Ricardo participated in past Lorne Sculpture Biennales – his 2014 entry was an elephant which allowed people to walk under it – and you can bet that his entry this year will be controversial, eye-catching and not without humour.

In another entry, Lorne pharmacist Ross Dimsey and his team plan to place on the beach a replica of the aircraft that made an appearance during the festivities at the official opening of the Great Ocean Road, then took up joyriders to view proceedings from above.

Meanwhile, the committee is steadily working behind the scenes to raise more funding and it is starting to organise the artists to make the event – from October 30 to November 21 – possibly one of the most outstanding in recent years.

High profile businessman Andrew Stobart as president and Lorne's own Graeme Wilkie, OAM, as its honorary artistic directors, plan that the event will explore the intersection of nature, history and social connection to Lorne and the Great Ocean Road through the theme 'A sense of place'.

For this year's event, Geoffrey Ricardo has been allocated space at the Tramways precinct located beyond the pier, at the very start of the sculpture trail.

LSE says in its recent newsletter: "Geoffrey Ricardo is a Melbourne-based artist, drawing on figurative expressionism and surrealism to create his own 'dream realism'. Through this imagery, he presents poignant observations of the human condition. Ricardo's observations sometimes allow us to laugh at our own behaviour, confronting us with the comic and the absurd.

"In 2009, Geoffrey Ricardo won the Lorne Sculpture Exhibition prize and has been a regular artist in residence at the Art Vault, Mildura. His work is represented in major private and corporate collections, as well as public and university museum collections in all states of Australia including the National Gallery of Australia, the Art Gallery of NSW, Queensland Art Gallery, the State Library of NSW and the Art Gallery of South Australia.



Geoffrey Ricardo at leisure in his studio – not sure about the reason for his costume but there are no wolves in the Otway Forest.

"Geoffrey Ricardo's work will present his vision for the Tramways site. From the early 1850s, giant Otway Mountain Ash and other ancient trees were cut down and dragged to this site by teams of horses – and later, steam-driven trams – to be shipped to Melbourne and Geelong as raw building materials at a time when Melbourne was flush with goldfields wealth.

"There are still pockets of the Otway National Park that show us the awe-inspiring beauty of this centuries-old forest before it was exploited. This work will celebrate the beauty of the Otway Forest and the timber it produced.

"It will also reflect an awareness of the changes to this landscape and region wrought by the exploitation of its timber resources and inspire a more thoughtful appreciation of what remains". – compiled by JV



THE LOUTTIT LOOP

At last Melbourne folk can come down the Coast! We can but imagine how exciting that must have been for them and we wish we'd put up a big welcoming sign at the entry to our beautiful village. Or at least flick 'em a wink and thumbs up to indicate we know how they must feel.

Wonderful to host the IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boats –aka The Duck) State competitions here in June – over two weekends. Such beautiful young people having fun on the ocean and competing with Clubs from all over the State. The sound of rubber duckies filled the air, even though the ocean was fairly calm. On asking some Members of the South Melbourne Club how the turbulence was they answered “pretty choppy”. Looked like Lake Lorne to us actually. But I happen to know one of those young South Melbourne lads had rescued a swimmer in terrible trouble not long ago, so we dips our lids to them! There are four events – both male and female – The Surf Rescue, the Mass Rescue, the Tube Rescue and Team Rescue. Lorne has a pretty strong team, thanks to our surf.

Cr Libby Stapleton is our current Mayor and does she ever put in! A recent delightful visit to the monthly Aireys Market is a huge credit to her. Stallholders were singing her praise and she seemed to be everywhere on the day. This market is a joy to visit. It can be indoor or out depending on the weather. The mantra is that goods must be Homegrown/ Handmade/Recycled/Vintage and as local as possible. We had an absolute ball buying fruit and veg, wine, kangaroo dog treats, Chai, a Wood Carrier, divine bread and Danish pastries, Tibetan Mo Mo's, giant spring rolls, eggs, gnocchi, ragu sauce, plants, O/J, and a ball on elastic which is still entertaining us. The Winter Market is Sunday 11th July from 9 – 1. Fortunately they have credit card facilities. Be there.

The unofficial Dog Pooh Police from North Lorne have their area pretty well under control. BUT be warned...the area of the beautiful walk at the back of Mantra under the cypress trees is an absolute disgrace. Suspiciously, they think it may be just one offending owner ignoring his dog's barkers' nests and walking on, as all piles look very similar. But these ladies are very vocal, very vigilant and can be very foulmouthed and vocally violent. You have been warned. We supply bags galore and bins close by - so why spoil this beautiful winter walk??

How good is our freshly painted bridge over the Erskine? And it was an efficient and speedy job! Trouble is it makes surrounding bridges etc look a bit tatty.

Having scared off a possum from opening my compost bin's sliding lid with chilli powder – it was stunning to receive a posting from Robert Costa showing two bees working together to unscrew the lid from a Fanta drink bottle! What next?

How miffed do you feel when mooching along Mountjoy Parade searching for a carpark only to find a single shiny motor bike parked slap bang in the middle of a car space!!! At each end of the car parking blocks are clearly marked 'Motor Bikes Only' areas. Maybe we should rough up the signs a bit to “Bloody Motor Bikes Only” and “Effing Cars Only”, and see if that works.

Most long time Lorne visitors or residents would remember Neil Ennis hovering round the Lorne Theatre side door, having a Marlborough, keeping an eye on things, sometimes selling tickets and ice creams, and rolling the movies. Neil died in May and will be remembered as a real community worker. He was connected with the Lorne and Birregurra CFAs for 47 years. RIP Neil, and we hope there are a few Badminton players in your “heaven” who appreciate your unique style!

Happy 60th to our much loved Pakitu – and Happy 70th to Doug Williams. Doug's party was rescheduled several times and finally cancelled thanks to COVID rules!

Some members of the Men's Shed created a great gift for Doug – a beautifully constructed timber box with instructions on every face – This Way Up, Happy 70th Doug, and “Open only in an Emergency!” You couldn't open the box without a crowbar and of course it was empty.

Lyn Bellwood has retired as a member of the Op Shop team. She was one of the most reliable and friendly workers over her many years of involvement and made a sweet speech focussing mainly on how many friends she had made as part of the big team. Thanks Lyn.

The Op Shop is celebrating its 50th Birthday. With over 80 volunteers on their list these celebrations can be pretty loud and mostly fun. An AGM recently took place at the Lorne Hotel and all enjoyed the coffee, muffin and fresh fruit morning tea. Welcome to Wendy Jarratt as the new President. The volunteers then crossed the road to Bryce's Lorne Central for a great lunch of Lamb Shanks, Risotto, or Snapper (referred to as Schnapper in the olden days). Dessert was an enormous decorated sponge cake from Freshwater Creek, and also a miniature Gluten Free cake. Yummo.

