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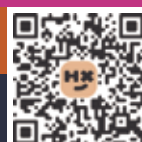
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A SAD GOODBYE TO THE LORNE FISHING INDUSTRY AND WARREN NORTON



A message from our last commercial fisherman (recently retired) Warren Norton...
For those who wonder where the fish have gone.

In the beginning, 1965, the number of fish in the ocean and under the Lorne Pier was phenomenal.

From the age of ten I spent many hours diving and foraging in-between the timber pillars under the lower landing of the Pier. The timber moved and bent with the coming and going of the boats. The cranes roared into action as the Couta boats returned for the day or escaped the incoming weather. Overhead you had to duck the coco-nut hemp ropes, connected to boats laying in the water waiting to embark on (night spurts) to finish their daily limit of 20 bins of fish.

The confines of the Lorne Pier protected me from the Great Whites, that used to circle, attracted by multiple barley trails played down from out to sea to the home Port.

I remember cleaning Couta all the way home at night, in the summer, the boat (Vanessa) aglow with phosphorus, no needs for lights or torches.

In the early days, attracted by the gut trails, fish such as Mullet, Salmon, Trevally, Trumpeter, Kingfish, Garfish and Squid were always under the Pier in great numbers.

By the time I was 18 I had caught 100 tonnes of fish, with my father Frank, one of six Norton brothers (Frank, Cyril, Bob, Arthur, Rusty and Will) who all fished from Lorne at some stage.

Over 100 fishermen would go on to fish from the Lorne Pier all supporting the co-op.

While my father kept fishing, I moved to Melbourne. Over the next five years I completed:

A three-year secondary physical education degree

One year a diploma of education for teaching

Acquired an open water SCUBA diving certification.

Completed five specialist diving courses.

Obtained a sub aqua bronze

- Became a dive master
- Completed a level 1 instructor course
- Became a level 2 instructor 1981 (FAUI)
- Ran cave diving courses in Mt Gambier, SA
- Because of all the sea time acquired with my father, I completed a Coxswain course certificate
- Completed a Master Skippers ticket in 1982

Over the next 20 years I taught at secondary schools in Melton, Hoppers Crossing and Belmont High, whilst also running a successful diving business. In the pool two nights a week, every week, completing ocean work at Queenscliff. On all weekends my partner and I, using various dive boats, certified over 5000 divers over 25 years, 2000 hours diving and 3000 hours skippering various boats.

Every September school holidays we would take 12 certified divers to Wayo Island, Fiji, diving right beside the famous blue lagoon.

In my absence from Lorne, my father had retired from fishing aged 59, selling his Couta boat after catching over 1000 tonne of fish (Couta, Shark, Snapper, Crayfish and Flathead) over a 35-year period. Not a bad effort for a man whose father worked horses and drays from a humble beginning in Lorne and brought up seven children.

Frank also spent five years in the army during the Second World War in the infantry between the ages of 20-25.

After leaving Melbourne and returning to Lorne after teaching, I acquired a limited access commercial fishing licence to once again follow my roots into semi-retirement.

Who would have thought that the Lorne Pier boating facilities would be gone and government support for fishing would be non-existent. Acquiring a new boat and tractor, I would have to work from the beach to try and earn a living.

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After fishing for a short period of time, it was very evident that the Lorne fishery and Bass Strait has taken a big hit over the years. We must remember that over 60 years, the 100 plus fishermen in Lorne caught over 20,000 tonne of fish with the support, after the war for a co-op, Pier, cranes and ongoing care from ports and harbours. Today this support does not exist.

The government focus today is very much supporting the amateur fish lobby. Fisheries have not run boats at sea for compliance for 20 years since the advent of mobile phones. I have not been checked at sea in that time and research into fish has stopped along the coast because the government already know what the results would be.

The Eastern Zone Crayfish Industry from Apollo Bay to the end of Wilsons Promontory, is on the brink of collapse. The two-bag limit needs to drop to one cray and the zone needs a five-year break to recover. The Hooker divers have killed the inshore breeding ground. Unfortunately, the fishing ground is now being dominated by non-targeted species, creating havoc. The bottom fish, Seven Gill sharks, Carpet sharks, Stingrays, Skates and Gernards, numbers are ballooning.

Many mid-water fish, Squid, Cuttlefish, Pilchard, White Bait are being carved up by Seals and Dolphins, whose numbers are in the billions around the world. Whale numbers are higher than ever and they're eating a huge amount of krill.

The government these days has shifted their focus to the amateur lobby; no longer supporting the primary industry of commercial fishing. You do not need an amateur fishing licence over the age of 60. All boating ramps are free to use in Victoria and no catch numbers are required even though there are bag limits. This sounds great but the average non fishing Australian will be paying twice over for fish within the next 10 years compared to meat. Add to this the fish will be imported, frozen or compromised in some serious way or another.

In retirement I will now fish out my days as an amateur fisherman, content that I have had a red-hot crack in an industry that has probably been poorly managed from government even going back 100 years in this country.

I hope we can be kind and respectful to the ocean going forward as it has been very kind to me.

Special thanks to Rose Riberu for helping me in my fishing exploits. Rose the woman, their girl a gift from the Gods.

Amanda Norton is Warrens daughter in law and she has added this:

I think Warren has summarised it well that over the decades the fishing industry has taken a hit and it's sad to see so many of these generations of fisherman finish up for good. Luke is Warren's eldest son, born Feb '88 and Joel was born June '89

Both boys grew up doing fun activities with their dad. From weekends away duck shooting to being out on the Bass Strait fishing. Luke and Joel both are eager fisherman themselves and anywhere they go, they often have a rod in hand. Generally, when we all have dinner together, fishing is the hottest topic of the evening and it can be hard to get a word in about much else. If you asked Luke and Joel, they would probably tell you they can fish better than their father but I have no doubt that Warren taught them everything they know about it.

Joel married me (Amanda Atkins now Norton) in November 2022. We had Jack Norton born June 2023. Jack is the first grandchild of the family. Warren is very smitten and amazing with him. Luke married Simone (Pansino) in October 2023.

We are all so proud of Warren and his life as a fisherman. It certainly hasn't been an easy one. We hope he enjoys his retirement and fishing as an amateur, to be able to just go out and have some fun with it, without the additional stresses of a business.

Ed note.: As a huge fan of Warren's fish (which taste entirely different to any other fish I've ever eaten) I am personally very sad to see him go. As, I know, are many Lorne locals who would join me in a run to the pier whenever the word from Rosi would come out. The phone tree would start and we'd all rush to buy the delicious fish which was so fresh. Lorne's greatest gourmet treat!

As well this is a big event in the annals of Lorne. Historically timber, fishing and tourism have been the industries of this tiny, beautiful Otway town since the first white settlers came here by boat or horse in the 1850s. Before that there is ample evidence of fishing in the middens at Point Grey and all along the Surf coast. To read Warren's account is to hope for a breathing time to allow the fish to recover their early numbers. We thank him and all the local fishing families who worked so hard to help make Lorne the interesting place it is today. Thanks to the Commodore for sharing.

THE LORNE GARDENERS ANNUAL HOLIDAY

By Christina Hayward

The Lorne Gardeners spent a splendid 4 days in early May staying in the delightful Bellinzona Hotel in an autumnal Hepburn Springs. We enjoyed the comfort of large leather chairs, fires and a splendid dining room serving delicious country breakfasts and a great roast lamb dinner.

On Monday May 6 we started at the charming 1850 Cedar Cottage in Shelford where Melissa Gillett explained how they had restored the quaint garden using iceberg roses, perennial flowers, exotic and native trees. Flower beds were bordered by exquisite brick work.,

We went on to Vassili's garden in Lethbridge where Vassili, trailed by 3 large black dogs, explained how to care for fruit trees and vegetables using modern methods of horticulture and different fertilisers. Lunch was enjoyed overlooking the lake and then we got stuck into the serious business of buying large quantities of Vassili's Garden Super Foods.

After a beautiful drive we reached Lavendula Swiss Italian Farm in Hepburn. We learnt about the history of the property whilst standing in the original 1850 stone home where 13 children had been conceived! We had a lovely stroll through the edge of 180 acres of parkland with well established rubinias, maples and of course clumps of clipped lavender.

On Tuesday we visited 3 Trentham Gardens and spent an informative day getting to know the gardens created by Tim Pilgrim, a remarkable landscape gardener. Tim described his gardens as "a garden style imitating what you might find in nature". Our first Tim Pilgrim Garden was the one-year-old Oak Cottage. We admired clipped Willow Leaf Pears (*Pyrus salicifolia*) with their silver foliage, dogwoods, tall weeping grasses and many perennials such as Verbena. A stone path guides visitors to the entrance of the house past a large Pin Oak underneath which grow hellebores, snow drops, white tulips and other plants.

The second garden Rhondas Garden showed us how beautifully Tim's gardens develop as it was 4 years old. The garden sits to the side of the house and is given depth by a serpentine path and small mounds of earth. Key plants have



been planted for maximum effect. Cloud-pruned *Teucrium fructose*, grasses, dogwoods, more of the willow pears (*Pyrus salicifolia*), bright red leaved cotton bush. All create an informal tapestry of colours.

After a super lunch in the sun in Trentham we went on to Acres of Roses where Sandy has a large garden including beds of roses, vegetables and berries which are eco friendly since no sprays or insecticides are used. Beyond the folly there is one of Tim's curved paths with the plantings we had become familiar with.

On our third day the group was greeted at Park by a very energetic Annie Smithers and her partner Sue. Near their Federation style farmhouse is a 400-year-old Manna gum, a lone survivor of the original trees here. We walked past clipped *Tuecriums* into a large grassy area with flower beds, trees and a utility area where plants are propagated, and a washing area for the restaurant vegetable. After passing through a plastic tunnel, a large hot house for vegetables we came to Annie's remarkable vegetable patch. It is full of everything she needs for her cooking including large areas, of berries, asparagus, peonies and other picking flowers for the restaurant. The wonderful volcanic soil is enriched by masses of compost. Across green paddocks we were able to see a beautiful spring fed lake. We loved the animals and birds that fill the paddocks: masses of ducks and geese, white galloway cattle that Annie fed,

and elegant cheviot sheep and cashmere goats that come into the barn to sleep with the geese. We finished our visit in a dear little restored white stone wall church with arched windows where we were able to buy farm products and recipe books.

