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UPCOMING MARKETS ON THE SURFCOAST

Aireys Inlet Market: Dec 10th, 31st, Jan 14th, 21st, 28th
Feb 11th, Mar 10th, 31st - 9AM-1PM**Anglesea Riverbank Market:** Jan 1st, 7th, 13th, Mar
10th, 31st 9AM-4PM**Anglesea Twilight Market:** Dec 1st, 15th Jan
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 4PM-8PM**Apollo Bay Community Market:** Every Sat 8.30AM-1.30PM**Apollo Bay Farmers Market:** Third Sunday of every
Month 9AM-1PM**Deans Marsh Market:** Dec 17th 2PM- 6 PM, Jan 21st
Feb 18th 10AM- 2PM Mar 17th 10AM- 4 PM**Lorne Market:** Jan 27th Mar 30th 9AM-4PM**(Torquay) Cowrie Market:** 7th Dec 21st Jan 10AM -3 PM**Torquay Farmers Market Every Saturday:** 8.30AM-1PM**Winchelsea Community Market:** First Sunday of every
month 9AM -1PM

THE DEADWOOD KNEE

By The Lorne Historical Society

In April 2021, a resident of Dorman St reported to the Historical Society that a strange piece of timber had been washed up on the beach in north Lorne between the Pines car park and Stony Creek.

After examination we asked two men from the GORCAPA works depot if they would help us recover it.

They promptly despatched the tractor to carry the piece of timber off the beach and back to the depot where it has been until yesterday.

At the time with GORCAPA's assistance we contacted Maritime Heritage and they sent two people down to examine it and take a sample.

Here is an extract from their report:

"Hello everyone,

Thank you for helping with our visit to Lorne last week. It was a very productive and enjoyable day!

The main outcomes were:

- The timber was recorded, and a timber sample taken. The analysis has already come through as being eucalyptus crebra, commonly known as narrow-leaved red-ironbark, which means it was built in Australia.
- The timber was inspected by Paul Hunt and conservation options discussed. Fortunately, the expensive/difficult options of reburial or desalination + PEG are not required. The timber is in such good condition that it should experience very little damage from the easier option of air drying in a sheltered area.
- We discussed locations for drying.
- For an eventual display location, we looked at the old co-op building at Point Grey, where the Historical Society already have a fishing exhibit. This seems to be ideal.

The deadwood knee arrived at Point Grey Fishing Exhibition in October.

Research and Shipwreck ID

While the timber ID result of being built in Australia certainly narrows down the list of potential origin shipwrecks, it also has consequences for further research. The three known Australian-built shipwrecks of the area are Henry, Otway, and Trader, all of which are similar in size and construction. None have been found. It is very unlikely that a timber ship construction specialist will be able to differentiate which vessel this timber may come from, eliminating that as a feasible option for further research.

The only scientific approach left is to undertake surveying to find the original wreck site, match timber species and then



determine the identification of that wreck. Unfortunately, that is a large and unfeasible project at this time, however we will work towards building interest and resources for potential future investigations.

The closest we can get to IDing the wreck is using some conjecture regarding its found location compared to historical accounts of wrecking events, also considering that it was likely buried quite deeply until recently and that it hasn't travelled far.

Next steps

- Short term: We need to arrange a sheltered place for it to be stored where it can dry out – a process that may take a year or more. This will involve a schedule of inspections to check its condition as it dries. I'll start a discussion with those involved to find a location and arrange this.
- Medium term: Liam and I will put together the recordings from our visit and create a scaled drawing of the timber.
- Long term: Arrangements for the timber to be displayed at Point Grey.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you again for your enthusiasm and support for Lorne's maritime heritage.

Kind regards, Danielle"

Danielle Wilkinson, Senior Maritime Archaeologist, Heritage Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

The timber was identified as a Deadwood Knee. That is the piece of timber joining the bow to the keel of a ship.

Whilst the report states that the department does not know the location of the three likely ships from which the timber came, through local chat, we understand that the Trader was sunk below the turn-out car park as you come off Big Hill towards Lorne. This makes the Trader the most likely candidate.

At some stage we should arrange for an information plaque to be fixed to the timber.



LORNE P-12 COLLEGE

DECEMBER—FOCUS ON GRATITUDE

The last months of school have seen the students challenge themselves, from skateboarding workshops and after school surfing, to white water rafting on the Snowy River. The unique environment and opportunities offered by the college are not lost on the students.

Here are some of their gratitudes for the place where they live and learn...

The beach and wild life is amazing. —Joe

Everyone knows each other – you get to see people, talk to them. —Zoe

I'm grateful for living near the beach—Jasmine

We all connect and support each other—Ryder

I'm grateful for nature, bird life and how quiet it is—Ben

I love living in a small community where people know you—Raff

YMCA SKATEBOARDING INCURSION

We were fortunate to have the YMCA come out to Lorne P-12 College and run a fully-funded Skateboarding Incursion for students in Years 3 to 9.

The day was full of fun, excitement and laughter as students were shown the fundamentals of skateboarding and some basic tricks using the ramps and deck. Needless to say, our students absolutely smashed it out of the park and were given some harder tricks to practice.

Not only did our students love the day, our staff had just as much fun! At what other school would you see the groundsman, Vice Principal and the primary classroom teachers skating their hearts out; performing ollies, cave flips, kick flips and grinds?!



YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION SNOWY RIVER RAFTING TRIP



As part of the Year 9 Outdoor Education program students recently experienced the ultimate rafting journey through the Snowy River National Park — taking in majestic gorges, pristine white sandy beaches and exciting white water.

Congratulations to all our rafters!

We are grateful to belong to the Lorne community and thank everyone for their support over the past year. We have had fantastic success with the return of the foreshore markets, we thank our dedicated teaching staff and the parents that contribute their time and efforts to the school.

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas, we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

LORNE MATTERS

A Long Long Way To Run

John Ford

How far is a long way to run? For some people an occasional run along the beach, or a few laps of the football ground might be a long way to run. Some of us have entered fun runs, or even completed marathons, but what Cameron Nugent completed on 23rd November is quite staggering. Cameron ran just over 150 kilometres from Prahran (in Melbourne) to Lorne in 24 hours without stopping!

For those who have not met Cameron Nugent, he is the very popular coach of the Dolphins Under 18 Football Team. Cameron ran the journey in honour of his late wife Skye whose passing away from breast cancer brought out an amazing resolve in this young man. The pair had a vision of building a home in Lorne, which he has just completed almost single-handedly. The run was to mark the journey from Prahran, where they had met, to Lorne where they wanted to live - and the run was to celebrate the completion of the house.

The run was not only a mighty individual effort, but he became involved with the Love Your Sister organisation and so the run became a huge money raiser for cancer research. His early aim in fundraising was to raise perhaps a few tens of thousands of dollars, but after crossing the finish line it was announced that over \$150,000 had been raised – what a brilliant effort!

And so, Cameron completed the run to Lorne in just under 24 hours. Fittingly his run finished at Stribling Reserve, home of the Dolphins football team, where hundreds of supporters cheered him home with a guard of honour. Lorne's emergency services vehicles greeted him with horns and sirens wailing. Minutes after finishing he praised his support crew, friends and sponsors, and still had enough physical and emotional energy to speak briefly with some of his friends.

When I considered writing this story I thought that it was about fitness, strength and tenacity. I have quickly learned that it was more about honouring ongoing commitment, loyalty and love.

To donate to the "To Lorne with Love" campaign, log on to mycause.com.au/events/tolornewithlove

Lorne Events

Carols on the Lorne

16 Dec 2023

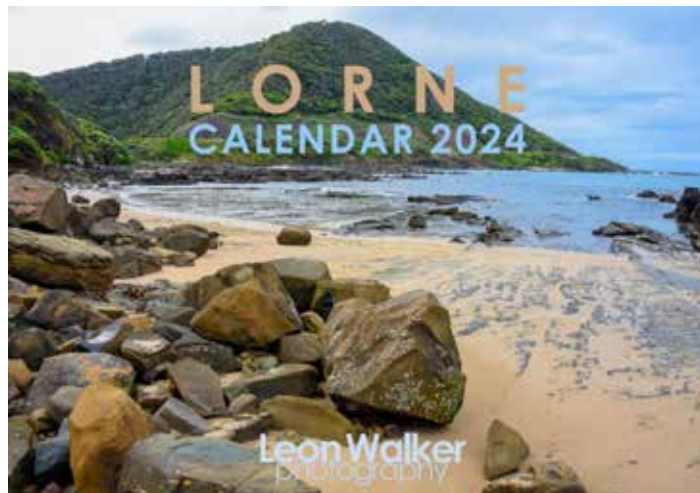
Bring along your best singing voice - this is a great way to kick off the festive season! Carols on the Lorne are held on the lawn in front of the St Cuthbert's Uniting Church, 86 Mountjoy Parade, Lorne

Powercor Mountain to Surf Run January 12

Powercor Lorne Pier to Pub Swim January 13

Buy Your 2024 Calendars

The 2024 Lorne Calendar is out from local photographer Leon Walker, capturing a month-by-month moment of time of Lorne's year. The calendars' pictures are carefully selected to take the viewer on a journey of what makes Lorne such a special place all year round. The calendar is available for purchase from HAH Lornebeach cafe, with complementary signed copies on request. \$20 or \$30 for two.