During the last Melbourne lockdown a Go Traffic worker holding a Stop/Slow sign at works between Lorne and Apollo Bay rang talkback radio to report that between 7.30 am and 11.30 am he had not seen one car! A lonely day in the office.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Graeme Cooke urges all dog owners and vets to be on the lookout for a new dog disease – Ehrlichiosis –spread by brown dog ticks. Common signs can include fever, lethargy, eye changes such as conjunctivitis, cloudy or red eyes, abdominal bleeding and swellings, small spots or bruising, and swellings on the body and limbs. Gawd, methinks I've got it! So regularly check your 'best friend' for ticks and use effective tick control. See the vet if you feel nervous. Pop the offending tick in a clean resealable bag and take it to the vet for ID. Freeze bag and tick if there is to be a delay. On rare occasions humans can become infected through the bite of an infected tick. Seek medical advice if you feel crook after being exposed to ticks. And yes, we do have ticks on the beautiful Surfcoast.

Keep warm...Lillian...Brrrrrrrr.

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EDITORIAL



Citizen Scientists at work – Ulric Orr and the late Michael ‘Camel’ Callanan

The phrase is not that unfamiliar but over recent times it has gained a certain prestige ... We all know the word ‘citizen’ but to couple it with another word describing activity or a particular task is to make it a fitting phrase for our modern lifestyle.

‘Citizen scientist’ is the new phrase on the block, basically someone who helps gathering information as a volunteer, usually without pay and usually without recognition. ‘Citizen Scientists’ measure the e-coli and other elements in our rivers and waterways, they take stock of rainfall or the lack of it, they help out in a hundred different ways... presumably with the overall intention to make our planet safer and easier to live on.

Volunteers who have measured, observed, calculated and keep records have been part of the Lorne way of life seemingly for ever but now there is a new task to hand – whale watching.

As you will read on page 3 of this issue, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning’s (DELWP) is asking for our help to identify whales that swim along the Surf Coast over the next months as part of their annual migratory ritual.

Whale watching is quite a fascinating task, come to think of it, and one in which almost anyone can participate - young and old, male or female, and especially youngsters aware of their surrounds. All you need really is an observant eye, perhaps a good camera and access to a mobile.

Many people are always on the lookout for a suitable hobby to adopt, something to do during those empty leisure hours; it could also provide a pleasant distraction for youngsters on school holidays.

Perhaps the DELWP might find it in their bureaucratic heart to formally acknowledge any voluntary contribution to their studies of migratory whales. Surely the Department would have no objection if you added proudly the initial W.W.C.S. after your name? Or just plain C.S. – **Jo Vondra**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I wish to add to Janet Gouds' article on her descriptive write up on the Lorne Historical Society's visit to the Benwerrin Babington's sawmill (Lorne Independent June).

My Grandfather, Edward (Ted) Babington first came to the Benwerrin area from Glenlyn. He obtained a contract to supply timber and logs for the construction of the building of the Great Ocean Road bridges, hauling the logs from the bush above the areas closest to the bridge sites by his horse teams.

After this job was completed, he, and a mate named Billy Maher built a "spot" mill on the present mill site, which only took 9 days to build, with primitive tools, gear and sweat in 1936, eventually buying Billy out. In 1939 the horses were replaced by an International crawler tractor, which ended an era for Grandad Ted.

In 1950, he bought his two Sons into the business, Ted Jnr and Erwin Snr who took over and renamed the business Babington Brothers. In 1952, they modernised the mill, replacing the building, installing a 78 HP single cylinder Blackstone engine and up to date more modern benches for that time.

Erwin's two Sons, Erwin Jnr in 1956 and Daryl in 1960, started work with the partnership, working in the bush supplying logs to the mill. They eventually joined the partnership in 1980.

With the voluntary and compulsory log quota allocation cuts put on by the Forest Commission which reduced the log intake to the mill, Ted and Erwin decided to call it a day as there were too many years behind them in 1988. Daryl and Erwin Jnr then went contract logging for other sawmills in the Otway area.

Logs for the Eastern View archway was supplied by 3 generations of the Babington Family. Firstly, Grandfather Ted in 1939 with logs snigged from the bush opposite the sawmill. Secondly, Father Erwin Snr supplied the logs in 1963 obtained from the Little Erskine Creek which runs behind the Lorne golf club, and thirdly Daryl and Erwin Jnr snigged ash logs from Polwarths block at the intersection of Benwerrin-Mt Sabine Rd and Erskine Falls Rd, in 1983 (now John and Sally Daily's block). This was the last time the Family supplied the logs to the arch. The CRB had specified either Mountain Ash or Southern Blue Gum species. We tried to talk them out of Ash as it isn't a good structural timber, used mainly for flooring, architraves and feature walls etc. This eventually fell down with the weight on top, with the CRB saying a bad storm did the damage.

Lorne landmarks which used produce from the mill were; Lorne swing bridge, Roman Catholic Church, Masonic Temple building, Lorne Ice Factory, various guest houses and many homes. Timber was also used in the construction of West Gate Bridge to carry the cranes, and other applications.

Daryl Babington, Benwerrin.

MEMBERS



NIGHT

The Lorne RSL Sub Branch cordially invites you to our members night,
Monday 26th July 2021 6pm to 7.30 pm in the RSL Room at the Lorne Hotel as a

'Welcome and thank you to all of our Members, new & existing'

There will be an introduction address from the new President plus a guest speaker from RSL House – with a Q & A

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COMMUNITY PANEL COMPLETES ITS REPORT ON FUTURE VISION FOR SURF COAST SHIRE

The community panel that was established to support Council's People Place Future project has completed its work with the recent release of a 24-page report.

The Community Panel Report contains a vision for the future of Surf Coast Shire and a series of 10 principles.

The vision reads:

From the hinterland to the coast, from the first peoples to the children of the future, we are an active, diverse community that lives creatively to value, protect and enhance the natural environment and our unique neighbourhoods. We will leave the Surf Coast better than we found it.

Principle 1

Protect, conserve and restore our natural environment.

Principle 2

Planning for growth.

Principle 3

Sharing our home with the world.

Principle 4

Maintaining community identity.

Principle 5

Equitable delivery of community services.

Principle 6

Tackling climate change and implementing climate resilient strategies.

Principle 7

Accountability through timely, consultative and transparent communication about proposed council decisions.

Principle 8

Commitment to a community that promotes cultural and recreational activities.

Principle 9

A place to nurture, acknowledge and promote innovation, the creative arts and industries.

Principle 10

Respectful engagement and consultations with First Nations.

Alongside each principle are recommendations which indicate what actions could be taken to achieve the aims of the principle.

Thirty-five people were selected by a specialist company, independently of Council, to form the panel.

The demographically representative cross section of community members met between March and May to work on the project. In total the group devoted 938 hours to the project.

