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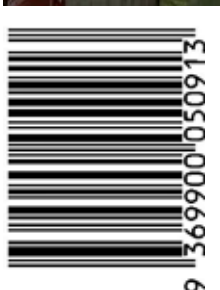
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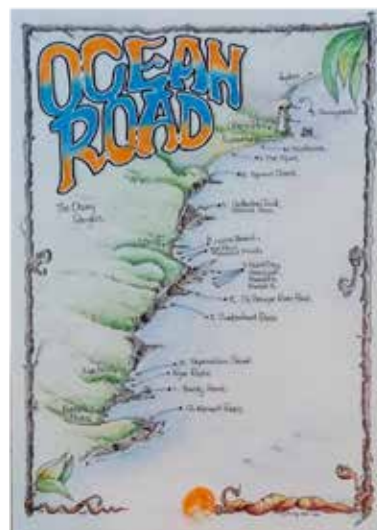
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A WALK UP MARINE PARADE LORNE 1930S WITH DOUG STIRLING

Hello everyone. I was born in Lorne and lived most of my young life at 2 Smith Street, and I just turned 102 years old.

I'd like to take you with me up the Main Street, then called Marine Parade, in Lorne, when I was 14 years old.

Some things still exist, but life was very different then.

We are starting at the bridge over the Erskine River having just passed Alice Baker from Maryborough, in her modern grocery shop which had a straight counter, unlike the u-shaped grocery counters which are normal these days. I am probably eating 6 pence worth of broken biscuits that I bought from one of her big square tins of biscuits.

If we look to the right, we see an island in the river. This is where we played Huckleberry Finn with our canoe. Further down the river towards the sea, the Swing Bridge was about to be built by public subscription, and bits of the wreck of the Osprey at the river mouth provide us with lots of diving adventures. Today the beginning of the boardwalk in the camping ground is the edge of the now disappeared island.

Across the river is a group of shops similar to those there today. A dry cleaners and fruit shop were up a little lane. There was a dance hall and the Riverview guesthouse, and a general merchandise store run by Mr G Major who signed his name as the musical G. Major.

Clissold's garage was at the back. Where Community Connect now stands was the large Gracedale Guest house. Across the main road by the river was the Winchelsea Council Electric light direct current plant. This came after Mr Jarratt's clever pier and wave electric plant and before the SEC. Where the Info centre is today there is an oak tree growing which was planted in 1925. Erskine House Drive swept around past Erskine House on the beach side and returned into Marine Parade much further along.

There is no Otway Street. Cora Lynn Guest house stood where it does today and there is a lot of vacant land going up to Smith Street. Small circuses perform there. Reid and Clarke have a general garage next. The petrol is pumped up into a 4-gallon container by hand and then a hose is put in the car's petrol tank. 2 s 7 d for a gallon of standard petrol. 2s 9 p for Super. I work long hours here in school holidays for just 10s a week.

Next comes Dave Oneil's boot and shoe repair store. Then Mr Jarratt's store full of beautifully framed photos. He takes photos at the guest houses, the falls, etc and then takes orders from the guests. He develops them overnight and delivers them next morning. Mrs Jarratt sells stationery also. I think he is a very clever man. Next door is the Jarratt's house, one of two identical houses originally built for the Mountjoys' gardeners.

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The second house is Michael's Tea rooms, then a grocer's shop, and the Argyll Guesthouse was near where the present ice cream shop now stands.

Opposite us there are shops: From Grove Rd back was Bob Sanderson's Tourist Bureau (he picks up tourists from Geelong, takes them to the Falls, etc), a butcher's shop, the Crystal Café, Mc Mahons Bakery and the Schram Brothers Grocers where I have another job. I get up early to beat the other grocers' boys and ride my bike to the camping ground and rented cottages to take their orders for the day. It is a race and a competition to get in first. Then I had to ride my bike back to the shop, make up the orders and deliver them. It is very hard work riding up the Lorne hills with a full grocer's basket. For this I get 10s a week!

We have arrived at Grove Road. This is the first street meeting and crossing Marine Parade after we cross the river. Turning left down the hill to the beach we see the Original Lorne Picture Theatre, soon to be rebuilt on the corner of Marine and Grove Rd., where it stands today. Next to it in today's carpark are the Dance Hall and the Roller-Skating rink. We have great fun playing hockey on roller skates and competing with Geelong teams. We also go to balls held here on roller skates! ! Fun!

Across the road near HAH and the pool today, there is the Band Rotunda where the local band gives Sunday Afternoon recitals. Later this will become the changing rooms for local and visiting football teams. All the area beyond this is called The Flat where Football and Cricket are played. Tennis courts are further along. And Alsops Butchers run sheep there.

Moving up from the vacant land on Grove Rd corner which will become the Stirling Jarratt Cinema and also their Laundry next to it, is the Presbyterian Church surrounded by big pine trees. On the land where the Catholic Church stands today is a steam-boiler for the butcher next door's sausage machine and cool room. Then there is Miss Hughes lolly shop and original pharmacy, a modern milk bar where we like to buy baked beans on toast, (very modern) a dress shop, and Fletchers complex including a hairdresser and a garage. On the second floor was the Quamby Guesthouse.

Crossing William Street, we walk past a huge paddock full of trees and bushes. Beaurepaire's Paddock features travelling circuses like Ashton's at the lower flatter end. Next is Mrs Hughes modern chemist shop which is still the pharmacy today. Then Tom Brown's grocery and Newsagents, also selling ice creams. Next the lane which is still there today. At the end is Browns Bakery. Next is Tony and his sister Sis, a Lebanese couple who run the haberdashery shop selling gloves, hats etc. Grace Allan's fruit shop and then the Commercial Bank. Next is the Post Office and residence behind, which was eventually taken down with each stone labelled to be rebuilt elsewhere but has since disappeared!!!!

We now come to a vacant block, but this is where my Grandfather John Stirling built his original bakery in 1878. It burnt down. We have arrived at the large Cumberland Guest house with its Cabaret Ballroom. Here we can get a crayfish supper for 3/6 or buy 12 crayfish for 12 shillings! Delicious!

Bay Street and the end of the shops. The big Lorne Hotel is next to a house built for its manager Miss Layden by my



father. It has a pointed roof and is still there. Next the Church of England, brought there by horse and dray in 1884. Then vacant land till Beale Street. Here is Charles Beales property Varna. The oldest house is Marthoon owned by a Beal's daughter. Then several houses from the Western District Squattocracy like the Dennises. Miss Bell owned Lightwood. Next is Albert Street where the hospital stands today.

On the corner is Wareen, owned by Professor Harper. Lots of vacant land then the beautiful King Craig Upper and Lower which still stands there today. It is owned by the Russell family who lived around Winchelsea. They bring their household servants to stay at the Lower, and a cow for milk, cream and butter. They come for the summer. They put everything on the "book" in the grocers and other shops and pay by cheque at the end of the financial year. Poor Grandfather Stirling has to wait till then for his money.

In 1919 Jura was built by Clive Campbell from Glenorchy. When I was older and became an electrician, I worked for him. In a weird twist of Fate he accidentally met my mother in Spain and, when she said she was from Lorne, he asked 'Do you know Doug Stirling?' My mother was very proud! Next door is Wee Lou owned by Miss Dennis. More vacant land and then Stewart's Kalimna Guesthouse and Jo Yorkes Cottages.

Lastly, Armytage Street and Hector Stribling's Yuranga, then vacant land and the beautiful Pacific Hotel opposite the pier. Behind the hotel are sheep paddocks and a slaughterhouse.

Only one house is facing Shelly Beach. Edward Stribling, the original Stribling from Euroa via Winchelsea Bank built Mova in 1894.

Thank you for coming on this journey. Isn't it amazing how little Lorne, population at the 1933 census 400, had so many grocers, bakers, and butchers all making money? And far fewer tourists, although its beauty meant it was always a tourist destination.



GREAT OCEAN ROAD HEALTH NEWS

LORNE
medical centre

What's On At GORH

30th Aug: Wear It Purple Day
2-6th Sep: Women's Health Week
12th Sep: R U OK? Day
12th Sep: Health Matters Roadshow
10am-12pm @ Lorne Community Connect

A Message From Our CEO

I love this time of year, when the water is warmer than the outside temperature, we certainly live in a special place.

Great Ocean Road Health is preparing for another big year and working within the cost containment directives set by the Department of Health to set a budget that is achievable but can also deliver all the services our communities need. We are fortunate that we are not solely funded by the state government, and provide diverse services funded by other sources and have always had great support from our wonderful communities.

You will have seen in the media, speculation around what Health Service reform might look like. This is still uncertain, however there are three options being considered, a consolidation model, similar to the health networks in other states, a strengthened partnership model or status quo. Whatever is decided the leadership team and Board are focused on what is best for our health services going forward and are committed to providing the same wonderful care going forward.

Sandy

Health Matters Roadshow

Stay Well — Feel Well — Age Well

This Women's Health Week our great Allied Health Team are on the road to engage with you about nutrition, exercise, sleeping soundly, stressing less and feeling well. Join us for morning tea and stay for a chat with our Dietitian, Exercise Physiologist, Social Worker and more.

Lorne Community Connect
12th September 2024
10am—12pm

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GORH Board of Directors Reappointment

GORH are proud to announce the reappointments of our GREAT Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 financial year. We are lucky to have such an engaged and experienced Board who bring a diverse set of skills for the benefit of our community.

Our dedicated Board are passionate about ensuring the longevity of our health service and continuing to meet our community's health needs.

