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Sunday 1 January
Monday 2 January2
Australia Day
Thursday 26 January
Labour Day
Monday 13 March
Good Friday
Friday 7 April
Easter Monday
Monday 10 April
ANZAC Day
Tuesday 25 April
King's Birthday
Monday 12 June
AFL Grand Final
Subject to AFL schedule
Melbourne Cup
Tuesday 7 November
Christmas Day
Monday 25 December
Boxing Day
Tuesday 26 December

Victorian School Terms 2023

Term 1
Monday 30 January 2023
to
Thursday 6 April 2023
Term 2
Monday 24 April 2023
to
Friday 23 June 2023
Term 3
Monday 10 July 2023
to
Friday 15 September 2023
Term 4
Monday 2 October 2023
to
Wednesday 20 December 2023

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COLOURFUL CHARACTER *By Eva J Youl*

I am 57 years old. I have lived all my life in Lorne on the Great Ocean Road. I am what rural communities call "a colourful character".

Most small towns and districts have standout leaders and contributors. Some are quiet achievers, the backbone of a community. Then others are more upfront with more noise, colour, physical presence or just eccentricity. They are usually called by just one name; probably a nickname such as Jonesy, Skinny, Bluey or Sammy.

There is a downside to being a colourful character. Being classed a character is quite OK, it is the colourful part that can have dubious connotations - if not downright dodgy. I have been told I can be garrulous and loud. In fact some rude people think I just don't know how to shut up. Perhaps a bit too much colour like Pauline Hanson.

I do have a physical presence and I pride myself on my appearance. I wear a distinctive mohawk. I have never been into other head trends such as mullets. In fact I haven't really noticed mullets in this community. I have noticed a lot of tattoos. I like the bird tattoos and I recently discovered that the two swallows tattoo is for love and loyalty because swallows mate for life. In comparison the beautiful blue wrens are sexually promiscuous. They live in family groups but partners may mate with many individuals from other groups. I keep my sexuality to myself.

With almost celebrity status, I am well known about town and the tourists love having their photo taken with me. I can't complain about the tourists. We depend on them. I can't complain about the schoolies either, as I was once young and reckless.

Now I prefer to observe. Besides if I did anything really outrageous, my antics would end up in print in the Lorne Independent. All the latest happenings are recorded by Lillian in her monthly musings called The Louttit Loop. Lillian hasn't named me but she did mention that some of my relatives were making a nuisance of themselves outside the Grandma Shields cafe. I pride myself on my composure and don't deliberately annoy anyone.

Then there is the community Facebook page that also features other colourful characters. Sometimes people can be quite mean. Some people refer to this as "slagging off". I have a long memory so people should keep that in mind if they berate me.

I have friends and enemies. My favourite friend is Ruth because I can rely on her regular decent meals. She pays attention to my dietary requirements. Some of my friends eat on the run, so no wonder they are succumbing to diseases. You do have to take care of yourself.

I don't want to talk about my enemies. Yesterday I overheard a resident declare I was a pest!

My proper name is *Cacatua galerita*, known as Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, but you can call me Cookie.



tree watch

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PEST CONTROL

If you are thinking about getting your trees cut or gardens cleaned up then now is the time.

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Regards the team at, Tree Watch



LORNE P-12 COLLEGE

Hi everyone.

We are really excited about being able to share with you a snapshot of what is happening at our amazing school!

It's coming along nicely!

We are very excited about our amazing new building that is taking shape along Grove Road.

You may have noticed we have the cladding on the side, plastering happening inside and the amazing brick work by the Smart Boys!

This building will provide our students with state-of-the-art facilities in the areas of Science, STEM, Food Technology, and our VET Cookery training facility. As well as have multiple general-purpose classrooms.

It is due to be completed by mid-November this year!

As part of these works, we will be having our old cookery facility and general-purpose classrooms at the front along Smith Street demolished over the next school holidays.

We also have some exciting plans for that space that our students, staff, and school families have had the chance to provide ideas and feedback on. So, watch this space for our new P-12 play space!

PROGRESS!

"RE-GROUSE" THE DOLL'S HOUSE!



The latest Year 12 Applied Learning project is to renovate the inside of the iconic 'Doll's House', found at the back of Lorne P-12 College. The building, built in 1906, has found itself in need of some love and care. It is currently a space for musical lessons and as a rehearsal space for eager students in school bands. With the help of local contractors, the VCAL students would like to make this special building more functional, useable, and welcoming space for the local community. The students are aiming to build upon the sponsorship funding already received, with their sights set on recarpeting!

The "Re-Grouse" the Doll's House' fundraiser, a night of talented musicians, will help towards that. See poster in this issue of the Lorne Independent for more details.



Inter-School Soccer

What a way to finish off the first week back for Term 3, then to take a group of Year 7 and 8 students to Colac to compete in the Coastal Soccer Gala Day at Trinity College.

We entered 3 Coastal teams made up of students from Lorne, Apollo Bay and Lavers Hills and for one of our games we also had some Colac Secondary students assist us in a victorious win against Trinity College.

Each team played 2 games gaining more confidence and teamwork as they played on through the day. The excitement was high and cheering from the sidelines was amazing! Everyone rallied around each team, even nicknaming Joe Petty "Joe-Naldo", as he weaved in and out of the players with his fancy footwork.

All three teams walked away with one win and one loss, but it was the Year 7/8 Girls team win against Trinity that really got the spirits high amongst the Coastal Teams.

Well done to all players for getting out there in the cold and for giving it your best and a special thank you to Mr. Middelkoop for coming along as our soccer guru and coach!



LORNE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AFFECTS EVERYONE

Penny Hawe - Friends of Lorne

When key and essential workers can't find affordable places to live in Lorne young families move out. Sporting teams can't get players. Businesses close. The CFA and the SES can't find enough volunteers.

In June, 70+ people joined an online meeting to learn more about how Lorne can redress the fact that too many of our key and essential workers (e.g., teachers, health care providers, business owners, hospitality workers etc) can't afford to live here. You can watch the video, look at examples of what's happening locally, and check out the answers to the questions that the community raised at www.friendsoflorne.org.au/lorne-affordable-housing-solutions.

The lead organisation is the Committee for Lorne and their term, "Lorne Affordable," is a clever one. Houses in Lorne are pricey. On top of that, people working at the school, or the hospital likely have a combined income well over the state government threshold for affordable housing assistance. In fact, Surf Coast Shire Council (SCSC) surveys show that 50% of key local workers would be ineligible for the types of supported housing development we might be hearing a lot about in the media. That's why the SCSC is pushing the state government to make legislative changes, better suited to the Surf Coast situation.

Meanwhile, Aireys Inlet, Anglesea and Winchelsea are launching housing projects that take advantage of the current income threshold eligibility limits to design some new housing developments (because 50% of key workers would be eligible to live in them).

It's significant that Aireys Inlet is taking the initiative. You might think that Aireys, with its strong legacy of trees/habitat and coastal character protection, might be the first to say, "not in my backyard". But that is not the case. Our guess is that they will likely lead the way, by showing that meeting community needs and retaining neighbourhood character don't have to be at odds with each other.

Our first online meeting also began to discuss housing solutions that require no new buildings or developments. The vast majority of homes in Lorne are not in year-round use. Rental and tax incentives could coax them into better community service. We also learned from Australia's leading expert on Community Lands Trusts (CLTs).