"The resulting panel report gives Council a solid foundation for our work as we begin drafting our Council Plan and other strategic documents," said SC Mayor Mayor Cr Libby Stapleton.

Climate change and the environment, bushfire risk, residential growth, tourism, township character, community consultation and Traditional Owners were key themes in the Community Panel Report.

Councillors will explore the report in detail at workshops as soon as possible. They will also review feedback received during the first engagement phase of People Place Future, which drew approximately 1200 responses in January and February this year.

Panel members had access to a wide range of data including the feedback from the first phase of engagement and were supported by independent facilitators.

The panel worked independently of Council and the resulting report was authored collaboratively by the group.

People Place Future is the engagement project that will support the development of the Surf Coast Shire Council Plan, Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and 10-year Asset and Financial Plans.

The Community Panel report can be read at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PeoplePlaceFuture.

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LIGHT AND SHADE

Doug Williams

All plants need chlorophyll to convert sunlight into energy, right? Well, no, this is not essential for all plants. There are orchid species living in dense forest which receive very little of the sunlight essential for photosynthesis to occur, photosynthesis being the conversion of sunlight into sugar and carbon dioxide into oxygen by means of essential chlorophyll, the green bits in plants.

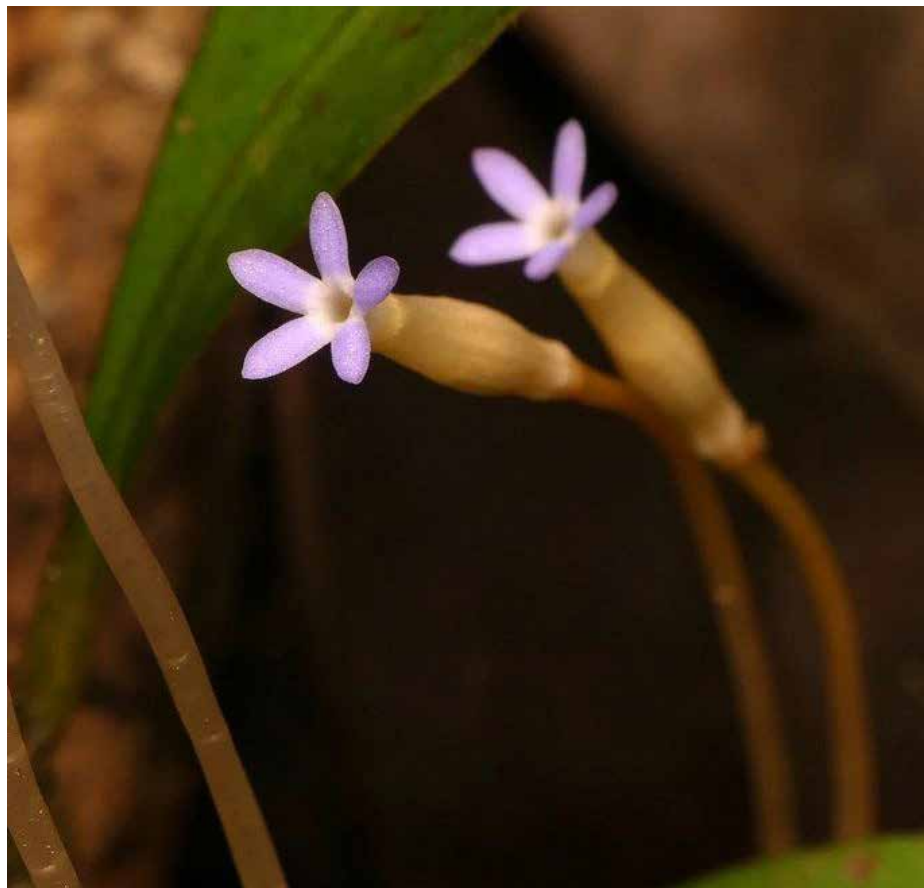
Voyria, otherwise known as ghost plant or ghost orchid, is to be found from northern South America to southern North America on the gloomy floors of deep, dark forests where they flower in low light conditions and can do this because they are parasitic on subterranean fungus.

Fungi cannot perform photosynthesis to obtain the food essential to their own existence so engage in a symbiotic relationship with plant roots to exchange carbon for minerals in a form of vegetal barter system. But since Voyria is a true parasite it is one-way traffic only and the phantom like plants pinch what they need from the fungi by means of their primitive root system and provide nothing in return.

Succulents and cacti on the other hand are very much lovers of light and, as we know, most tolerate dry and hot conditions, environments not suitable for many other plant species. Succulents are different to most plants in the way they photosynthesise. Most plants open their stomata (humans have pores in their skin) during daylight hours to absorb CO₂. Succulents only open their stomata at night when it is cooler to pull in CO₂ and let out O₂ and use this CO₂ as fuel in the daytime to go about the business of photosynthesising light into sugar. With the stomata closed while temperatures are highest, there is less water loss and so they can survive in zones of low rainfall.

Now you can't judge a book by its cover except when sometimes you definitely can and appearances can be deceptive, I can agree with that too so when I heard about a succulent called Thunder Plant I had to track it down for its name alone. But when I saw it, it didn't suit me at all and I guess I was simply beguiled by the image it evoked and by the myth that it deters thunderstorms.

Its botanical name is *Knautia Macedonica* so no prizes for guessing where it originates and while we're in The Med, the word cactus comes from the Greek *kaktos* meaning yep,



thorny plant. Jade plant which we are encouraged to keep in a spot near a house entry because it is said to bring about good fortune can equally be kept indoors. Similar plant culture applies to the plant I know as pilea or peperomia and which has the common name of money plant. But a couple of other plants also have this handle. This can be confusing but it is no big deal - if you intend to grow succulents indoors, just duck into a nursery, look at the variety and choose whatever takes your eye.

Cacti are succulents (but succulents aren't necessarily cactus) too and can be great inside - just be judicious if choosing and positioning ones with spines. The purpose of the spines is not just for protection, they also act as 'dew points' to deflect water droplets on to the roots of the plant.

As indoor plants, succulents are resilient, easy to grow and require little water. One that I consider an imperative in any garden, whether indoors or out, is Aloe vera. The sap from the fleshy leaves is excellent in treating burns and good for minor skin irritations and abrasions. For further information you can easily goggle to find out about Australian succulents (there are no native cacti) and if you want to learn more about them in general let me refer you to a book you can happily judge by its cover - the well-presented *Prick* by Gynelle Leon, publisher Mitchell Bleazey which I recently received as a birthday present from my stepdaughter, Alice.

HISTORY OF BABINGTON SAWMILL

(BENWERRIN) 1936-1998 - By Erwin Babington Snr - August 2003

It was the year 1936 and Edward Laurence Babington (Ted) returned from a job he had with the C.R.B. (Country Roads Board) supplying piles, poles & hewn timber for the construction of bridges on The Great Ocean Road, from Moggs's Creek to Horden Vale.