Repair Café

The Repair Café scheduled for 3 December 2023 has been CANCELLED (due to a power cut)

We look forward to seeing you in 2024 at the Aireys Inlet Hall 10- 2.00pm - last repairs taken at 1.30pm

Dates for the first half of 2024: FEB 4, March 3, April 7, & June 2

Lorne Theatre

Free membership for Lorne locals

We warmly extend free membership to all Lorne residents for the summer of '23-24 to say thank you for welcoming us to the neighbourhood. Residents of Lorne will receive discounted movie tickets and free popcorn to every session from December 2023 to April 2024. Sign up with our friendly staff at Lorne Theatre from Friday, December 1.

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Read all the details at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/binlock

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1 Check your bins are lock-ready.

Locks will not be fitted to bins with damaged lids or broken handles.

Only landfill bins with bright red lids will have a lock installed.

To organise a lid changeover, or bin repair or replacement:

 submit an online request at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request

 call us on **5261 0600**

Council's contractor can only complete the changeover when your bin is on the kerbside.

Contact us when you or a neighbour is available to put the bin out, and take it back inside.

2 Check the lock-fitting schedule and map at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/binlock to see when locks will be fitted in your area

3 Put your bins out according to your collection schedule. Leave your empty bins (only those without a Council-fitted lock) on the kerbside until 3.30pm on Tuesdays until a lock is fitted.



SUMMER BUS SERVICE

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) - Lorne - Deans Marsh - Birregurra - Colac

Friday 15th December 2023
Except Christmas Day
to Sunday 28th January 2024

It's a numbers game!!

This bus service provides numerous unique benefits for our communities.

Unfortunately, despite an intense campaign last year, which included a petition attracting 900 signatures presented to the Minister of Transport in parliament by our State MP for Polwarth, Richard Riordan, the patronage during the six-week period which the bus ran, was significantly down on the previous year.

It goes without saying that those of us involved with running the campaign were very disappointed.

Yet during the last twelve months, we have continued to hear from members of the public, not only living between Lorne and Colac, but many people who visit this region throughout the year.

Just think of the amount of money you will save on fuel, especially for those parents with teenage children who provide the transportation. Plus, no parking hassles!

We challenge our community to consider how they travel during this time and please utilize the existing service.

Together let us prove that this PUBLIC bus service would have a tremendous positive impact for our communities if it was available all year round.

We recommend that you check the PTV website prior to travel to confirm dates and times.

Juliet Beatty & Elizabeth Ryan
Deans Marsh / Birregurra

Colac - Birregurra - Deans Marsh - Lorne

	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM
Colac V/Line Train Station	7:10	10:00	12:30	4:00	7:15
Colac Bus Interchange/Gellibrand St	7:15	10:05	12:35	4:05	7:20
Birregurra V/line Bus Stop - Main St	7:30	10:20	12:50	4:20	7:35
The Store, Deans Marsh	7:45	10:35	1:05	4:35	7:50
Lorne Visitor Information Centre	8:10	11:00	1:30	5:00	8:15

Lorne - Deans Marsh - Birregurra - Colac

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Colac Bus Interchange/Gellibrand St	9:10	12:10	2:40	6:10	9:25
Colac V/Line Train Station	9:15	12:15	2:45	6:15	9:30



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- Changing Place (MLAK key required)
- Point Roadknight access via boat ramp (from Jan 2024)



LORNE

- Beach access matting
- Beach wheelchair (booking required)
- Mobile hoist (booking required)



JAN JUC

- Beach wheelchair (booking required)

TORQUAY

- Beach access matting
- Beach wheelchair (booking required)
- Liberty Swing (booking required)



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LORNE WATER, KEEPING WATCH *Mary Lush*

Last month's edition of the Lorne Independent carried an article suggesting that the El Niño weather pattern might be contributing to the below-average rainfall from July to September in Lorne's reservoir catchment. And that this trend might continue.

As it turned out, October was close to average, as shown in the first graph. Not so on the coast, where October rain was down by about a third.

Both catchment and coast are running well below November averages at the moment, but it is raining as I write and more is expected.

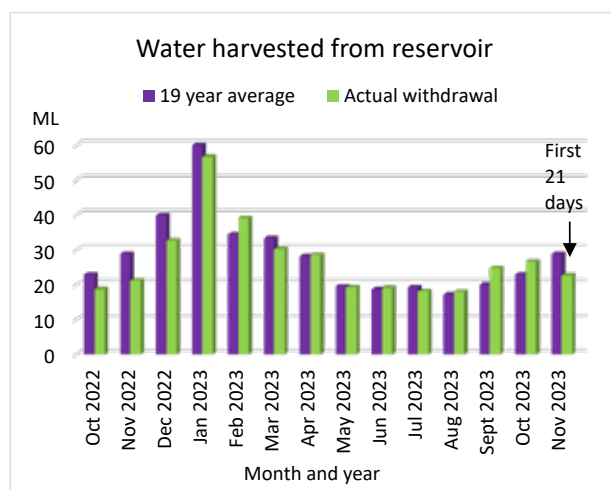
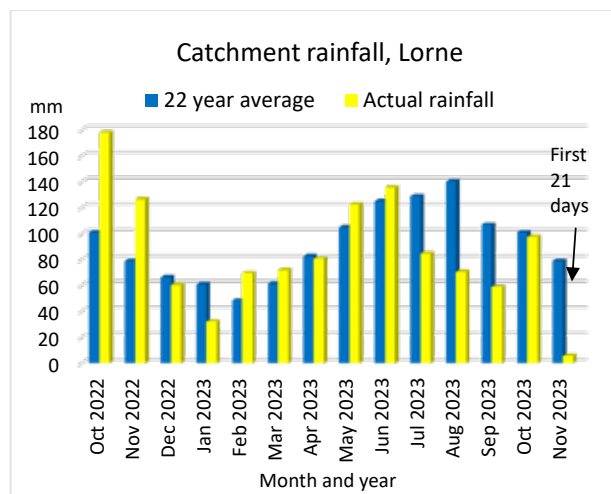
The October rain has kept our reservoir full. But possibly not for long.

The rule of thumb for water supply in Lorne at this time of year, is that a decline in rainfall coincides with a ramping up of water harvesting for town purposes (see second graph, data courtesy of Barwon Water).

Unless there is more rain than usual, we will soon start to take all of the water flowing in plus some, and the level in the reservoir will drop below full.

Saving water for times of need is, for we human beings, the point of having a reservoir.

Other forms of life, however, may be losers. In Lorne, flow in the lower St George River becomes dependent on lesser streams – the Cora Lyn, Henderson and Cherry Tree Creeks.



CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

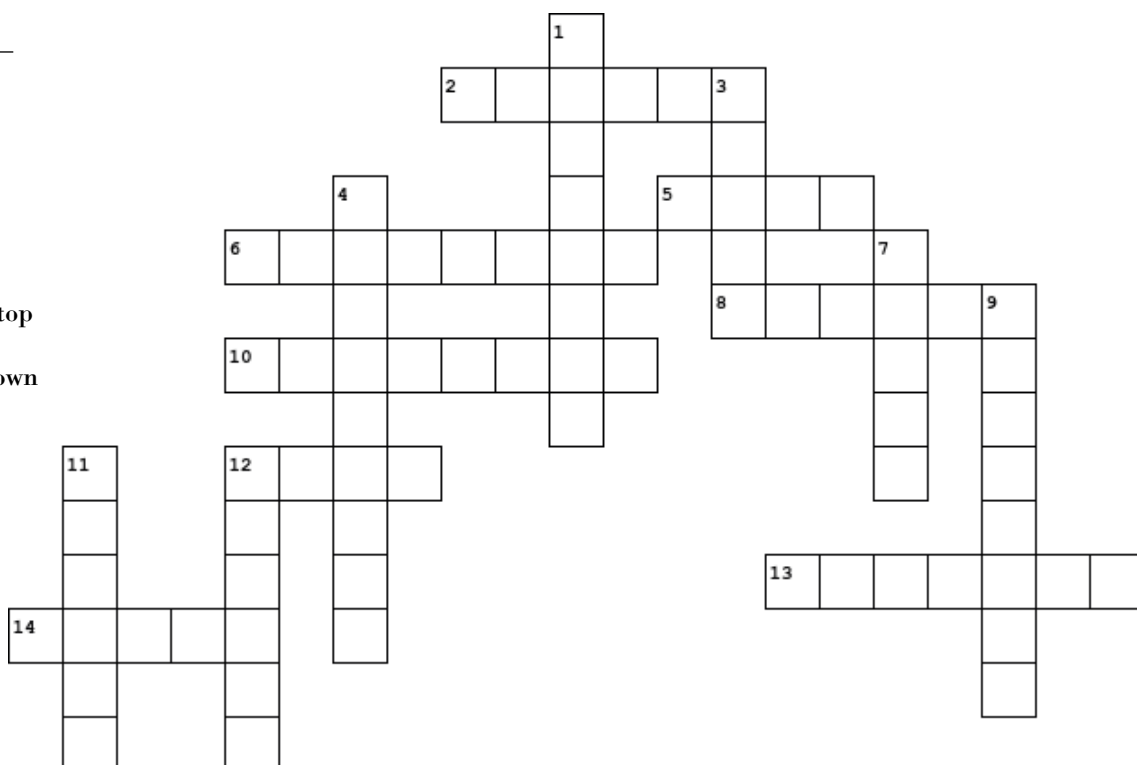
Clues

Across

2. what to sing
5. not in our Christmas
6. Christmas animal
8. attendant spirits
10. scene in the stable
12. usually has a star on top
13. have with custard
14. another word for 1 down