Our next stop was for a delicious lunch and restful time sitting in the garden of the charming home of Beverley and John Allen. Large circular flower beds edged with tree trunks abound with native and exotics plants. The extensive garden has been designed around a charming creek over which John has built numerous rustic bridges.

Back in Woodend we visited the charming 1869 Islay House which has been meticulously restored by Tarni and her partner Clive and is available for use as a Bed and Breakfast.

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It was originally built as a hotel for the miners travelling to the Bendigo goldfields at the time of the gold rush.

Our last day was spent in Macedon. Driving through an elegant elm lined road we reached the 38 acres of garden which make up Duneira. Duneira was established as a Hill Station in the Anglo/Indian tradition in 1872 by Suetonius Officer. It was later purchased by Stuart Stonemason who was responsible for the foundation which keeps it going today. One is immediately struck by the vast parklands with their exotic trees, giant conifers, banks of rhododendrons and dogwoods. A Norway spruce and an enormous Caucasian fir adorn the front lawn. We were enchanted by the peace and quiet of the Secret Garden with its clipped holly hedges and smaller box hedges that divide up the garden.

Our second Macedon Garden was Viewfield Estate the home of Vicky and Les Hawken. Although the garden was completely burnt out in the 1883 fire Vicky has done a remarkable job creating a garden with much love and artistic inspiration. We walked up through a Claret Ash drive past flowers beds to the Galss House which was full of colour including huge headed fuchsias in hanging baskets, masses of begonias and other colourful plants. Vicky is an artist, and we admired her paintings in the studio. She has applied her vision to her own garden using circular symbols which makes it all so enchanting.



We loved the areas going into the woodland, where a massive hawk hovers over a tree trunk.

She has cleared out blackberries and other obnoxious weeds and revealed a charming stream. Everywhere was a little bit of magic and we were amazed at the variety of plants and the bundles of energy that has enabled the creation of this modern green.

After lunch with the Macedon Ranges and District Horticultural Society we went to Cush Private Garden. Here we were looked after by charming PJ who received us with warmth, and we were soon admiring his wonderful Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo*) and other plantings in the front part of the garden. It is an extensive garden which leads past his vegetable and fruit trees to an area beyond the house where he has planted an orchard and a large area of oaks. Beyond this our energetic host has made a path down through the bush to a stream and finally on to a small lake. I was reminded that the artist Frederick McCubbin had owned Fontainebleau on Mt Macedon, and these had been years of great happiness for the artist. The greys of the bush down in PJ's property reminded me of the colours in *The Pioneer*, which hangs in the NGV. Rebecca had made us delicious Anzac biscuits and we had our last cup of tea together and drove home after a truly wonderful 4 days away.

Thank you so much to Beverley Allen, Ann Sutton, Barbara Barber and Roger Lawton who all helped in the excellent organisation

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EARLY LORNE SURFERS

An interview with Allan Pease by Janet Goud

I picked up on a post by Allan Pease on Facebook talking about his youth and surfing with the greats Wayne Lynch and Gail Couper at Lorne in the 1950s.

I contacted him at his present home at the Sunshine Coast. He is a well-known motivational speaker and author (eg. Body Language, Why Men Lie and Women Cry) several movies, and he has presented a Ted talk about Body language. He kindly replied. I asked him about his early life in Lorne.

1) How did you and your family come to live in Lorne?

My father married Norma Mill's sister, Val, in 1955. We then spent our weekends and vacations at Lorne. Murray Mill owned The Ozone and my father would work there with him during the Summer. We moved to live in Lorne in 1962 and I started school there. That's when at age 11, I discovered surfboard riding.

2) Tell us some memories of Lorne and your teachers. Who did you surf with in the early days?

At Lorne HES in the early 60s, we had Lorne Point to ourselves. Our schoolteacher, Mr. Boekamp, would regularly shout, "Stop watching the surf and focus on your schoolwork!" The everyday regular surfers were Wayne Lynch, Gail Couper and me. We'd surf before and after school and right through the winter months. I recall Wayne and I standing back-to-back in the Surf Club's 20 cent hot showers when it was only 5 degrees outside. If we didn't have the money we could often convince Sharky to jig the machine for more shower time. We'd sometimes be joined in the surf by Shorty Tully, Kim Muir, and Red and Colin Whitcombe. Gail Couper was a few years older than us and was a warm weather regular (She hated the cold) and she formed the Victorian surf team with Denise Zanoni, Christine Coates and Kay Austin. Gail went on to win just about every female surf title that came up. (She won 10 Bells Comps) I still have visions of Denise Zanoni crashing through the Lorne shore break wearing a Geelong Cats jumper in an attempt to keep warm. Why she never drowned was a mystery.

In the early 60s we all rode 7-9-foot boards. One day, Wayne came to school and told me that he dreamed that, if he cut 3

feet off his board, he could easily bottom-turn on a wave and shoot up through the break and re-enter the wave.

That night, he cut 3 foot off his board and glassed it over. At 4.30pm next day I sat on the breakwater in the rain and watched him paddle out. It was a 6-foot beach close-out wave and Wayne performed the world's first re-entry. He did it over and over again. Neither Wayne or I realised that he had just created the surfboard riding style for the future of surfing.

I'll never forget that day!

3) Did you go to, or know about Bells Beach when it began?

We first heard about a guy called Terry Wall who rode huge waves at a secluded place called Bells Beach. So, Wayne's mother May, drove us there in her '62 Holden EK Station Wagon. We had to jump a barbed wire fence with our boards and walk about a kilometre across a field. Then scramble down over a cliff edge to see this amazing place. We were about age 14. We paddled out that first day and Wayne rode Bells as if he'd always done it. I remember how scared I was of such big, powerful, heavy waves. After I was hammered by one monster wave – like being hit by a truck – I sat on the shore alone, feeling grateful I was still alive.

On reflection, if we'd got into any sort of surf trouble at Bells, it could have been precarious as there was no-one around for miles. I drove to Bells recently and was amazed to see its development. The only thing now missing is a Maccas! Here I am at the Wild Colonial! And with a mate on the beach.

4) And Then?

My father sold our Smith Street home for \$75,000 and relocated us to Melbourne with his work when I was 16 and so I hitch-hiked back to Lorne every weekend.

I got married and now have 6 kids and 9 grandchildren and live on the Sunshine Coast which is just like Lorne only warm! I went on to become the world's biggest-selling author by 2002, writing 18 bestsellers, plays and TV shows. But even when I was living in minus 50 degrees Celsius in Siberia, Russia, I would always think back to my fabulous childhood days in Lorne...





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ANZAC Day Service

It was such a lovely moment listening to our school captains, Javiera and Phoenix read out the Flanders Field poem at the ANZAC Day service and then watching them, and our primary school captains, respectfully lay the wreath along with other community groups and organisations. Remembering ANZAC Day is important for young people for several reasons:

Historical Awareness: ANZAC Day commemorates the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps' landing at Gallipoli during World War I. Understanding this event helps young people learn about their country's history and the sacrifices made by previous generations.

Respect and Gratitude: Honoring those who served and sacrificed in wars fosters a sense of respect and gratitude. It reminds young people of the bravery, commitment, and hardships endured by soldiers and their families.

National Identity: ANZAC Day is a significant part of Australian and New Zealand national identity. Celebrating it helps young people feel connected to their country's heritage and shared values, such as courage, mateship, and perseverance.

Lessons on Peace: Learning about the impacts of war helps students better understand the importance of peace and the value of resolving conflicts without violence. It encourages young people to appreciate the peace they experience and to contribute to a more peaceful future.

Community and Solidarity: Participating in ANZAC Day ceremonies and activities fosters a sense of community. It brings people together in remembrance and reinforces social bonds through shared history and collective memory.

Personal Reflection: Remembering ANZAC Day provides an opportunity for young people to reflect on their own lives and the freedoms they enjoy. It encourages them to consider the importance of service, duty, and sacrifice in their own communities.

By understanding and commemorating ANZAC Day, young people can develop a deeper appreciation for their country's past and the values that shape its present and future.

A big thank you to our amazing school choir for their mesmerizing performance of 'Imagine' by John Lennon

SongMakers

SongMakers is a trailblazing contemporary music initiative that nurtures students' creativity and teamwork skills. Australia's leading songwriters and producers collaborate with students to create and record new music right there in the classroom. Our students were immersed in a real-world, collaborative co-writing environment and given invaluable insight into the forces that drive the global contemporary music industry over the last two days. They produced some incredible songs! A massive congratulations to everyone involved.



Lorne P-12 College Foreshore Market

We have our third foreshore market for the year coming up on the King's Birthday weekend. Come down on Saturday 8th June to pick up a great gift for yourself or someone else. Taste some local produce or just have a wander. We hope the weather holds out – if not put on your wellies and grab an umbrella and be a part of the fun!

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From the Deck

KANGAROOS AT THE GEORGE

By John Agar

If Doug Stirling suggests an article topic, it would be brave [and writer's suicide] to ignore him. Most in Lorne know Doug—our 'living legend'—who deftly weaves 'Daisy', his green-canopied micro-car, with consummate care and skill along town pathways, a smile on his face, an encyclopaedic knowledge of local history in his head, and with a cheerful greeting and chats galore for any he might chance upon.

'Kangaroos, John ...', said Doug over coffee one Tuesday morning at the Men's Shed. 'You've been writing for the Independent and Surf Coast Times for six or seven years, and you are yet to write about kangaroos'.

As ever, Doug was right ... I haven't 'done' Kangaroos.