Dr. Joy Humphreys has been reappointed as the Board Chair and other key roles include Assoc.Prof. Kelli Nicola-Richmond, Deputy Chair; Nick Salkeld, Chair of the Safety, Culture and Clinical Governance Committee; Clare Power, Chair of Finance, Audit & Risk Committee; and Fiona Williams, Chair Community Advisory Committee. Together, the GORH Board of Directors will continue to advocate for high quality healthcare, and the provision of great services closer to home. GORH Staff and the health needs of people living and visiting the Great Ocean Road are at the forefront of all Board decision-making processes.

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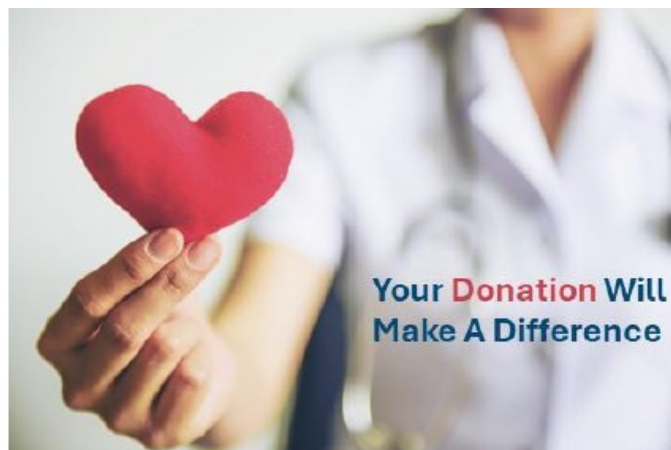
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From the Deck RAKALI

By John Agar

When local identity Ashleigh Floyer recently posted his stunning video on the Lorne FaceBook page of a rakali ‘pottering about’ in its favourite swimming spot ... as all good rakali are prone to do.

I was prompted to remind readers of this beautiful native rodent—indeed, one of Australia’s largest. I say remind, but as the name rakali may set heads scratching, it might more correctly be ‘introduced’,

What is a rakali, I hear some say? ... though I fancy if I had used the term ‘native water rat’ or ‘Australian ‘otter’, you might have returned to your coffee and morning paper. While other Australian natives: kangaroos, koalas, wombats, echidna, kookaburras, and a host of other unique-to-Australia wildlife dominate our attention, myriad lesser-known animals quietly meander our bush, pastures, and river systems with neither pomp nor fanfare. The rakali—a lesser known of the lesser known—is a prime example.

Many will have grown up with Kenneth Grahame’s quintessentially English tale ‘Wind in the Willows’... the adventures of Ratty and his two friends, Mole and Badger, as they tried to help Mr. Toad deal with his motorcar obsession. Ratty, of course, was a very English water rat and Wind in the Willows a very bucolic English pastoral tale, while rakali [*Hydromys chryogaster*—natives of Australia and New Guinea—enjoy a far wilder, untamed environment.

Also known as the ‘rabe’, rakali—an Aboriginal word used by the Murray River clans—was officially adopted by the Australian Nature Conservation Agency and the Department of Environment and Heritage in 1995. I think it is a beautiful musical name, and I applaud their choice. It is a vast improvement over the mundane ‘Australian water-rat’... so rakali they are, and may they always be so.

First scientifically described in 1804, there are four species, all of which are primarily nocturnal—a fact that makes Ashleigh’s spectacular video even more special as it was filmed in daylight. Like the platypus, they are most often spotted at dawn or dusk as they fossick for aquatic insects, mussels, snails, frogs, and small native fish. However, their favourite fare is the yabbie, so if you ever stumble upon a few dismembered yabbie carcasses, the odds are that there is a rakali family nearby.

These sleek and beautiful animals move over the water’s surface, much like a platypus. Imagine a glistening, 1-1.5 kg, brown to black fur-covered animal with a long, blunted and very whiskery nose, an orange to white underbelly and a long, fat tail tipped in tipped snowy-white being driven

along by wide and webbed back feet, and you will get the picture. With a body length of up to 40cm [excluding the tail], they are smaller than a ringtail possum but similar to a fully-grown guinea pig. As their habitats co-exist, rakali and platypus can be mistaken for the other—especially in the half-light of dawn or dusk when the duck-bill and beaver tail of the platypus can be hard to discern—but the snowy white tip of the rakali’s tail is always an unmistakable give away.

Rephrasing the source :<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rakali> ... as rakali often damage the banks of irrigation channels, they were considered ‘nuisance animals’ in the 1930s and were widely hunted. Their soft, waterproof fur was a much-prized alternative pelt when an importation ban on American muskrat pelts threatened the manufacture of the then-in-vogue fur coats and wraps. In 1938, when their numbers rapidly dwindled, a licensed hunting season was introduced that lasted until the 1970s.



Rakalis can be quite aggressive, especially if these normally solitary animals find an interloper encroaching on their territory. Rakali vs. rakali fights are common, and many have biting scars on their tails from past territorial squabbles. They are highly adaptable, living in fresh, slow-moving streams, brackish inland lakes, creeks and wetlands, or coastal estuaries

throughout Australia, New Guinea and their offshore islands. Travelling up to a kilometre a night while foraging, they hide under low, densely vegetated banks while stalking their prey. Though yabbies are their culinary preference, things don’t always go well for these feisty little carnivorous rodents—they are often infested with parasitic worms ingested from their supplementary diet of water snails and other pond life that burrow into the wall of their stomachs or hide under the skin of their shoulders.

Surprisingly, their traditional diet has been recently supplemented with the hearts and livers of the toxic cane toad. Appearing unaffected by the lower doses of poisonous secretion on the toad’s skin, rakalis flip the toads onto their back to avoid the main poison reservoirs in the shoulder glands, then open the bellies and gorge! As the poison in a cane toad will kill a dog, cat, or native Australian reptile, mammal, fish, and bird if ingested, the rakali’s apparent immunity may prove a potent ally to slow their inexorable spread. However, although the rakali population seems stable, urbanisation, salinity, waterway degradation, and pollution will be their greatest threat.

While the scoured banks of the Murray or a heat-seared, arrow-straight Australian irrigation channel are hardly as sylvan as a meandering willow-lined brook in Ratty’s England, I am sure any latter-day Kenneth Grahame could write an equally captivating Otway adventure for our local rakali and platypus families.

The characters might be a little different ... perhaps Percy Platypus, Wobbles Wallaby and Cuddles Koala could accompany Robbie Rakali on a hunt for Mr Yabbie ... but it could be a tale that an imaginative mind might weave into a magical bedtime story.

Western Region Garden Clubs Conference 2024

Hosted by Lorne Gardeners Incorporated

Saturday, 31st August
9AM-4PM

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WESTERN REGION GARDEN CLUBS CONFERENCE

Lorne Gardeners Inc. will host the Western Region Garden Clubs Conference on Saturday 31st August 2024 at the Stribling Reserve Function Centre, 9am to 4pm, with the support of the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria, local businesses, clubs and the Lorne Community Bank.

This meeting of garden enthusiasts is in its 39th year.

Garden focused speakers include:

Michael Robinson-Koss from Otway Greening;

Sally White from Angair;

Lorraine Phelan, Flora and Fauna Author, Photographer and Artist.

Perry Mills, Landscape Architect.

Vasili, SBS garden show host and 3AW radio personality.

and Heidi Martin from Van Loons Nursery and 3AW radio personality.

Plant and produce stalls will be on site and a raffle will be conducted with quality prizes. If you would like to attend, please register prior to 20th August 2024. For more information contact the Lorne Gardeners -lornegardeners@gmail.com or Anne - 0419 568 276



Western Region Garden Clubs Conference 2024



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COUNCIL BOOSTS COMMITMENT TO STRONGER ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN.

As part of its ongoing commitment to environmental leadership, the Surf Coast Shire Council has adopted an updated policy to drive environmentally sustainable design (ESD) in its assets and infrastructure, aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, building in climate adaptation considerations, and improving social sustainability.

The Sustainable Design Policy supports the delivery of the Climate Emergency Response Plan 2021-2031. It ensures that the Council's buildings and infrastructure meet environmentally sustainable design (ESD) standards.

The revised policy broadens the scope of the initial policy to include civil works and open space projects and has an increased focus on climate resilience. The policy also aligns with targets and actions in the newly adopted Circular Economy Action Plan.

The policy sets minimum ESD standards for buildings owned, leased, or managed by Council as well as civil works programs and open space projects.

Objectives for the revised Sustainable Design Policy:

- Demonstrate environmental leadership and climate action
- Ensure new Council facilities, upgrades, and renewals generate positive environmental outcomes
- Ensure all new major Council facilities are carbon neutral over their lifecycle
- Promote the efficient use of resources and transition away from fossil fuels
- Reduce ongoing management costs and improve facility user comfort, health, and productivity
- Promote renewable energy generation and best practice stormwater quality outcomes
- Ensure waste avoidance, reuse, and recycling during construction and operations
- Promote innovation in the delivery of Council facilities, civil works, and open space projects.

Cr Mike Bodsworth said, "Council is proud to adopt this revised Sustainable Design Policy as we are keen to increase our environmental leadership."

This revised policy looks at changing how expenditure and effort have been worked in the past and recognises the significant greenhouse gas emissions related to the construction and operation of buildings.

"This updated policy is designed to ensure Council facilities and infrastructure are designed to meet the challenges of the future, while promoting a healthier, more sustainable environment for our community," said Cr Bodsworth.