Down

1. give them
3. delivery man
4. kiss under it
7. born today
9. hope there is lots in it
11. delivery vehicle
12. glitters





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OP SHOP BUZZ

President's Report 2023

52nd Annual General Meeting

Thursday, October 26th, 2023

Lorne Community Opportunity Shop Incorporated

ABN 14 197 767 620

In beginning this report, I would like to acknowledge the passing of former Op Shop members this year, Neita McConachy, Lyn Bellwood, Mary Stirling and Audrey McLeod. They were all strong, capable women, who contributed to the Op Shop and the community in most noteworthy ways.

This year has also brought illness and adversity to several of our members, and they are always in our thoughts.

On a brighter note, it has been a very successful year financially, with our shop takings hitting record highs in January, March and April. As always, this success is due to the hard work of volunteers, our good quality donations and the support of our customers. I take this opportunity to thank them all.

We have not had a huge call on our funds this year with funding totalling only \$57,000. Most of this has gone to the Lorne Community Hospital, while donations have also gone to the school (for refurbishment of the Doll's House), Red Frogs (who care for schoolies), the Lorne Cricket Club, the Fig Tree Garden Group and others. We always encourage community groups to ask for assistance.

This year also saw a few changes and an addition to policy. We decided to move our finances to the Bendigo Community Bank. So, we now have new EFTPOS machines and a bit further to walk to deposit the shop takings. Ensuring that we don't have all our eggs in one basket we retain some term deposits with the CBA. The BCB kindly funded a defibrillator, for shop and public use.

We introduced a simple conflict of interest policy and ask that all members follow this.

Volunteering in the Op Shop isn't just hard work; we also enjoy lunches, morning teas and picnics organized by the

Social Committee. I wish to thank Unearth Collective, Lorne Larder, Cellarbrations and Riverbank Café for catering for these events.

While looking back over the minutes for 2022/2023 I saw there was a thread that had become stronger with time – the RENOVATION PROJECT. Mentioned in last year's report, what began with some written ideas as to how the shop could be improved, for safety and aesthetic reasons, then progressed to a major discussion as to how this could be accomplished. Fortunately, a willing architect was found, and we were all able to meet with her (Georgiana) and her builder. Leading on from this we received concept plans, had opportunity for input through the suggestion box, a decision to obtain a quote for the renovations was made. This was passed at a members' meeting, and here we are today – in a very exciting place.

We have the chance to realize a vision. In February we passed a motion acknowledging that there is an obligation on present members to maintain the shop for future members and the wider community. I sincerely hope we can.

I take this opportunity to thank Paula Hayden and the Renovation Committee for their enthusiasm and hours of work put into this project.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Committee of Management for all the time and extra effort they put into their roles, in particular the Executive group. Two Committee members retire this year, Wendy Hutchison and Karen Ridgeway. You will both be greatly missed.

Wendy Jarratt

NB: On behalf of the Committee of Management, the Renovation Committee and the Reallocation Committee I am happy to let you know that the renovation project has the membership go ahead being ratified at the Special General Meeting held on November 22nd.

Voting for the 5 resolutions was almost unanimously in favour of each resolution.

This means the Op Shop will be relocated in March this year to allow for the vital upgrades to the building to take place.

LIZ'S CRYPTIC WATERWAYS QUIZ

Oceans O, Lakes L, Bays B, Seas S, Gulfs G, and Straits St.

1. Calm O
2. Five together make a grand group on a northern hemisphere border, L
3. I owe nil, S
4. Biscuits, merci: you don't say, B
5. A compass point downwards to zero, O
6. You are furious, S
7. Woodworker, G
8. Alibaba personally partnered with the foes to fight the forty thieves, G
9. Meet me across the way for a Taco and gulp it down, G
10. Ma, do you know this natural passage that links two oceans at the Andes' southern tip, St

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LORNE GARDEN GROUP VISIT TO BIRREGURRA

Lou Davies

On a beautiful spring day, a group of us descended on Birregurra, the beautiful quiet village north of Lorne. In the morning we visited Graton Garden. This garden was begun in 1990. At that stage it was a very bare paddock.

The current owner, Andrew Ridd, bought the 4.2 acres in 2017. The trees were well established by then. Andrew came from a financial background thus he had very little horticultural knowledge, but he fell in love with the property and set about restoring the garden and planting many trees. It is a credit to him as he has created a most beautiful and peaceful oasis.

There are 94 different oaks, roses that ramble and climb trees, a gorgeous golden elm, robinias, a creek with a man made (by Andrew!!) bridge. There are many “rooms” in his garden where one can just contemplate the peace and serenity that we all need in this crazy world.!!! He has watsonia, iris, European trees a plenty that are now huge and fill the garden. He has a beautiful “lake” surrounded by iris and reeds, very Monet!!!

There are linden trees, Chinese elms, a Bunya pine and a very tall cork oak. After a very pleasurable wander for one and a half hours we were spoilt with a scrumptious lunch in the cool of the garden, where we could contemplate our visit.

Our next visit was to Maryjane Crabtree’s Garden, “Lumeah”. Maryjane bought the property in 2020. The house was built in 1897 on the top of a hill. A charming cottage garden was in existence but has been renovated and extended as has the home.

The new garden is thriving, and the planting and design certainly gave us a feeling it had been well established for much longer, a credit to Maryjane.

The roses were at their peak and included –David Austin, Heritage rose, Silver Ghost rose, William Morris, Gertrude Jekyl, Moonlight, Pierre de Ronsard, Madame Alfred Carriere and many others. There was verbena, iris, rosemary, viburnum, silver birches, a Gingko Biloba, aquilegia, penstemon, hebe, foxglove and delphinium and many many other varieties of plants. The pool looked over the valley and towards the Otways as did the verandahs surrounding the old home. The hen house was built using materials recovered from the house during the renovations.

Our two garden visits were our last for this year. We have been very spoilt throughout the year with such a variety of stunning gardens, small to large, new to old, native to European.

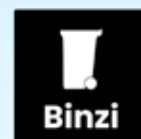
We are a very happy and interested group of friends brought together with one common interest and that is gardens and the environment. We have great fun and friendship.

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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

When I heard Cam Nugent's speech at a Thursday evening community dinner it was just so impressive. He mentioned every player in his precious Under 18's footy team and added a brief encouraging and complimentary comment about each of them. It was an emotional insight into our Under 18's much loved coach. Then when he sort of stumbled on his oh-so-painful legs up the William St hill and into Stribling Reserve, fell over the finishing line and his supporters managed to get him upright, tears flowed, hands clapped, and we all felt his pain! But - being the Cam that he is - he grabbed the mike and made a fantastic and honest speech thanking his boys for running with him, thanking those along the way, and especially those who had organised his simple wish to run from the Melbourne where he met his darling Skye - to the Lorne house he had built from scratch as a tribute to her bravery through her terminal cancer journey. 155 kilometres over 24 hours! Cam hoped to raise \$10,000 for the Cancer cause - but was encouraged by Sam Johnson from Love Your Sister organisation to go for \$100,000 - the current figure is \$130,000 and rising.

And the Lorne community rallied with volunteers serving a feast on the barbie, drinks, pink caps, T-shirts, raffle tickets, free face painting and two jumping castles - as well as CFA and SES vehicles letting their sirens rip as he arrived. An incredible list of supportive donors all trying to beat Cancer. The usual generosity of traders supplying raffle prizes, and our wonderful Foodworks/IGA donating bags of ice and a mountain of food! The whole event warms the heart, and we are so proud to be able to acknowledge the dream of this exceptionally brave young man - setting an example for his boys once more!

Great to read of the conferring of Life Memberships at the Country Club to Mark Trickey (dec) and to Dale Ridgeway. Commendable.

Ali Reynolds has been elected as the new Captain at the Golf Club, and Matt Neill Vice. Hope Dan doesn't try to join Lorne as the media reports that his "inability to recall scores for each hole due to poor memory" would lead to the new Captain having to play a round with him to check out the mathematics.

Sue (Susan) Sloan was told to return to Lorne for Palliative Care. She complied with the order, and subsequently died that night. Now that is one strong lady! She was loved by each and every one of us. A great brain - and it was only a short time ago that she handed over the Ladies' Golf Handicapper job over to Chris Angus. She was influential at the school, the Visitor's Centre, and involved in everything in the town. Sue - you leave a big gap, and we will all miss your beautiful smile.

