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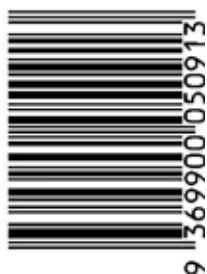
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LOCAL MARKETS

Torquay Farmers Market:

Every Saturday 8.30AM to 1PM

Winchelsea Community Market:

First Sunday of every month 9AM to 1PM

Cowrie Market Torquay:

16 MAR, 20 APR 9:00AM to 2PM

Aireys Inlet Market:

9 MAR, 20 APR, 4 MAY, 8 JUN, 13 JUL 9AM to 1PM

Anglesea Riverbank Market:

9 MAR, 20 APR 9AM to 4PM

LORNE BIENNALE MEMORIES *By Eva J Youl*

With the Lorne 2025 Lorne Sculpture happening for the month of March, I thought I could share a couple of happy memories. As you can see, sculptures are set up along the beach. Some are quite large and are lifted into place with a crane. People walk the coastline to observe each creation. There are also presentations and performances.

An initiative of Jack and Cynthia Wynhoven, Ron Billard, Marion Church, John Connor, Richard Horridge, Evan Lowenstein, Vicki McKay, Kate Neal, Ken Scarlett, Frank Tisher and Graeme Wilkie, the event was first held in 2007. We have been volunteers since 2014. My husband has been collecting the volunteer TShirts and was most disappointed when they were not used in 2022.

In 2018, the theme for the Lorne Sculpture Biennale was Landfall. We offered to host an artist who turned out to be Kerstin Cuming. Kerstin was born in Duisburg, Germany and arrived in Australia in 1991. Kerstin makes labyrinths along the shoreline of beaches and in the outback. They are made from lost and found materials sourced from nature and collected at the site. Kerstin sees her labyrinths as living sculptures. They are a circular shape which leads to the centre and then out again. Ultimately the sculpture returns to nature.

On the first day Kerstin and Stephan arrived home to our place red faced and exhausted after all the sand digging to form the shape. The sand was dug and moulded into an edging that was a symmetrical coiled shape. Over the next few days they completed the labyrinth and decorated the brim with seaweed, grasses, sticks, driftwood and shells. People walking along the beach also contributed. One child carefully poked four feathers, dropped by a local King Parrot, into the top of the dune.

The Peoples Choice Award in 2018 was won by the Lorne Men's Shed for the work called Couta Memory



The sculpture, designed by Tony Wolfenden, consists of nineteen vertical panels of marine-grade ply, epoxy coated and separated by brass spacers. The resulting shape is the hull of a classic couta fishing boat. The sculpture was not for sale and is currently on display at Lorne. Who will win the different awards and glory this year?

In 2018 one of the quirky sculptures was by a Portuguese artist called Pedro Pires. Pedro was born in Angola. He uses repurposed and global junk. For this work he made use of plastic water basins and gumboots that were combined together to form a group of human figures. When it rained, the sculpture unintentionally functioned as a fountain. Unfortunately, under the cover of darkness, some vandal stole two gumboots which had to be replaced from the local hardware store.

My favourite sculpture in 2022 was not a winner and was located at the far end near the public toilets at Point Grey. Not the best location! It was called The Haunting Tide by Geoffrey Ricardo. Geoffrey has since had a painting exhibition at Qdos. Our grandkids liked the giant hooded plover made of fibreglass, steel and blown glass by artist Simon Normand. I like to think that it inspired the 'hoodies' to nest here in Lorne with successful breeding in 2024.

For mathematicians out there, yes the 2024 event was postponed until funding was secure. President Andrew Stobart, Secretary Karen Pitt and the team for Lorne Sculpture 2025 have worked hard to stage this years event with the theme STRATA. The curator is Simon Lawrie.

Finally, what the artists write about their work can bring a smile as a lot of 'artistic license' can be used. In 2022, some visitors were not that impressed by the introduction of QR codes to give information about the work and the artist. I think now QR codes are well accepted and more information and a list of 2025 participating artists can be found at www.lornesculpture.com/

**1-30 March 2025
Lorne, Victoria**

STRATA

SCULPTURE TRAIL EXHIBITION

SCULPTURE+ PUBLIC PROGRAMS

SMALL SCULPTURE EXHIBITION



This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Festivals Australia program, Regional Arts Fund, Visit Victoria, and Surf Coast Events.