The advantage of Lorne having one of these is that they can set their own income eligibility criteria and therefore cater for people whose income would be rendered too high otherwise. Plus, CLTs don't have to build new homes. They can buy some of the existing ones. At the next online meeting we'll hear from Andrew Paul. A few years back his small Queensland coastal resort town was facing the exact same problems as us. He set up a Community Lands Trust (CLT). People directly benefit because the CLT co-owns their house (shared equity), enabling them to live in town at a much lower up-front cost than would be otherwise.

Community dialogue matters. That's why the community online meetings are taking place – to consider options and develop community-driven solutions. So, join the conversation. Lorne needs you.

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YES? OR NO? THAT IS THE QUESTION.

By Dr. Sandra McComb

In 1933 a young Aboriginal man, William Cooper, helped establish the Australian Aborigines Advancement League saying: 'Now our people have nothing. All was taken from them'.

A mission-born child of the Moira clan along the Murray River, Cooper became an activist out of frustration. This was several decades after the White Australia policy had been enacted following Federation in 1901, removing the earlier naming of Aboriginal people as Australians, leaving them with no status at all. Australians were now white and all others cast aside. Seeking redress in 1937 four years after the League was established, and after receiving sympathy but no action from some white men, he organised a petition to the newly crowned King George VI. He sought the right to secure representation in the Federal parliament. The petition was never sent.

Cooper resonates with me as a fair-minded black human being, a man who could see considerable good in the missionaries with whom he grew up. He appealed to some for help. One such man was Ernest Gribble who led a checkered career, initially as a reluctant missionary, supposedly supportive of Aboriginal people, but in time becoming a tyrant who destroyed the lives of many Aboriginal children in the small coastal town of Yarrabah, near Cairns. He died there in 1957 disgraced by the Church. The graveyard is a well-tended paddock of graves marked only by half buried stones. I was told there is a determination to find the map, that is thought to exist, as to who is buried where. Just stop and think about the horror of that at the time. In this case Cooper chose the wrong man to follow – there were many of them. Communication was blocked.

I single Cooper out because I was in Yarrabah in recent times on a project to assist a small indigenous business with a strategy to provide training and employment opportunities to the unemployed of Yarrabah. 'We have received wide acclaim for our projects, and seek to further our aspirations by creating jobs for our people, which hopefully will also provide an alternative to alcohol and other drugs abuse...The organisation is entirely Indigenous run and while it gets widespread community acclaim, it gets no real help locally.' In other words the white man's council did not get behind the issue with support funding. Cairns City close by was apparently not interested. The business owner, with his concrete idea for the future dismissed, decided to set up a travelling pie shop for local traders while he waits for things



to improve. Had he had a stronger – more far-reaching Voice that assumed black people are capable, he could have created a business benefitting the people of his area.

I have another happier story through observing and assisting at the Injalak Art Centre in Gunbalanya, NT, where a determined white woman has handed over Board management to local Aboriginal folk, whose artworks are sold to their benefit. This sort of activity could be recognised more widely as an example of progress. Gunbalanya is also a place where people tell stories of ancestors, of early white visitors, a positive history emerging if a Voice is loud enough, where humour shines through in conversation.

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What a privilege it was to listen. Not enough listening happens.

If you are in the least aware of the current troubles surrounding the Voice to parliament you will realise that William Cooper did not succeed in his life time. He died in 1941 but his legacy is alive. Nevertheless, almost a century later, this same cohort of human beings still waits to be allowed to truly speak and act for itself at a national level.

Many issues remain constant, while some reparations have been made in land ownership since William Cooper's time. But he was also promoting the need for improved health, education, work and housing – for Aboriginal people.

These are today the four pillars that the Voice aims to speak about and improve. Health, Education, Work and Housing. Australians are being asked as individuals, not through politicians of either persuasion, to allow this to happen. It should not be hijacked by whites yet again speaking on behalf of blacks. We should all take time to consider the facts. If you want a simple version of the proposition rather than a 250-page document, which is available, read the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

As I understand it the Voice seeks to enshrine in the constitution the right for Aboriginal people to represent their own points of view. This is really quite straight forward. It is a formal basis to speak to the elected Parliament. It is not a threat. It offers an opportunity for the whole of Australia to benefit from ideas from Aboriginal people. In simple terms the Voice must be enshrined into the constitution of Australia if it is to have significance but it has been clearly stated that this does not guarantee action. It is a channel of representation for practical ideas to be taken seriously but not in any way to threaten democracy. This is a fatuous argument that seems to have arisen. Similarly it is slightly ridiculous, as has recently been aired, to cast the Voice as an instrument of race. It is aimed at equalising and benefitting all Australian citizens.

It helps to have spent time in Aboriginal communities to understand the contributions that could be made.

What does not help are white folk examining the situation in a way that continues to be paternalistic rather than human. Words like 'they' should be replaced by 'we'.

If cost is a potential problem – just remember the dollars that have been spent in the past on unwanted and wasted infrastructure and education programs.

And lastly to suggest such a Yes vote creates a 'Second voice' is totally misleading. Elected MPs who have Aboriginal heritage represent their constituents, black and white, not Aboriginal communities.

The Voice is up for consideration by us all as individuals, as human beings not as whites or blacks. The simple proposition is:

'A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?' Yes or No

I read one statement recently that suggested: 'If you don't know, say No!' I would suggest instead: 'If you don't know, go and find out!!!!'.



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FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

For the Lorne Ward - Cr. Gary Allen gallen@surfcoast.vic.gov.au 0438 637 274



At the July meeting the Council resolved to remove from the Local Amenity Law 2.1(j)

'[a person must not] except for a child under the age of six (6) years in the care of a responsible person, and for a carer providing assistance to a person with a disability, enter or use any dressing room, shower, convenience

or other area in a Municipal Building which has been appropriated for persons of the opposite gender'.

As a matter of law, local government authorities cannot have a local law that is inconsistent with state and/or commonwealth law. Our local amenity law clause 2.1(j) is inconsistent with the Commonwealth legislation – the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (sections 5b and 5c) and as such should be removed.

The question then arises are we to be silent on the matter of entry into Council facilities for people over the age of six. After lengthy discussions with my fellow councillors; with Heather Wellington in greater detail, (as Cr. Wellington is a firm supporter of the law being amended to protect the safety of women, carers and the non-binary community), I decided to vote for the removal of the clause

I did so for the following reasons:

- I have consistently maintained that we cannot have a local law that is inconsistent with superior jurisdictions. Information in the meeting papers refers to inconsistencies with sections 5 b and c of the Commonwealth Act.
- There is a compelling argument that the proposed law will be unenforceable.
- If the motion moved by Cr. Wellington was accepted at the last meeting then we would have been required to undergo another period of community consultation. I am now aware (as I am not on social media) of the harmful comments that have been posted, directed against the trans community (a community which is generally very resilient), but at the same time contains many vulnerable members, and I do not wish to prolong these hateful attacks.
- Finally, the statistics showing the overwhelming number of LGAs, 86% in Victoria, are removing and not replacing their by law which reassures me that rather quickly the real and perceived threat of harm will disappear. My one regret is that this information was not provided to councillors sooner.

I apologize to the many residents who oppose the removal of the by law and to Cr. Wellington to whom three weeks ago I promised support for her alternative motion. Her concern is real and she speaks for a significant number of people in the Shire.