Lots of new dogs and puppies on the beach, and lots on order. Dave and Rose have a cute new RSPCA special - Lennie - recognisable by one black eye! Lisa's new Golden

Retriever Digby is adorable, replacing dear old Bruno. Most of the others are "Oodles" of some sort or other! Wendy & Chris and Wendy & John are all waiting - me too!

How great are the Aquatic Club Blues afternoons? Free!!! Jarrod Shaw was the November feature and a most talented guy who sang most of his songs and covers to his beautiful girlfriend! While he was singing a family were sprinkling ashes off the nearby rocks. Jarrod sang on gently. The participants came to the Club afterwards and nephew of the deceased explained that it was "Tongey" who used to come down to play footy for Lorne, and who would have adored Jarrod's performance.

A weird and loud scratching noise in a tipped over green rubbish bin led a dog walker to find an echidna trapped there. She slowly tipped the bin upside down, and out slid the darling who bumbled off.

Divine weather made the Cup Weekend School market a great success. Such a fabulous array of things to buy, eat, read, and wear! Well done team.

Fabulous to read the glowing media reports on Little Picket Restaurant at the Bowls Club, and its chef Jo Barrett taking out the Chef of the Year Award!! Jo is a fairly humble winner and the Surfcoast Times wrote that "she is a hunter, farmer, fly-fisher, baker, cheesemaker, archer and sustainability pioneer". Little Picket also was awarded a prestigious One Hat. Only open Friday to Sunday so one needs to book - check out littlepicket.com.au.

Congratulations to 20-year-old medical student Sophie Carne on winning the National Youth Lifesaver of the Year Award. Over the summer she is Lorne's patrol vice-captain and co-first aid officer. She also took out the Victorian Youth Lifesaver of the Year Award. We're so lucky to have her here. Lorne Surf Club Volunteers also won the Rescue of the Year for the tragic incident at Cumberland River when three swimmers were in terrible trouble.

Wonderful to see our Swimming Pool being filled recently! Looks so happy seeing the crashem boats bobbing round and just waiting for some summer action.

Three Trentham sisters came to Lorne for a few days in November. Sue, Debra and Judy had a wonderful spend up in our Op Shop and one of the ladies even brought a big bag of donations. Whilst pricing these the oppie team were stunned by a divine red lambswool cardigan/frock made in New Zealand. Pretty soon, believe it or not, it was being tried on by sister Judy, and sister Sue said "Hey, I brought that in!" Screams of laughter from volunteers and other customers. The price tag was removed, and the snuggly warm red cardi returned to Trentham.

Kathy Yorke must have looked funny up on the roof cleaning gutters accompanied by her dog who was doing laps of the edge of the roof! Michael was in hospital. Good luck mate and see you back in Lorne soon.

The unstoppable Bernie Everett went to New Zealand with son Jack to run a ½ marathon in Queenstown. The weather and scenery were perfect, and Bernie came in 17th out of 125 runners in the 60 - 69 group. Jack completed the 10Km event. Just another couple of Lorne legends, eh?

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FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

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Shire Initiatives in the Lorne Ward 2023

The following list is of projects that the Council is continuing to complete in the Lorne Ward. Thanks to all of the community members who have been involved in engagement or helping deliver projects. People across the ward are always willing to pitch in and

that makes completing projects all the more satisfying.

The Lorne Transfer Station Upgrade \$1,850,000

The Lorne Historical Society Façade Stage 2 \$66,500

The Lorne P-12 College Traffic Management \$467,500

Stribling Reserve Minor Works \$30,000

Erskine Falls Road – Blackspot Program \$165,000

Kerbside Bin Mechanism Rollout \$213,900

Transfer Station FOGO and glass processing \$63,000

Footpath renewal \$166,543



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Thanks a trillion, to Max, Bridget, Matt and Chiago for all the great Thursday meals over the footy and cricket seasons up at Stribling Reserve kitchen. At the last gathering for the year. They served 82 huge parmis and 13 vege parmis!!! They'll be up at the Lorne Country Club for the Silly Season which is open to all for a beaut meal and the best view in town, complete with kangaroos.

Saw a tourist filming a snake crossing the road up at Teddy's Lookout – quite close to it! Bloody hell – don't you know they can kill you. Run! Or stand very still! John Agar's little dog Blighty is the hero of the month without a doubt. Leapt at a tiger snake under the bushes and dealt with it very quickly. It's a wonder John didn't have a heart attack! They give out such scary vibes and an Eastern Brown sunbaking on my pathway shone gold in the sun, except for the black eyes staring at me from a slightly raised head. At least ten foot long I reckon! But they grow as the tale gets told. A local sparky working under a house in Lorne got a bite last month. His mates sent him a photo of the tiger while he was recovering in hospital - "No – that's not the one that got me. It was much much bigger".

I rest my case. Take care and never stop looking where you place those feet.

Hope our Schoolies have fun and look after each other....
Lillian

Lorne Kindergarten 70th Birthday

I recently had the privilege of attending the 70th birthday celebration for the Lorne Kindergarten. It was a reminder to me of the work that the Lorne Community undertook, over sixty-five years ago (the Kinder was originally located at the Anglican Church Hall and then the Library Hall on the site of the current police station), to fund and build the Kinder on the present site – history repeats itself!!! Not only did the community fund the building, but volunteers supported the program for much of the seventy years, volunteering to support the teacher and by raising funds each year to support the program.

For far too long Australian and Victorian governments have not adequately funded early childhood education. It is the most important stage in a person's social and educational development. We have a tendency to apply "band aid" solutions by pouring resources into middle year's education, when I believe that it is too late. Kindergarten teachers have not been properly recognized nor rewarded for the vital contributions that they make, which is to me, a sad inequity in the educational system.

In recent times the Victorian Government has taken very positive steps to address this problem, by funding three and four year old kindergarten education, by introducing the Best Start Best Life program, an excellent initiative.

I am proud that the Surf Coast Shire has opted-in, by committing to support the program for the next ten years.

Congratulations to the hundreds of parents and community members who have and continue to support the Lorne Kinder.

Vale Sue Sloan

Sue Sloan was loved by all she knew. She was a kind, considerate and loyal friend to so many in the Lorne community. I first met Sue in 1990 when I was appointed principal of the Lorne P-12 College and Sue was the business manager. Her knowledge of the community and the families associated with the School was invaluable to me returning to Lorne. Sue was a hardworking, compassionate and loyal member of the staff. Sue helped the School navigate significant changes to our structure, our personnel and resource management systems, curriculum content and assessment protocols.

Sue was a very good squash and golf player, being the handicapper for the Ladies golf division at the Lorne Country Club. Sue volunteered at the Lorne Visitors Information Centre and was a member of the Lorne Historical Society. Sue was a character who will be sorely missed. I wish to express my condolences to Ben, Toby and their family.

May I wish all residents a happy and joyful Christmas and a safe New Year and I look forward to working for you in 2024.



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LORNE'S GOLD MEDALIST COMES HOME

(briefly) *Janet Goud*

Recently Lydia Lassila was at her home in Lorne, having flown into Sydney for the big event of being inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. I quizzed her about the glamour of the big event, but she said since COVID times it had been far lower key, with just a nice lunch. No red carpet.

I was there, hanging on the coat tails of my old friend Barry White who was with the media in the Australian Winter Olympics team. Lydia won gold as a freestyle skier and competed in the Olympics in 2002, 2006, won gold in 2010 and bronze in aerial skiing in 2014. She was a product of the Australian Institute of Sport which co opted some high achieving, well-coordinated athletes (Lydia was a gymnast) in the belief they could create a team to compete and win in the Winter Olympics.

Barry was happy to catch up with her in her beautiful eyrie at the top of Summerhills Drive. She and Lauri Lassila, her Finnish freestyle skier husband, designed and built this house where everything is on a huge perspective and there is an echo of a ski lodge. Now days the house is let out to guests, looked after by caretakers who live in the self-contained flat underneath.

The family lived in Lorne for some years, raising their two sons, Kai and Alek, but also spent long periods of time in Finland. The boys were only spoken to in Finnish by Lauri, so they grew up bi-lingual. Just before Covid struck, they left for an extended visit to Finland. Of course, this became an extended stay and the boys began school there.

The big proportion of their Lorne house makes fine boned Lydia look like a little girl playing house, not the determined and successful entrepreneur she has become. Her business is wellbeing. BodyICE and Zone are leaders in sustainable business practice. She is giving classes in Byron Bay before returning to Finland.

Lydia explained how she had grown up in Lorne with her Greek extended family who have always had a family compound here. Still her father fishes from the pier every day he is in town. So when she married and began a family, where more natural to build a house than Lorne. Their sons attended Lorne P-12 and the kindergarten. Lauri created a big social group around Monday night soccer training with several families joining in. He and the fun night are still missed. Lydia was sad to see so many of their friends have left town and headed north.