SPORTSBRIEFS *By John Ford*

Siren Days in Lorne

Winter Saturdays in Lorne are brought alive by the sound of the football siren at Stribling Reserve heralding the football matches throughout the day. The classic winter sound is like a 'call to arms' to come and watch the football and netball teams do battle. Well sadly there are only TWO more home matches and then all will be quiet. The season winds up as follows:

27th July: Lorne v Apollo Bay

3rd August: Birregurra v Lorne (split Round)

17th August: Lorne v Alvie

24th August: Colac Imperials v Lorne

The finals will be played over the weekends from 31st August through to the Grand Final on Saturday 21st September. It is important to not get ahead of ourselves, but Lorne will feature in the finals. The current CDFL Ladder positions after 14 matches are as follows:

Alvie 13 wins

Lorne 13 wins

Irrewarra-Beeac 10 wins

South Colac 8 wins

Colac Imperials 8 wins

Simpson 7 wins

Followed by Western Eagles, Apollo Bay, Birregurra and Otway Districts.



When compiling this article (20th July) the Lorne football and netball teams were heading out of town to play South Colac on the coldest, wettest and windiest day that you could imagine. The teams representing our town turn up rain, hail or shine, and on this day, Colac served up nearly blizzard conditions. Lorne had a very good win by 44 points with Oscar Coutts, James Hughes, Cole Fox, Xavier Huxtable and Charlie Mc Cartin being among a large group of very good players. Charlie was back with the Dolphins after a brief stint with the Sydney Swans VFL team, but hopefully for the Dolphins he and Xavier Huxtable (surfing commitments) will be available for the remainder of the season.

Ian Walding was there photographing in the mud and rain at South Colac. He wrote:

"Lorne Under 18 V South Colac in the mud, a little bit of rain and even more mud. The netballers also played in the rain, but it was too wet for me to get to that part of the ground.

I encourage all supporters to watch the teams at Stribling Reserve, as I understand that not everyone travels to watch the away matches. It is great to get there early enough to watch the Under 18's, Reserves and Senior matches. To have lunch in front of the grandstand with a large group of cheering supporters is what football is all about, but do not forget that the best viewing position is from the elevated bank near the netball courts, where our netballers give their all every week. GO DOLPHINS!

Callum Norton Wins Desert Race

Lorne's Callum Norton has posted an impressive win in the Hattah Desert race for racing motor bikes. These bikes are powerful machines which have been especially engineered to cope with the dust and mud of the desert, but also to provide comfort and protection for the riders. The event attracts around 800 riders who took part on a variety of machines in different categories. The event was held over three days in northern Victoria where riders first compete in a lead-up event on 5th July to qualify for starting positions. Callum qualified in third place for the event which is a gruelling test of riders, machines and support crews.



In the final, Callum rode extremely well and was generally in second place behind leader Jack Simpson. However, as the hours went by Callum kept riding hard and was well in touch of the lead. Callum then took the lead late in the last lap, partly due to a longer than expected pit stop for the Simpson. Callum held the lead and became the outright

winner in a time of just over four hours – winning by just one minute over Jack Simpson, with Angus Riordan in third place. Handy prizemoney of \$7000 (major sponsor Penrite) for 23-year-old Callum, who we should not forget is a very handy golfer, footballer and tennis player!

Women's Golf

July weather is often not so conducive to golf games in Lorne, seemingly particularly on a Tuesday when it often seems to be raining! However...when we can we do, and when we can't we meet for coffee....or head up to the Murray!!

Club Golf Results and news:

The June Monthly Medal competition, played in late June, was very close, with a countback required to find the winner. It was our Captain Chris Angus, who was very happy to be the 5th medalist for this year.

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Our social club organised our annual Club trip to the Murray region, and this year we broke away from the tradition of Rich River at Moama/Echuca - instead travelling a little further to Barham. (Pronounced Ba-ram, not Bar ham!!)

There was a large group of both Women and Men who made the 4.5-hour journey from Lorne and were rewarded with beautiful blue skies and warm weather (relatively). Over 2 days we played 2 rounds of golf. First in an individual competition, then in a mixed Irish 3 ball. The course was lovely, with some challenges we do not see at Lorne - in particular a large bunker, reputedly known as "Gallipoli" - It is so big and high, and it was definitely somewhere you did not want your ball to go! It made our bunker on the ninth hole look easy!! Each evening, we met for drinks, recapping the days events, and then dinner, and announcing the days winners! Day 1 saw Anne Maree Kennedy win for the women, and Rodney Angus had the round of his dreams winning for the Men. Day 2 the dream team with Anne Maree, Martyn Gilbert, and Richard Halpin took the trophy and the money! It was a wonderful trip away, with lots of laughs and great golf.

SWGA Golf:

For the third year consecutively, LCC entered a 6-person team to the President's Cup, this year held at Clifton Springs. This team of 6 includes a Men's Pair, a Women's Pair and a mixed pair playing in a Pinehurst format, where the total team score is combined. Well...this year, we all found Clifton Springs course a little difficult - particularly holding their greens on approach, and allowing for the speed on the greens, and so we did not come away with the chocolates.... But in true Lorne tradition, Richard Halpin won a raffle prize - a voucher for 4 persons to play 18 holes at Clifton Springs!!!

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 experience, or if you have any questions, please call Sue Neill on 0418 674 062, or Chris Angus on 0439 008 167.

Happy Golfing - Danni De Bon

Q: What do Lorne Women golfers do during July?

A: Go North!



Noela Rollinson and Jan Young in Noosa - still being active!

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.

WINTER FUEL REDUCTION PROGRAM UNDERWAY IN LORNE IN PREPARATION FOR FIRE SEASON

The Surf Coast Shire Council's annual winter fuel reduction program has commenced, with the focus this year on Lorne.

The program aims to reduce fuel loads on public and private properties ahead of the fire season, with the Council officers and residents working together in a targeted area.

The Surf Coast Shire is one of the highest fire risk areas in Victoria and Lorne is a high priority area for fuel reduction.

Each year a different area is targeted, and the program complements fire break and fuel reduction burns undertaken by Forest Fire Management Victoria and Parks Victoria. The fuel reduction program has run since 2009 managing fuel loads across Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven and Moggs Creek during that time.

The Council has contacted residents within the program area in Lorne outlining the program with advice on managing vegetation around homes and buildings.

The Council Community Fire Safety and Environment Officers will be in Lorne removing vegetation from public land, including road reserves and roadsides. They are available to provide advice on fire prevention, identify how vegetation can be managed to reduce fire risk while maintaining environmental values and answer any questions about the program.

"Reducing the bushfire risk in the Surf Coast Shire is everyone's responsibility, and it is never too soon to start preparations. Summer will be here before we know it", says Cr Gary Allen.

General guidelines for removing vegetation include:

- Always consider safety first.
- Trim vegetation to create a clearance zone from buildings of two metres.
- Remove any woody weeds. Find out more about woody weeds at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/weeds
- Thin out dense vegetation close to buildings or fences and create breaks in hedges.

For more information about fire prevention surfcoast.vic.gov.au/fireready

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LORNE HOLIDAY RENTAL

From the team at Great Ocean Road Real Estate

LORNE GARDENERS' CAMPERDOWN OUTING

By Roger Lawton, Secretary



Not surprisingly, when you ask a gardener would they be happy to share their private space with a group, you often hear the comment that 'you should come when my gardens is at its best, usually in the Spring'. A garden lives 365 days a year and each day gardens offer different experiences. Here are two wonderful experiences on a cold winter's day.

On the first Monday in July, we ventured off to Camperdown at the enthusiastic and gracious invitations of Carol and John Eagle to see their private garden and of Janet O'Hehir and volunteers to experience and wander through the public space of the Camperdown Botanic Gardens.

Carol greeted us mid-morning. She and her husband John have a garden on a sizable township block, and it has been designed and planted to balance the commanding two-storey residence, which was part of the former Church of England Grammar School. The building is known as the 'Master's House'.

Typical of the season, the garden is full of leafless branches and skeletal twigs, with dead leaves strategically, neatly raked and mulched beneath trees and on the garden beds. The closely planted boundary trees, possibly now reaching some 10 metres tall, are Lombardy Poplars, and in their bare state you can still appreciate the privacy and containment they give to the garden.

A generously proportioned arbor anchored pruned plantings of New Dawn Rose on every post. Varieties of David Austin and other roses doubled up around the base. Other interesting plantings were coppiced Manchurian Pears with hanging baskets of tuberous begonias. These survive very nicely outside in all seasons. The garden also featured well planted and pruned English Box hedges and a young 'Japanese seedless' Mandarin tree. The fruits were savoured by most members. And out of the ordinary, large and prolifically fruit producing avocado and pistachio trees were seen in the vegetable and orchard area.

The winter season may lack the floral scents and vibrancy of colour of other seasons, but with their joy for gardening, and

energy in planning and maintaining a garden for all seasons, Carol and John gave the Club members a memorable day. Also, the visit included seeing Carol's Art Studio – Peacock Hall.

The afternoon visit to Camperdown Botanic Gardens gave us another wonderful experience.

The Gardens commenced with Daniel Bunce, the first Curator of the Geelong Botanic Gardens in 1857. He provided advice on the design of the Camperdown Public Park in 1870 and then later William Guilfoyle, Director of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens, prepared a further plan and planting list for proposed improvements in 1890.

The large public space is located out of town, perched high with commanding views of lakes, hills and plateaus. In recent times the gardens have received the enthusiastic attention of a group of locals, who achieved the formation of the Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum Trust in 2013.

Since then, the Trust has been able to engage with authorities and mobilise a community of volunteers, led with the botanical expertise of Janet O'Hehir, honorary curator. Janet and volunteers guided us through the history and the recent transformations that have been achieved through their great efforts. All were very admirable.

The gardens have many outstanding aged and listed trees. It is lush and bursting with the abundance of new plantings. It has been magnificently maintained and the Trust has a great vision for the future development of the Gardens and Arboretum. The gardens are outstanding and thanks to the Camperdown team, the visit was informative and thoroughly enjoyable.



Interested in becoming a councillor?



Surf Coast Shire Council is hosting a free information session for individuals who are considering running in the October 2024 Council election.