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OUR VERY OWN CELEBRITY CHEF...

JO BARRETT

By Janet Goud

When you talk to Jo Barrett what strikes you first is her friendly no nonsense air. She has an attitude of quiet competence and exudes a feeling of being happy in her own skin.

In my limited experience, most chefs always seem to be rushing and stressed, but Jo exudes calm as she and her skilled co-chefs Louise Daily and Amelia Hussey make exquisite home made pasta pieces in the tidy kitchen of the Lorne Bowls Club. Together with front of house manager, Jo's partner David Osgood, the team work collaboratively to achieve very high standards. This has earned them a hat in the last Good Food Guide. My visit coincides with what will be their last weekend menu before Jo and David head off on a road trip for July, up the East Coast to Magnetic Island.

It is now many months since the Lorne Bowls Club dining room reopened as the "Little Picket" restaurant, named in honour of the picket fence surrounding the much loved local Club. Jo's selection of the name reflects her appreciation of the whole ethos of the quaint, homely Lorne Bowls Club. Its members both past (on the walls and honour boards) and present (on the bowling green) impressed Jo and her co-owner David Osgood who were looking for a genuine community place in which to site a restaurant.

Jo grew up in the Doncaster area of Melbourne and remembers always being interested in food. She was not too interested in school but her curiosity and need to learn has only increased with age. She began her apprenticeship while still at school, and completed it at the De Lacy Restaurant. She won a scholarship to Canada where she trained in many things including classical French cookery, charcuterie and even ice carving. Perhaps we might see this demonstrated on a very cold Lorne morning!

Back in Melbourne she decided to provide herself with a comprehensive background in all aspects of hospitality to prepare herself for running a restaurant or heading up a kitchen in the future. She worked in a bakery learning all baking skills and then completed a patisserie course. Jo returned to the kitchen at Movida, in Melbourne.

At this time Jo became concerned about the effect of hospitality on the environment and the problems of wasted food. She met Joost Bakker, a zero waste activist and saw a way to address her ethical concerns. She worked in several of his pop up restaurants in the city, but Jo really wanted to try to grow her own produce and be part of a rural community. In 2015 she moved to the Yarra Valley, and with her former partner Matt



Stone, worked at Oakbridge Wines using local produce and growing and foraging from local sources for their restaurant.

Parting amicably from her partner, Jo then took herself to Flinders Island to work on a cattle farm and restaurant. Such a variety of experiences and the acquisition of such a huge number of skill sets can be seen as a further, self imposed apprenticeship. And we, the Lorne locals have the benefit of this!

It was time for a new challenge! Jo had enjoyed surfing time on the surf coast when she was growing up, so when a friend told her about the lease of the Lorne Bowls Club coming up and also offered her his farm to grow produce, Jo just had to take a look. The club was its usual cosy, welcoming self but after the Covid lockdowns was in need of some TLC. The kitchen and the town had missed

a permanent chef in one of their favourite eating places.

Who better to get than a chef with a wish to be part of a community? A chef with a passion for using local produce; and chef with a strong no waste ethic, to sign the Lorne Bowls Club lease for her first restaurant. She and David Osgood, who has a background in brewing, are delighted with their ready acceptance in the town. Firstly into the warm arms of the local bowlers, whom they now regard as family, and then to the wider Lorne Community who jostle eagerly to book meals for the weekends which is when they are open at the moment. Jo is looking forward to expanding their service to special events and more days if staff are available.

Despite the big problems surrounding accommodation (some staff have to drive an hour to work) and Jo and David live in Anglesea, they are happy at Little Pickett. And we are blessed to have them.

"We re-open on the 4th of August. Booking can be made via email : enquires@littlepickett.com.au or from the 3rd of August via phone: 03) 5289 1462

We source our wines and spirits locally also. There are some amazing local wine makers.

We all want to hero the surf coast and the amazing people producing high quality produce, food and beverage. We also want to cook for people who want to experience what the beautiful region has to offer.

We have been having a great trip away, it's nice to be warm. However I must say, I miss our little community and our coast line. " Jo Barrett

ARTS IN LORNE

In The Skies Art and Music is proud to announce the 3rd solo exhibition of Simon James Holloway:



Surfacing

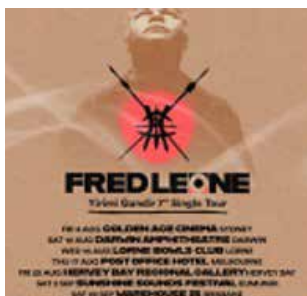
The gallery invites you to join the artist upon the opening of this important and considered body of work:

Friday 4th August 2023 from 6-8pm

8 Mountjoy Parade, Lorne, 3232, Gadubanud Country

This new body of work by Simon James Holloway explores the phenomenon of the 'Fast Fashion' industry and lays bare the devastating

social and environmental impacts we must come to face as a community, nation and global collective while questioning the societal constructs that have led to this seemingly never ending cycle of consumption and discarding of clothing - making us, as a country, the second highest contributor to textile waste per capita in the world.



Fred Leone

Join us to celebrate Butchulla Songman & internationally acclaimed artist Fred Leone's stunning debut single 'Yirimi Gundir' with a very special performance & launch party at the Lorne Bowls Club on Wednesday 16 August

We are thrilled to be one of the limited number of venues included on this tour & to have special guest Immy Owusu joining us too!

Doors & food available from 5pm

Immy Owusu 6pm

Fred Leone 7:30pm

To learn more about Fred Leone and Yirimi Gundir, head to: And buy tickets. www.fredleone.com

This night is co-presented by In the Skies & Little Picket



Natash Narain, our current Artist in Residence, arrived from Queensland into wintery Lorne early July. She quickly settled into the MANTRA who kindly sponsored Natasha providing accommodation for two weeks. Lorne Community Connect would like to take this opportunity to thank MANTRA, and their

new manager, Edwin Erftemeyer, for their generosity in supporting Natasha's Residency.



During the past few weeks Natasha has run an Altered Book workshop. Altered Books are a fun and individualistic art form created by oneself from old books. A good way of recycling! Pages can be altered in many ways by ripping them out, adding photos or other special items, painted, cut into different shapes, stitched or glued pages together.

The creative ideas are endless and the results quite spectacular with great meaning to the creator.

Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to Natasha as her residency was only for a few weeks. We now have the space available for other creative minds. If you are interested please contact Lorne Community Connect via email lornecommunityconnect@gmail.com



Lesley Goldsworthy
President, Lorne Community Connect

EXHIBITION

'WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD' coming next month:

Thank you Lorne Community Connect for hosting us so generously this weekend! We had a fab time performing Shadows of Angels! Now we're ready to pack our bags and head for Edinburgh Festival Fringe Greenside Venue Watch out Edinburgh the Aussies are coming!!!!

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'WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD'

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Jill Giles	Elizabeth Rickey
Rosemary Harris-Arnott	Matthew Solly
Miriam Hercus	Cinnamon Stephens
Nicola Perkin	Joel Wolter
Lee Powell	

LORNE COMMUNITY CONNECT, GALLERY: 2 OTWAY ST, LORNE VICTORIA 3232

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The LSE President and Committee are delighted and proud to announce **SIMON LAWRIE** as our new curator for #LSB 2024. Simon was formerly curator, McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery with strong project management skills (Peninsula Link #sculpture #commissions), stakeholder engagement and curatorial portfolio. He is a writer, artist and has a deep understanding of spatial practice.