Lydia describes how they have adapted to life among the reindeer in Lapland. These fairytale creatures frequent the frozen lake near their new home. Her boys have a great love of skiing on the "perfect snow." Lydia's face lights up when she describes how this snow stays perfect almost year-round. People from more southerly parts of Europe, where the usual snow cover is thinning due to Global Warming, are heading to Kittilia, Lapland for the snow sports now, she reports. And in the short, insect ridden summer they leave for holidays around the world. Her boys have been advantaged by what is recognised as the best school system in the world. They won't be leaving Finland till school is over. Their life seems very happy and rich.

So Lorne can probably only expect to see our Olympic Champion on holiday visits to family in the near future.

PROFOUND MILESTONE AS COUNCIL ADOPTS REFLECT RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Surf Coast Shire Council has taken another meaningful step on its journey towards Reconciliation with endorsement of its milestone Reflect – Reconciliation Action Plan.

Council resolved at its November meeting at Aireys Inlet to adopt the plan, strengthening its tangible commitment to Reconciliation and mobilising delivery of specific actions from many Council divisions.

The plan has been nurtured through consultation with Traditional Owners from the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, and engagement with First Nations people in the community. The plan has also received conditional endorsement from Reconciliation Australia.

Mayor Liz Pattison said Council's endorsement of its first Reconciliation Action Plan represented a profound milestone.

"We are deeply proud to have reached this point, excited to implement its actions and look forward to working towards

our next stage, the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan in 12 months," Cr Pattison said.

"The Reflect plan was intended to be presented to Council in 2022 but following consultation with Traditional Owners it was decided to pause the process to enable us to engage in more deep listening and strengthen existing and new relationships with Traditional Owners and First Nations people.

The Respect Reconciliation Action Plan includes a total of 17 actions across the themes of Relationships, Respect, Opportunities and Governance. The actions are achievable within existing resourcing, budget allocations and timeframes.

Council formally committed to First Nations Reconciliation and the development of the Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan in May 2021, also resolving to no longer participate in celebratory events on 26 January each year, and to fly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags at half-mast outside Torquay Civic Centre on that date.

MARY ELEANOR WHITE LOCAL POET

From her SELECTED POEMS unfinished, uncertain

Louittit Bay

Rain falls softly on Jagajewski's poems,
Poland is far away,
at Louittit Bay where white crested waves
greet tall blue gums,
long summer nights have embraced us into
forgetfulness,
we socialize on decks, sip pinot noir and
talk of our next trip,
while the Southern Ocean spreads out like
salvation over the page,
a magpie warbles its song,
oblivious to global warming or extinctions.
The created beach is covered by the
summer influx, swarming like
bees over a hive. While deep turquoise
waters touch on infinity, the bush,
on earth, finality. Surfers ride the waves,
transcendent and alone,
sustained by rhythms that are transitory
but appear eternal here,
where beauty is no stranger.

Fold It Tenderly

Fold it tenderly
the blue crest of the sea
this profundity of light
this melancholy of nights,
that which is concealed and that
which floats free,
this infinity we would collect
as seashells
and store into memory,
a gaze that wraps around
the day
like fragile glass.



STUDENTS' ARTWORKS SHINE IN GEELONG GALLERY'S LEARN SPACE

Barwon Water General Manager Customers, Community & Strategy Laura Kendall and Geelong Gallery Director and CEO Jason Smith met prize-winning young students and their families at Geelong Gallery this week to celebrate their achievements.

Last month, three local students achieved notable success in the statewide National Water Week 2023 poster competition in their year divisions: Jordan C (first), Frida J (second) from Bellaire Primary School, and Teddy R (first) from Lisieux Catholic Primary School.



At the Geelong Gallery, Jordan and Frida expressed their excitement at having their works displayed there as part of a partnership with Barwon Water.

Jordan said the poster competition highlighted why water is important and that her poster was about “people, animals, life - being united by the water on the land”.

“If water wasn’t in the world there would be no life. It’s not just a random thing on earth, it’s actually important to everyone.”

Frida felt the theme ‘United by Water’ was about connection and said that life depended on it.

“All living things are connected in water. If you don’t have water, you won’t survive.”

Meanwhile, Aneisha from Wangala Primary School, who won first in the regional prep/foundation category for her poster “of people swimming and fish jumping and a cloud and a nest for birds and a bird and a rainbow”, shared her thoughts on why water was important.

“Because it is for animals to live in and for drinking and for taking a bath and for washing our plates.

“Don’t put rubbish in the water – and the animals in the water can’t be hurt.”

Laura Kendall said that Barwon Water was thrilled to collaborate with Geelong Gallery to showcase the water-themed artworks and thanked the students for their thoughtful and creative contributions.

“The National Water Week theme ‘United by Water’ is a particularly important one as we anticipate a hot dry summer, which will put pressure on our catchments.

“If we’re united in our approach to saving water now, we’re less likely to face restrictions of our region’s precious water resources if we experience a few dry years in a row.”

Ms Kendall encouraged the community to drop into Geelong Gallery over the next few months to view the posters and reflect on the messages they convey about the value of water.

Jason Smith said it was a pleasure to host the exhibition of student artworks in the gallery. He also commented that he was impressed by all the 190 posters submitted by primary school children from around the region.

“I’m inspired by the imagination and quality of the work of the young artists. They’ve done a fantastic job conveying how we are united by water as one of our most precious resources.”

The free exhibition in the Learn Space at Geelong Gallery opened to the public on October 21 to coincide with National Water Week (October 16-22). It closes on Sunday February 25 next year.

See the Gallery’s website for more on the exhibition and Barwon Water’s website for more on the poster competition.

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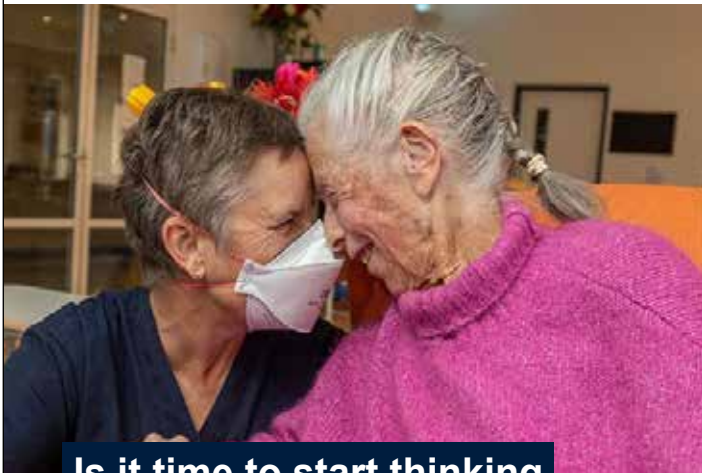
The student poster exhibition is part of a program of events featuring Barwon Water and the Geelong Gallery, that accompanies the Gallery’s showing of Kungka Kunpu, for which Barwon Water is an exhibition partner.

Kungka Kunpu is an Art Gallery of South Australia touring exhibition showcasing major contemporary works by celebrated women artists from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

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A REVIEW *Sandra McComb*

Flotsam and Jetsam by Chris Cairns

Local author Chris Cairns has presented us with an intriguing collection of characters in his new novel *Flotsam and Jetsam*. Here we have four middle-aged men who have washed up as permanent residents in a surf beach caravan park. Across the river from the cashed up side of town, they occupy dilapidated vans between sand hills and the ocean. A place to reflect and perhaps to escape.

The four blokes talk and drink and wonder what life is all about. Jesting, poking fun, bridling when the jibes hit too close to home. They talk about women a lot but nothing is offensive. They hark back to former lives and conquests. They play music on dilapidated equipment selecting CDs as they barbecue the fish that David, surfer and elder of the group, has caught. These are 50-year-old men on the slippery slope. It appears that life has dealt them a rough deal – or has it? Is it perhaps a lack of action by these fellows that has landed them here. Despite their rather forlorn situation these characters and their conversations are gems. Their wry humour makes *Flotsam and Jetsam* a winner and a great read. They know about the world, its foibles and its pleasures, but have left it behind. As their stories unfold we are given glimpses of their past.

Phil a former sax player still plays at gigs a bit and teaches kids. Throughout the book his relationship with Michele, a worldly woman, one of his pupil's mothers, meanders enticingly along. The conversations between the two are hilarious and helpless.



It is said that people are often defined by what they do and what they think. Phil could be more clearly defined by what he isn't! He is stuck in a world of repartee about sex and love. Will he make a move or let things drift?

And then there is Terry bent on revenge after being discarded by his partner as he learns about the internet and plays with humiliating his rival on-line. Not too much concerned about the legal ramifications of stalking that Barney, the fourth camper, warns him about regularly. Will Terry end up in jail?

These men are not fools – they care about their surroundings and have enough life experience to see what is happening around their humble homes. Along the way issues such as social media, midlife romances, protecting the environment all enter into their conversations.

David and Phil one Christmas Day, walking off the imaginary pork and pudding that they had not had for dinner, bemoan the changes in surfing and camping, the huge vans, the fancy beach equipment. Suddenly the future looms – 'the monetising of leisure'.