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www.lornesculpture.com



**2025 LORNE
SCULPTURE
BIENNALE**

Lorne Sculpture Biennale 2025

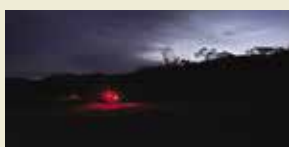
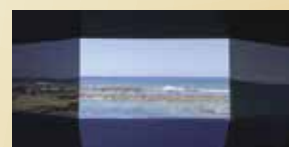
showcases a series of site-responsive artworks by established and emerging artists, exploring how contemporary art can respond to, articulate, and augment our experience of place.

FOR UP TO DATE PROGRAM INFORMATION VISIT [LORNESCULPTURE.COM](https://lornesculpture.com)





1 JEN VALENDER

2 DARKQUIET
(MADELEINE FLYNN,
TIM HUMPHREY &
JENNY HECTOR)3 DARCEY BELLA
ARNOLD

4 ANNE-MARIE MAY



5 NAOMI ELLER



6 JOHN MEADE



7 RICHARD COLLOPY



8 NICHOLAS CURRIE



9 CARLY FISCHER



10 YUSI ZANG

11 MATTHEW BIRD &
CHARITY EDWARDS

12 JAMES GEURTS



13 CHAOHUI XIE



14 LUCY ALLINSON



15 KERRIE POLINESS

16 NATASHA JOHNS-
MESSENGER

- A Small Sculpture Exhibition
Lorne Community Connect
- B Tidal Movements film screenings
Mantra Hotel Observatory Room
- C Studio Forrest ephemeral artwork
See Event Program
- D No artworks have been installed
in this area out of respect for
Aboriginal cultural heritage
- i Information

Titled *STRATA* and curated by Simon Lawrie, the Biennale's artistic vision derives from the iconic geology of Gadubanud Country—the stratified landscape of the Great Ocean Road serves as an analogy for the fact that one place is many places, layered both physically and experientially through time, culture, and species.

Across 16 precincts from 1–30 March 2025, the outdoor exhibition presents sculpture and spatial practice more broadly, encompassing sonic art, ephemeral installations, and landscape interventions.

Throughout the Biennale a suite of public programs, performances, and presentations titled *Sculpture+* will be held at set times. A *Small Sculpture Exhibition* with works for sale by Biennale artists will be held at Lorne Community Connect, and a film commission series will be screened at Mantra Hotel.

Event Program

OUR FULL PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE AT LORNESCULPTURE.COM

1-30 Mar

MOTHER EARTH
EPHEMERAL ARTWORK
STUDIO FORREST
Site C

1 Mar, 2.30pm
HARP SCULPTURE PERFORMANCE
JEN VALENDER
GENEVIEVE FRY
EMILY KOSTOS
Site 1

2 Mar, 3pm
ARTIST TALK & PERFORMANCE
RICHARD COLLOPY
QDos Fine Arts

8 Mar, 11am
SHIPRITE
PERFORMANCE
CREATIVE OCCUPATION
Site 12

15 Mar, 2pm
BIENNALE FORUM
Mantra Hotel Observatory Room

22 Mar, 11am-6pm
BEACH DRAWING
KERRIE POLINESS
Site 15

22 Mar, 4pm
SONIC ACTIVATION
EDWINA STEVENS
Site 9

22 Mar, 8pm
DARKQUIET OVERNIGHT
MADELEINE FLYNN
TIM HUMPHREY
JENNY HECTOR
Site 2

23 Mar, 10.30am-1pm
SOUNDWALK
LUCY ALLINSON
Site 14

23 Mar, 2-5pm
BODYWEATHER WORKSHOP:
THE ESTUARY
GRETEL TAYLOR
Erskine River Swing Bridge

29 Mar, 4pm
THE STRANDLINE
PERFORMANCE
RHAË KENDRIGAN
Erskine River Swing Bridge

29 Mar, 4.30pm
A NASCENT TETHERING
PERFORMANCE
GRETEL TAYLOR
Erskine River Swing Bridge

30 Mar, 10-2pm
NESTED
PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP
RHAË KENDRIGAN
Lorne Pier



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Vote for your favourite artwork in the 2025 Biennale for your chance to win a \$250 dinner voucher to Ipsos Restaurant.



VISITOR SURVEY

Please complete our visitor survey for your chance to win a \$500 family voucher to Live Wire Park.