Please welcome Simon to the role and Surf Coast. LSB 2024 is scheduled for November 2024, already in planning stages!!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I enjoyed Doug Willams' article on "The Attraction of Trees and Plants" in the July edition. He highlighted his favourite trees and two Moreton Bay figs apart there was no mention of trees in Lorne.

It is very disappointing that Lorne does not have more trees worthy of Doug Willams' highlighting in his article.

To me this could reflect the ongoing indiscriminate removal of so many grand native trees in Lorne.

In my street, Fernleigh Tee, more than 7 grand and healthy gumtrees have been cut down for no apparent reason. To me this seems to be occurring all over of Lorne.

Looking back from the the pier so many houses are now visible. The destruction of the tree canopy is very disturbing. The very essence that makes Lorne the special town that we all love is being destroyed.

Perhaps the authorities could do something to stop the removal of the trees rather than removal the Coastal Tea Tree by GORCAPA.

Jim Quinn



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A warm welcome to Biel, the newest member of our pharmacy team.

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BULBS, WEEDS AND WATTLES

By Doug Williams

Daffodils are often seen as the harbingers of spring but this is not the case. Late flowering varieties are with us in Lorne as late as October but the earliest come into bloom as early as June.

Magnifique is a variety that I once grew for the cut flower trade since it is a very early variety demanding top dollar and I had many hundreds in the ground forty years ago. (I lived on a bush block along the Deans Marsh Road and thought this would be a crop that would be impervious to bushfires.) Unfortunately they failed to increase for me in the way I intended and went backwards after a few years despite their being lifted and replanted a couple of times. Since this was all done by hand it ultimately became an arduous and unrewarding exercise. I expect many are still blooming every year.

Having said this, please don't be deterred from planting daffs because they are a hardy plant to include in your garden. If you want to grow them you should choose a sunny spot and set the bulbs in late summer- early autumn. Don't plant them too deeply and use a little slow release fertiliser when you do. Do not plant the bulbs into damp areas of your garden because they will only rot. Daffodils are pretty much a set-and-forget plant but you might want to tease along established clumps by giving them an annual feed just before and just after flowering. Tomato feed is good to use because it usually has potassium in the mix.

Along with spring-flowering bulbs, what we do find here in late winter is that while some fruit trees are showing early signs of burgeoning, unless heavy mulch has been laid over our resting vegetable garden beds, weeds are proliferating like crazy at this time of the year. Top of my current list of least favourite weeds is Small-flowered Bittercress. My father used to call it salt and pepper weed and it can shoot seed pods into the air when touched. Running a very close second is toadflax or Kennilworth Ivy, lovely indoors as an attractive trailing pot plant but insidious and invasive outside.

I don't really mind a little hand weeding, in truth I find it both relaxing and rewarding but if mulching is not doing the job and a bit of husbandry can't keep up then since I'm old school I'm not averse to spraying a little herbicide. Organic herbicides are now available and there are web recipes for you to make your own – although many of these include vinegar or salt so are to be used sparingly. Boiling water is suggested too but I won't be using this because it is sure to damage microorganisms immediately beneath the surface.

When the local silver wattles and black wattles are flowering, old fisher folk say that this means the schnapper are about but it is also time to turn attention to readying the veggie garden bed for that summer crop and it is a time of anticipation for gardeners. Don't rush into planting out things like tomatoes too early in Lorne though because there is plenty of cold weather still to come.



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COUNCIL ENDORSES FURTHER CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ACTION

Surf Coast Shire Council has updated its Climate Emergency Response Plan 2021-2031, with enhanced focus on adapting to the impacts of climate change, and addition of an emissions reduction roadmap.

Council resolved at its June meeting to approve changes to the plan and also endorsed a separate draft 2023-2025 Climate Emergency Action Plan for public exhibition.

“Council is pleased to be making further decisive steps forward on our climate emergency response with these actions,” Cr Kate Gazzard said.

“The 2021-2031 Climate Emergency Response Plan provides strategic long-term vision, goals and actions for managing Council’s response to the climate emergency, while action plans are developed every two years setting ambitious but practical shorter-term goals.

“We are proud to have reached some important and meaningful climate response milestones since Council’s declaration of a climate emergency in 2019 but aspire to more under the guidance of these plans. And in striving to demonstrate climate emergency leadership we hope to inspire and empower climate action across our community.”

The updated Climate Emergency Response Plan now includes an Emissions Reduction Target and Roadmap adopted in April 2022, and a Climate Adaptation Planning Framework.

Key goals within the response plan include reducing emissions within Council’s operational control to zero by 2030, excluding Anglesea Landfill and building resilience to ensure we thrive within a changing climate.

Building resilience recognises the impact of climate change and the frequency of increasingly severe weather events which can have significant impact on Council infrastructure including road and stormwater networks.

The 2023-25 Action Plan sets out actions under six goals including that Council:

- Is carbon neutral
- Generates, stores and uses renewable energy
- Is working with local Registered Aboriginal Parties and First Nations on Climate Change, and
- Facilitates and empowers community responses to the Climate Emergency.

The Action Plan is on display for public comment until 31 July via www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CEAP.

THE CREEK GALLERY & GARDEN TO BLOOM ON SURF COAST ARTS TRAIL

The original 1860s Freshwater Creek post office will deliver a memorable stop on this year’s Surf Coast Arts Trail on 5 and 6 August.

As well as the outdoor garden display, a new art gallery occupies the renovated cottage, with contemporary artworks by Gayle Seach and Andrew Strang.

The Arts Trail will feature more than 200 artists across 58 venues, including The Creek Gallery & Garden which offers locally-made quirky steel garden sculptures, metal art, and garden furniture. The Gallery building showcases paintings, prints, woodwork, pottery and more.

The Creek Manager Sheree Fedke — who refers to the venue as “a little rusty wonderland” — is excited for its Arts Trail debut.

“My favourite part of being involved in this creative community is opening the gates every morning,” she said. “No matter the weather, it’s like you’ve stepped into another world.

“Everyone walks in and says “wow”, seeing the vastness of what we have. If you haven’t been here before, be prepared to spend a bit of time here. It’s a beautiful spot to engage with creative people.”

The Creek Gallery & Garden, with The Creek Art, is located 665 Anglesea Road, Freshwater Creek.

“We have a lot of people drive past and decide to stop in, mainly over the weekends and mostly people from Melbourne,” Sheree said.

“We’re looking forward to opening up the space to welcome more people in as part of the Arts Trail. Sometimes arts can be quite exclusive, so I love that the trail is an invitation to come in and talk to the artists, find out about the work and about the story. It’s an experience when you come here, with such a diverse range of work and skillsets, so it will be a nice opportunity for the community and creatives to come together.”

The Surf Coast Arts Trail has four zones: Aireys Inlet/Fairhaven/Lorne, Anglesea/Bellbrae, Torquay/Jan Juc and Winchelsea/hinterland. Councillor Libby Stapleton encouraged people to plan their Arts Trail weekend.

To plan your Surf Coast Arts Trail, pick-up a map from various venues in Torquay, Aireys Inlet, Winchelsea, Anglesea and Lorne. View the full list of participating artists, map locations, and find out more about the event via surfcoastartstrail.com.au. People can also register to receive a digital map via the website.