'Have you seen the mob on the hill above the George River bridge and in front of the house of "he-who-will-remain-unnamed"?' ... as I try to preserve the privacy of the paddock owner.

Indeed, I have, for the [St.] George River is where Blighty and I go each day to walk [both of us] and fish [Blighty] ... and, yes, Blighty does hunt and catch fish!

A mob has lounged in the sun on that hill for years, though recently, their number has exploded—likely courtesy of a gigantic and highly-sexed alpha male who makes a habit of surrounding himself with a harem of ladies [some with joeys] and a brace of wannabe boys itching to take over top spot. They will likely have to wait a while yet, though, as Boss Roo—I have taken to calling him Romulus as the progenitor of a dynasty—is showing no signs of relinquishing the top job.

In recent months, the carpark beside the bridge has become a popular place to roo-view. Word must have leaked out that Romulus has been busy. On any given day, the pull-in is now thick with cars and mini-buses, and the river's edge bristles with camera-wielding travellers.

Further back along the coast, Anglesea has long maintained top billing for roo-viewing, with the Anglesea golf course a 'must stop' tourist destination for decades. The Lorne golf course has also proven to be a favourite twilight spot for catching a mob of roos grass-munching or testing each other's mettle with a few rounds of boxing. But there is something natural and alluring about the paddock below the house of 'he-who-will-not-be-named'.

These are Eastern Greys, a delightful and generally docile species that can still get 'narky' if cornered or frightened, so they are best watched and enjoyed from a safe distance as they enjoy their space. It is a case of 'leave unto Caesar, that which is Caesar's ... etcetera, etcetera ...'—and don't approach too closely. Remember, they are wild animals and, as a roo cannot move backwards, its only option if feeling threatened is to either turn and hop away or, if cornered, advance.

Smaller than the big reds of the plains and deserts further north and west, they can still grow to an impressive size—as evidenced



by Romulus—who easily crest two metres in height and 70 kg in weight. 'Old Rom' would not be a roo to provoke to anger. And—with this thought still in mind—I saw him grazing with a mate by the down-ramp to the George beach with roo-poo dolloping the beach itself only a week or two ago. So ... please take the bridge crossing slowly in case Romulus, one of his ladies, or a 'young hopeful' should burst across in front of your car.

Eastern greys are among the most populous species, with 2021 estimates well exceeding 16 million. A helpful fact sheet can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3rvrs5fm>. Despite their buoyant numbers [or perhaps because of it], motorists travelling from Geelong to Lorne on any given day will pass a tragic surfeit of road-killed roos at the edge of the bitumen. Thankfully, efforts are being made to lessen the risks—to both roos and motor vehicles alike—with several local trials of virtual fencing underway [see: <https://www.wildlifesafetysolutions.com.au/>].

Gregarious and group-minded, Eastern Grey Kangaroos like to keep the company of others and are quite commonly found in 'mobs', as their groupings are usually called. From Wikipedia: "... kangaroos [and their smaller cousins, the wallabies], belong to the family 'Macropodidae', or in its literal translation, 'big foot' ...". This should not be confused with Big Foot, the mythical creature of the American Northwest—their always-hunted-never-seen equivalent of our Otway Panther".

There are two main families within the kangaroo superfamily, with kangaroos [the four largest species], wallabies [~30 different species], pademelons, and tree kangaroos making up one, and rat-kangaroos, bettongs, and potoroos comprising the other. Swamp wallabies—more commonly known as black-tailed or 'fern' wallabies, or black stinkers for their characteristic swampy odour, prefer the cooler, denser forests of the higher Otways. Conversely, Eastern Grey kangaroos frequent the open sclerophyll forest and open spaces [like the paddock above the George River] or our coastal golf courses, gardens, and lawns. Unlike the gregarious kangaroo, wallabies prefer a solitary life, yet it is not unusual to see ten to twenty lone-grazing blacktails prick their ears and look back in curiosity when driving the Mt. Sabine Road from the Benwerrin junction to Kaanglang Track or the Grey River Road.

Kangaroos, tick! ... this one's been for you, Doug!

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MITES THAT BITE

By Local Vet Liz Brown

Part 2: The ones you can do something about.

Critters that use their fangs to protect themselves or their territory often get portrayed as the bad guys. We can kill off the spiders and ants around our homes but the bigger the critter the harder it is for us to control them.

Maybe we should avoid entering their backyards but how could we refrain from exploring our beautiful countryside and still imagine we are living full lives. Instead, we need to respect our fellow inhabitants, let them know we are blundering through their homes and, if necessary, deal with the results of being bitten, after the fact.

Spiders should be fairly easy to avoid. Redback spiders are probably the most venomous of the arachnids in our area. The smaller dogs that enjoy fossicking around in wood piles and under discarded bits of furniture and wood are the most likely to be bitten by a female redback spider. Clinical signs after a bite are similar to any signs following a poisoning. They often vomit, drool, tremor and look decidedly unwell for a couple of hours.

If taken to a vet, the patient is likely to receive intravenous fluids a bit of sedation and anti nausea medication and spend the day under observation. White tail spiders were vilified as the cause of a necrotising skin lesion that took weeks to heal but I think they have been forgiven as the theory was never proven in practice. The bite can still hurt but the pain will pass.

Bull ants, also, give a painful nip that will render their victim three legged, for a period of time, depending on the receiver's pain tolerance.

The most spectacular response to an ant bite is that following a skippy (jumping jack or jack jumper) ant. These little terrors become active just after Melbourne Cup weekend, in time for the arrival of the tourists, and stay out and about till April. Their nests look a little like the bull ant nests but they are also known to climb trees, during extended dry spells, from where they can drop on unsuspecting passersby.

The pain from their bite is extreme and can remain with you for several days.

You can imagine how a dog would respond to such an assault. Often, they collapse and look like they're about to cross the Styx River, so their owners rush them to the emergency vet. On arrival, an hour later, the bitten pet is back up on its feet enjoying the excursion and wondering what the fuss is about. An antihistamine, human or animal, before heading to the vet may be all that was needed.

Unfortunately, snake bites can also mimic skippy bites, and they do need to get to a vet if they have a chance of surviving. We have tiger snakes, brown snakes, copperheads and red bellied black snakes here.

Tiger snakes and red bellied black snakes are more likely to stand their ground and strike than the other two. Snake bites are worse at the start of the warm weather when there is more venom in their glands. The size of the snake, the size of the victim and the site of the bite as well as the type of bite all have a bearing on the outcome. Clinical signs are varied. Seeing the altercation helps and then if your pet becomes uncoordinated, falls over, drools and is obviously distressed then the anti-venom is your best bet.

Most vets carry anti-venom that can be used for a number of different snake bites. I've known of a dog that was taken to a vet for snake bite that showed no clinical signs. It was put on IV fluids, in case, and put in a kennel where it howled and ran around and tried to pull the drip line out, so it was about to be sent home 4 hours later when it suddenly collapsed due to the bite. Nothing is written in stone.

The final creature that can inflict a nasty bite is none other than your dear pet itself. After being bitten by a cat I was given a room at a local hospital for half of the Easter long weekend. There, I was treated for an abscess, near the tendons of my hand and wrist, with intravenous antibiotics and then a surgical scrape out under deep sedation. It's still healing. If you get bitten by an animal don't ignore it. Ask your doctor for help. Apparently, dog bites are less dangerous than cat bites, but the worst bite comes from the human.

I haven't had to treat any pets with human bites yet.

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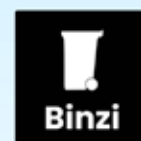
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CARSCAPE (INC.) *By Doug Williams*

With the next season peeping over the Lorne horizon, the jonquils (monocotyledons, we know) are spearing upwards and winter weeds are emerging and eventually it becomes unavoidable.

You've put this project off for a long time, knowing that something has to give. No more procrastinating. You know it's time for a make-over so you book in for a Tuesday morning to drop off your vehicle at the motor landscaping depot.

At Carscape (inc.) you have arranged to go over the brief with the car interior designers and are hoping to put some of your own ideas into play. Pulling into the forecourt you are met by Sam who opens your door with a smile. A smile that conceals the grimace which comes as she briefly glances over your shoulder at the interior of your vehicle

"It's not much to look at," you admit "but I'm sure you people can at least do something with it." Without responding to you, Sam instructs one of the staff to park your car over by the side fence, out of view to any casual observer. "Embarrassed to have it in the yard", you think.

Inside, you get down to it over a cup of tea. You are encouraged to set out your own ideas. Sam and Chris listen to you explain them – but the pebbled dash which seemed such a quirky idea to you causes Chris to raise eyebrows and you think at first you've impressed them. (Referencing the silver dollars on the dash of a Nudie car you are about to say.)

Nothing could be further from the truth. You see that in the sidelong glance given to Sam as you go on to tell them how you'd imagined a few hanging pots – "Succulents that will cope with the dryness in the cockpit," you say. You falter when they give no response, just a pursing of the lips



from Chris – She's like a loans officer listening to a dubious business proposal. It gets worse when you suggest ferns and mosses over a bed of river gravel instead of carpet on the floor in the rear – "because it's shady down there," you explain what should be obvious to them. You're making no headway, you're not on the same page here. They're not picking up what you're putting down. Although you go on to suggest some sort of creeper or espalier around the windows – Happy Wanderer perhaps – their silent response tells you that they are definitely not catching what you are throwing to them. "Perennials in the cup holders?" you offer, trying to stay in dialogue.

It's fruitless – you've dried up like a withered tomato vine; all the juice has gone out of you. Sam sits with folded hands, thumbs tapping against each other. Chris is chewing the inside of her cheek and not looking you in the eye. This is going nowhere. An uncomfortable silence prevails. It's clear that asking you for your own ideas means waiting for you to finish before telling you what will actually be done to the interior of your car. So, you sit quietly and wait for them to bestow a little of their genius. After all, they are recognised as the best car landscapers in the business and if you're honest with yourself your own ideas are not so visionary after all now you've verbalised them.