It was Barney who broke the news. 'Bastards', he cried. – 'Who?' – 'the Council?' There was to be a review of the park – a commercial rethink, efficiencies required. Where would that leave the permanents on the river bank? As the blokes pursue their individual paths through this dilemma, the underlying darker tale explores how those without power or money might trawl through 'consultations with relevant stakeholders' and find themselves irrelevant. How the four blokes deal with this is revealed with humour, hope anger and acceptance. You will be intrigued by their journey.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

By John Ford

Cricket Success

Lorne's Cricket Team continues its successful start to the season and is undefeated and on top of the ladder after five matches. On Saturday 11th November Lorne played West Warrion at home on a sunny but windy afternoon. Lorne batted first and compiled 228 runs off their forty overs for the loss of just three wickets. In this competition any batsman must retire upon scoring fifty runs, and Lorne had Ed Erftemeyer (50) and Ryan Heathcote (52) both retiring while batting extremely well. At the close of the innings Lorne also had Louis Coates 36 not out and Calvin Altman 27 not out at the wicket.



West Warrion in reply started steadily and at one stage were 1 for 27. However inspired bowling by Louis Coates and brother Henry Coates made the batting side look shaky. When Peter Bracken came on and used the wind to accurately flight the ball, the West Warrion batsmen were all at sea and slumped to being 6 for 34. The visitors then had no chance of compiling the 228 runs needed and were all out for just 58 runs. Peter Bracken finished the match with three wickets, Louis Coates two and Henry Coates with one wicket, were Lorne's best bowlers.

Lorne's next match was at Forrest and again Lorne's bowlers made it very difficult for the opposition. Henry Coates (3 wickets) and Calvin Altman (2) helped restrict Forrest to being all out for 114. In reply Lorne lost a couple of early wickets but Matt Cash 48, Ryan Heathcote 49 not out and Conan Roos 52 steadied the innings. Lorne finished their forty overs at 4 out for 187 in what was a very even team performance.

In watching Lorne this season, you have to be impressed with all aspects of their game. The batsmen are combining to create important partnerships and the bowlers are being so well supported with inspired fielding. Opposition teams are being put under sustained pressure, which is resulting in impressive wins, and now rewarded by being undefeated and on top of the ladder.

Women's Golf

November Women's Golf Report:

Vale Sue Sloan.

It was with great sadness that the entire group of women golfers learned of the recent passing of our beloved Sue Sloan. Sue has been a great supporter of our group of women golfers, having until very recently been our handicapper - Sue would reliably, enter our scores each week, and would always make a congratulatory comment the following week if you had put in a good round. As she could no longer play golf, Sue remained involved with our group this way, and she would often join us for lunch in the clubhouse following Tuesday golf comp - animatedly chatting and listening to the conversations and golf recaps of the day. New members were always made to feel special with Sue remembering their names, seeking them out to chat and congratulating them as their handicaps improved over time.



Sue was a bubbly, passionate, intelligent woman, always up for a lark - joining in our Christmas dress up festivities and was an intrinsic member of our Women's golf group (and of our offshoot Book Club group!!) ... Our condolences go to her family. Go well dear Sue and Thank you for your friendship. R.I.P Sue Sloan.

Club Golf news:

- Round 1 of the Women's Club Championships has occurred with 2 more rounds to play. There are a number of players that had a great first round and have set themselves up for the possibility... 2 more rounds to go to see who will take out the honours.
- Anne Maree Kennedy won the Monthly Medal final on Nov 14th becoming this years "Medal of Medalist". She has been in great form this year and it was a deserved win.

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- We have the Annual Miss Lascelles Silver Salver coming up on Friday Nov 24th at our Club with 15 teams coming from around the region - the course is looking great, and we look forward to again successfully holding this annual golf event, as one of the events being held at Lorne Country Club for its 60th Annual Golf Tournament.

SWGA Golf events:

- Our women have been busy playing in tournaments around the region including Bannockburn, Beeac, Port Fairy and Anglesea, with Bronwyn Halpin and myself (Danni De Bon) combining well to win the Women's pair at the Anglesea Canadian Foursome's comp.

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.**Summer Sport and Recreation**

Over the summer holiday period we all want to get out and walk, run, swim, cycle and hit and chase balls. Each summer I ask that we all try to do that having regard for each other's safety.

In addition to having appropriate levels of fitness and suitable training attire we should also consider other risks. Hats and sunscreen are a must for all outdoor activities.

Water safety is paramount especially as conditions can change quickly causing dangerous waves, surf and rips.

Surf lifesavers are very capable but are no substitute for each of us being alert and responsible.

Our sporting clubs are there so that we can engage in a variety of pursuits and meet like-minded sportspeople.

Many of these clubs have quality bar and dining facilities, but to be sure of not being disappointed you should book first.

Your support of these clubs is important, and you may wish to consider being a member.

That way you can really call it YOUR CLUB. Your Sportsbriefs correspondent wishes you a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and holiday period and remember to play hard, play safe and play fair!

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

EDITORIAL Janet Goud - Editor

Happy Christmas and or Holiday season to all our lovely readers and advertisers. This year you have increased in numbers and this, plus the always talented and supportive Lorne Independent Team have enabled the newspaper to grow and become a fully coloured newspaper.

Lots of supportive comments from the community and lots of contributing writers have made us all very happy and we are sure that dear Jo is smiling wherever he is. Keep on sending in your ideas and creations please.

Our community continues to provide lots of news and outstanding contributions to worthy causes. On Cup Day this year I was privileged to attend a wonderful Whittlesea charity Luncheon and auction which raised the astonishing sum of \$13,300 for Lifeline. I'm sure we all know the amazing work of these people who daily help prevent tragic deaths by listening and responding to calls.

The huge amount raised in one day, translates into training of three more counsellors to expand the availability of the service. So much work and organisation behind the scenes and what a wonderful result! And how very pleasant it was on that beautiful sunny day, to sit among gorgeous gardens and eat a delicious lunch. Congratulations to all involved.

Wearing another hat, many of you will realise I am the Secretary of the famous Lorne Op Shop. It's capacity for treasures is legendary and we are about to embark on a very exciting and historical journey to update and refit the old shop so it will be fit for purpose for the next generations of volunteers. Over the years the shop has been a golden goose for Lorne hospital and now their charity extends wider into the whole community for health and welfare concerns.

The Op Shop will need to move premises to continue trading during the upgrade, so any help with that, or donations to our building fund will be very gratefully received. President Wendy Jarratt 0418372709 would love to hear from you.

The Goodfood Awards this year really just confirmed for us what we in Lorne already know. We have the best of the best food around!! Legendary Brae is just up the road and has a whole three hats! Ipsos, Little Picket and Totti's all have one hat, and Raas Leela is a Travellers Choice winner for Indian food. As well we now have the top chef in Victoria 2024 in Jo Barrett at Little Picket at Lorne Bowls Club. How lucky can one small town be??

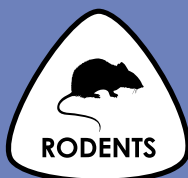
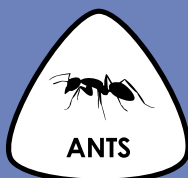
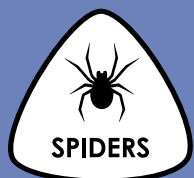
And the old picture theatre built by local Jarratt and Stirling families, is about to enjoy a facelift and exciting renovation. The new / old / classics about to be screened have raised expectations of a revival in the art and history of the Cinema.

Enjoy the summer if it ever arrives, the liveliness and colour in the streets, and remember how lucky we are who can enjoy the natural beauty of Lorne in all seasons.



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MUSHROOM MUSING

Doug Williams

The late great Josef Vondra, inspirational founder of The Lorne Independent, was always concerned about the potential dangers of eating the wrong mushrooms. With the dishing up of toxic fungi being in the news recently (this article was written before the recent publicity, not in response to it) it is probably a good time to stress the importance of the accurate identification of the edible varieties foraged by the casual mushroom picker.

I've only ever eaten field mushrooms and some of those to be found in supermarkets. I wouldn't recognise a Death Cap but would definitely not put any unidentified fungi into a fry-up or a beef Wellington or the like. Unless it was intentional. If you are at all uncertain about the provenance of any fungi at all, do not eat them. I don't know all that much about the many species that are in the fungus kingdom. We see them when we are in the bush and most of us are familiar with amanita or fly agaric, the red-capped toadstool with a white stem and white spots which has dropped straight out of a fairy story. They appear among illustrations by Beatrix Potter in her books, not surprisingly because she was a pioneer and leading authority in the field of mycology, the study of fungus. She would have known the names and growth habits of each and every mushroom and toadstool that appear in those picture books.

I know what gold tops look like, and I know that both these and the magic mushroom amanita are being used in the treatment of mental illness. I can recognise Lawyer's Wig, puffballs and what I think are shelf fungus and so I started reading up on some of the others.

Yes, there certainly is a great variety of dangerous fungi out there all right. When the bright red growths of the recently introduced Poison Fire Coral fungus appear from the detritus of the forest floor of a north Queensland Forest, they could be bloody fingers reaching up from a shallow grave. Its very appearance is deterrent enough but that name is a dead giveaway (geddit?).