The Arts Trail is from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 5 August and Sunday 6 August.



From the Deck

FOR DOG LOVERS

By John Agar

Love them? Don't we all ... well, at least most of us do! Indeed, I feel sad for my fellow 'coasters' who, by choice, anxiety, circumstance, or fear, do not or cannot have a canine friend.

I know that this will fail to resonate with those who are dog-uncertain, who legitimately fear them, and with the many who are rightly angered by owners who don't 'pick up', or who fail to exert control.

This is a 'tail' [sic] that centres on my own exuberant, much loved [and loving] 'bestie', Blighty ... a 2.5 y/o Border Terrier with a heart overflowing with joy, but a psyche so overly-enthusiastic that his boundaries between naughty and nice can still inexplicably fuzz out.

As regards control - I must sometimes plead guilty. Perhaps one time in ten, my Blighty is just too inquisitive of his surrounds, too curious of other canines for his own [and my] good. I have learned his run-with-a-whim proclivities and now [regretfully] accept that I must keep him ON his lead - for even the treatiest treat does not reliably overcome his gallop-lust. Such is his sunny, explorer personality. Such is the feist in a feisty lad!

To make matters worse, he is 'a leaper'! For mine, it is his biggest flaw - or perhaps it is mine for failing to train it out? He jumps for the joy of it - it is his way of greeting - but the joy is his alone, for the 'jumped at' rarely appreciate it. He is learning ... but the teaching process is slow, with still far too many breakthrough

leaps - especially for unsuspecting visitors at the back gate!

I know he thinks it's all fun ... plus, he just can't seem to help himself. While I am trying to train it out of him, Pete Spring with his pockets a bottomless well of treats, is far more successful at suppressing his jumping than I am.

To be fair ... Blighty very much remains a work in progress!

Having taken him over at 18 months of age from his breeder, I fear many/most of these traits have been 'imported' and may prove hard to curb until age slows him. Still, I live in hope! I still plead patience for our Lorne beach 'regulars' ... 'B' is learning [albeit slowly] to exercise a modicum of self-control and some on-my-voice obedience.

All that said, for those of us with dogs, they are our heart and soul. For so many 'permanents' along the Surf Coast, our dogs ground us. They provide us with unconditional love and devotion.

I know Blighty. I can sense his moods, his desperate need for inclusivity. Perhaps it is because there is just the two of us that we have become so interdependent. But it gladdens my heart to see the emotions of his unconditional love and good intentions [even if sometimes unfulfilled] in his expression.

Our dogs are our friends: our guardians, our joy when running free on a wide-open beach, and our solace when we are feeling down.

They give and give, and we, their owners, are all the richer for their giving.

EDITORIAL

As announced in the July Lorne Independent, I am happy to be your ongoing editor. I am enjoying my job moving around the Lorne Community. However the Committee does remain open to other interested parties. As all my age understand, we look into an uncertain future. Sadly my first task is a difficult one.

With the ending of the FINANCIAL YEAR has come a reckoning with The Lorne Independent. It has ticked over year by year supported by some very loyal advertisers. Things have not changed for some time. Sadly some changes to costs have to be made to make the production viable.

We have made some improvements like making the Newsletter all colour. In line with environmental concerns we felt we needed to stop using plastic on our mail outs. Sadly costs, especially mail costs, keep rising. We have had to increase subscriptions and advertising rates. The hard copies will remain at \$2.

Subscriptions will now be \$30 for digital copies, \$60 for mailed hard copies and \$75 for both digital and mailed hard copy. Subscribers will be invoiced in August and February unless they chose the 12 month subscription.

For advertisers, we have developed a Media Kit (similar to other local newspapers.) with costs per advertisement or a discounted rate of 12 issues for the cost of 10. Advertisers will be invoiced for the new rates on the 1st of August. If the 12 month discounted rate does not appeal, advertisers can still can still buy single ads or take six month subscriptions. We have sent Media kits to most of our advertisers. If you did not receive one it may be because we only have a local phone number for you. Please advise us of your email address and we will send one to you.

My special thanks to David Stribling, who for the 20 years of the Lorne Independent has given huge amounts of his time to organise all these details. When I began this job, I had no idea about how to deal with the actual economic side of this not for profit organisation. David was my mentor. David remains our esteemed treasurer, but has had a few health hiccups recently. We wish him a speedy recovery.

So we go on together; The Lorne Independent Newsletter and the Lorne Community. Keep sending in your letters and articles. It is very exciting when a new contributor sends a story or a suggestion for a story. So many ideas, problems, celebrations!! Keep them coming!

Janet Goud - Editor



THE LOUTTIT LOOP

At last the sun is a tad warmer! Groups of dog walkers on our beautiful very low tide main beach stood longer than usual the other day, chatting while the sun warmed their backs, like horses in a paddock on a cold sunny day! Needless to say their dogs ran round and round madly to keep warm!

Get-well wishes to any ailing residents – especially to Lynda, Michael, Lorraine, Paul, Carol and to John Agar. You are all so special to us and are in our hearts and prayers.

Exciting to see a new pedestrian bridge being lowered into place on the beach side of town near the caravan park! A big crew have been working there preparing for the installation, and a big big crane did the job perfectly. It looks great!

Lornecare had a mega planting at the start of the Stony Creek walk on the Great Ocean Road in North Lorne. Well done team and thanks to Alain Purnell for co-ordinating it all. If you are unaware of this short walk to the Lily Pond, give it a try! It's probably the only flat walk we can offer, over three little bridges, and perfect for wheelchairs, pushers and picnics.

Wendy Hemingway has pulled the plug after 20 years of extremely efficient and reliable work at the Lorne Op Shop. Her resignation was sadly accepted and her chirpy and positive attitude will be missed by her mates and by the customers. Thanks Wendy.

Happy 99th Birthday to Loris Yorke on 15/7. She too was a vital and very involved member for many years at the Op Shop.

A mumble of sad comments has spread around town on the rising prices of cups of coffee, and especially tea! One lady was shocked to be charged \$6.50 for a t-bag and a mug of hot water when requesting a cuppa. Yes, the town is pretty deserted, but it would be sad if we reverted to having morning tea and coffee at home after a beach walk - like in the old days.

It was hilarious to see a guy with a suction gadget and a bucket emptying the dozens of potholes on the unmade road near the Swingbridge Café. Observers were hopeful that the fill-em-up truck would arrive promptly prior to the next downpour. But no. They are still waiting for his return and the potholes will need draining once more!.

Did you know you can assist the Footy Club to acquire more seating by getting your name, your Company's name, or your dog/cat/or kid's name put on to the back of the new seats in the stand? Rod van Ingen from the good old Men's Shed has been attaching those already purchased – and doing a great job! After secretly coughing up for one for my one-and-only Grandson, I took him (and the dog) down to do some soccer training by doing laps of the oval etc.

I then suggested he have a rest on the new seats. "HEY - what's going on here?" he shouted as he saw his name. "Can I come to the footy and sit here, even if someone else is already in my spot?" Sorry lad! Peter Spring is your man to sign up with – 0417 514 807 or peter.spring@gmail.com

Speaking of dogs The Lorne Independent is very pleased to announce that you may now take your dog to the footy in Lorne – just like in the good old days! BUT – said dog must be on a lead and under control of owner, and said owner must be armed with bags to collect his/her 'litter'. There is a lovely new bag receptacle on a pole - holding bags just waiting for you – behind the gate at roadside goal area.