You listen and learn and at the end of the session you sign the paperwork for them to transform the interior of your 'unique mobile sphere' exactly as they ordain it. Later, you drive away from Carscape (Inc.) as a satisfied customer. You do love the fragrance of the herbs they have installed and have shelved your own clichéd ideas with only one small regret. You really should have insisted on foxgloves for the glovebox – foxglove-box, geddit?

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Surf Coast Shire Council Election 2024

The Surf Coast Shire Council election will be held on 26 October 2024.

The Victorian Electoral Commission will mail out postal voting packs during September.

Nine councillors will be elected to represent three new wards (with three councillors to be elected in each ward).

The proposed names of these wards are:

- Otway Range Ward
- Torquay Ward
- Winchelsea Ward

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Winchelsea Ward session: 6pm - 8pm Wednesday 12 June at Eastern Reserve, Winchelsea

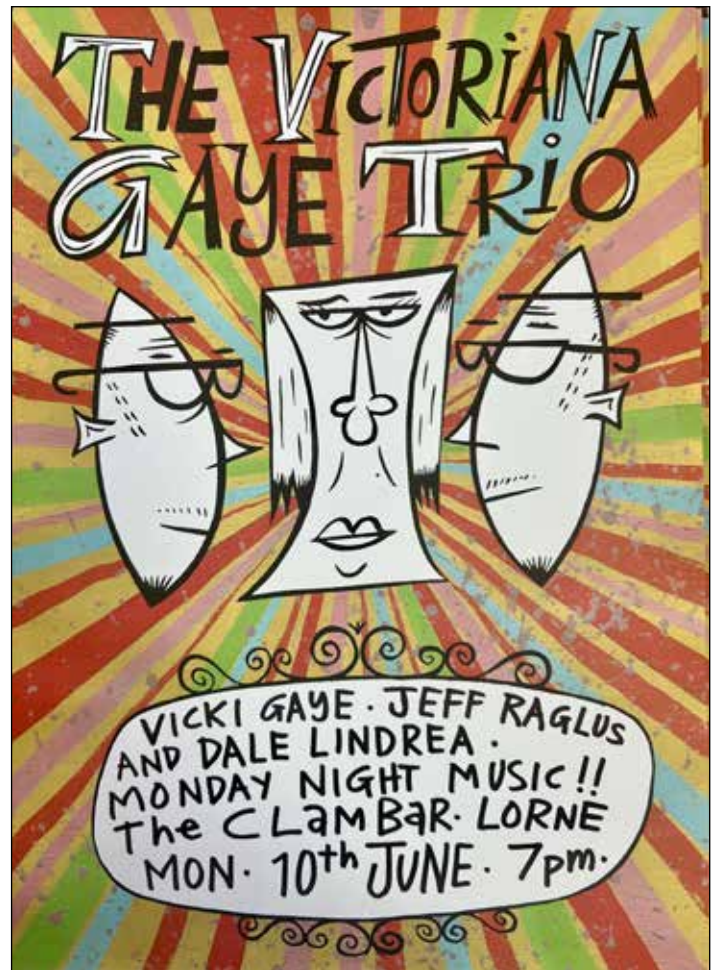
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Men of the Men's Shed

PETER SPRING

By Garry Fenton

Peter was born in Ballarat and firstly attended Loreto Primary School in Dawson Street before going to St Patricks College. He then went to the School of Mines and studied Industrial Chemistry.

After completing the course Peter worked in an explosives factory in Mulwala during his Christmas vacation. Whilst up there the results of his graduation came through.

"One day I thought if this is what I could be doing for the rest of my life, I am not sure this is what I want and so I never worked as an Industrial Chemist."

In the last year of his course, in the Maths component, Peter had done computer programming. This was pre-IBM, so it was really early days of computers.

He joined Shell as a computer programmer and worked on the first business computer in the world which was a machine called "Leo". "I was then hooked on computers and had a career in computing for forty-four years, and I ran my own business for twenty years."

Peter sold that business to an American organization, served a year in Chicago with them, then came home to Melbourne. After some time, he realized he didn't want to spend any more time in Melbourne than necessary and convinced Jan to spend twelve months in their holiday home in Lorne to see how it might be. That was 2002 and they have been in Lorne ever since.

Peter is a pretty good cook which he considers a passion and necessity. It started when he was in business and worked long hours during the week, but Saturdays were Peter's cooking days. "With a bottle of red open on the bench I would make meals for the weekend and maybe one or two for the week. Curries and other dishes have been an interest of mine ever since, but Jan and I share the cooking."

When Peter and Jan came to Lorne, he very much wanted to be involved in the community. He wasn't sure of the best way to do that and was aware if you waited for the community to knock on your door, it possibly wouldn't happen. It was suggested to him he should not get the mail delivered to his house but get a Post Office Box, because you would have to go downtown to get your mail. "I did that and met so many people, collecting the mail became a one-to-two-hour exercise. Then you meet more and more people and get involved in more and more things. I have an amazing group of friends in Lorne as a result of getting involved in community things".

Peter was involved right from the start of the Lorne Men's Shed and was very valuable as he had a lot of experience dealing with the Surf Coast Shire. "I believe the desire to achieve in Lorne is much higher than the Shire gives credit for. Lorne punches above its weight, and the Men's Shed is another example of



ending up with a result way above the expectations the Surf Coast Shire, or in fact anyone else had."

Peter was on the original Men's Shed Steering Committee but stepped back after the first year as he felt he could be a better support from his position with the Stribling Reserve. As luck would have it, Peter's wife Jan was on the committee of the Lorne Op Shop, and the Op Shop generosity was the icing on the cake to start the project.

Peter and Jan were at the Grand Opening in 2016 and Peter has very fond memories. "I have never seen a bigger representation of Community at such an event in Lorne. There are two days that stand out for me. The turning of the first sod with all the members of the Op Shop with their golden shovels and that Opening Day when this place was jam packed. There had been talk there would be protesters at the opening, but they must have taken one look at the crowd and the obvious good will and said, 'No, the battle is over.'"

Commenting on the protesters to the Men's Shed, Peter said, "You went through the wars for a whole range of unjust reasons, and now you have a building that sits in the landscape, it's hardly visible, and it's a tremendous facility for men in Lorne, and it's hard to look back and wonder how anybody could not have wanted this to happen".

Peter is a very busy man with several roles in the Lorne Community, consequently he does not get to the Shed as often as he would like, but that may change in years to come. When he does come for a coffee and a 'catch up', he can't help looking around the Shed at different guys and wonder what they would be doing if there was no Shed in Lorne. "It provides a real service for the Community. There are so many examples where the Sheddors have undertaken work for other organizations in town, so it now is an integral part of that fabric of Lorne".

Peter is the past President of The Lorne Historical Society, and with the aid of the current Men's Shed President, Bob, and members, The Historical Society now have a new façade on the building and phase two of that is underway at the moment. "We could not have done it without the Men's Shed. The Shire matched their financial contribution with an 'in kind' contribution from the Shed, and that assured we got the maximum value for the project."

Peter's present project for Lorne, which is almost completed is the new Community Centre / Football Netball facility at Stribling Reserve. It's been a six-year project which included the oval lights, the electronic scoreboard and the buildings. The final cost will be around \$8.5 million, for all those facilities. Peter has done a lot over twenty years for the Lorne Community and he has been recognized for his community work. The Men's Shed also thanks Peter for his work and support for The Lorne Men's Shed.



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Travellers Tales

WHO WAS OTZI?

By Ray Sutton

On the 19 September 1991 Helmut and Erica Simons were hiking through the Otztal Alps near the border between Austria and Italy when they saw what appeared to be leather sticking out of the ground. Helmut and Erica had in fact stumbled across the head and shoulders of a 5,300-year-old preserved human body.

Now, museums in European cities are as numerous as art galleries, cathedrals, and castles but depending on your interest they can be fascinating, uninspiring, or somewhere in between. That is if you can manage to fight your way through the hordes of tourists to see the exhibits. The South Tyrol Archaeological Museum in Bolzano, northern Italy is one of the fascinating ones for me.

It tells the story of this ancient man and his time in fascinating detail thanks to the incredibly well-preserved body, clothing, and artifacts he had with him. It is the only story this museum tells, with displays, including his preserved body, over three floors (and no crowds). Because the body was found on the east ridge of the Fineilspitze in the Ötztal Alps he is commonly known as Ötzi, or Ötzi the Iceman. He is the oldest man ever found intact. Some Egyptian mummies are older, but their brains and internal organs were removed in the mummification process.

In the years since his discovery, scientists have sequenced his full genome. They've learned that Ötzi was 168 centimetres tall, weighed about 50 kilograms, was 45 years of age and spent his childhood near the present village of Feldthurns, north of Bolzano before moving 48 kilometres to the north. He had tattoos, a beard, deep-set brown eyes, a furrowed face, sunken cheeks, and was gap-toothed. The analyses of his intestinal contents show that his last two meals consisted of chamois meat, red deer, and herbed bread eaten with grains, fruits, berries, and root crops, eaten in the spring. Ötzi was lactose intolerant, as were all early humans, and apparently had Lyme disease, whipworm, an intestinal parasite, and had been sick three times in the six months



before he died. Ötzi's hair contained high levels of copper particles and arsenic, and his axe was 99.7% pure copper, suggesting that he was personally involved in copper smelting. Ötzi's intact blood cells are the oldest blood cells ever identified. The genome also reveals he had male-pattern baldness and dark skin.

Genes conferring light skin tones didn't become prevalent until 4,000 to 3,000 years ago when early farmers started eating plant-based diets and didn't get as much vitamin D from fish and meat as hunter-gathers did.

Fresh insights into Ötzi's life and times continue to come to light over thirty years since his discovery. As understanding of ancient DNA progresses, the narrative of Ötzi also transforms in tandem. For example, early studies suggested he had ancestors from the island of Sardinia as well as the Steppe herders to the East of where he lived. The latest study shows 94% of his genealogy matches Anatolian farmers, in other words his ancestors likely migrated from Anatolia (modern day Turkey).