This session will be held at:

Council's Civic Office
1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay
6pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 4 September

This will be a combined session presented by Council and the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), with the agenda including:

- The VEC Election Manager will provide information on how to nominate as a candidate. Several processes have changed following the 2020 Council election, so prospective candidates are encouraged to attend even if they have attended sessions for previous elections.
- Council's CEO Robyn Seymour and members of the Executive Management Team will discuss the role of Council in the community including functions and priorities, and challenges facing Council during the next four years and beyond.
- Council officers will provide an overview of a councillor's conduct, integrity, and governance obligations, and information on recent legislative changes. Candidates will also be given information about the support that is available to councillors, an outline of the councillor induction process and time commitments.

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THE LORNE MEN'S SHED BUILDS SEATS

By Garry Fenton

Earlier in 2024, Janet Smartt from the Lorne Hospital (Great Ocean Road Health) asked if the Men's Shed may be interested in building three timber seats against the footpath near the Hospital for the use of Hospital Staff, patients and the public.



The Shedders agreed to build the seats and the Lorne Community Bank paid for the timber. Surf Coast Council had to sign off on the project as the seats were on Council Land. The Council installed the completed seats.

Some Men's Shed Members noted at that time, the timber entrance to the Hospital looked very shabby and suggested they could make a matching solid timber entrance. Janet Smartt put forward the suggestion to the Hospital Board



which was readily accepted. The Community Bank again offered to pay for the timber.

Enter John Hurley. John lives and works in Melbourne but has the family farm at Lake Burrumbeet near Ballarat. He has been coming to the family holiday home in Lorne "for ever". Thirty years ago, an 800-year-old red gum tree on the banks of the lake, blew over in a storm. John had it milled into 3metre lengths 150 X 50mm and professionally stored under his wool shed. As he could see he would never get around to using it, he offered the timber to the Men's Shed.

Several Shedders travelled to the farm and loaded the 2.5 tonnes of Red Gum onto a trailer and then stacked it appropriately in the storage area in the Men's Shed. This timber will be used for a range of projects to be built at the Shed over the next few years.

The first project was the entrance to the Hospital which was completed and installed on 5th July 2024. Local Builder, Andrew Little and his team installed the Red Gum entrance at no cost, as a donation toward the project.

We thank John Hurley for his generosity both to the Men's Shed and to the Hospital Entrance project.



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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

Have you noticed that there seems to be a newfangled way to acknowledge those on the road who pull over into the 'slow drivers' turnouts? Not a big toot. Not a big wave. But a short press on the emergency flashing lights button says it all!! Like it? I do.

Years ago when Chick and Ken were in charge of the Post Office we had a town Border Collie. Maggie was tiny when she was first tied up outside the Post Office while her owners walked her and worked as well. She charmed every customer and had a most wonderful life! Miss Much Loved. And now Leon and Katie and the boys have a tiny border collie named Jet. A great addition to this fabulous 'on the beach' eatery – Café Hah. A new little town dog for all of us to enjoy.

It appears that Karen Stribling and Tyrone Provan have taken over Great Ocean Road Real Estate. Both have been involved in the Company for at least 20 years. Let's hope Ian Stewart is going to enjoy some well-earned retirement time.



Sad to hear that Bonnie Castle passed away just short of her 105th birthday. She had an amazing life, - much of it in Lorne and many of us got to know her through our participation in Lornecare. She and her very good friend (at the time) used to feed us divine cakes and biscuits – a job which dear Dawn Carrington took over from them. Hope Bonnie's cooking with her darling Bill once more. RIP Bonnie and Go Pies.



After coming second at the incredibly difficult Finke Desert dirt bike race, Callum Norton had a big win at the Penrite Hattah Desert Race. The Seniors race is 8 laps – each 37 kms – and his final lap was amazing to watch. His supportive family must have been over the moon watching Callum win, especially with his old riding buddy Zac Riordan coming in second! Check out the race on Google – it is positively terrifying – Lorne should be very very proud of you Callum!

Having observed a Tesla with an L Plate recently, I was most surprised. Google tells us that Probationary Drivers (ie P platers) are not permitted to operate such powerful, all-electric luxury vehicles as Teslas, BMWs and Genesis until they hold a full Licence. One hopes they obey this rule.

Have you seen the now completed great new bus stop and unloading zone at the back of the school? Looks awesome

It's wonderful to meet a new potential friend in our little town! And so, it is with sparkly, positive, ready to laugh – Maria Bortolotto! She and her partner Donald Bennett have just spent seven years in France, despite her Italian surname. Returning home to Lorne must be strange, but she is such a goer and has immediately started an interiors company – c/w snazzy business cards and ID on her vehicle! Message her for a dose of fun and positivity on 0418 951155 – and maybe the chance to wave her wand over your Lorne abode!! And yes, she was connected to the Bortolotti Restaurant!

Last month we referred to plants for your garden which snakes hate! As promised, now we have a list of plants which attract snakes! Mostly this is for their scents, or for the presence of shelter and/or water. Citrus is a fave with snakes – not as a food source, but because these fruits when dropped, attract rodents which then attract snakes. So keep the areas under berry bushes, or fruit trees clean! Snakes love plants which offer shelter - eg clover, tall grasses, cypress, Juniper bushes, Jasmine, Milkweed, Plantation lilies, and they love the scent of Sandlewood trees. In fact, who doesn't? As we all know, they also love woodpiles and rockgardens. So basically, they are searching for nice scents, shelter and water. Can't blame them – but let's do our best this summer to discourage them!!

I was just interrupted by a Phone call by an Indian sounding man alerting me that someone was trying to pay for 2 Apple Gift cards to the value of \$900 on my Pay Pal account. Really? Says me. Feeling sick! He wanted me to type 'my Ip country' on to Google Chrome and press search. I refused to. "I feel very nervous and suspicious" I said. But I am from Pay Pal Security. How do I know that? Because I told you that. Doh! I hung up and got on to the Pay Pal Chat Line and they checked their records and they had NOT called my number. Bloody hell. Will this all ever end?? On on.

And now a text supposedly from the Bendigo Bank saying a lock has been put on my account. Delete Delete Don't the crooks know that in Lorne our gorgeous local bank would ring me up if anything was amiss!!

I took the dog for our annual drive along Smith Street to see the wattle in bloom. Beautiful and an even brighter yellow than last year. Love it. Started on Armytage Street – The Pier end! Nearly fainted when I saw a gigantic building has shot up in that street. Apartments! Yes more. We'll fill them easily and the lucky new owners will be welcomed to our community.

Could not help noticing three huge new buildings under construction – in Smith Street going South from the Hospital. Well - two well under way, and the third with scaffolding. And just across Varna Valley stands the gorgeous old Varna homestead which is about to undergo some big renovations, sympathetic to the era and age of the historic house. The night that the construction fence went up a herd of roos got trapped, and looked like they were in a Zoo. One leapt the side fence and headed up over-the-road's drive, the other three were too busy eating to look for an exit. My excellent reporter is delighted that the Coral Tree is protected by an efficient looking fence.

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Speaking of kangaroos – a pretty wallaby was killed in our street last weekend. A huge river of what I thought was red paint, but the dog knew better and could not get enough of it. Until we noticed the wallaby lying peacefully in the gutter. Thankfully dead. Obviously hit in the stomach and I was stunned by the contents of its stomach. A huge amount of green what looked like stuffing – but was in fact my veggie garden and grass. On returning from our beach walk and determined to ring someone, I noticed green spray paint denoting it had been reported. I thought to myself how good it would be if the spray paint could be in the shape of a love heart. But have no idea who administered the can, but I thank them sincerely because the next morning he had disappeared. Living the dream in Lorne is not always pretty. And sorry if you are eating a meal while you read this. You are lucky I did not describe how amazed I was by the bon bon parcel of the contents of his bowel.

A delightful group of Op Shop volunteers who had worked with Loris Yorke gathered recently to help celebrate her 100th Birthday. Looking round the beautiful caring faces I felt so honoured to be in such special company. I smiled when told that Loris loves Fruity Lexia! “But only one glass a night!”

Doug Stirling turned 102 this week. He’s a great example to us all – tootling round town in his tiny green car – on the footpaths. Always with a smile. Did you know Doug spent his entire life in Lorne – born here – so definitely a local! He actually started Lorne Electrics. Well done, Doug. We love you so very much mate.... Lillian xx

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Point Grey Redevelopment Survey Results

Earlier this year we encouraged our members to complete a survey regarding the redevelopment of Point Grey. A huge thank you from our committee to all our members who filled it out. The response was so good it set a record for all the surveys that GORCC and GORCAPA have ever sent out for the entire Great Ocean Road.

Below is a report penned by our Treasurer and The Chairman of the Committee For Lorne, His Highness John Higgins. : "This week saw the release of the Point Grey Community Values Survey by the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCAPA). The survey which was conducted over March and April 2024 sought to "formally capture what community members and visitors have expressed about Point Grey over many years, and to understand any changes in sentiment" and received an extraordinary 1141 responses, substantially more than any other survey conducted by GORCAPA, or its predecessor GORCC. The report can be found [here](#)."

For many of us who have lived with the Point Grey Precinct redevelopment over many years, there was nothing surprising in the survey results, which were remarkably similar to a previous survey conducted in 2018 (yes, 6 years ago!). The main findings highlighted in the report were:

The importance of views from the public open space. The recognition and preservation of the precinct's fishing history and character. The importance of maintaining green open space. Two separate buildings for the Aquatic Club (LAAC) and new "food and drinks premises". The need for modest and environment-respectful building design, and incorporation of building materials from the Fishing Co-op building.