A couple of regular beach walking dogs passed away recently. Diesel and Bruno have passed on to the big doggy park in the sky and we send commiserations and hugs to their owners.

Chef Jesus, Simone and the team at the Swingbridge Café are taking a break for all of August, and Alex and Laura from Salonika have also closed for R & R and will return in September. IPSOS is undertaking massive interior renovations and are closed for winter. Many other eateries are only open for the weekend at the moment. Lisa's Larder is still vacant but watch this space! The shop next door to Lisa's and to Smyth Real Estate has a dozen or so desks with computers etc. Looked like 'hot desks' for hiring when work at home is not poss. But no! Road and pot hole repairers Fulton & Hogan have set up an office which augers well for repairs on the town's roads!

It's lucky Swingbridge Café will not be open in August, as this the planned date for GORCAPA to attack the lovely old area of Coast Tea Tree right near the Café. This organisation decided to declare Coast Tea Tree to be an environmental weed within the Surf Coast Shire. Not anywhere else. Just here. So they will descend on the area in August with chainsaws and poison and remove it. At one of several community meetings some mention was made of only removing one in three trees or bushes. Thus still providing some shelter from easterlies and the sun, and also screening traffic in and out of Lorne's township. Let's hope this applies. Very sad situation and many locals are really upset at what they fear is about to take place.

Many thanks to Lara Nicholls who has sent lists of paintings of our Tea Trees by The Victorian Artists Society from 1888-1922 when the GOR opened. Tom Roberts founded the Australian Artists which amalgamated with the older Victorian Academy of Arts – thus forming The Victorian Artists Society in 1888. John Mather and later Frederick McCubbin were Presidents. Lorne and its Ti-trees (as they were then called) feature in many many of the famous paintings.

Dick Davies was farewelled with one of the biggest funeral gatherings Lorne has ever experienced. Formalities at the new social club rooms were stretched to the limit with folks squashed onto the outside verandah and also into the entry area. Dick's brother John spoke so well as did Harley and Grace. The day continued at the Aquatic Club for a memorable wake and the weather held for the event! Thanks to Hutch and Annie and all who contributed food on the day. RIP Mate.

In July the Colac Addie's Ben Martin reported on 'the thrill for 4-time Lorne Premiership Captain Dave Wyles of seeing his and Rose's son Lloyd make his senior debut at Lorne. Go boy!

Stephanie Walding who was bourne in Lorne and lives now in the West is the only Head female coach in the WAFLW. She coaches East Fremantle Football Club and they won the 2023 Premiership in her first year in that position! She is also part of a "She Can Coach" Program delivering a module on session planning, drill development, and skill acquisition. Thanks to a very proud Ian Walding for informing us of this great result!!

Sincere thanks to Penny Hawe, of Friends of Lorne for the very detailed document she produced with photos of various areas relating to the aforementioned GORCAPA planned 'vandalism' of our foreshore. It was a huge and accurate undertaking which clarified the scope of work planned over the next five years.

Travel safe if you are fleeing to the north, and welcome back to those who have already had their respite from winter. To the remaining inhabitants of our little piece of paradise, keep on supporting our local traders and keep on being positive!
... Lillian.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

By John Ford

Lorne's Senior Football team and A Grade Netball team are playing really well, and although there are four rounds remaining both are on course for finals appearances.

The Dolphins football team has regained some good form and has posted strong wins over Simpson and Western Eagles in the past two weeks. This follows the match at home against Otway Districts where Lorne had a disappointing loss in a match characterised by poor weather, form and umpiring decisions. The Dolphins defeated Western Eagles by 92 points with Lewis Hollmer kicking five goals. Lorne was able to rest some senior players for the match, which enabled youngsters Justin Pellion, Lloyd Wyles, Clayton Ryan and Kai Enticott to play in the seniors – with all acquitting themselves well. Lorne will regain Ryan Williams, Sam Torpy and Curt Dawson for this week's important encounter with Irrewarra-Beeac. Lorne now sits in fourth place behind Irrewarra-Beeac.

The Seniors ladder is headed by Colac Imperials, ahead of Alvie, Irrewarra-Beeac, Lorne, Birregurra and South Colac, with the other teams unlikely to make the top five. Lorne's next matches are 29th July home to Irrewarra-Beeac, 5th August away to South Colac, 12th August away to Alvie, with the final round being a home clash against ladder leaders Colac Imperials. The top five teams play off in the finals series at Central Reserve Colac.

Lorne's Reserves and Under 18 teams are very likely to also see finals action, being third and second on their respective ladders. Many of these players are playing very good football and their availability is helping bolster the senior side. We hope that these teams can continue winning.

The Dolphins A Grade Netball team continues its good form and holds fifth place on the ladder ahead of Colac Imperials. On 22nd July Lorne defeated Western Eagles 72 to 42 in a high scoring free-flowing match. Goal scorers Jessica Croker 43 and Hannah Keane 29 were very efficient, capping off the good work by Victoria Jewell and Keeley Heron.

Lorne's B Grade Netball team continues to play well and on 22nd July had a close encounter with Western Eagles, finally running out winners 42 to 37. Evergreen Carly Enticott was dominant with 30 goals, with Sarah Everitt and Emily Steed also being among the best players. Lorne sits in sixth place on the B Grade ladder and could challenge for a finals position if their good form continues.

Lorne Country Club Golf

By Andrew Briggs

Over the past 3 weeks the Mens Golf have been holding the Presidents Trophy event which has been played in trying conditions

Round 1 saw Andrew Morrison take the lead with 10 Points closely followed by Simon James on 9 and Ali Reynolds with 8 points. With Andrew Morrison heading to Scotland to work on his Golf skills, this left the competition open for Simon and Ali with round 2 going to Ali Reynolds with the 10 points followed by Paul

Greenwood on his first game back after a period away from golf, with 9 points, and David Wyles on 8.

This left for an exciting final round however the clubhouse leader after 2 rounds, Ali Reynolds, had packed his bags for a well-earned trip North in the sun. This left the Competition open for Simon James, David Wyles & Peter Lynch.

Round 3 saw Peter Lynch winning the 3rd round with 37 stableford points and Simon James with 34 points and David Wyles with 30 points resulting in Simon James being this years Presidents Trophy winner with a total of 24 Points, followed by Peter Lynch on 22 points and David Wyles with 21 points. Congratulations Simon

Womens' Golf

There is not a lot to report this month from our Women golfers, as many are away in more northern climes, and with winter weather conditions, Tuesday comp has been hit and miss for the month.

Club Golf

Of note in July, the LCC Social Committee organised the annual Golf trip, and a large group (27) of Golf and Tennis enthusiasts travelled to the Murray for a couple of days of activities at Rich River, Moama.

The golfers, both Women and Men, played 18 holes on the East course on the first day - with many finding either the numerous fairway bunkers, or the water positioned strategically on the course. This was our warm up day for the big event the next day - our LCC comp on the West course. With great weather and course conditions, golf was left to do the talking.... with Janet Higgins claiming the Women's best Stableford score of 34 pts. Well done! There was a mens' winner and a team winner, and everyone had a great time (if not great golf!), and we look forward to next year redeeming ourselves!