There are many other stories to be told such as how he died, what clothes he was wearing, what significance were the tattoos on his body, did he have a family, amongst others. All are told in the South Tyrol Archaeological Museum in a most engaging and refreshing way. They are also told in numerous documentaries and online articles which I am sure many readers have seen but to "meet" Ötzi in person in the location where he lived his life is a real thrill.

After leaving the museum I reflected for some time about Ötzi's life, my own in the sense of where I come from, and the indigenous people of this land whose culture was alive and healthy well before, and at the time Ötzi was living. The rich spirituality of that culture still survives to this day, unlike Ötzi's, despite the onslaught of colonisation and the massacres associated with it. When Ötzi was going about his business in the snow of the magnificent Italian/Austrian alps, members of the Gadubanud people would have been going about theirs on the beautiful shores and forests of Gadubanud country. Surely to be stimulated to such reflection is a sign of a great museum.

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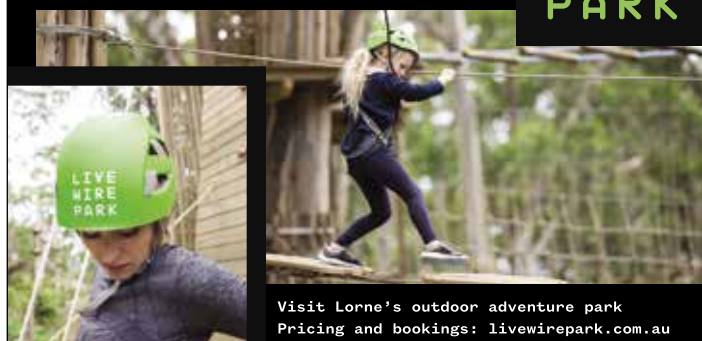
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RULES OF MATRIMONY - 1878

By Jan Spring - Lorne Historical Society

While looking through the many documents from the donated Kenrick/Beal Collection, I happened to come across a medium sized book which looked like a diary.

On closer inspection I found it was a notebook containing records of special occasions, dates of births, deaths and marriages and places visited. The booklet also contained some botanical specimens and a few drawings.

The booklet was compiled by one of the five daughters of Charles and Amy Beal, possibly Eleanor or Annie Beal. One of the pages of interest contained thirty-one points for "Rules of Matrimony". Some maybe a little outdated now, but it was interesting to understand the thoughts of young girls living around 1878.

Rules for Matrimony:

1. Those who marry for physical characteristics or external considerations will fail of happiness.
2. Marry in your own religion.
3. Never both be angry at once
4. Never taunt with a past mistake
5. Never let a kiss be the prelude of a rebuke.
6. Never allow a request to be repeated.
7. Let self abnegation be the habit of both.
8. A good wife is the greatest earthly being.
9. "I forgot" is never an acceptable excuse.
10. If you must criticise, do it lovingly.
11. Make marriage a matter of moral judgement.
12. Marry into a family that you have long known.
13. Never make a remark at the expense of the other.

14. Never talk at one another, either alone or in company.
15. Give the warmest sympathies for each other's trials.
16. If one is angry part your lips only for a kiss.
17. Neglect the whole world besides, rather than one another.
18. Never speak loud to one another.
19. Always leave home with loving words for they maybe the last.
20. Marry into different blood and temperament to yourself.
21. Never deceive for the heart once misled can never trust wholly again.
22. It's the mother who moulds the character and gives the destiny of the child.
23. Never find fault unless it is perfectly certain a fault has been committed.
24. Do not herald the sacrifices you make to each other's tastes, habits and preferences.
25. Let all your marital accommodations be spontaneous whole souled and free as air.
26. The very felicity is in the mutual cultivation of usefulness.
27. Consult one another in all that comes within the experience, observation, or sphere of others.
28. A hesitation or glum yielding to the wishes of the other always greats on a loving heart.
29. Those who marry for traits of mind and heart will seldom fail of perennial enjoyment.
30. Those are the safest who marry from the standpoint of sentiment rather than of feeling, passion or mere love.
31. The beautification in heart is a million times more avail, as securing domestic happiness than the beautiful in person.

Of the five Beal girls three went on to marry and two remained unmarried.

LORNE KINDERGARTEN

By Michelle Danks (Teacher)



We started term 2 with a Rock pool ramble our 21 kinder friends met down at the swing bridge and we explored the North Lorne Rock pools with Possum Pete from GORCPA.

It was a lovely warm day for April and the last day before the high tide.

Our children have also just had their last Circus Movement class with Michelle from Salt water Studio Anglesea. We have enjoyed weekly session that have gone for 7 weeks.

We are amazed with the gross motor development that has been achieved over these sessions.

Our Kindergarten Mums have just enjoyed their Mother's Day treat which included afternoon tea prepared by the children along with lovely gifts they had made.

Now the weather is cooling down the children are looking forward to spending time in Wild Space (Our nature play space at the back of kinder) in this space there are no toys it's the opportunity to use your imagination and use natural materials such as sticks, rocks and flowers to extend play and ideas.



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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

What a divine Autumn we had? Low low tides, sunny days with a bit of warmth in the sun, and chilly nights. Lorne at its very best. But the grey has arrived and the warm gear, scarves and beanies are getting a workout.

The Great Ocean Road Running Festival filled the towns of Lorne and Apollo Bay! 10 races attracting 10,000 runners and held in reasonable weather! Great efforts by all. The winner of the Ultra Marathon female aged between 15-29 was Grace Tame! Really? She ran the 60km in 4 hrs 43 minutes and came in only 2 minutes behind the fastest man in the same age group! YES, it is that Grace Tame! A bit of googling revealed that Grace Tame is not only an outspoken advocate for survivors of sexual assault, but runs like the wind! She also suffers from Autism and from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder! No bloody wonder - when Grace was 15 she was groomed and raped by her 58 year old Maths teacher. He served under TWO (2) years in jail!?!?! What an amazing woman and no wonder she was 2021 Australian of the Year.

Word has reached me of the passing of dear Heather Schmidt. Heather and John left Lorne to live in Yamba to be close to their daughter. John, who died several years ago, was the Post Master here for yonks. Heather worked at the SEC in the main street. In retirement they both loved their golf, and Heather took her turn as President and was a very gentle popular and organised one indeed! We were sad when they left Lorne – leaving a big gap. Let's hope they are once more together, as they were an extremely loving couple.

How terribly sad to hear that dear Merna Smith had died. When Ken had to go into our Nursing Home, Merna decided to go with him as they were a very devoted couple. Tragic. We send love to Ken, and to the entire family. Merna had many talents and was very involved in our little town. Apparently, her greatest talent was conversation. She was remembered at a big function at her beloved Lorne Bowls Club.

Heard on the beach that the Nursing Home now has a nightly group of our special men who play 500 together. How fabulous. Congratulations to whoever instigated that excellent idea.

On the trip to Winch the other day I noticed Dinny Goonan no longer seems to have his name on the vineyard. ALT Winery was the new moniker! After a bit of a Google I discovered that the vineyard was established in 1988 and Dinny has recently decided not to operate a cellar door service any more. However, all is not lost. His excellent wines can be ordered on his website – and they offer free delivery.

The Lorne Historical Society is running a Wine and Cheese tasting afternoon at historic Ravenswood Homestead (Cnr Smith and Bay Sts.) on Sunday 9th June from 4.30 – 7.00 \$40pp per ticket. Wines from Dinny Goonan! Book with Kevin Diviny 0407829296

Make sure you read Commodore Keith's blurb this month. Always such an entertaining read, and the reporting of yet another 4 x 4 adventure by our retired adventurous men is excellent. Apparently the views were to die for. Quite a big serve of 'what we say on camp stays on camp' methinks. Probably just as well.

Took the new Oodle dog to Birregurra for his first groom - to gorgeous Susie. Talk about a dog whisperer. (0402778939) And blow me down if I didn't bump into Suzi and Marg Cartledge who live right next door! Such a friendly place! I said to the next person dropping off her dog "Don't tell me your name is Suzi?" "No," ses she "I'm Liz, but the dog is Suzi!"

One wonders what is the go with the big green sign just before the roundabout coming in to town? Has a couple of little peepholes and mention of the proper number for the Deans Marsh Rd and the Apollo Bay Rd but despite its ugly presence, never gets used. In fact the lit up sign on wheels announcing the next event's road closure for Lorne is plonked right in front of the useless construction!

The things you see in Lorne! Like a car belching clouds of smoke, obviously on fire! BUT driver sitting in his seat smiling happily for photos and a small group of admirers not looking at all worried!

All that this Miss Marple can deduce is that he must be a stunt man with a stunt car which scares the daylighters out of elderly ladies popping in to Foodworks for some milk!

A big reveal at the Grand Pacific with the scaffolding gone and the new outside lighting turned on! Looks absolutely awesome from most spots in Lorne. Bring on the Fisho's Bar and the tucker!

A delightful couple spent two weeks here! Down from Noosa to house/corgi sit for Deb and Jay! Typically, they kept up their Noosa routine of a swim every morning followed by a coffee at the Swingbridge cafe. And why not! But not one complaint about the water temperature. Stoics!

Almost 9 year old cocker spaniel Rosie Orr passed away unexpectedly in February. She had a great life for her last four years living with Jane and swimming laps at the George River almost every day, and sometimes in the Erskine. Swimming was her passion, walking not so!! Living the doggy dream eh? Hope there is a river in dogs' heaven! Sympathies to dear Jane.

On our daily beach walk towards the mouth of the Erskine we were stunned to see kangaroo droppings and most distinctive kangaroo footprints on the beach. Helen Smith remembers when her kids were little (40+ years ago!) they rescued a small roo from the sea and took it home to warm up and then released it. What next? Another area of the GOR to watch out for Roos crossing to and from the beach.