Whilst not highlighted in the report, or its publication (not mentioned in "key findings"), less than 1% of respondents favoured a one-building solution or moving the Aquatic Club building! While this outcome may not suit some in the bureaucracy, it is an emphatic statement of the community's sentiment and must be respected. The report states that the Aquatic Club has developed into a very important part of the Point Grey precinct, serving as a "recreational and social hub for many locals and visitors to the area". The LAAC was referred to as a "pillar of the community", with a clear consensus that any relocation or major changes would lead to a "disconnection with Lorne". No surprises there!

This month, the CRG (Community Reference Group) will hold its fifth meeting since its formation in late 2023. To date, the meetings have involved information-gathering by the project architects and consultants, and the CRG members gaining an understanding of the myriad regulations and approvals that will be required to bring the project to

fruition. We are hopeful that we will start to see some real plans on the table so that the project can progress along its already tight timeframe. Watch this space.

Surf Coast Shire have received some extra funding for Positive Ageing Month in October, to assist with running more inclusive events and activities and are looking to once again run their very popular Wiser Driver Courses. The courses comprise 4x two-hour sessions over the month and are funded by VicRoads and Surf Coast Shire Council, so they are free to participants. It is a refresher course, no driving is required, and in no way is this an attempt to take your driver licence from you. For further information or to register for the course, please contact Rose Salvo, Age Friendly Officer, Surf Coast Shire Council 5261 0600.

Recent Events :

Winter Cup Fishing Competition Number Two

Sponsored by Gary Keane Brick Block & Scaffolding

Conditions were sunny but cold with a moderate Easterly. It was pretty lumpy for the boats, but the Staley Boys braved it and caught a nice feed of Flathead. We had a good number of Anglers and some nice fish weighed in. Everyone enjoyed a lovely mixed grill thanks to David and Anne who cooked it and Annie for making her usual beautiful salads. Amazingly every winner in this comp were Pier Anglers. Us Boaties are copping a flogging

SNAPPERS

The Snappers were back for their monthly gathering recently. They meet on the first Friday of each month. All Welcome.



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From page 20**Donation To Cancer Research**

We donated a generous amount to local identity Aaron Gordon recently, who entered the Shitbox Rally as a fundraiser for Cancer Research. He and a mate bought an old Volvo for \$1500 and drove it off-road through the outback arriving in Alice Springs in only 7 days. They raised an amazing \$20,000.

Mermaids

Lorne has a famous group of young ladies (they were once) who meet at the main beach every morning, 365 days of the year at 7.30am for a dip in the ocean. Some just have a dip, some boogie board and others have a swim. They have a lovely time with lots of chatter and laughs.

All are welcome to join in. There was a rumour that on the morning of the winter solstice some of them forgot to bring their togs. Apparently there's a few sea creatures and sea birds now in therapy and there have been reports of seagulls deliberately flying into brick walls.

**Remote Island Fishing Trip**

Every year a group of us head up to Burketown in the Gulf Country then fly out to an island called Sweers Island for a week of fishing. Burketown claims to be the most remote town in Australia so it's not easy to get to. Each year we run a fishing competition amongst ourselves which is organised by Chris Tutungi AKA Tull. It lasts for 7 days.

Last year we got double points for catching fish on soft plastics and this year Tull handed out cockatoo feathers, hooks, fuse wire and red plastic plugs to make our own lures from. We only had enough material to make 2 lures each.

If you caught a fish on one you got 5 points. They were a huge success with some of the group catching more fish with them than their expensive lures. I thought I'd be clever and found a black turkey feather to use on my lures. I didn't catch one fish on them and came stone motherless last in the comp.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****Winter Cup Fishing Competition Number Three**

Sponsored By Hillec Steve Hill Electrician Camperdown
Sunday 4th August 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 mixed grill 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. It's great fun.

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ARTS IN LORNE

By Jan Spring



Surf Coast Arts Trail @ Lorne Community Connect

Lorne Community Connect is pleased to be part of the Surf Coast Shire Arts Trail. We will have two exciting artists who have not previously displayed at LCC occupying the small space and the large room.

The artists are:



Rob Kain who has worked in the field of Fine Arts for over 50 years. He has a fascination for the shapes, shades and colours found in nature which has increased since his move to Anglesea ten years ago. Rob said, "I discovered that many of the same shapes seen in the natural world could be found by adding acrylic paint to droplets of water and photographing the result." His new work is beautiful, complex and exciting.

Joshua James is a proud Noongar Wardandi man originally from WA who now resides in Victoria. He describes himself as an



"emerging artist with my inspiration for creating traditional and contemporary designs being to share my/our Aboriginal voice, truth telling and storytelling through my design and art".

The Surf Coast Arts Trail

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of August.

More information at - <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Experience/Arts-culture-and-heritage/2024-Surf-Coast-Arts-Trail>

Planning is underway for the 2025 Photographic Exhibition. A new curator and a special judge have been appointed.

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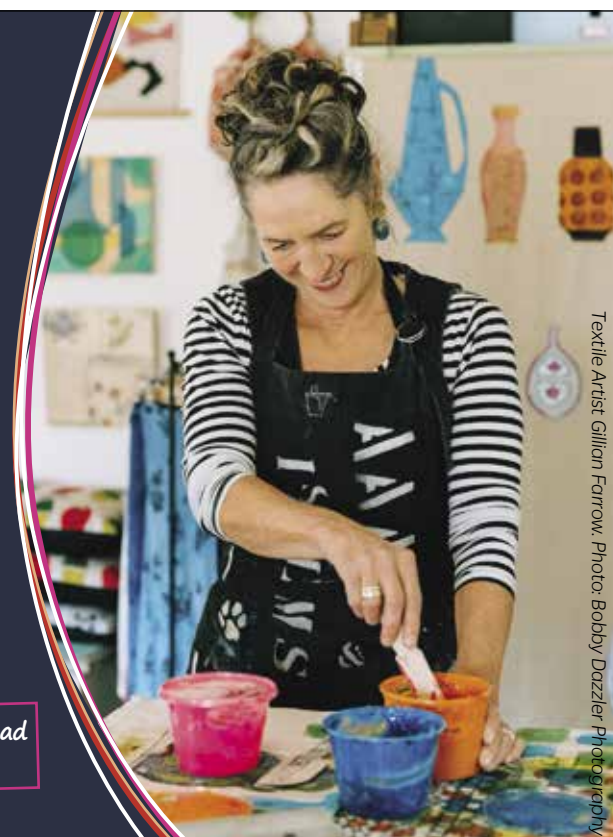
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PILKIP

The Pilkip is historically found only in Australian coastal waters. They are most commonly found in calm water along the coastline between Anglesea and Wye River. The Pilkip is an amphibious creature which lives, plays and feeds in the water during the daylight then comes ashore in the early evening to nest in the branches of trees at night. Pilkips are related to both the weedy seadragon and the ring-tail possum. Pilkips can become quite colourful in the water during the daylight and only dull their colours if danger is present. In the evening the Pilkip lights up its leafy tendrils until it is ready to sleep.

In recent times (since the 1970's) the Pilkip has been listed as "Most Possibly Extinct" and there have been no documented sightings.

UNTIL NOW.

Although the Pilkip's habitat has been drastically reduced, it has been re-discovered in the sheltered waters of Loutit Bay by local fisherman Ray Team who managed to film the creature during a morning fishing session on the pier. Both the scientific world and the community of Lorne are very excited!

BUT...there is always a BUT.

A developer has earmarked Lorne's beachside real estate for a massive re-development, including accommodation and a 100-berth marina! This will destroy the Pilkip's habitat forever.....unless the town can save them.

LORNE P-12 SCHOOL PRODUCTION.

DATE- Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 of September.

TIME – 6.30pm

VENUE- Lorne Community Pavilion

The Lorne P-12 College have written the story of the PILKIP and are busily rehearsing the script for our performance of the play.

Please come along and help us to save the PILKIP.

Tickets will be available in August.

**The Pilkip is a fictional creature
created by Lorne students.*

NEW OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

We are thrilled to announce the installation of our newest fitness equipment at the front of the school along Smith Street. The funds for this project were donated by local businesses and also raised by our dedicated parents and friends through the foreshore markets, parking at the bike races, and other local fundraisers. **We would like to thank our major contributors – Lorne Aquatic Club, BIG4 Wye River and Great Ocean Road Builders.**

This initiative was driven by our students, who highlighted the need for more activity equipment for older students to use during recess, lunchtime, and PE classes. They requested an outdoor gym to enhance both their physical and mental fitness.



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FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

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



The Council resolved at its July meeting to formally note a combined progress report from its Economic Development Strategy 2021-31, Creative Places Strategy 2023-2031 and Australian National Surfing Museum Master Plan.

There are two Lorne-related outcomes that I would like to highlight:

1. the Australian Surf Rowing Championships held in Lorne over four days in February '23. The nation's best surf boat crews from all states of Australia and from New Zealand gathered to compete. The event generated over \$1 million in economic activity, and it was broadcast to a national audience.
2. the annual visitation numbers for the exhibition at the Lorne Visitors Information Centre telling the story of the Great Ocean Road construction was 32,059, with the impact multiplied as these visitors tell family and friends, there is a significant boost to our tourist economy. The Lorne Historical Society played a crucial role in curating the display and has many significant exhibits on loan to the exhibition.

Anglesea – McMillan Street Precinct

At the same meeting the concept plan for the McMillan St. precinct development at Anglesea was approved. The inclusion of affordable accommodation for essential workers is a controversial element in the plan. A survey conducted in the community showed that 52 percent of the respondents approved of the location of the housing in the plan. However, when you look at the approval percentage in respondents below the age of 65, the approval rate dramatically increases over 60 percent and to 79 percent for respondents under 45. I have consistently supported all of the efforts undertaken in the Shire to increase the availability of affordable housing for essential workers. We are using council owned land that will, remain council owned, to leverage a housing provider to build such accommodation.