He then got a job with his horses constructing a settling Basin near Lorne, better known as the Rough & Tumble Basin.

He then won a contract to supply Mountain Ash saw logs to the Victorian Railways for their sawmill at Newport. The timber was used for building carriages. The big problem was Victorian Railways would only take logs 6 ft centre girth, which meant a lot of waste in the tree.

As Ted was a conservative man this was not on.

One night in the camp, Ted and his faller decided they would start up a sawmill so they could save all this waste of the trees. The big problem, MONEY. Ted had a 100 pound note and a team of six horses. His faller Bill Maher, also known as Riley Maher, or Billy Blue Gum, had no money. But Bill got around his Mum and she set him up with a 100 pound note. So off to Geelong Ted & Bill went to get the machinery require. A 15.30 second hand Mc Cormack Deering wheel Tractor, saw spindle belt and 2 circular saws, etc. With axe and crosscut saw the mill was built in about 9 days, and was ready to go and make sawdust.

After a few weeks working underpowered, they updated the 15.30 tractor to a new W30 wheel tractor. This type of mill was named a spot mill with only one workbench. The name Spot Mill arose from the preparation of the logs. A man with a broad axe would spot a flat side on the log, so it could be put over the bench without any fear of it rolling. The mill was progressing very well. The timber was acceptable to builders, Shires and the C.R.B. (Country Roads Board) and other clients.

Bill got the urge to move on, sold his share to Ted who then took his two sons Ted Jnr & Erwin in with him.

Towards the end of the 1930's, timber sales were booming, and they decided to buy a new truck, an International, price



Arch Logs From Polwearths [Ash]

620 Pounds. In October 1939 they went out of horses which were used to snig the logs from the bush to the mill and purchased a brand-new Crawler tractor, an International Tractor TD35 for the price of 1060 Pounds. This machine solved their problems for a short term. They then decided to update the mill, installing a 37 H.P. Blackstone motor in early 1940, setting up a Breaking Down bench with twin saws, also installing a docking bench made of timber cut at the mill. They cut and carried on, and, in 1950 Ted Snr decided to leave it to his 2 Sons, Ted Jnr and Erwin, who renamed the mill Babington Brothers. After the 1939 bushfires all sawmills in the bush were closed down. The only remaining sawmill was Babington Bros. All other mills were relocated to the foothills or into nearby towns.

Logs were getting harder to get due to steeper country, and with easier areas being cut out they signed an order for a larger bulldozer, a Caterpillar D6. After about a 6 month delay, the D6 arrived costing 7875 Pounds. The log supply was too great for their small mill so they decided to update the plant by installing steel benches, log carriage and a 77HP Single Cylinder Blackstone motor in 1952, also a new mill building. This was a modern mill in this era with 14 men on the payroll. Erwin's Daughter, Meryl handled the book keeping (1960 to 1967), 4 men in the bush crew also a truck driver.

They survived the good and bad times, but in the early 1960's took a voluntary quota cut of their log allocation to preserve the bush then a further Forest Commission compulsory cut, reducing the allocation by 65%.

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Erwin Snr On Babington's First Bulldozer

Due to these cuts the business had to look for further alternatives. Erwin Jnr & Daryl went contract logging for other sawmills in the area, joining the partnership in 1980.

In 1988 Erwin Snr & Ted Jnr decided there were too many years behind them and closed the mill down. Erwin Snr purchased the mill & plant from the other partners. With all this old equipment preserved, Erwin Snr decided to open the mill as a Museum which he kept open for 10 years. It became very popular with visitors such as elderly folk, school groups, interstate bus trips, motor car clubs, etc. It was a sad day when he had to close down due to health reasons.

Timber cut at this mill was railed all over Victoria for Army camps and other building projects such as The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Stawell Theatre, Melbourne Harbour Trust, S.E.C. (State Electricity Commission), C.R.B. (Country Roads Board), various Shires, Archway at Eastern View on The Great Ocean Road, Swing Bridge at Lorne, extensions & repairs to Guest Houses, holiday homes, Roman Catholic Church, Masonic Temple buildings, Lorne Ice Factory, and numerous other buildings at Lorne. Other timber cut were pot room sticks for Alcoa at Point Henry, size 3/4 x 1/2 x 12 Foot long. Also piles and sawn timber to build temporary bridges beside freeway concrete bridges in the Melbourne area. These wooden bridges were constructed to carry the machines, such as pile drivers, cranes, etc, to help in the construction of concrete bridges. Piles were up to 75 ft long, 12 inches at the small end. The sawn timber was 28 inches x 28 inches x 28 foot long.

The output in the early 60's was 3 House lots a week delivered to Blackburn. (A street was named Benwerrin, after timber coming from Benwerrin) also timber to build a Hotel at Niddrie.

Ted Jnr was the main Sawyer from 1950 to the closure of the mill. Other long time employees were, Mr Jack Lucas 32 years; Mr Peter Clissold 22 years. Mr Ken Marchant & Mr Col Parker - we were unable to put a figure on their service to the firm due to lost records

COUNCIL ADOPTS STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION

Surf Coast Shire Council has adopted a Statement of Commitment to Reconciliation, pledging to walk and work together with traditional custodians of the land while growing understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Councillors resolved at a recent meeting to adopt the statement, symbolically launching and committing to Council's reconciliation journey.

The statement acknowledges the Wadawurrung People and the Guilijan and Gadabanud Peoples of the Eastern Maar as the traditional custodians of the lands now spanned by Surf Coast Shire.

It also recognises their spiritual connections with those lands, and past hurt, grief and suffering experienced by First Nations people.

Council has registered with Reconciliation Australia to develop and deliver a Reconciliation Action Plan, titled Reflect – by the end of 2022 - and is undertaking this journey with the deepest respect and the highest purpose.

Reconciliation Australia provides framework for organisations to develop four types of Reconciliation Action Plans, depending on their stage of development.

The plans are: Reflect – Scoping Reconciliation; Innovate – Implementing Reconciliation; Stretch – Embedding Reconciliation; and Elevate – Leadership in Reconciliation.

Council's Reflect plan will be largely internally focused, with an emphasis on educating and upskilling staff in preparation for implementing reconciliation. - SCS media release



FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

For the Lorne Ward - Cr. Gary Allen

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SC Shire budget initiatives

Last Thursday the Council approved the 2021 – 2022 budget. The budget was framed under the Fair Go Rate System of a 1.5% increase to rate revenue, progressing the key themes of the 2017 – 2021 council plan.

The budget papers highlight the challenges that we will face in the later part of the next four-year period. We will have difficulties maintaining the level of discretionary expenditure for new initiatives, given that our revenue is capped and that we must place a priority on asset renewal.