Same goes for Witches' Cauldron, Hag's Fire and Death Cap mushroom – of which the last has long been available here in Australia. Death Cap is the world's most poisonous fungus and Poison Fire Coral comes in second place. It's not as though it's Alice In Wonderland and the fungi have "Eat Me" or "Don't Eat Me" tags on them to warn us to stay back. (In general, any red plant or fungus must be avoided.) The thing to know is that the toxins of poisonous mushrooms are not absorbed through the skin and to take effect they must be ingested. So, if you pick them just don't eat them. Or lick your fingers. In Switzerland people who forage for mushrooms in the forests actually have the protection of mushroom inspectors who will examine their baskets in the field for any dangerous fungi.

I've written before about how fungi can be utilised in building construction, making industrial fibres, for medicines and in dyes. Most of us do not recognise the vital role that fungi and their subterranean mycorrhiza play in the ecosystem. There is much modern research into the symbiotic relationship between plants and fungi. One area of study by mycologists is the role fungi play in the regeneration of plant communities after fire, their ability to withstand extreme heat and the complex and clever 'fire-survival tactics' some fungi employ. In order to propagate, certain subterranean truffles for example, will exude an aroma after a burn that is attractive to mammals which eat them and then expel the spores in their excreta. This is their clever way to spread themselves around.

There's a whole wide subterranean world of vegetal systems operating right beneath our feet, out of sight and not yet fully understood. The ground we stand on is the interface between these two worlds.

Just Don't Eat Any Unknown Fungi!

Editor's Note: If invited to the author's place for a meal, it might be wise to check the menu.





Keith Miller
Commodore



Lazarus Lounge Is Back, But...

Thanks to GORCAPA our Lazarus Lounge permit has been extended but we've still got a few hurdles to clear before we can use it. We are hoping with all our fingers and toes crossed that it will be open before Christmas. Other than that it's all happening at the club with beautiful weather and our fun events starting to fire up.

Garlic Competition

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Friday 15th December, all you have to do to enter is: Be a member and turn up before 5pm with your homegrown garlic bulb. There are lots of prizes awarded for Biggest, Smallest, Funniest Shape and Grand Champion in Senior and Junior (under 18). Start nurturing your garlic now.

Saturday Arvo Blues

Saturday 9th December we're excited to bring a world-class duo The McNamarr Project to the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club. Free entry and free sausage sizzle, you won't want to miss these guys, check out their bio below.

The McNamarr Project

The stars aligned in the musical universe when Andrea Marr and John McNamara, both well respected and experienced Australian Soul and Blues artists in their own right, combined forces to become The McNamarr Project.

They're right up there with the very best. In 2019 they released 'Holla & Moan' - their debut collaborative work. And the global blues and soul scene sat up and took serious notice, with great airplay support worldwide, and fabulous reviews likewise pouring in from all corners.

The album won the Vic/Tas blues awards for Album of The Year and Song of The Year. Now, three years and a whole new world later, The McNamarr Project is back with their second album - Run With Me. Reaching number 1 on blues and soul charts in Australia and the US, getting rave reviews worldwide. 'Run with Me' was nominated for Best Blues work in the prestigious Music Victoria awards and in November 2022, Andrea Marr was inducted into the Blues Music Victoria Legends Hall of fame.



They have represented Australia in Memphis for the International Blues Challenge and have been hailed worldwide as 'The Real Deal'.

Old Boat Ramp

The old boat ramp in front of our clubhouse which hasn't been used for launching boats for many years and is falling to bits. GORCAPA are doing a temporary patch-up job on it so it will be safe to use this season and they plan to replace it completely next year. Its only use these days is for safe and easy access for swimmers training and competing in the Pier to Pub Swim. It will never be a boat ramp again so it's now being called the Pier to Pub Ramp.



Contractors patching up the ramp

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Fishing Report

The boat fishing has been a bit patchy with the typical unpredictable November weather not helping. Last week no one got out but the week before we had 4 good days in a row.

The water is around the 16 degree mark which is normal for this time of year and there are plenty of schools of small Couta, Yakkas and Slimy Mackerel starting to arrive.

The Snapper fishing is a bit ordinary. If you can find some they are hungry and biting well but there's a lot of water in between them.

The flathead fishing has been good with some big Sand and Tigers being caught. Plenty of small Gummy Sharks coming in but not a lot of big ones.

There's been the odd School Shark being landed.

We've been catching the odd Teraki and Nannygai while looking for Snapper but the Gurnards are in plague proportions and are a bloody nuisance.

The FADS are being deployed in the same locations over the next few days depending on the weather.

The Pier is still producing good catches of Trevally, Salmon, Mullet, Grass Whiting (they are a wrasse and taste awful), Flathead, Calamari and Snapper. There's been a few big Snapper caught at night.

Melbourne Cup Extravaganza

We didn't get around to promoting this because we were full up before we even thought of it.

As usual it's a members-only function and it's a not-for-profit great fun day. The weather was perfect with a blue sky, 25 degrees and a sea breeze. It's always a great day but I reckon this was the best one yet.

We had our biggest ever fashions on the field entrants in both the ladies and men and everything ran like clockwork.

A huge thank you to Michael and Shirley Causon who have been running the day forever and do a sensational job.

Also a big thanks to Peter Wheal, Ange Quinn, Annie McMahon and several others for their much-appreciated help.



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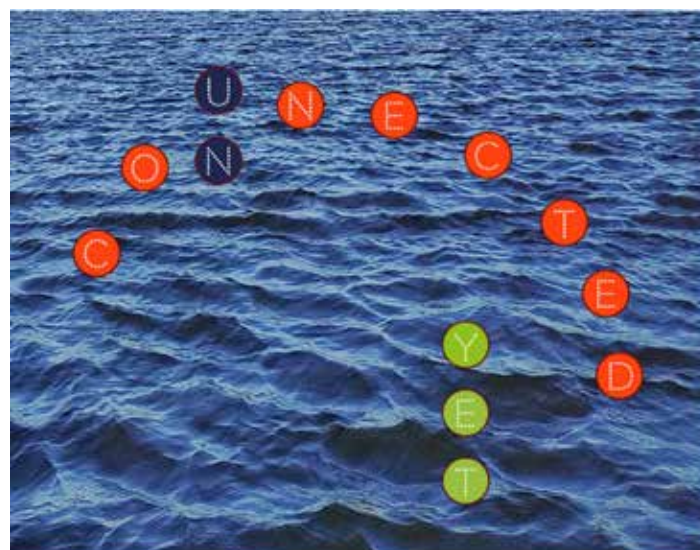
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From page 28**BBB Vision**

Founded by Ujjal Sarkar

Bengal Boston Bridge (BBB) existed to push the boundaries of human knowledge by integrating artist, scientific, and cross-curricular innovation.

Imagine the gap: things to be connected, something to be spanned, a subject to better understand, an unexperienced phenomenon, an unnamed or unseen thing, something that has not yet occurred, or maybe even something explainable...what would you connect if you could? Imagine the world you want to live in as it yet could be. Unconnected Yet is an exhibition about the junction between things, a call for art that explores any combination of art, and science or cross-curricular inquiry.



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From the Deck

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

By John Agar

My favourite star has always been Betelgeuse, an extraordinary star that rides high throughout our summer in the constellation Orion. Along with Antares, the blood-red beating heart of the constellation Scorpion that dominates our autumnal skies, Betelgeuse is the most massive red supergiant visible to the naked eye, the second-brightest star in Orion, and the 10th brightest in the night sky.

Red supergiants are wildly unstable. Betelgeuse pulses from dim to bright, then back to faint again, its radiance altering by more than 50%. This characteristic 'pulsing' is an unmistakable signal that it will soon explode as a supernova ... an explosion that may well be the most cataclysmic celestial event in man's recorded history.

Given that Betelgeuse is 600 light years away ... i.e., the light we will see from it tonight began its journey to us some 600 years ago and has travelled some 600 x 9 trillion km ... it may have already exploded! Most think the 'Betelgeuse light show' will occur somewhere between 10,000 and 100,000 years from now, though some recent studies have predicted an explosion within just ten years. If so ... yikes! ... though take heart: it is too far away to harm us.

Whatever the case, the explosion of Betelgeuse makes me think of the Lorne Pier New Year's Eve fireworks display — that is, of course, the 'once-upon-a-time fireworks display' in the days of yore. The New Year's Fireworks were started by the trader's association of Lorne and then when cost became prohibitive, the Surf Coast Shire staged the event for a number of years.

There is something magical about fireworks. The starburst — followed an aching few seconds later by the bang — just as lightning precedes a clap of thunder in a storm, and we can estimate the lightning's distance by counting the seconds between 'flash' and 'bang'.

How our town misses our two New Year's Eve 15-minute fireworks displays [an early show at 9 pm for the little ones, and a second at midnight for those able to stay awake and compos mentis].

True, fireworks are an extravagance but the two brief annual moments of pleasure gained by residents and visitors alike from past displays are hard to measure in dollars and cents.