We must plan for the future, and it is gratifying that younger residents understand and support our efforts. Whilst there is much work still to be done in Anglesea and with the Aireys Inlet Fraser Drive project further advanced, the Council will now turn its attention to Lorne, where land availability is more complex. The 24/25 budget has an allocation to begin this work.

Winter Fuel Reduction

The Council's annual winter fuel reduction program has commenced, with the focus this year on Lorne. The program aims to reduce fuel loads on public and private properties ahead of the fire season, with the Council officers and residents working together in a targeted area. The program complements fire break and fuel reduction burns undertaken by Forest Fire Management Victoria and Parks Victoria. The Council has contacted residents within the program area in Lorne outlining the program with advice on managing vegetation around homes and buildings. Our community fire safety and environment officers will be in Lorne removing vegetation from public land, including road reserves and roadsides. They are available to provide advice on fire prevention, identify how vegetation can be managed to reduce fire risk while maintaining environmental values and answer any questions about the program.

The 2024 Arts Trail

The Shire's Arts Trail will be held over the weekend of Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 of August. The trail has become a significant part of our Arts program. For example, last year there were 58 venues with nearly 17,000 people visiting with total art sales across the weekend exceeding \$240,000. This year there are 54 venues to visit and if you scan the bar code at each studio that you visit you will be eligible to win one of three \$250 prizes. The more studios that you check into, the more chance you have to win. In Lorne two artists, Joshua James and Robert Kain, will exhibit their work at Lorne Community Connect. The exhibition is open from 10am until 4pm.

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EDITORIAL By Janet Goud - Editor

Many thanks to all you faithful Lorne readers and advertisers for the solid support we received. This resulted in our selling out the July Bumper issue. Now we can continue publishing without walking the tightrope each month between breaking even and loss.

Our real Winter has only begun this month with some extremely cold days, but already the wattles and jonquils are bursting out to cheer us up. We know the air in Lorne is extremely pure coming from the largely uninhabited areas of our planet straight into our lungs.



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Perhaps this is why we have so many wonderful older residents like Doug Stirling (see his interesting “Walk down Marine Parade 1935” in this issue) He has just turned 102 and was feted in town by his many friends and interest groups. The Men’s Shed and the Historical Society are but two of his regular interests. He has fantastic recall of his idyllic childhood growing up in Lorne and we will feature some of his stories in the coming months. His book is a steady seller at the Fishing Exhibition at the pier and the Lorne Book Shop and is required reading for any newcomers to town who need background history.



Also, this month Loris Yorke turned 100 and had many celebrations with groups like the Op shop and the many people she has affected in her long and busy life in Lorne. Loris joined the Op Shop in the mid 80’s after becoming friends with Gwen Mockridge – mother of a present-day volunteer. Loris has a long history as a volunteer and only stopped “working” a few years ago.



Also recently, Mr. Geoff Jarratt died just last year aged 101 and was a founder of our beloved Anglers and Aquatic Club. He originally ran the massive Laundry which provided the starched sheets for all the Guesthouses in Lorne. He was a handy man who could turn his hand to many things, and he worked part time till he was in his 80’s.



Bonnie Castles, who many knew and loved, died recently, just before her 105th birthday. (see her Eulogy)

Audrey McCloud, another Op Shop identity, also lived to be 100 and died recently.

So, we, some of whom are in our “young” old age can look forward to many more years breathing fresh air, drinking clean water and getting lots of exercise by hiking up and down hills and even our own driveways. We have all this, and then there is the glory of our scenery. This should make us all content and appreciate every day we have. Lorne residents' happiness index should challenge that of Bhutan.

While many parts of our world are in very sad and frightening turmoil, let us be grateful for our little Paradise.

EULOGY FOR BONNIE

It's with much sadness that we said our goodbyes to our beautiful Aunt, Bonnie Castle, who lived in Lorne for the most of her life.

Bonnie and Bill were a huge part of the Lorne community. She passed away just a couple of weeks away from her 105th birthday.

She had an amazing life and made so many friends along the way. Bonnie will be sadly missed.

You will notice the flag in Lorne is at half-mast for Bonnie

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Bonnie passed away peacefully at Griffiths Point Lodge, San Remo, at the amazing age of 104.

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GARDEN ORNAMENTS

By Doug Williams

It may be the depths of Winter, but jonquils have been flowering. Daffodils are appearing. There are some winter flowering wattles to be seen and as we drive up the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road. We can tell that it won't be long before thousands of yellow blossoms along this road will turn it into one of the prettiest drives in the state.

As we drive, we've been seeing some timeless garden ornaments from back in the day. Ones synonymous with that aspect of Aussie culture that has given us property names like 'Weowna' and 'Dunroamin', 'Dodropinn' and the all-time favourite: 'Didyabringagrogalong'. Out on the front lawn there would need to be the swan made out of an old car tyre - painted white of course - That much-loved garden embellishment which probably first appeared on front lawns in the 1950s. Throughout the nation, landscape designers had not yet appeared over the privet hedge. Their existence was virtually unknown. Garden presentation was something the house owner took pride in doing himself and did so in an unselfconscious manner. So, garden ornaments were simply plonked in the front yard. Employ a landscaper? What is that? No thanks, I can do that myself.

A plaster Mexican burro towing a cart or a Mexican snoozing under a sombrero were pretty common, and it wasn't hard to spot a plaster kangaroo, a pelican or a wishing well. In some cases, all of the above could be found and the garden became a clutter of



kitsch. More stylish perhaps(?), a lone pink flamingo offered an earthy elegance to the landscaped front yard. Or to the interface between private residence and the public domain as it may well be described as in today-speak. Of course, what we see proliferating in urban landscapes today are bronze cranes – sometimes solitary, sometimes in a group of three. These reference the plaster cast flamingos of the mid twentieth century.

Garden gnomes, for many years a humble and much-loved feature of suburban front yards, enjoyed a resurgence in popularity a few years back after a spate of gnome kidnappings made news in the media. The unassuming garden gnome is today still a steadying influence in any garden. It's a staple of that branch of garden design which combines a certain old fashioned naiveté with a hip self-parodying of the culture it is derived from. A gnome in a garden is a bit of fun and always brings a smile to my face. As a rule, modern day garden gnomes still follow the traditional white bearded-pointy hat trope but if you take a closer look in some gardens they have reached beyond their traditional role as guardian, to a bringer of good luck, of fertility and abundance.

If we regard the early garden gnome as a reflection of a simpler time of cheerful but conservative social norms there has been a shift over the decades so that while the effect is still a comedic one a genre of cheeky gnomes has sprung up. Of course, at the end of the day the culture is still pretty kitsch no matter which way you slice it but how about a gnome in a mankini and sunglasses with a slab of beer on his shoulder? A zombie gnome? You can jump online and buy a gnome taking a leak, one with a semi automatic weapon, a meditating gnome or gnomes playing guitar or playing golf - The whole nine yards really. A gnome for each and every garden. And the beauty of it all is that you can simply design your garden yourself and chose your own gnome.

P.S. I'd be grateful for any grape cuttings from anyone.

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OP SHOP BUZZ - 100 UP FOR LORIS *By John Ford*



On 23rd July our volunteers were thrilled to celebrate Loris Yorke's One Hundredth Birthday morning tea at Lorne Central. Loris joined the Op Shop team in the 1980's and has been a valued member ever since.

Her sharp wit and accuracy of detail has kept us all on our toes over this time. Loris was presented with a hamper, home-grown flowers and a card thanks to Sandy, Heather and Karen. A 100th birthday banner decorated the shop for the delicious morning tea. Well done, Loris.

Meanwhile our temporary shop at 6 Mountjoy Parade near the Erskine River roundabout is being well received by the public. Donations of good clean saleable items have been steady, and the number of customers browsing and purchasing has been excellent for these winter months.



Meanwhile the refurbishment of our premises at 98 Mountjoy Parade is progressing very well including the necessary concrete cutting and removal. Passers by will have noticed the large skip bin being loaded outside the shop.

On 24th June the volunteers were welcomed to an afternoon tea at the Lorne P-12 College to visit the refurbished 'Dolls House'. The Op Shop had assisted with a large donation to help facilitate the upgrade to the historic former Headmaster's house which is being used as a music room and studio. Our volunteers toured the Dolls House, new science building and kitchen where students had prepared and baked our delicious afternoon tea. The students then presented the Op Shop with a thank you donation to purchase a gift for our new shop. This was raised by the students having previously run a \$1 sausage sizzle fundraiser. Thanks to VCAL co-ordinator Cherie Osta for her inspired support. The photos show the afternoon tea gathering and the new science room.

PLANNING PROPOSAL FURTHER EXPLAINED *By Penny Hawe*

Last month I wrote that Friends of Lorne is considering systematic review of planning applications, like the resident association does in Aireys Inlet (AIDA). We don't know if we have the capacity yet to do it. But we thought it would be a good thing in principle.

It turns out that some of you think so too. The Council is letting too many things through which they should not, you said. But some of you don't think it is a good idea. To the extent that this is due to insufficient information, maybe this can help.

It would not be retrospective

Houses that are already built or in progress would be excluded.

What we mean by capacity.

Capacity means person-power, skill sets, and process. We did not automatically assume lawyers. We are not gearing up to

take fellow residents to court. Clerical work is involved. And the main task would be done by someone with architectural or planning experience. They would look at compliance with the planning control (Neighbourhood Character Overlay) and see if it fits. If it does not, we could submit an objection during the planning advertising period. If the Council approved a residential application (making applicants happy) we don't expect to contest it.