Be very vigilant if you are having a burn off. The CFA in our region (District 7) responded to 42 escaped burns in the last year. Do not leave the fire unattended, and check the winds predicted. It'd be nice to warn the neighbours in case they hang their washing out that Wednesday or Saturday! Get the fire registered online through Fire Permits Victoria website and clear a 3 metre wide firebreak all round – maybe grab the Eskey and sit by the fire. Sounds good to me.

Keep warm... Lillian xx

ARTS IN LORNE

It is with gratitude, I wish to thank all the 'Friends of Qdos' for their huge support over this Season.

Our winter hibernation will refresh and recreate a 'new' Qdos for 2025 and beyond.

New Dreams
New Directions
New Meaning

Gillian and I are looking forward to a break and to welcome you ALL in September.

Qdos Fine Arts is Closed JUNE JULY AUGUST.

Upcoming Events

Art Exhibition by Barbara McCallum (nee Allen).

Barbara was born in Lorne just before WWII and always wanted to paint for as long as she can remember.

During the war years, when her father, Norm Allen, was in New Guinea, two wonderful artists Archie and Millie Colquhoun boarded with her mother, Kath Allen.

Barbara was fascinated with their paintings; they went out painting landscapes every day and so began her journey into the art world.

After marrying she moved to Melbourne and was fortunate to attend classes with Graham Moore. After many years of his guidance, she eventually began teaching with Graham. Barbara now has her own studio called "The School of Tonal Realism."

Barbara was invited, 35 years ago, to join the prestigious "The Twenty Melbourne Painters Society", exhibiting in their annual show. She says, "my aim is to paint nature as it is seen with the selectivity of the human eye and the sensitivity that comes from the appreciation of its beauty."

We are very fortunate to welcome Barbara to Lorne Community Connect and an exhibition of some of her work. The exhibition will be open:

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June.

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June.

Open 10am – 2 pm.

(or by appointment contact Gary Allen 0438637274)

Barbara will be at LCC on the final day of the exhibition, if you wish to meet with her for a chat. Gary Allen will supply soup and sandwiches at lunchtime. If you would like to come at that time please email lornecommunityconnect@gmail.com to assist Gary with catering.

Surf Coast Arts Trail

3-4 August 2024

With the Surf Coast named as one of the top four creative hot spots in regional Australia we are thrilled to host two regional artists Rob Kain and Joshua James at LCC.

Opening hours are 10 am – 4 pm.

Make a note in your diaries to call in some time over the weekend, to view Rob and Joshua's work and see a demonstration or be part of it.

You can check out Rob's website www.spiritualuniverse.com.au and Joshua on Instagram [joshua_10_jamesy](https://www.instagram.com/joshua_10_jamesy) to view some of their very creative and interesting work.

Artist in Residence: Belinda Marshall

2 – 16 June

We are delighted to welcome our 4th Artist in Residence, Belinda Marshall who will take up her residency at Lorne Community Connect for 2 weeks from 2 – 16 June.

Belinda is an abstract painter and started painting 18 years ago and has not stopped painting since.

For the last 6 years Belinda has enjoyed sharing her love of painting through workshops.

This workshop is now offered as a self-paced online course: Abstract Painting for Beginners.

You will get the opportunity to meet Belinda over the 2 weeks residency. Look out for her work at LCC and check out Belinda's website.

www.belindamarshall.com



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SES LORNE UNIT *By Chris Jones*

SES Volunteers Drive Across Iconic Melbourne Bridge for Sustainable Funding

A volunteer representing VICSES Lorne Unit joined volunteers across Victoria for a significant public awareness drive on Monday, May 20th, 2024. The drive showcased a convoy of unit-funded SES vehicles across Melbourne's Bolte Bridge, all maintained and operational thanks to tireless volunteer fundraising efforts. It is a crucial step in highlighting the critical need for sustainable funding for VICSES.

A Call For Sustainable Funding

This event was organised by Fund VICSES, which comprises dedicated volunteer leaders committed to establishing a sustainable funding framework for the Victoria State Emergency Service. The goal is to address present and future operational demands effectively.

Why Now

VICSES plays a critical role in supporting our communities. Fund VICSES aims to assist in securing ongoing support to maintain and enhance this essential service well into the future. Currently, the VICSES relies heavily on volunteer-led fundraising efforts, which are unsustainable in the long term. We can't hold rescue tools if we're chasing donations.

Australians are currently experiencing rising living costs and service provision expenses. Similarly, VICSES has observed a significant uptick in assistance requests, marking the past three years as the busiest in our history. Climate change and population growth are expected to escalate these demands annually. An urgent enhancement of our funding model is crucial to preserve our operational capabilities and continue supporting our community.

Funding Challenges Threaten Operational Readiness

Despite the invaluable contributions of volunteers, VICSES faces significant funding shortfalls. The reliance on volunteer-led fundraising to maintain equipment and facilities and replace aging vehicles is unsustainable.

For the VICSES Lorne Unit, this has meant that although incredibly grateful, we have had to rely on the generous donations of our community. Donations that have allowed us to replace equipment send members on training courses and obtain Medium Rigid truck licences (required to drive our Rescue Truck). We currently have an out-of-prescribed service life Lorne Support 1 vehicle requiring replacement. The unit has limited storage space as we operate from a two-vehicle bay. Accessing and transporting tarpaulins, marquees, pumps, and acro props (a vertical support system used to support overhead loads) is limited.

What happens if funding is not increased?

In short, VICSES will continue to slip backwards. Our volunteers will need to fundraise more so we can keep the lights on and fuel the trucks. We won't be able to fix things when they're broken or replace our trucks when they get old. Volunteers will either need to spend more time away from their families to help with more fundraising or less time gaining valuable skills to respond.



VICSES Lorne Unit joins the VICSES Volunteer Leadership Group in urging the Victorian government to consider:

- Indexed, sustainable funding will ensure that VICSES can continue to deliver critical emergency services across the state.
- Reduced burden on volunteers: Sustainable funding would allow volunteers to focus on core operational tasks and training, minimising the pressure to fundraise.

The funds will be specifically allocated to enhance VICSES's operational effectiveness. This includes critical areas such as safety measures, providing up-to-date protective clothing, comprehensive training for our volunteers, and acquiring the necessary equipment. Additionally, funds will be used to maintain and upgrade our fleet and facilities, ensuring our volunteers have the best tools and environment to serve the community effectively.

As a unit, we have approached Members of Parliament at various levels to engage, educate, and obtain their support. We are arranging meetings now. To date, VICSES members have sent over two thousand letters/emails.

How can you assist?

Write to your local member of parliament. You can easily do this by accessing the Fund VICSES website at <https://fundvicses.org/>. Please talk about the situation to raise awareness in our community.

Finally, thank you to our various community groups that raise essential funds and support your local Lorne Unit. We need your support more than ever.

Investing in VICSES is an investment in the safety and resilience of our communities. Sustainable funding would allow our volunteers to focus on what they do best – saving lives across the Lorne community.

Email our Unit Controller at christopher.jones@members.ses.vic.gov.au or drop in and see us on Tuesday Evenings after 7.30 pm at the Lorne Emergency Services Complex, 40 Smith Street, Lorne.

Stay safe from the SES Lorne Unit.

For VICSES emergency response, call 132500
If your situation is life-threatening, call 000
Follow us on our Facebook page - SES Lorne Unit.



Keith Miller
Commodore



Club News

Well Autumn is nearly over and other than the blocking high pressure system that gave us easterlies for two weeks recently, it's been a ripper. We are all set up at the clubhouse for winter with plenty of gas heaters and marquees with walls, so it will be cosy and warm. We are still running our happy hours on Wednesday and Friday nights with the traditional seafood raffle and free sausage sizzle every Friday.

Upcoming Events

World Sausage Roll Championships

Sunday 9th June which is on the Kings Birthday Long Weekend. Judging starts at 5pm. It's on again and it's the real deal. Anyone can be the official World Champion.

All you have to do is, be a member and arrive before 5pm with your best sausage roll.

You only need one sausage roll to enter but we encourage everyone to bring a heap so we can feed the hungry hoards.

We will also have prizes for best novelty, biggest and smallest.



MAJOR FISHING COMPETITION NUMBER FOUR SPONSORED BY LORNE CONCRETING - TOM DAWSON.

Sunday 9th June 2024. 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 roast lunch. Prizes are awarded for first, second and third 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.

Recent Events

Local School Fishing Outings

Several times each year we take out groups of school students fishing off the pier and get the local Fisheries Officers involved. We all have breakfast at Lorne Central and a Fishery Officer speaks to the students followed by a Q&A. The students are always interested and ask plenty of questions. We own 20 rods all with new top-quality reels which we supply to the school for these outings along with bait and tackle. If any juniors out there would like to fish in our comps, they are welcome to use them.

Leon Armistead on the mend

Our new Life Member and local legend Leon Armistead has just undergone major surgery on his head. Being a tough old bloke he recovered quickly and is now out of hospital and back home.

Fishing Report

Boat: We've just had a run of calm weather so the conditions for boat fishing has been perfect. Plenty of good eating size Snapper around with bag limits being achieved by some. They aren't huge but there's been a few around the 50cm mark. Plenty of School and Gummy Sharks are being caught and we've been catching a lot of undersized Schoolies which is a good sign. King George Whiting are still around but not in huge numbers. Plenty of Flathead about with some nice sized ones being landed. Lots of Salmon in close near the Cumberland and Wye River. The Mackerel, Yakkas and Couta have thinned out but there are still a few about. Pier The pier is still performing well with reports of good numbers of Salmon, Trevally, Mullet and Snapper. The odd King George Whiting and Calamari.

4x4 Camping Trip

Recently a group of 14 blokes, which included almost half of our committee, went on a weeklong 4x4 expedition around the Victorian High Country. It was a sensational trip with extremely steep and difficult terrain, but with perfect weather and organised down to the smallest detail by our

Group Leader, Clive Goldsworthy, it was probably our best trip ever. We spent our first night with fellow committee member Brian Taylor and his lovely wife Tanya at their holiday house in Walhalla. We set up camp in their yard and had a great night sitting around their campfire enjoying their hospitality with a couple of refreshments.