That said, I wish to highlight the many initiatives outlined in the budget:

- Community infrastructure – with \$23.8 million dollars for capital works.
- An allocation of \$17 million dollars for road upgrades, maintenance and renewal.
- Allocations for projects already underway, such as the Stribling Reserve Redevelopment.
- Accredited carbon offsets to be purchased to offset emissions from operations, services, facilities and work processes.
- A lower increase in the waste charge 1.4% (which is not capped), than the rate revenue increase and at the same time reducing organic waste to landfill by 33%.
- Footpath renewal (Doble St, to the Swing Bridge and Beal Street) - \$256,000.
- Unsealed road renewal on the Benwerrin – Mt Sabine Road of \$143,000.
- Reconstruction of the Stribling Reserve netball court - \$124,000.
- Lorne Mens' Shed drainage upgrade - \$28,293.

I wish to thank Graeme Wilkie and Peter Simson for their generous personal contribution of \$50,000 towards the

sealing of an additional section of the Allenvale Road, enhancing visitor experience and safety on the road. Under the Special Charge Scheme the Shire has committed an additional \$70,000.

Key Worker Short-Term Accommodation Emergency

I was heartened by a meeting last week of the Committee for Lorne and LBTA executive, with Shire and GORCAPA officers to discuss a strategy to address the short-term problem of worker accommodation in Lorne. The meeting canvassed possible changes to local laws and to explore short-term pop-up areas to accommodate around 120 additional workers needed for the summer period. The group will meet again later this week to report on progress made.

Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey

The Surf Coast Shire again rated above the average for the state and like-councils, in the recently released local government community satisfaction survey results.

We scored an overall index of 62, a score that is two points up on last year's result and above the large rural council average of 58 and the state-wide average of 61.

The survey is conducted by the Victorian Government, consisting of a random phone survey of 600 resident and non-resident ratepayers.

We improved or matched the results in the core measures of overall performance, waste management, sealed local roads, consultation and engagement and overall council direction.

There are three areas identified for improvement when compared to the state-wide average, namely: arts centres and libraries, disadvantaged support services and elderly support services.

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Visitors: 15 visitors (plus dependents) are now permitted to gather inside the home across the state.

Outdoor gatherings: Up to 50 people can gather outside.

Face masks: Masks continue to be required indoors – and they're still recommended outside when you can't maintain physical distancing. Restrictions are subject to changes at any time. For a full list and the latest updates go to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour hotline **1800 675 398**.

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

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p. 0422 441 205 e. feedmesurfcoast@gmail.com

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

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p. 5278 8122 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

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

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Surf Coast Angels
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)

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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

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Professor Eugene Athan
Infectious Disease Physician,
Torquay



Vaccination update from Barwon Health

There has been a significant increase in the number of Victorians receiving their first dose of both AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines over the past few weeks.

Barwon Health will be focussing on the delivery of second doses over the coming weeks.

All current first dose Pfizer doses are fully booked. More appointments will be released as stock becomes available.

First dose AstraZeneca is available for all people over 60 years of age and Barwon Health strongly encourages anyone in this age group to commence their vaccination journey as soon as possible. They will also accept walk-ins daily until further notice. It is strongly recommended that everyone who has already received their first dose of AstraZeneca book for their second dose at the recommended time.

The advice from Barwon Health is that people should not defer their second dose in the hope of possibly receiving a different vaccine. Those who

have had their first dose of AstraZeneca with only low grade side effects are extremely unlikely to have any significant issues. AstraZeneca remains a highly effective vaccine that protects, you, your loved ones and the community.

All appointments that have been booked will be honoured for either vaccine.

For the latest updates go to www.barwonhealth.org.au/coronavirus

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation recommends the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine as the preferred vaccine for those aged 16 to under 60 years.

This updates the previous preferential recommendation for the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine over COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca in those aged 16 to under 50 years.

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK IN

QR code requirements are mandatory in retail settings like supermarkets and shops.

Anyone entering a shop or café will need to check in to help keep everyone safe.

Please be patient and understanding of staff whose job it is to ensure this requirement is met.

HEALTH AND SMOKING

With more information than ever about the dangerous effects of smoking, pharmacists are there to assist patients on the road to quitting.

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of ill health in Australia, said CEO of the Lung Foundation Australia Mark Brooke, killing more than 15,000 Australians every year.

‘About 40% of smoking-related deaths are due to lung cancer and 27% to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD),’ he said.

New research from the Daffodil Centre also linked smoking to 12 other types of cancers, including larynx, liver, oesophagus, bladder, pancreas, head and neck, stomach, colorectum, kidney, gallbladder, and cancers of unknown primary site.

The research found that even ‘light smoking’ (1–5 cigarettes a day) increased the risk of developing lung cancer by 10-fold.

For heavier smokers, the lifetime risk of developing lung cancer is staggering, ranging from 14–16% (1 in 4) for those who smoke more than 35 cigarettes a day, as opposed to 1% risk (1 in 100) for those who have never smoked.

There are immediate benefits to quitting at any age. There are even health benefits to quitting if a patient has been diagnosed with a smoking-related disease.

‘If a person with COPD is still smoking, by quitting they can slow the rate of deterioration of their lung function,’ Mr Brooke said.

Pharmacists can play a critical role in this via informative and supportive conversations with patients about quitting.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN

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Compared to the 2020 results, Council improved or matched the results in core measures of overall performance, waste management, sealed local roads, consultation and engagement and overall council direction.

Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Libby Stapleton said she was pleased with the results, with all seven core measures either matching or surpassing the average scores for similar-sized councils. "We saw a significant six-point jump in satisfaction levels with waste management. This shows encouraging support for our new four-bin kerbside waste system, which has seen 33 per cent less waste sent to landfill."

The three areas where Surf Coast Shire Council performed significantly higher than the state average were slashing and weed control, unsealed roads and local paths and footpaths. The three areas identified for improvement when compared to the state-wide average were arts centres and libraries, disadvantaged support services and elderly support services.

Mayor Stapleton said the survey provided further insights to areas for improvement and that work was underway to help address these three areas. "The Multi Arts Centre Torquay recently moved into the former Surf Coast Sport and Recreation Centre and feasibility planning is well underway on the cultural facility and library project, which has the potential to create some exciting opportunities for locals and visitors."

"In terms of boosting support services, Council has just developed a draft Social Housing Plan and we're implementing our Age Friendly Strategy 2020-24, which is aimed at ensuring residents can age well in the place where they live."

To view the full results go to: www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/reports



Keith Miller
Commodore



Commodore's column

Groundhog Day has arrived. Covid returns so we are shut down for a week or two then allowed to reopen with a limit of 50 members then they lift it to a few more.

Masks are required to be worn inside and outside until you are seated. The masks can be removed when eating or drinking. You must put the mask on if you're ordering at the bar or using the facilities. It's very difficult keeping up with all the rule changes but we are managing to do it brilliantly.