What's our focus? And what's not?

We don't expect to be engaged in many types of matters that affect immediate neighbours. Things like view loss, privacy loss, noise, or shadowing are truly not our business. We care about all-of-Lorne issues. Our interest is things like streetscape, being non-prominent in the landscape, vegetation retention and wildlife corridors. Those things currently get lost.

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DOG PERSONALITIES AND THEIR HEALTH

By Liz Brown Local vet

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), which incorporates acupuncture, Chinese herbs and other practices, looks at the health of an individual within their environment.

Through thousands of years practitioners of TCM have been able to recognize patterns and have noticed that many factors can work together to cause disease and many disease outcomes can have a variety of causes. That sounds a bit like an excuse for not always coming up with the correct answer, to a problem, but some patterns are consistent. They have been able to divide most personalities into five major categories and have found that each category has both its strengths and weaknesses. These categories are Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal and Water.

Wood is related to the season, Spring. So that brings to mind new beginnings, warming up and green. Dogs that come into this category tend to be the working dogs such as kelpies and border collies. They need a job and love to be kept active and stimulated. Wood dogs can work well on their own. They tolerate others but can get angry and snappy if frustrated. High energy describes them well. Wood is related to the Liver, which is responsible for keeping ligaments pliable, storing Blood and maintaining the reproductive organs. From this it can extrapolated that Wood dogs are prone to ligament injuries, dry itchy skin, neurological issues such as epilepsy and reproductive problems. They may also suffer from conjunctivitis.

Fire is the Summer element and it's organ is the Heart. The Heart holds all the emotions with joy being its central emotion while the other emotions originate elsewhere in the body. Fire dogs sing and can be rather needy. I'm thinking of those little lap dogs like chihuahuas and possibly staffis. They will often bite if they feel threatened such as in a vet clinic. Behavioural problems and heat issues tend to be their grindstone.

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A certain amount of vegetation removal is permitted by the bushfire overlay. We can't change that. But we can object to excessive vegetation removal. And simple information can make a difference. For example, applicants might propose to remove hedges and replace them with a canopy tree. But if they knew that the vegetation was rufous bristle bird habitat (vital local knowledge) they might change their mind. In one case, that is exactly what the applicants did. Canopy trees are of no value to (endangered) ground dwelling birds.

And if the proposal fits with the Neighbourhood Character Overlay (NCO) there won't be any cause for objection anyway.

AIDA objects to only 25% of all residential applications. Of these Council agrees with the objection in about one third of cases. The most frequent changes made in order to better comply were (1) creating more space between buildings and (2) reducing landscape/vegetation impact. This is still beneficial in our view. The objection rate in Lorne may be higher. More people have bold plans. But they are still subject to the same NCO.

Earth is the late Summer element. It is characterised by the colour yellow and manifests in the Spleen. The Spleen controls the transformation of food and its transportation so you can imagine the typical labrador being an Earth dog. They are food lovers which can be their downfall. They are friendly to everyone, would never bite and are able think through problems. Earth dogs are prone to lumps and bumps, intestinal issues, blood disorders and muscle problems.

Metal is for Autumn and the Lungs. Think of a greyhound, with their long face, and you have the picture of the typical Metal dog. They look a little depressed most of the time and are quite happy to stay lying in front of the fire in their beds. Respiratory problems may plague them as well as skin issues and constipation. They tend to be a bit aloof.

Water is the Winter element. Dogs that fit into this category are those that are difficult to fit in anywhere else. Think of the way water moves and fills in deep hollows and parts around objects. It has a mind of its own and will comply if it suits it to. These dogs don't necessarily need company. Often spaniels are put in the Water group. Water is the element of the Kidneys which is where the life source is stored. Bladder problems could arise and joint disease, such as arthritis, is often seen in Water dogs. Bone marrow and spinal cord issues can plague Water dogs as do hearing and ear problems.

It's good fun trying to work out what your dog is and then if you are aware of where their weaknesses may lie you are more likely to be proactive early in the disease process. Behaviour is also determined by the elements so if you have a better understanding of your pet's prototype you may be able to work better as a team. Then, while you're at it, people also tend to have a dominant element in their personality so you may as well put all your family members in boxes too.

Do Lorne people want this? Is this a done deal?

Tell us. A public meeting about the NCO was led by the Shire Council in 2023 at Stribling Reserve. People liked the NCO, but the consensus was that Lorne's much-loved signature look risks being lost if the NCO is not implemented, one development application at a time. The Council uses discretion when making decisions and takes the number of objections into account when considering whether to push back against something over-the-top (ie, something contrary to the NCO). So that's where the idea came from. We are seeking to influence how the Council upholds the NCO.

Please use these pages or email us to tell us what you think at <http://www.friendsoflorne.org.au> There is no point trying to do this if it does not contribute to a cooperative ethic of keeping Lorne beautiful.

Thank you to those of you who have told us what you think already. No one has gently suggested that I move to Aireys Inlet. I appreciate that!

Penny Hawe - www.friendsoflorne.org.au

OLYMPIC QUIZ

By Ray Sutton

1. What year were the first recorded Olympic Games held?

A 776BC
B 786BC
C 1000BC
D 776AD
2. Where were the first recorded Olympic Games held?

A Athens
B Rome
C Olympus
D Piraeus
3. What year were the last ancient games held?

A 110AD
B 1100AD
C 393AD
D 30BC
4. What year did the modern Olympics start?

A 1896
B 1856
C 1900
D 1745
5. Where were the games held 100 years ago?

A Rome
B London
C Amsterdam
D Paris
6. What is an Olympiad?

A An Olympic athlete
B An Olympic official
C The four-year period between the ancient games
D The period between the summer and winter games
7. How many sports are there in this year's Olympics?

A 32
B 52
C 62
D 102
8. Who was the first Australian to win a gold medal?

A Ron Clarke
B Edwin Flack
C Dawn Fraser
D Rodney Lancaster
9. What relevance does Scotland's Ailsa Craig have to the Olympics?

A It is where the first Scottish Olympian was born
B It is where the silver for the first silver medals was mined
C It is where the granite to make curling stones comes from
D It has no relevance at all
10. In the 1984 games synchronised swimming made its debut with two events. In one event there was a pair of swimmers. How many swimmers were in the other event?

A Five
B Ten
C Three
D One
11. What is Skijoring?

A Being towed on skis by a horse.
B Skiing on grass
C Running in snow
D Skiing on ice
12. What year did the first women Olympians compete and in which sport?

A 1896, running
B 1900, croquet
C 1924, swimming
D 1904, gymnastics
13. How many first nations people have won gold medals for Australia?

A Three
B Four
C Two
D Five
14. Which country won the only gold medal awarded in the sport of vaulting?

A Belgium
B France
C Germany
D China
15. What is the middle word of the Olympic motto?

A Citius
B Altius
C Fortius.
D Maximus
16. In which sport has Australia never won a medal?

A pentathlon
B fencing
C long jump
D artistic or rhythmic gymnastics.
17. Which event is being held 15,000 kilometres from Paris this year?

A rowing
B sailing
C surfing
D sky diving
18. Which of the following colours is not an Olympic ring colour?

A green
B purple
C red
D yellow
19. Which of the following sports were once Olympic sports?

A Motorboat sailing
B Tug of war
C Hot air ballooning
D All of the above
20. Who has won the most medals in the Paralympics for Australia?

A Matthew Cowdrey
B Lynette Nixon
C Kurt Fearnley
D Lisa McIntosh

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. D
6. C
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. D
11. A
12. B
13. C
14. A
15. B
16. D
17. C
18. B
19. D
20. A

Men of the Men's Shed

TONY ELDER

By Garry Fenton

Tony was born in and grew up in the outer suburbs of Melbourne. Initially, the family lived on 70 acres near Warrandyte, before moving to 300 acres near Gisborne.

Tony grew up riding horses and pursuing other agricultural adventures. He went to the local State School then went onto Geelong Grammar for his secondary studies. He started at Grammar in 1963, was a boarder for five years including one at Timbertop in 1966 which was the year Prince Charles, now King Charles was a gap year student. "I didn't have a particularly distinguished academic school career," Tony smiled.

After university studies Tony was admitted to practice as a solicitor in 1976, and joined his family firm, where he was a third-generation lawyer. He became a partner in that Melbourne legal firm in 1982. His role went from being a partner to managing partner with several changes to the firm which eventually merged with a larger firm in 2000. In 2006 Tony decided being involved with such a large firm wasn't his preferred situation so he resigned from the firm and went to the Bar where he practised as a commercial barrister. From 2012 he worked mainly as a commercial mediator until he finally retired in late 2022.

"Careers are what you make of them, and I certainly had no regrets. I did have some quite high-profile clients, and they provided some quite challenging work," Tony mused.

The interview with Tony was just two weeks after he had a nasty bike accident whilst riding on the Great Ocean Road. "I have been a bike rider since about 1995 and have prided myself in showing a level of caution, but my weakness has been riding fast downhill. On the day of the accident, I went through a lefthand bend then as I approached a righthand bend, got a front wheel shimmy, which I had never experienced previously. The wheel and frame shook violently, I lost control and fell with my elbow under my ribs. The result was 8 broken ribs, 4 in two places, damage to the shoulder and a fracture in the spine. I hit the ground like a bag of camel dung," he grimaced as he spoke. Tony spent a week in ICU and came home a very sore boy. Laughing and coughing was not a recommended part of recovery!

Tony had been aware right from the time the boys were getting the ideas together for a Lorne Men's Shed and has been a member since day one. Because he worked full time, he was not able to be very regular. He has called for a coffee, borrowed the odd tool and helped with the bin lock project. "I didn't appreciate that we would end up with a complex as grand as it turned out. I thought it would be something like a tin double garage in the corner. But they did us proud and we ended up with a great workshop and a



social room which is a great place for coffee and a yarn.