On 7th December 2022 came the dreaded news: "Lorne's New Year's Eve fireworks cancelled indefinitely" <https://fortemag.com.au/lornes-new-years-eve-fireworks-cancelled-indefinitely/>. This was the third cancellation in a row, and many in the town were shocked and saddened. The first two cancelled years were Covid-related [though it beats me how a display fired from the end of a long over-water pier



constituted a Covid threat}, but the third? The media release read, in part ...

"... beloved coastal holiday town Lorne has decided to cancel the traditional New Year's Eve fireworks, capping the end-of-year celebration indefinitely after a two-year pandemic-related absence".

I don't recall 'the town deciding'. Perhaps more correctly, it was 'decided for the town'.

"... it would cost Council more than \$50,000 each year to bring the fireworks back. The rising costs for this brief event — which include security, fencing, lighting and medical resources — are a challenge with so many other financial pressures," Chris Pike, the Surf Coast Shire Council General Manager of Place Making and Environment, said".

True ... fireworks are an indulgence, but we have so few, and one now and then serves to 'keep the masses happy'. Inexplicably, community offers to help cover costs were refused. Instead ...

"... the council cited its support of the lighting up of the Lorne Swing Bridge to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the town's naming as an example of where its attention will turn".

The Swing Bridge lights looked great, but sadly, they were gone three weeks later and have not returned.

Fireworks have been a much-loved 'oooooh' and 'aaaah' part of the human psyche since around the second century B.C. Historians believe that the first natural 'firecrackers' emerged from ancient Liuyang in China, where it was found that if bamboo stalks were thrown into a fire, the air trapped inside would expand and explode the bamboo with a loud bang. The Chinese believed these natural firecrackers would ward off evil spirits.

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Between 600 and 900 AD, a Chinese alchemist discovered a black powder formed by mixing potassium nitrate, sulphur, and charcoal, which exploded when lit. The powder became known as 'gunpowder' after it was found it could fire projectiles during warfare. Modern 'fireworks' were born when the same mix was poured into hollowed-out bamboo sticks [later, stiff paper tubes] and sparks erupted from the end. Pyrotechnicians soon became much sought after and respected in China.

Soon, alchemists began to add different salts and oxides of barium, strontium, potassium, copper, sodium, and magnesium, with each chemical mix emitting a different bright colour. By the 15th century, fireworks were being widely used in Europe for public entertainment, with Louis XIV becoming especially fond of 'enchaining his subjects and illuminating the Palace of Versailles with ever more complex fireworks displays.

So ... whether it is the bailiwick of GORCAPA, the Surf Coast Shire, the Port of Lorne, or all three ... how about bringing back our 2 x 15-minute moments of pure indulgence on New Year's Eve? As you wait in hope for a free display from Betelgeuse, how about taking on board the following:

- While safety is a pyrotechnic essential, it is hard to think of a safer spot to launch than over-the-water from the Lorne pier.
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The Lorne Transfer Station is closed on Christmas Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, 26 December.

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SUMMERTIME IS ALMOST HERE *SES Lorne Unit*

For the SES Lorne Unit, Spring has been a relatively quiet time. The odd tree down and with members assisting ambulance and police. Our attention now switches to being operationally ready for the busy summer vacation period.

In the background, we are also preparing for the High Fire Danger Period and the support of fire agencies and the police. It is not commonly known that we play a significant role in supporting fire agencies.

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- VICSES members do not perform and / or assist with late evacuations irrespective of where the request may come from. VICSES members do not instruct people to evacuate.

Our members operating within a defined fire or incident ground hold the following qualifications:

- Qualified for the role they are performing (e.g. general rescue, chainsaw operations)
- VICSES22022 Australian Fire Danger Rating System - Introduction
- VICSES17004 Tree Hazard Awareness
- VICSES15007 Carbon Monoxide Awareness
- TPI011 Fire Support Operations

At our local unit level, we have been liaising with the Lorne CFA Brigade regarding the Bushfire Response Planning.

Summertime and the living is easy

Summer is one of the best times in Lorne, with thousands of holidaymakers, day trippers and those attending events such as Mountain to Surf and Pier to Pub. With this comes a couple of weeks when we have a significant amount of traffic coming into town, traffic jams, slowly navigating around Lorne and attempting to park. This is a real challenge for the SES Lorne Unit and the other emergency services agencies. When you see us with our red and blue flashing lights operating (with or without a siren), please be aware we will be trying to reach an emergency. You can assist us by moving out of the way of the emergency vehicle, giving way, and stopping if necessary.

If you come across our vehicles stationary or moving slowly under lights, it is law you must slow down to a speed that would enable you to stop safely when approaching and passing enforcement or emergency vehicles that are stationary or moving slowly (less than 10km/h). You must not exceed 40km/h when passing the vehicle and not increase your speed until a safe distance from the scene.

We look forward to another amazing Lorne Summer and wish you all the best for the Christmas Vacation period.

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Men of the Men's Shed

CLIVE
GOLDSWORTHY

By Garry Fenton

Steering Committee, 2013-2014

Member 2013.....

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Clive was born in Kew, in Melbourne and started his education there. However, as his father was state manager for the ANZ Bank, he moved around Australia quite a bit and Clive went to several schools and completed his matriculation in Launceston and attended University in Hobart. Clive's father once said, "If Clive put the same amount of effort in his academic achievements as he does his social life, he would be an 'A' grade student". Maths and economics were his best subjects, so some form of finance was looking like his future. He became the fourth-generation banker in his family.

Clive had little knowledge of Men's Sheds when he became aware that a new government grant may kick-start a Men's Shed in Lorne. He was aware they were good places for men to go post-retirement. Men can retire from a busy lifestyle and one day wake up and say, "What am I meant to do now". This situation had led to some critical mental issues and even suicides because they were not able to handle the transition. The wives didn't really want them tagging along behind them with the supermarket trolley either. Men's Sheds have proven to be extremely helpful as men have found their niche and become very valuable members of not only the Shed but the community in general in retirement.

Clive can actually take the credit for kick starting the Lorne Men's Shed. Soon after he was elected to Council, he became aware there were grants available to establish Men's Sheds. Clive called a meeting in the Lorne Bowls Club which he chaired, and his wife Lesley recorded the minutes. Clive called the meeting to see if there was support for such a project as he felt there was nowhere in Lorne for men to come together and do things and talk about their pre-retirement lives.

The big challenge was to get Council to put in 50% required for the Department of Health and Human Services Government grant. When the Shire did eventually agree we had \$90,000 plus some private money, and this started the process. "So, we basically felt we could build a shed for \$120,000" Clive said with a cheeky smile, knowing it eventually cost close to \$350,000 and closer to \$450,000 after the purchase of machines and fittings.

Clive was elected to the original Steering Committee but because of a perceived conflict of interest with his role on Council he felt it best he resigned and supported from behind the scenes. He certainly did that and was a valuable contributor in the first few years.

His memory of the protesters about the shed in the early days was that "it was a very challenging time and quite stressful and they made us jump through a lot of hurdles, but the



final day came when the Shed was officially opened. That was a great day attended by people from right across the community who were genuinely interested, and we picked up a lot of new members on that day."

Clive has been a very busy man around the town and although he retired as a Councillor after eight years, he is still heavily involved with other groups in Lorne. This has prevented him from shed activities until recently. When the Men's Shed's long time Treasurer, John Barber retired at the 2023 Annual Meeting, Clive put his hand up to follow on.

Crossword Puzzle Answers from page 9

Across

2. carols
5. snow
6. reindeer
8. angels
10. nativity
12. tree
13. pudding
14. gifts

Down

1. presents
3. santa
4. mistletoe
7. Jesus
9. stocking
11. sleigh
12. tinsel

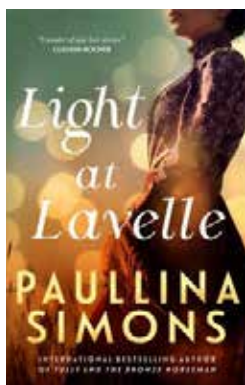
Waterways Quiz Answers from page 11

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| 1. Pacific Ocean | 6. Arafura Sea |
| 2. Great Lakes | 7. Gulf of Carpentaria |
| 3. Ionian Sea | 8. Persian Gulf |
| 4. Bay of Biscay | 9. Gulf of Mexico |
| 5. Southern Ocean | 10. Strait of Magellan |

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Picks of the Month

FICTION: *Light at Lavelle* by Paullina Simons



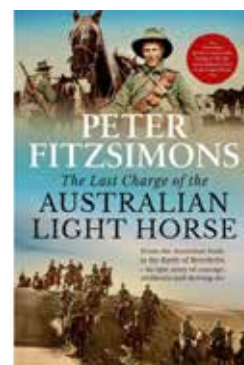
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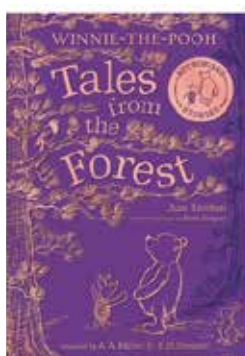
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