SWGA Golf

There were no regional events that we competed in for July..... however.... As reported in last months Independent, we had a team who played and won the Beeac Open and it was brought to our attention that they made the Colac Herald.... See photo below! Local superstars! Well done team. If you are interested in joining our group of friendly women, whether new to golf or with some golfing experience, or if you have any questions, please call Sue Neill on 0418 674 062, or Chris Angus on 0439 008 167.



Happy Golfing - Danni De Bon.

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You may have seen that a large multi national company TGS has plans to explore for gas reserves in federal waters in the Otway Basin covering 5.5 million hectares from Cape Otway to the SA border and as far south as NW coast of Tassie. It includes prime blue whale feeding habitat, whale migration areas & southern rock lobster fishing grounds. The method they use is seismic blasting which involves,

- Blasting the seafloor with high-powered airguns measuring the echoes with tubes kilometres in length to map offshore oil and gas reserves,
- Sound waves louder than atomic bombs, blasted into the ocean every 10 seconds day and night for months on end,
- Marine life can be displaced, injured and killed,
- People and communities are impacted,
- Facilitates the extraction of more fossil fuels, and subsequent carbon emissions.

On 13th July TGS's Environmental Plan was released for public consultation, by NOPSEMA, Australia's offshore energy regulator. The Environment Plan has a 30 day consultation period which ends on 11th August 2023.

All concerned beach lovers, surfers, fishers and coastal dwellers have the opportunity to comment and provide feedback. Here is a link to the link to the Environment Plan <https://consultation.nopsema.gov.au/>. Click on the link that says Otway Basin 3D Multi Client Marine Seismic Survey. Anyone can make a submission and you don't have to have a science background to take part. Submissions can be as short or as long as you like, however, submissions that say things like 'I am opposed to this because it will harm marine fauna and lead to more carbon emissions', will most likely be disregarded by NOPSEMA. Submissions need to be in your own words (copy and pasted submissions will most likely be disregarded), identify specific errors in the Environment Plan and provide evidence to support those claims. It is usually not difficult to point out flaws in these documents because the studies and processes are not available to adequately prevent impacts on the marine environment.

Some studies on the impacts on seismic blasting that we are presenting to coastal communities can be found here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fIzkaslnrZNhC4u3AOSuKyMgsNQjWPm/view?usp=sharing>

They want to start blasting on 1st October 2023 and could occur for 200 days per year (with a maximum of 400 days total) until 2027. We've beaten similar proposals around Australia (#FightForTheBight and PEP11 off Sydney)

and other communities are having similar wins and coastal communities are becoming aware of the dangers of seismic blasting so lets giddy up and make some noise!

Submissions can be made online at <https://consultation.nopsema.gov.au/environment-division/7199/> and NOPSEMA can be contacted at Nopsema@nopsema.gov.au Get them in by 11th August!

Friends of The Earth Coastal Conversations Road Trip

Friends Of the Earth (FoE) are doing a road trip along the Victorian coast having conversations about coastal erosion, sea level rise and the link to climate change.

Lornecare



Lornecare recently hosted Uncle Ronnie Arnold from Apollo Bay. He gave a very informative chat about possible findings of significant artifacts around our creeks and coast line from the days of the Gadubanud. Many rocks and tools were traded into the area from distant areas and we can tell this by their distinct mineral and rock makeup. The interested group were surprised to see and hold so many of these artefacts. The group are now more aware of what they may find while conducting their clean ups and replanting. Lornecare have regular plantings and cleanups. They love to welcome new volunteers. Alain Purnell is the convenor if you want to join. Ring 0417031905.

The New Footbridge

The new footbridge was craned into position, having been delivered on two semi trailers from Queensland. It is made of laminated timber to spread the load more for strength. . The old bridge was removed and taken away on the same semi trailers to Queensland where Lorne holiday makers may spot it in use there.





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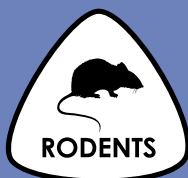
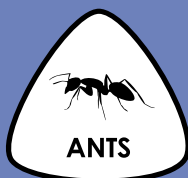
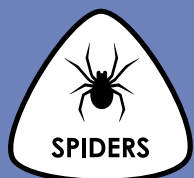
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How many did you get? *By Ray Sutton*

We all want to change the world but when you talk about destruction don't you know you can count me out. Revolution, Beatles. You may say I'm a dreamer but I'm not the only one. Imagine, John Lennon. Then in 1915 my country said, "son it's time to stop rambling, there's work to be done".

The Band Played Waltzing Matilda, Eric Bodle. Get your bags together, go bring your good friends too. Peace Train, Cat Stevens. So, they put a rifle in my hand and sent me off to a foreign land. Born in the USA, Bruce Springsteen.

We left as inmates from an asylum, and we were sharp as knives, and we were so gung-ho to lay down our lives. We held the coastline, they held the highlands, and they were sharp, as sharp as knives. They heard the hum of our

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motors, they counted the rotors and waited for us to arrive.
Goodnight Saigon, Billy Joel

The orders were, "when the night is cold and still, when you thought you'd had your fill, take all the time you will, this is not a test, it's not a drill. Take no prisoners, only kill. Peacekeeper, Fleetwood Mac. My mate said, "now I've been crying lately thinking about the world as it is" Peace Train, Cat Stevens. 'and I replied, "wait until the war is over and we're both a little older". A bullet strikes the helmet head, and it was all over The Unknown Soldier, Doors. for him.

And as our ship pulled into Circular Quay, I looked at the place my legs used to be and thank Christ there was nobody waiting for me to grieve, to mourn, and to pity. The Band Played Waltzing Matilda Eric Bogle.

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OP SHOP BUZZ

By Janet Goud - Secretary

The usual quiet time in Lorne over winter has not really happened this year.

Weekends have kept busy all year and the Op Shop continues to beat its own records for takings. Recently we had another kind donor who wished to give a "junior size" violin to the local school. It was a very pretty instrument.



Similarly to the guitar earlier this year, the Op Shop were happy to take the violin to the Lorne P-12 Music department. It was given a warm welcome, and the school were asked to have it refurbished and the invoice sent to the Op Shop. If you are sitting on some old instruments at home, the Op shop is dedicated to refurbishing them for use in the very active music department of the school. Any thanks to this kind donor and her husband.

We welcome back our President from happy Italian sojourn and Vice President Valinda from the USA. Other members continue to drift north, looking for warmth and sunshine. Meanwhile the Renovation committee pushes ahead with the aim of beginning the build next year.

It was with great reluctance we accepted Wendy Hemingway's retirement from active duty in the op shop. She has given 20 years to us and we thank her and wish her a more relaxed time table!

Members were delighted to meet 'our' architect at a Morning Tea last Friday. It was an exciting morning for us all with the plans discussed and the way ahead proposed. The work will be divided into sections and each section prioritised for safety and health regulations. This will ensure our little shop that has achieved so any marvellous things will continue on its helpful way for the next fifty or so years.

I wonder if Op Shops will still exist then? The happy colour of wattle and daffodils brightens these sometimes sunny but cold days. See you in the Spring.

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We sadly lost one of our longest serving members recently with the passing of Dick Davies after a short battle with cancer. Dick was a very well known, popular local identity who was a regular at our club.

In his younger days he was a gun footballer and surfer, he ran his own building business and was highly respected for his carpentry skills. He also loved fishing and was a garfish specialist. He could catch a gar in a bath tub. You will see his name engraved many times on our historic perpetual garfish shield for catching the biggest gar for the year.