Tony was very aware of the issues with neighbours who adopted a NIMBY attitude. "I understand some objection to projects where they have a genuine reason, but in this case the objections were illogical." Some members of the committee had discussions about some of the issues with Tony, but he was not formally engaged.

Tony can see the real value of the Shed being for older members. He has been aware some new members have been a bit reluctant, but once they go, they get sucked in and very quickly become regulars. He thought there has been some great projects, completed over the years. "The sculpture commemorating the Couta Boat industry that worked off the Lorne Pier was exceptional. The Coot boat, I have never seen afloat, but to me it looks an entirely unsatisfactory method of transport on water. They assure me it works like a charm".

Tony was at the Grand Opening and his most predominant memory was basically everybody was delighted that we had 'got over the line', and the Shed was a reality. "For a town of 1000 people, to have 300 at the opening was excellent." When Tony was asked his memories of talk of a Men's Shed being built, he remembers "There were some strong personalities driving the project who were determined to see it succeed". If it was not for guys like Allan Walls and his cohorts, the Shed would not have happened".

SES LORNE UNIT *By Chris Jones*

The Financial Year 2023/2024 is done and dusted, and thankfully, we did not get an end-of-year rush. Thank you to our dedicated 15 SES Lorne volunteers who attended to 68 requests for assistance.

Our response area saw us three times in Aireys Inlet, Benwerrin five times, Big Hill once, Deans Marsh once, Lorne 55 times, Moggs Creek once, Separation Creek once, Skenes Creek North once, and Wye River three times.

We attended 14 Priority One Light and Sirens events where persons were either seriously injured, in real or imminent danger or trapped. Most of our work was urgent but non-life-threatening, including storms, floods, and other events. This variety of responses showcases our unit's versatility and readiness to handle any situation.

The volunteer time indicates only time spent on requests for assistance and does not reflect administration, regional meetings, maintenance, or training of personnel and the Lorne team. Our members have assisted VICSES in search activities in Ballarat, Kallista, Melton, Kurunjang, and multiple Melbourne suburbs.

BEHIND THE SCENES - SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS ISSUED BY THE SES LORNE UNIT

Our Lorne team play an essential role in influencing and supporting community actions and decisions before, during and after emergency events. In this article, we look at severe weather storm event warnings. Our volunteers will receive a page alerting them to an upcoming Severe Weather Event that may look like the following:

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING - BoM advises that severe weather is likely to produce damaging gusts expected over parts of Victoria from late Monday evening into Tuesday in the parts of Central North East, West, South West and North Central Forecast Districts. For the OTWAY RANGES: Strong winds averaging 60 to 70 km/h with **DAMAGING WIND GUSTS** of around 100 km/h will likely develop from late Monday evening into the early morning on Tuesday.

The Lorne Unit Controller posts a detailed weather warning, including a map of the impacted areas and suggested actions to prepare for and weather the storm. We use the Lorne Unit Facebook and The One and Only Lorne Community Notice Board pages. The Unit accesses detailed forecast information from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) online. For example, if the projected winds are from the North, West, or South-West, Lorne is protected by the hills ringing Loutitt Bay. Southeasterly winds significantly impact the Lorne township. Other less protected areas in our patch may face a different threat.



At this point, we switch from issuing local warnings to operational activities. The Unit Duty Officer will confirm the members' availability and capacity to respond to storm events with the Regional Duty Officer. Depending on the severity and duration of the event, the Regional Duty Officer will arrange an online briefing and readiness check with the impacted unit's Duty Officers. Units will be asked to validate:

- Member availability to support local response
- Unit capacity to respond key assets (lighting trailers, marquees, etc)
- Readiness checks on facilities, equipment and vehicles have been completed
- Capacity to support pre-identified task force (s)
- Storm task force – Safe Working at Height (SWAHS), Chainsaw, and general storm. Availability is sought for both single-day and 2-day deployments.
- Members trained and available to perform Incident Agency Commander and Sector & Division Commander roles (or completed course and available to be mentored)
- Communication and actions taken within our Unit to manage fatigue & hydration

If the BoM advises that they have issued a Flood Watch for particular streams, rivers, catchments, and sub-catchments, the Unit Duty Officer is notified, and Flood Readiness protocols are triggered.

Tension rises in anticipation of the pager going off, and when it does, we are often out the door to respond to multiple Requests For Assistance.

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

Men of the Men's Shed

HARRIS
MAMMOS*By Garry Fenton*

Harry was born in Greece on a small island, Lemnos. It was well known during the war years when 4000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers were hospitalised on Lemnos. Ninety-six Australian nurses went there to assist with the patients.

Harry went to school there for seven years, before coming to Australia in 1961, age eighteen, with “no English, no nothing”! Within two weeks Harry had a job in a milk bar serving soft drinks at the corner of Spencer Street and Collins Street opposite what is now Southern Cross Station. He met all sorts of people and enjoyed doing that for one and a half years. His brother was a cook and asked if Harry would like to learn. He started working at Hotel Australia for three years and “The boys in the kitchen were very keen to explain to me and I learnt very quickly”.

The Southern Cross Hotel opened in the 60's and Harry was offered a job there and spent the next seven years there. He loved every minute of it. He bought his first house at Moorabbin when he was twenty-four.

Harry got a phone call from the ‘Park-View Hotel’ and the man said, “Harry, you won't know me, but I know all about you, and I want you to come and take over the running of our Bistro.” Harry spent eight years there. It was very open space, and he was able to connect with the customers. He loved working there.

Harry's sister and brother-in-law, Angelo Kambouris, bought the Pacific Hotel in Lorne. Angelo suggested Harry come down and have look at a country town to see if he could be interested in living in Lorne.

“I came down and came through the main street and I saw the Lorne Fish & Chips shop..... shut. I said to myself, ‘This is in the main street near the caravan park and school,... This is the place I have been looking for.’”

Harry made some enquires, and three weeks later he moved in. But he was flat out over the next two months just cleaning the place out. He had the business for a long time and eventually decided to sell. Harry listed the business and went overseas. On his return he considered going back to Melbourne or staying in Lorne.

“I am very good with my hands and my brains. I can do anything in my workshop, always busy, busy, busy.”

Mrs Lillian Beaurepaire told Harry she had a big house to look after and asked Harry if he would like to work for her. She spent most of her time in Melbourne and Harry looked after her home for eight years.



“I live in the main street and bought the house in 1982. Then I got involved with the Lorne Football Club. I was there for many years as trainer, runner. I was very fit back then”.

“I lost my wife when the kids were young, but I managed very well and got the kids through Uni and those sorts of things”.

In 2002 I decided to demolish the old Fish and Chip shop and I built three shops down below and two large apartments up top and called them Lemnos Apartments which are still there.

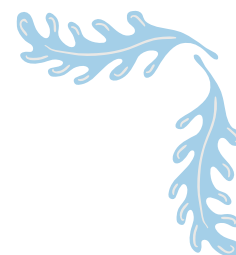
Harry was a regular traveller overseas, but the Covid virus stopped that. “Now I enjoy my retirement. I have made a lot of friends in my life in the town. I am very happy they accepted me when I was new in Lorne.”

Harry came to the Grand Opening and joined the Shed the first day and has been very happy to come and sit with the boys and have a yarn and coffee. “I don't get involved with projects in the Shed as the boys have it under control and the Shed is always nice and clean”, Harry said as he glanced around the building.



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Picks of the Month



FICTION: All the Colours of the Dark by Chris Whitaker

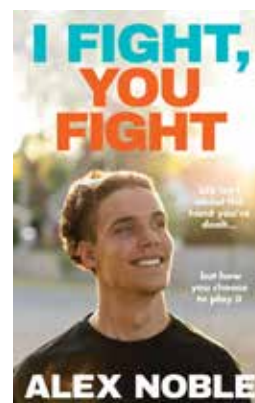


All the Colours of the Dark" by Chris Whitaker is a masterful exploration of the thin line between triumph and tragedy, set against the backdrop of 1975 America. In the small town of Monta Clare, Missouri young girls are disappearing, shattering the community's sense of safety. When the daughter of a wealthy family is targeted, the most unlikely hero emerges –Patch, a local boy with one eye, who saves the girl, and, in doing so, leaves heartache in his wake.

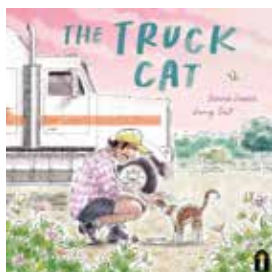
A missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, a love story, a unique twist on each, Chris Whitaker has written a novel about what lurks in the shadows of obsession, and the blinding light of hope.

NON-FICTION: I Fight, You Fight by Alex Noble

The inspiring story of a young man whose wisdom and strength can teach us all how to live life to the fullest, no matter what it throws at us. Alex Noble was a high school rugby star when an on-field injury left him fighting for his life. Following a diagnosis of C4 quadriplegia, Alex's first words to his brother Zac were, 'If I fight, you fight.' These words became a war cry as Alex's friends, family and community rallied around him. Full of warmth, humour and insight, this is a book that will teach you principles to live your life by, written by a young man who has put them into practice. *I Fight, You Fight* is so much more than an inspiring memoir – it's a philosophy for finding happiness and reaching your true potential.



CHILDREN'S FICTION: The Truck Cat by Deborah Frenkel & Danny Snell



*Some cats are house cats. Some are apartment cats.
But Tinka is a truck cat. Tinka lives everywhere.*

Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. Yacoub drives his truck to make a living, learning the landscape of a new country along the way, and longing for connection. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other – and, in doing so, might find more than they expected ...



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