Early the next morning, our adventure began with tough off-road driving and bush camping for the next 6 days. We got lucky with the weather and had no wind or clouds for the entire trip. The scenery was spectacular with beautiful views at every turn.

The highest we got to over the next week was 1750 metres and the highlight of the trip was conquering the Blue Rag Range Track, which is one of the highest tracks in Australia. It is regarded as the toughest and steepest track in Australia with it being very narrow with huge drop offs on both sides down to the valleys below. It was scary but the 360-degree views at the top made it all worthwhile.



BWS LORNE OPENS Featuring local suppliers in store

BWS Lorne opened its doors May 17, welcoming locals and tourists in the popular seaside Victorian community.

The roles of 6 new staff members including two full time and four casuals have been created to support the new store, with staff trained to assist customers every time they shop.

Store manager Tim McDonald says it's an exciting opportunity for the local community to see an expansive range of premium and local ranging products, as well as traditional favourites many will know and love.

"We are all excited to be part of the Lorne community and can't wait to showcase what we have in store," he said.

"All of our team members live locally or in the region and love what Lorne and the Great Ocean Road community has to offer.

"It's relaxed lifestyle surrounded by stunning beaches, beautiful scenery, vibrant food and wine scene as well as local artistry," he said.

"It's a prime destination for locals and tourists alike and we can't wait to welcome them all into our store." Local-ranging wines are featured including delicious drops from Leura Park Estate.

"We are extremely privileged to have local wines including Leura Park Estate to name just a few in store," Alex said.

Spokesperson Tatania says and we are proud to be showcasing Leura Park Estate wines at BWS as it is a great opportunity for local suppliers.

Team members also have received extensive training, learning about Australia's award-winning wine regions, undertaking modules in European wine regions, understanding spirits and as well learning the importance of social responsibility.

Licence to operate modules also provide team members with additional learnings in workplace health and safety, cyber security, competition and consumer law and code of conduct.

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Sandbanks is not only pet-friendly but also conveniently located near Wye River, Kennett River, and the Great Otway National Park, promising a memorable escape into nature. With its incredible sandstone and timber build, this property offers a unique coastal experience, making it an exceptional choice for those seeking a beachfront oasis.

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From the team at Great Ocean Road Real Estate

FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

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



The Council election day is Saturday 26 October. Postal ballots must be in the mail by 6 pm on Friday 25 October 2024.

Did you know that even if your permanent place of residence is not in Lorne, but you either own a property in Lorne or rent a property in Lorne and pay Rates, you can enrol to vote in Surf Coast Shire Council elections?

Make sure that you have your say in the October council elections. There are two pathways:

1. Council-enrolled voters (ratepayers)

You can join the Council roll if you own a property in the Surf Coast Shire, even if you do not live here, or only live here some of the time. You can also enrol to vote on the Council roll even if you are not an Australian citizen.

To be eligible to vote as a Council enrolled voter, you will need to fit one of the following criteria:

You are an owner ratepayer (you own the property and pay rates)

You are an occupier ratepayer (you occupy a property and pay the rates, even though you do not own the property)

You are acting on behalf of a corporation (you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates in the Council area)

If you are not a State enrolled voter in the Surf Coast Shire, you can register to vote by being on the Council roll,

For more information, including the enrolment forms, please visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/enrol

2. Become a state enrolled voter at the Victorian Electoral Commission

You must enrol with the VEC and vote if you:

- are 18 years or older
- are an Australian citizen
- have lived at your address in Surf Coast Shire for longer than one month

If for example, you own a property in Bayswater and have a holiday house in Lorne, you can vote in both the City of Knox and the Surf Coast Shire council elections.

For more information, visit the VEC website.

For Council Enrolled Voters

All Enrolment Forms Must Be Received By The Council No Later Than 4 Pm On Wednesday 7 August 2024

Did You Know?

That voting was previously never compulsory for council-enrolled voters (this category includes non-resident owner ratepayers). The rules for council-enrolled voters have changed ahead of the 2024 Council elections. Previously enrolment was not by application, absentee ratepayers were automatically included on the roll, but it was not compulsory for them to vote.

It is now compulsory if they are enrolled to vote and if they don't vote they may be fined. Under the Local Government Act 2020 council-enrolled voters need to apply to be on the voters roll prior to the 2024 election. Once they have enrolled for the 2024 election, they will remain on the roll until they request to be taken off the roll or the property is sold.

www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/enrol

OP SHOP BUZZ

By John Ford

This exciting time in the history of the Lorne Op Shop continues. Customers have shown that they are pleased with our temporary location with generous donations of quality items, and sales being at very good levels especially now that we have entered a quieter time of the year.

But the excitement for the members is that the rebuilding of our OWN shop at 98 Mountjoy Parade is about to begin.

Over the last few weeks the necessary paperwork for permits and contracts has been diligently completed by the Op Shop Committee of Management. This committee, like all our members, is made up totally of volunteers who take on this coordinating role over and above their normal volunteering within the shop. Their range of experiences and conscientious approach places them in a good position to oversee

decision-making. The full membership gets to vote on their recommendations.

So customers who have been asking about OUR shop at 96 Mountjoy Parade will soon see the rebuild starting to take place. As with most projects the initial works might not be so visible, or exciting, as underground sewerage and drainage works will necessarily be the starting point. The work to rearrange the office and sorting room at the rear of the shop will likely be next on the agenda for the builders. These are all important parts of what will lead to an exciting new shop, wholly owned by the Lorne Op Shop.

In the mean time please keep coming into our temporary premises at 6 Mountjoy Parade near the roundabout at Erskine River. As always there is a broad range of clothing, books, paintings, artifacts, household items and sporting goods. We value your clean quality donations but cannot take electrical goods nor items of safety equipment as we are not in a position to have them safety checked. We are expecting to be really busy over the Kings Birthday weekend so please call in and say hello!

Barwon Water Community Update

Barwon Water is Victoria's largest regional urban water corporation.

We have a proud history of contributing to regional prosperity by providing water and sewerage services that support community health, sport and recreation, gardens and agriculture, the economy, cultural values and the environment.

Learn, share, and get involved! We're working together with the community to enhance our region.

Learn more and have your say on our projects and activities. Scan the QR code to find out more.



Lorne: Water, Your Say

Get involved and learn how you can contribute to a sustainable, resilient water future for Lorne.



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Learn more about how you can be more waterwise in your home or business. Plumbing programs, grants, advice and resources are available to support you.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Following the recent survey regarding Point Grey, it appears that GORCAPA is still months away from a timeline and a long way from determining a plan.

I guess it may take a year or so to tabulate the survey!

How much time and cost will it take to finally get this to fruition? Do all the advisors and consultants have any real knowledge of the history of this area and do they even care?!

I think we are just receiving lip service and this whole farce is to wear the community down until we go away.

If I understand correctly, any decisions made will be coming from the Minister and the Government. It seems to me that GORCAPA is an Authority with no authority. And can anyone there communicate with each other and get the advice that is given, to be the same for all parties?

GORCAPA are still not giving the leaseholders of the old fishing building and the former restaurant a practical and specific time to leave the premises.

As I understand now that any works may not start for a long time, my concern is that this authority may close either/any tenant earlier than the others and thus leave any portion of the building to be empty, vandalised and graffitied.

It will then be dangerous and an eyesore for the hundreds of tourists arriving daily and be a detrimental move if there is no intention of demolishing the building for a long time.

Would not it be a smart move to remove any tenants closer to demolition/alteration, thus avoiding any future damage to an already vulnerable building.

Does GORCAPA still expect community support for the Point Grey changes and are they aware this Point Grey fiasco is becoming tiresome and bordering on inept? I have lived in Lorne for 56 years, full time. I think I may be dead before this issue is addressed and finalised.

I am cynical enough to believe that GORCAPA and its Masters in Spring Street really have no wish for any rebuilding, remodelling or any building at Point Grey. They probably would prefer to demolish it all and return the area to grass and native plants. It is a stalling tactic. Let the buildings rot and be damaged and then they will have a reason to remove it all. So much easier and neater.

Will the Government and their gatekeepers at GORCAPA stop wasting OUR money and time, and as they say in the classics, 'pull your finger out.' !!

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Vicki Norton Lorne

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GO WHERE THE TRADIES GO

SPORTSBRIEFS *By John Ford*

Dolphins Playing Inspired Football

After six rounds Lorne is still undefeated and sits in second place on the CDFL Ladder behind Alvie – who are also undefeated. Lorne meets Alvie on 1st June at Alvie Recreation Reserve in what should be an absolute thriller, with top of table honours going to the winner!

Lorne's form has been impressive under coach Ed Curnow, with quite even performances across the field and different players being match winners each week. On 11th May Lorne defeated South Colac at Stribling Reserve on a day where good football was difficult to play because of a strong gusty crosswind. In a low scoring tightly fought match, Lorne was eleven points down with only minutes to play. Lorne managed to kick the two goals needed, including a classy snapshot from Ed Curnow, to win by one point 8.12:60 to 8.11:59.

Lorne then followed up with a strong win at Apollo Bay. Lorne always had their measure, and the margin could have been even greater had the kicking for goal been more accurate. Lorne won 14.23:107 to Apollo Bay 4.2:26, with Jared Matheson kicking six goals and Oscar Coutts 3 goals. Lorne's Reserves team had a runaway win over Apollo Bay winning 19.7:121 to 1.3:9 with Kaeden Statton booting 7 goals. Lorne has a large group of Senior and Reserves players in top form allowing selectors to make small adjustments where necessary to maximise team performance.

The football and netball season unfolds as follows:

1st June: Alvie versus Lorne

8th June: Lorne v Colac Imperials

15th June: Lorne v Otway Districts

22nd June: Western Eagles v Lorne

29th June: Simpson v Lorne

The surface at Stribling Reserve in very good condition and I urge spectators to come and watch the Dolphins in action.