Our much loved Committeeman, Jamie Trigg and his lovely wife Tansi have moved up to Port Douglas for six months and will be returning to Lorne around February. If they don't we will be rounding up a posse and dragging them back to Lorne.

The world's best and coldest beer is still flowing with Hutch and the girls doing a sensational job under the difficult circumstances.

We are still running \$2 pots on Wednesday nights and Toss the Boss on Friday nights with free sausage sizzles and a crayfish raffle (if Steve and Kaide can get out to the cray pots).

The raffles are still going along quite well with members being very generous. We have been able to donate around \$12,000 to local charities over the last year.

On a recent Friday, we had the reigning World Sausage Roll Champion, Ric Addison arrive with 140 of his prize winning sausage rolls. They disappeared in the blink of an eye. I was selling raffle tickets and wolfed one down but by the time I had finished selling tickets they were all gone.

We have our marquee set up outside pretty much permanently with a couple of new gas heaters running so it's warm and cosy inside or outside even on the coldest evenings.

Remember our facilities are available to members for weddings, parties, anything.

Recent Events

We have had bugger-all events in June, the Covid restrictions have forced us to postpone them to later in the year. We were allowed to run our Major Fishing Competition on the Sunday of the Queens Birthday Long Weekend.

Major Comp Number Four Sponsored By Tom Dawson, Lorne Concreting

The conditions were pretty much perfect with a heap of anglers having a go.

There were 13 boats in the comp. so the beach was full and there were vehicles with boat trailers parked all over the

place. Our lack of boat trailer parking was on display for all to see.

The comp was a great success with lots of fish weighed in with huge Tiger Flathead dominating the scores. These fish are usually quite rare in our neck of the woods with the occasional one getting caught in 50 plus metres over the summer months but these ones were caught in 20 metres or less.

There were also plenty of good size Snapper, King George Whiting, Sand Flathead, Sweep and a Club Record Equalling Garfish.

The winners on the day were:

First, Tilo DeBon with a huge Tiger Flathead = 3228 points; Second, Paul Staley also with a big Tiger = 2801 points; Third Dick Davies with a monster club record equalling garfish = 2750 points. In the Junior section Dusty Dawson won with a Tiger Flathead that was the second biggest one for the day = 2986 points

Upcoming Events

Winter Cup Competition Number Two

Sunday the 4th of July. Sponsored by Gary Keane Brick, Block and Scaffold.

As usual the weigh in will start at midday with the cut off time of 12.30pm. A scrumptious mixed grill will be served up free of charge to all competitors and only \$10 to members.

Our fishing comps have been very successful this year with number of anglers out having a crack increasing. We are the most proactive Angling Club in the state and possibly the whole country with 10 comps every year.

All members are more than welcome so come and have a go.

60th Anniversary Dinner

We have had to move the date to the 9th of October because of the Covid rules.

It was sold out, so everyone that booked will still have a seat. For those that can't make it please let Ange Quinn know by email, info@lorneaquaticclub.com.au

World Sausage Roll Championships Sponsored By Lorne Central

We will now be holding it on Saturday the 30th of October which is on the unofficial Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. This gives everyone plenty of time to practice their cooking skills.

We have a panel of local celebrity judges lined up and huge prizes for several different categories.

Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club Raffle Donated By Heath Wilson.

We were going to sell tickets and draw the raffle at the Sausage Roll night but because that has been postponed we will now draw it on the new date. If anyone who purchased tickets wants a refund just tell Hutch or myself and we will happily oblige.

Point Grey Report

Nothing much to report on the Point Grey Redevelopment from last month as we await the VCAT decision. There has been enormous interest in the range of notices on the external white boards at the entry court of the clubhouse. The main point of interest is on the large photo of the Point Grey Redevelopment site with the markings of the proposed route by GORCAPA (the loopy loop) in red and the preferred alternative internal routes favoured by the club members.

Members have had the chance also to place a green marker as to where they would prefer the boat wash and its very obvious the preferred position is in the similar location to the south of the building where it is now with in excess of 100 green markers compared to 5 in the location that GORCAPA recommends.

There are other interesting notes on the board of happenings at the club which are an interest to all.

As soon as there is a decision from VCAT we will issue a special notice on our website.

Ric Addison - Vice Commodore

Fishing Report

The FADS were removed in May as is the normal practice so that migrating whales don't get tangled up in them and also over the winter months with cold ocean temperatures they don't achieve much. They will be redeployed in November.

This season they attracted plenty of Yakkas and Mackerel but the Yellowtail Kingfish only appeared a few times and were too clever for us again. We've had a few issues with the launching channel recently after a few days of huge swells taking all the sand away and tumbling big rocks into the middle of it.

A big thanks to GORCAPA who moved the rocks to one side with their tractor. The fishing has been great this month with plenty of snapper being caught and quite a few good size ones amongst them. Also there's been a few school sharks coming in which is good news because they have been quite scarce for a few years now. The run of flathead has dropped off slightly but there's still plenty about and as mentioned before lots of huge Tigers being landed.

Still plenty of gummy Sharks about and King George Whiting are still on the go which is great news because they normally go off the bite in the winter.

Our local professional fisherman Warren Norton has been catching some unusual fish in his nets lately. He caught a kingfish last week which he occasionally gets over the summer months when the ocean is warmer but never in the winter with the temperature at only 14 degrees.

He also caught two spotted ling which are normally caught out off the continental shelf. The sea is always full of surprises.

The pier is still fishing well with reports of Salmon, King George Whiting, Flathead, Snapper, Calamari, Grass Whiting and even Sweep being caught.



Our famous Club Manager Hutch with a couple of nice snapper he caught recently on a whiting rod with tiny hooks and very light line. A man of many talents.

Paper Nautilus

I found an undamaged one on the beach near Cathedral Rock recently and decided to do a bit of research on them. Technically they aren't a shell at all but an egg case made by a small pelagic octopus called an argonaut. They get the name paper nautilus because they are a similar shape to the true nautilus but they are paper thin.

There are several different species that make similar but different size shells.

Unlike other octopus they live close to the surface and not on the sea floor and are found mainly in tropical and sub tropical waters all over the world

The females grow up to 10cm and make shells up to 30cm while the males are tiny and only grow to 2cm.

The males only live a very short time until they mate then die but the females live for several years and go through quite a few blokes in their lifetime. They probably should be called Elizabeth Taylor instead of Argonaut.

After mating they build the shell, live in it, lay the eggs and stay in it until the eggs hatch.

They catch air and trap it inside the shell which causes it to float so they can travel many hundreds if not thousands of kilometres during this stage. After the young leave the mother abandons the shell and that's what we find washed up on the beach.