His funeral service was held at the Stribling Community Pavilion where over 500 people attended and after that the wake was held at our club where it was packed to the rafters. It was one of the biggest funerals Lorne has seen for a long time which shows how well liked and respected he was. Dicky will be sadly missed by all those that knew him.



Dicky operating the drinks cart at one of our golf days

Boat Launching Channel Boggings

As you know we don't have a boat ramp in Lorne but do have a very safe and easy to use channel but only if you use it with a bit of common sense. Unfortunately common sense is no longer common and far too many times we at the club are called over to the channel to pull someone out. Most of the time it's visitors that get into trouble.

It's very lucky we are located where we are. I've been called out all hours of the day and night. I've spent many hours pulling people out then they drive off without even saying thanks. I've asked GORCAPA to erect a sign at the channel explaining the following:

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Winter Cup Fishing Competition Number Three Sponsored By Hillec Camperdown: Sunday 6th August 2023.

The comp runs from 6am until the deadline of 12.30pm. Weigh in starts at midday. It's free to enter for members and all competitors get a free mixed grill lunch. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both the junior and senior categories. Juniors must be under the age of 18. You can only weigh in one fish each so anyone can win on the day and it's environmentally friendly. Come and have a crack. It's great fun.

Fishing Report

Boat Fishing:

Because of the weather there hasn't been a lot of boats getting out but when they have the fishing has been pretty good. Plenty of nice pan size Snapper, a few good size King George Whiting, plenty of reasonable sized Flathead, the odd big Gummy Shark and big Salmon being landed.

Pier Fishing:

The Pier is producing big catches of Garfish with some real big ones amongst them which is great because they have been as scarce as hens teeth for many years. Hopefully they stick around. There's also been a few King George Whiting, Salmon, Mullet, Couta, Trevally, Snapper and Calamari being caught. Our local legend fisherman and multiple club champion, Andrew Clarke has been catching heaps of big Garfish off his secret rock. He recently smashed his own club record with a ripper of a fish weighing 175 grams.



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By Janet Goud



Lorne College's original beloved tiny bluestone primary building is being repaired. Head teacher J. P. Danaher opened the school in 1879 with a net enrolment of 30. A bell tower surmounted the stone schoolhouse.

The school was designed by Henry Barlow who was an early architect of schools and examples of his buildings are very scarce these days. It is one of the oldest and most significant historic buildings in Lorne.

Today, it has a new roof and after a long hard search for a suitable craftsman, Luke McPherson from the United Kingdom has been employed to repair this historic treasure. He is doing fine tuck and point work on the bluestones but wishes his brief was not merely to repair but to renovate this little gem. There are some serious cracks in the foundations.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for wealthy Lorne residents to assist in an important historic task. The education department has only provided money to repair the worst



problems, but Luke, as a thorough craftsman, regrets he is unable to fix all the joins properly. Some less professional renovations are very obviously not up to the standards of this craftsman.

Luke had an apprenticeship in trowel occupations (this being all things applied with a trowel- cement, plaster, bricks etc) in the UK but began his career building dry stone walls in Cornwall. "Like doing a stone jigsaw puzzle," he smiles.

Lorne gardeners take note! All those cascading plants and stairs look so much better held up by a dry stone wall!

After he came to Australia he worked for Lindsay Fox for some time, but has recently set up his own company in Torquay. (McPherson Masonry built to last - 0421769381) Here he will be conveniently located for the repair of the many old bluestone piles dotting the Western District landscape.

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Men of the Men's Shed

RICHARD GRIMSDALE

By Garry Fenton

Richard went to school at Cheltenham College, Gloucestershire, England, and did his National Service between 1954 and 1956. He just missed the Korean War. He came to Australia when he was twenty-one, in 1957.

He wanted to be involved in farming and wanted to go to Canada but as he had some family in Australia, he emigrated and arrived on the 25th of October 1957.

On arrival in Australia, he got a job as a jackaroo at Violet Town until Christmas which he spent in Lorne. He then moved to a property at Dunkeld for nearly a year, back to Lorne for a month at Christmas and another property at Mansfield.

He came to Lorne in January 1958 on the Trans Otway bus, throwing newspapers in front of houses along the Great Ocean Road. He had cousins in Lorne from the Eysers family in Ballarat. The family had several homes in Lorne where he was able to stay.

None had the telephone on, so Richard always had to send a telegram, "Please may I come and stay a few days?" On one occasion he stayed in one of the little cottages at the back of the Grand Pacific Hotel. "Better known as Ron Todd's Cottage", Richard said with a cheeky grin. As there were about sixty other girls and boys staying there it was a good education!

After his time as a jackaroo, Richard had a change of scenery in Myers despatch department in Melbourne before joining Elder Smith & Co in 1960. They became a Elders Goldsborough Mort in 1960. After two years at Head office, he was based in Hamilton, then Mortlake, and came back to Melbourne as a supervisor for the Western District.

He was also involved with the Wimmera and Mallee. He was with Elders for twenty-three years until "the arrival of John Elliott and his mob crucified a lot of us. I was in Tokyo office at the time, and they brought me back and I was based in Melbourne for about three months, and then they cut my throat".

Richard purchased his first home in Lorne in 1965, and after thirty years Eddie Babington knocked it down and he built a new



home. He lives mostly in Sydney with wife Jano and they come to Lorne for three months from January and another month in July and they had a long stint here during Covid.

Richard knew nothing about Men's Sheds but was very aware of the difficulties caused by the protesters. Alan Walls lived next door and told Richard the virtues of the Men's Shed early on and he has been a regular when he can ever since.

"They are all good blokes from all sorts of backgrounds, and I love it, and I've learnt a

few things along the way," Richard confided. Richard brought in an old historic wheelbarrow in very poor condition and was very proud of the renovated finished result, especially as it belonged to an old girlfriend!

Richard has known Westy for many years at Lorne and is intrigued with his ability on some of the machinery and likes watching him setting up and operating some of the gear.

"We were all single in those early days and he could tell you some stories about what we got up to way back then, at the old Wild Colonial and the Surf Club. We certainly had a lot of fun".

When asked which he enjoyed most, working in the shed or the coffee table banter, he said "I enjoy both equally. They go hand in hand. It's amazing what comes out of the discussions at coffee time.

The stories and backgrounds of some of the blokes always amazes me. Leo was a real character and I love watching him working away on all manner of jobs. And as for the coffee, good on John Bliss.

Well done him! He does a great job and once you get through the cold froth at the top, the coffee is great. And John keeps the place so tidy. He is always hoovering, sweeping and cleaning up".

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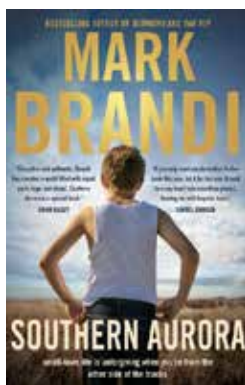
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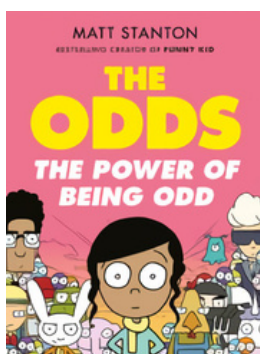
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