The netball teams are also playing well with Lorne's A Grade team narrowly losing to Apollo Bay 37 to 34, but with the B Grade team winning 28 to 15. I encourage you to watch the football from the elevated bank near the netball court to take in the action of both sports while enjoying the last rays of afternoon sunshine. GO DOLPHINS!

Women's Golf *By Danni De Bon*

Pennant Golf

The Pennant season has come to an end, and it was a nail-biting finish. On May 3rd, our Lorne team had a bye and hosted the penultimate game. With a good day of weather, and some exciting golf from the teams competing, it resulted with us going into the final week on top of the ladder - but only by 0.5 of a game ahead, and on equal match points with Clifton Springs. At the final round, played at Lonsdale Links, after a night of rain, our team dug deep and played a tough match against Ocean Grove, winning 3.5 - 1.5. (3 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss). Unfortunately for us, we needed Clifton Springs to only win 3 or fewer of their games, but it was not to be, as Clifton Springs were in top form, and won their match

against Barwon Valley- a resounding 5 games to 0. It was their first clean sweep for the season! The result was that Lorne had the same match points as Clifton Springs but lost the flag by one game!



We were thrilled to have come so close to winning the flag this season, and all thoroughly enjoyed the competition and the camaraderie of the team and between the clubs. Our team was: Rose Lloyd (Captain), Lynda Stewart, Sally Young, Chris Angus, Anne-Maree Kennedy and Danni De Bon. We also appreciated the support from the Club, our Women's golf group, and also from the Men's golf group - with us each being presented with a beautiful bunch of flowers at the Member's and Guest function that evening. It was thoughtfully organised and presented to us by Ian Stewart, our President, and his band of "Merry" men. We're already looking forward to next year!

Club Golf

We have had a number of our women members travelling far and wide - both within Australia and Overseas, however we have still had good numbers attending our Tuesday competition, and the course is presenting beautifully. Following are some results since last report:

- April Monthly Medal winner: Danni De Bon.

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- April 23, second round Putting Competition (best 2 of 3 rounds to count). 18-hole winner Linda Brown, 30 putts; 9-hole winner Judith Smyth, 14 putts. Final round - May 28th
- May 7, Doris Chambers Qualifying Event, Stableford Foursomes. Winners Jenni Miller and Chris Angus, 39 points. They have now qualified to play in the final at Sanctuary Lakes on October 17.

SWGA Events

We have a number of Women registered to play in many of the region's events over the next month-more on that next report.

We are a friendly group of women, at all different levels of golf skill and experience, and we love to welcome new members/golfers to our group, and also welcome back those that may be "lapsed golfers! If you are interested in joining our group this year, whether new to golf or with some golfing experience, or if you have any questions, please call Sue Neill on 0418 674062, or Chris Angus on 0439 008 167.

Great Ocean Road Marathon

This year's Great Ocean Road Running Festival was a great success with events being held in Lorne and Apollo Bay – attracting thousands of runners of a broad range of ages. The very cool, windy conditions were not ideal for recording personal best times, but some excellent times were still recorded. Johannes Motschmann from Germany won the marathon (44km) by about three minutes, with the female winner being Tasmanian Meriem Daoui the fastest female in 3 hours and 4min., six minutes ahead of the next female. The 60km event was won by James Riggs, with Grace Tame being the fastest woman to cover the gruelling sixty kilometres.

Many locals competed in the events which included a six-kilometre run, the 14 km Paradise Run in Apollo Bay, a 12km event and a 6.5 km event. Local identity Dom Talimanidis competed in the very tough High Sierra 12 km trail run and came second in 48min 50sec, just 34 seconds behind winner David Bailey, and nearly a minute ahead of third finisher Declan McKenzie. Well done, Dom, and to all the locals who participated.



Lorne Cricket Club Awards Night was held at Mantra on April 26th. Thanks to all, especially award winner Eddie Erftemeyer, for another step in the revival of the Lorne Cricket Club.

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

DEATH NOTICE

Schmidt, Heather Dawn (nee Gove)

Passed away 15-05-2024.

Aged 89 Years

After a short illness.

Mother and Mother-in-law of Sue-Ellen and David Hyne, and Adrian and Jane Schmidt.

Loved Nan of Tom, Cate, Lizzy and Billy.

Sister to Gwen, Shirley, Stanley, Ron and Margaret (all decd).

Gone to join her Husband John (Jack/Johann).

Thank you to Maclean Hospital Staff for their care and compassion.

As per Heather's wishes privately cremated.

Hope & Alan Bennett

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LORNE TRANSFER STATION UPGRADE UNDERWAY

Works have commenced at the Lorne Transfer Station to upgrade the site to make it more user friendly, improve the traffic flow for locals and visitors and increase the resource recovery options.

These works will include:

- Increasing the number of bulk bins from three to six, with shelter for unloading areas.
- The green waste drop off area will be sealed with separate concrete bays for green waste and mixed masonry waste.
- Road realignment and reconstruction.
- Replacing fencing, gates and signage.
- Reconfiguration and upgrade of existing storage sheds.
- Improved site security.
- A new gatehouse with increased safety for staff.

"This project will be fantastic for locals and tourists, with better site layout allowing for traffic to move more easily through the site," Surf Coast Shire Cr Gary Allen said.

These works were made possible through a grant of \$250,000 from Sustainability Victoria to construct the new transfer bays.

Works have been planned to ensure minimal disruption for customers. But please be mindful of the changed traffic flows and follow the signs.

Works are expected to be completed by end of July 2024.

Find out more at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LorneTransferStationUpgrade

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LATEST NEWS ON THE SWIMMING POOL

By Penny Hawe, Friends of Lorne



It's been almost a year since Lorne was up in arms about the swimming pool on the foreshore. The present operators wanted a new 21-year lease (from GORCAPA) to create a wellness centre with new private bathing pools.

It would be a "unique hero attraction as the most upmarket and modern take on saltwater bathing tourism in Australia." Meanwhile, the community wanted the existing pool to be heated, upgraded, better maintained, and available year-round.

What's happened?

It looks very much like the community voice was heard. The GORCAPA Board endorsed a 21-year "development proposal" (ie, to draft a long-term lease) with significant special conditions which "secure the community interests and aspirations of the site which include community access, school access, trading dates and times, heating, and maintenance."

But we lose the trampolines. We can't get them back. This is a blow to parents, grandparents, and any kids who managed to get a turn. The current operator is not able to obtain insurance coverage for that specific area. The land parcel previously used for trampolines will be repurposed for a different commercial use.

Discussions are underway between GORCAPA and the pool operator to explore alternative options for that land. They will consider different potential uses, "ensuring that the land remains productive within the commercial footprint as well as enhancing the Lorne foreshore precinct."

If they can't come up with an agreed commercial use that works for GORCAPA and the pool operator, Friends of Lorne has asked if the trampoline area could ever revert

back to green space/vegetation. The reply was that they are very confident that a use for this commercial space will be identified. We also asked how the requirements of Marine and Coastal Act (MACA) of 2018 are being taken into account. The MACA requires all activities on coastal land to be coastal dependent (ie, need to be on the coast to be conducted). They replied that they would comply with that too.

We then raised the following questions with GORCAPA.

- 1 If GORCAPA and the pool operator end up agreeing on the content of the 21-year lease, do we have to wait another 6 years for the existing lease to terminate? Or can the new lease be brought forward?
- 2 Will the community get a chance to see and comment on the revamped special condition lease? Before it is all finalised? When?
- 3 The Allen dam is our sole water source. In 2016 the Allen Dam ran so low that water had to be trucked in. How is climate change and water usage being considered as part of the new plans?
- 4 What if the special conditions are not met? How often will this be assessed? What penalties will be put in place to address any breaches?

We'll post the answers on our website when they come in. Meanwhile, check out the FRIENDS OF LORNE NEWSLETTER (www.friendsoflorne.org.au). Among other things, there's an update on affordable housing (good news for worker accommodation) and "an explainer" about new legislation allowing a second small house on blocks of land in Lorne. Unfortunately, the legislation by-passes the usual planning approval processes that protect neighbourhood character in Lorne.



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Picks of the Month



FICTION: *Safe Haven* by Shankari Chandran



The new novel by the 2023 Miles Franklin award winner is a richly detailed and powerful book to be savoured; a beautifully written and thought provoking tale skilfully researched. Asylum seeker Fina dedicates herself to aiding the refugees who are held in Port Camden, a remote island outpost. After she speaks out for those being detained, Fina becomes the focus of a media storm that leads to her arrest, and the threat of deportation. When a security officer dies under suspicious circumstances, Lucky, a special investigator, arrives to uncover the truth. The mystery is tied to Fina's fate—and the secrets she reveals will divide the town and the nation.

NON-FICTION: *Rebel Rising* by Rebel Wilson

From the scene-stealing star of *Pitch Perfect* and *Bridesmaids* comes a refreshingly candid, hilarious, and inspiring book about her unconventional journey to Hollywood success and loving herself. For decades, Rebel Wilson had single-mindedly focused on her career now she's ready to chronicle the emotional and physical lessons she learned, as well as her most embarrassing experiences. From her painful relationship with her father, weight gain and loss, a late-in-life sexual awakening and fertility issues, Rebel shares her incredible journey to self-love. This extraordinarily entertaining memoir shows us how to love ourselves while making us laugh uncontrollably.



CHILDREN'S FICTION: *Skandar and the Chaos Trials* by A.F. Steadman



To survive their third year of training, Skandar and his friends must complete a series of terrifying trials across the Island's elemental zones. Friendships, allegiances and rider-unicorn bonds will be pushed to the limit - only the strongest will make it. Get ready for unlikely heroes, elemental magic, sky battles, ancient secrets and ferocious unicorns in this highly anticipated adventure that will keep you reading after lights out! The 3rd book in this amazing series keeps up the high standards set in previous entries and is perfect for Percy Jackson and Harry Potter readers aged 9 and up.

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