OP SHOP BUZZ

Janet Goud

A recent week has been BIG with the 50th Anniversary AGM of the Lorne Op Shop and a changing of the leaders from Stella O'Donnell to Wendy Jarratt. Here is part of her report on our Part Covid-part business as usual year.

Presidents Report:

It has been a year of enormous change and challenge as we continue to manage our response to the COVID pandemic and our responses to identified community needs and requests. The last year has seen our Association consolidate our 2018-2020 approach of being proactive within our community.

Over 2020 and 2021 the Association has continued to focus its attention on our key purpose as an Association. Our key purposes is to: promote health and well-being in our community by giving financial and volunteer support to charitable organisations which provide health services and community care services in Lorne and our wider Op Shop communities. We also aim to support each other and create a friendly fun atmosphere in the Shop.

COVID has been one of the big challenges over the last year. Our Association responses to COVID include:

1. Development and implementation of the Op Shop COVID Policy including at least three updates in line with Victoria State Government rules and restriction changes.
2. Program development, implementation, and subsequent review of the Essential Food Support Program providing anonymous support to vulnerable community members and with the support of Lorne Foodworks. This unique program has now expanded its focus to provide support to residents and those people in our wider Op Shop community who are made vulnerable through serious ill health, injury, and trauma.
3. Support for the Lorne Community Connect Foodbank and other material support to stranded travellers and the local community..
4. Support to our local school students and their families through the provision of sanitiser, and other items to improve the safe return of students to the school room after lockdown.



Retired President Stella O'Donnell and Pam Fulton

5. Participation in and support given to the coordinated Lorne Community COVID response.
6. Opening the Shop on a Wednesday for 4 hours for 'Sales through the window'. This initiative enabled us to continue to support our community with access to warm clothing etc.
7. The purchase of two hospital grade air filter systems for the shop to reduce the transmission of airborne virus particles.
8. Our Association also continued accepting, quarantining, processing, and selling donations.
9. The Committee of Management met monthly (at least) wearing masks and social distancing, utilising zoom to manage Association affairs. Minutes were emailed to all Members.
10. The successful establishment of our Lorne Op Shop Facebook page by Judi Kenneally with currently around 450 Followers.
11. The introduction of EFTPOS facilities in the Shop that have greatly increased our income.

None of these achievements and others not mentioned would be possible without the support of our wonderful donors and customers.

Financially our income over the financial year is down approximately \$140,000 on previous years. Our recovery in recent months indicates we are back on track.



Three former Presidents, Mandy Calder, Jan Spring and Heather Rice



Long-time volunteer Trish Devlin

Significant items funded over the last year include:

\$30,000 donation to the GOR Health and Lorne Community Hospital Annual Appeal; \$90,000 towards total refurbishment of the gym; \$2,250 for Lorne Police Defibrillator; \$8,400 to provide special treats for our Aged Care Residents; \$6,695 for larger beds for use in

aged care; \$2,354 to Lorne SES for electric chainsaws; We have continued to fund the Red Frogs who help keep Lorne Schoolies and the community safer.

We have agreed to fund four acute care beds.

Our Membership numbers continue to grow and we now number 84 with 56 members of indicative active status.

In conclusion I want to extend my personal thanks to the 2020 -2021 Committee of Management for their hard work. Thanks also go to Active members who faithfully turn up to their shift each week, or regularly work in the Op Shop. Thanks also to our members identified indicatively as Associate Members of the Association who contribute generously, and work over holiday periods and may not live permanently in Lorne..

It has been a great privilege to have been a member of the Committee of Management over the last seven years. My last four years as Association President have always been interesting, challenging and fun.

Thank you for this wonderful experience in my life and every best wish and good luck to the incoming Committee of Management team and to all Members of our Association and supporters from within the community.

Stella O'Donnell (President 2017-21)

Times of opening for Op Shop are 10 to 4 Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday and Sunday. Also Sat 10-1.00. Tuesday and Saturday afternoon are subject to available staff.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

John Ford

Women's Golf

There is very little to report this month, as a result of the combination of Covid restrictions and wild weather events.

Monthly Medal winner for June was Sue England.

Congratulations. Please see following an article written by Tony and Heather Elder about an inspiring Lorne identity that has left an ongoing legacy for the Women from the Lorne Country Club.

Lorne – Golf – Cicely Mary Lascelles – 1895 - 1989



Golfers Miss G. Barclay, Miss Susie Tolhurst, Miss Cicely Lascelles, Miss Russell on a NSW golf course, ca.1930s - Cicely holding the club)

Cicely Lascelles, champion international golfer of the 1920s and 30s embraced her home course of Lorne Country Club (founded in 1954) during her later years. The family home at Lorne, Waverley, was bought in 1903 and held by the family for nearly 100 years.

Daughter of Edward Lascelles, of Dennys Lascelles, Geelong WoolBrokers, Cicely was born in 1895 and was encouraged to play golf by her father. Cicely won her first tournament in 1915. Edward Lascelles then signed her up as an Associate at the RMGC (Royal Melbourne Golf Club). She won the Victorian Open in 1922.

At Royal Melbourne, she was Captain of the Associates in 1921 and 1922 and Club Champion in 1920, 1926, 1930 and 1931. Cicely played in England from 1923 to 1929 but

declined to turn professional. An article in the Derby Daily Telegraph (October 1, 1928) was headed “1400 Miles to play golf” and went on to note that one of the competitors in the English Ladies Championship was “Miss Cicely Lascelles, the Australian”!

The Courier(Ballarat) and Geelong Advertiser (May 15, 1929), reporting on the second round of the British Ladies Golf Championship being played at St Andrews, reported (amongst other results), that “Miss Cicely Lascelles, Royal Melbourne, Australia beat Miss Winifred Clark, Troon 3 and 2.

Cicely travelled between the United Kingdom and Australia every year from 1922 – 1930. Amazing, as one can only assume that she travelled by ship. Cicely led the Australian Team in the Tasman Cup in 1934 which was played in New Zealand.

“We understand that she was the youngest foundation member at Barwon Heads GC; Cicely was Club Champion in 1927 and 1928. Cicely endowed a Cup in 1977 which remains part of the Marrum Cup week. Cicely loved playing at Metropolitan and was also Club Champion there in 1927. The Cicely Lascelles Cup at RMGC is a Stroke – West Course preferred. Best 16 net to qualify for Match Play.

“Apart from golf, Cicely is remembered as being the first female to drive the Great Ocean Road from Geelong to Lorne in 1922 – a very bone rattling journey! Alistair Clark, the rosarian, named the ‘Cicely Lascelles’ rose in her honour – A pink/salmon climbing rose”.

In her later years, Cicely would attend at the Lorne Golf Club on Tuesdays, not to play but to chat with the ladies as they came back from their rounds.

In 1986, Helen Stewart, the then Lady President, asked Cicely to endow a shield to be part of the golfing calendar at the Lorne Golf Club.

The Miss Lascelles Salver is awarded in May of each year to remember and honour the golfing prowess of one of Lorne and Australia's early female golfers. Her great nephew, Tony Elder, and family are active members of the Lorne Community.

Football and Covid

The Covid pandemic continues to cause disruption right across our lives. Restrictions on numbers attending public and private gatherings, as well as travel limitations have affected most sports as well. The Colac and District Football and Netball League, as with most country sport, has just resumed after being ‘locked down’ for two weeks.

Lorne's season was always going to be difficult with the huge rebuilding works at Stribling Reserve. To reduce the impact on the players and officials being without changerooms, clever planning saw the fixture being altered so that the first nine matches would be at home – hopefully before winter really set in. The remaining nine matches would be played away. This would give the Dolphins a theoretical great start to the season with these home matches. Temporary changerooms and public viewing facilities were achieved with a novel and elaborate set of hired tents.

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As we all know even the best plans can come adrift. Lorne started the season with a run of injuries to key players which meant that they struggled to produce their best football. After seven rounds Lorne had three wins and four losses to be seventh on the ladder, but only one win short of fourth position. Then the next lockdown came out of the blue!

The next two matches were abandoned, costing Lorne two scheduled home matches including gate takings and the cost of the rented marquees. When Lorne was able to resume training it was with a depleted line-up because of further injuries and player unavailability.

The season resumed with Lorne travelling to play league leaders South Colac. Lorne played very well until half time, but was outscored heavily in the third term. The final score saw South Colac 11.11:77 to Lorne 8.8:56.

Lorne is a much better team than its eighth position on the ladder indicates, and I am sure we will see improvement over the next few weeks. The next matches are all away: 26th June Western Eagles, 10th July Colac Imperials, 17th July Irrewarra-Beeac, and 24th July Birregurra.

We all hope that a determined group of loyal barrackers will travel to these matches to support our teams who are still playing with great spirit and determination. GO DOLPHINS.

Lorne Bowls Club

The mid-week Pennant team held their end of season celebration at the Pacific Hotel on May 4.

The three Skips thanked their teams for their performance under such trying conditions. Because of Covid 19 the usual practices had to be abandoned and new rules put in place.

The Lorne team played well and will stay in Division 2 for the next season.

After the usual excellent meal provided by the hotel staff our "Entertainment Quartet" took over.

Dressed in cowgirl outfits, line dancing and singing to the song Achey Breaky Heart they demonstrated how bowls should be played, "standing on the mat, bowling forehand, bowling backhand" tipping the hat and saying a naughty word when you miss. Brought the house down.

We all sat around the table afterwards whilst jokes and anecdotes were exchanged by all. It was such a lovely evening.

The Bowls Club is in full swing at the moment and weather permitting there is activity several days of the week.

MONDAY at 4pm new players will be welcomed whether you have played before or not. The Club has purchased new sets of bowls for use so you do not need your own bowls so come along and try.

TUESDAY - at 10.30am Winter social bowls has started. Just turn up. Teams will be allocated and the type of game determined by the numbers. Jeff Reddie is the leader at the moment.

THURSDAY - a Winter Trophy competition is being held on the first Thursday of the month of July and August

Thursday 1st July at 5.00pm

Two bowl triples. Two games of eight ends with the Sign-up sheet on the board.

Sign up as a team or as an individual. Entries closed at 5.00pm Wednesday 30th June but any questions contact Stephen Hishon 0419123695. Alan Walls's team is the current leader having won both their games.

For any information regarding activities at the Club our Lady President Karen Turner is more than willing to take your calls on 0438 552 595.

We are very pleased to confirm that Leigh McIlvenny is taking over the bar and Restaurant Lease. More news will follow about opening dates. Welcome back Leigh.

See you at Lorne Bowls Club.

Merna and Ken 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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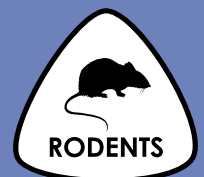
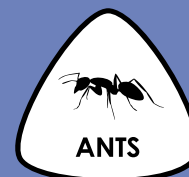
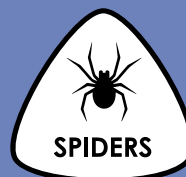
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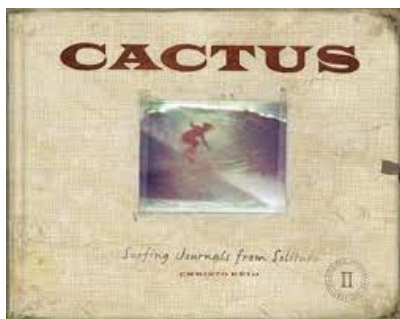
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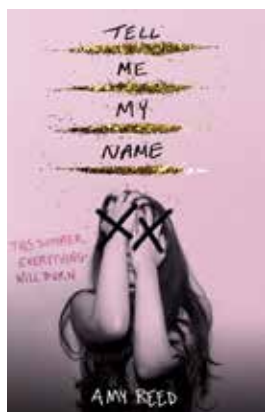
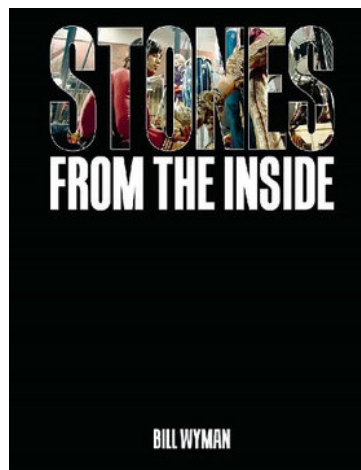
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Picks of the Month



I'm sure many Victorian surfers have made the pilgrimage to this iconic place at the beginning of the Nullarbor. Christo Reid's book is full of fascinating anecdotes and presents like a scrapbook of fading dog eared surfing photos that live in boxes and albums under the bed. They are brought to life again and stand proud in the face of today's instant digital gratification. You won't find any 'air reverse blowtails'. The book chronicles the early history of South Australian surfing and follows a timeline of how Cactus has evolved. A telling quote that encapsulates trips to the area, 'Don't come.' This book will revive old memories plant the seed for new ones.

Before you read on I'll declare my vested interest as an ardent Stones fan. Bass player Bill Wyman left the band in 1993 but since joining in 1962 he has been an avid photographer documenting the countless phases and styles the band has gone through. Wyman's ability to capture the candid fly on the wall shot where the subject has little regard or knowledge of the camera makes this book a fresh look at this enduring band. You'll see many unseen images and serious Stones buffs can try and match the fashion to the year, or the Stone to their partner! Almost as interesting as the great photos are Bill's captions providing details about who, what, where and why. He takes beyond the stage to the studio, parties, relaxing and that downtime. The time and place of the photographs invariably evokes the sounds and you'll find yourself reaching for that record or heaven forbid.....spotify!



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