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ALEXANDRA COPELAND
February 2 - 22



GARY RANCE
January 26 - February 15



RICHARD J MANNING
February 16 - March 8



BEN STORCH
February 23 - March 15

www.qdosarts.com
Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00pm TFSSM



THE LORNE SCULPTURE BIENNALE RETURNS WITH 'STRATA'

Lorne, Victoria, 1st-30th March, 2025

The Lorne Sculpture Exhibition Inc. is excited to be bringing its eighth rendition of the Lorne Sculpture Biennale titled 'STRATA' to the iconic Lorne foreshore in March 2025. Compiled by renowned Melbourne-based curator Simon Lawrie, the public exhibition will feature works from 16 hand chosen Australian artists inspired by the scenic Great Ocean Road landscape.

This year's theme, 'STRATA' pays homage to the breathtaking geography of Gadubanud Country, and the stratified landscape of the Great Ocean Road inspiring an idea that one place can be many, with its rocky layering revealing slices of time preserved by the land.

Visitors from far and wide are invited to experience art and Lorne like never before by immersing themselves in the broad range of new site-responsive installations by the likes of John Meade, Chaohui Xie, Natasha Johns-Messenger and Jen Valender to name a few, showcasing how sound, light, sculpture and environment can be utilised to convey a sense of place within this magnificent coastal environment.

A free exhibition, 'STRATA's inaugural showcase will take place on Saturday 1st of March, and will run until Sunday 30th of March with three complementary programs, Sculpture+, Small Sculpture Exhibition, and Tidal Movements, running alongside the artworks for visitors to experience. This year's Biennale won't just

be on the stunning foreshore, but also extend into the beautiful township and surrounding areas of Lorne, across community locations.

Sculpture+ invites guests both big and small to learn about art, the environment, and First Nations people whilst trying their hand at creating a masterpiece. There will be a range of workshops and events on every weekend throughout the month at various locations across Lorne. A link to the Sculpture+ schedule can be found [here](#). Tidal Movements is a collection of three artistic films inspired by the Great Ocean Road coastline and will be presented in the Mantra Hotel, and the Small Sculpture Exhibition is an exhibition featuring domestic scale sculptures for visitors and collectors alike to enjoy at the Lorne Community Connect. Both will run for the duration of the exhibition.

"The depth and range of approaches to site from these artists will make this Biennale particularly rich and engaging," says curator Simon Lawrie.

"The exhibition along the foreshore, supported by the additional artistic programming around Lorne will enable visitors to engage with Lorne's unique cultural, social, and environmental character, whilst encouraging broader conversations about how we inhabit and experience place. I urge lovers of art, nature and the seaside to journey to Lorne to experience this unique and engaging program taking place over the whole of March as there really is something for everyone."

CHARGING THE SURF COAST AND GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Surf Coast Shire Council has replaced the old 7kW single port electric vehicle (EV) charger in front of the Lorne Visitor Information Centre, with a 50kW dual port charger, providing a public charging station in the area.

Three more public EV charging stations will also be installed throughout the year, one each in Winchelsea, Aireys Inlet and Anglesea.

The Aireys Inlet charging station will be located in the car park of the Aireys Inlet Community Hall. Preliminary works are underway, and installation is expected by the middle of the year. The Winchelsea charging station will be located in the old Winchelsea Library car park. Planning has commenced, but installation is not expected until later in the year. The location for the Anglesea charging station is still to be confirmed.

"It's great to have this public EV charging station back up and running in Lorne", said Cr Leon Walker. "With more visitors driving hybrid or electric vehicles, it is convenient they now have a public option to charge their vehicles in Lorne." And once all of the EV chargers are installed it will mean visitors travelling through our area will have four more options for fast charging."

The charging stations will all be dual port 50kW fast chargers. Two-hour parking limits will apply to each charging parking bay. The charging stations have been funded through the Victorian Government's Destination Charging Across Victoria program, establishing a public electric vehicle fast-charging network across Victoria.

Find out more information about the EV chargers installation at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/EVChargers

ARTS IN LORNE

Well it's finally here! Lorne Sculpture Biennale 2025 will open on Saturday March 1st and run through until Sunday March 30. At the time of writing there is lots of activity on the foreshore at Lorne as all the artists install their works on the 16 sites from the first site on the Shipwreck Trail opposite Hird Street to the last at the Swing Bridge. The outdoor exhibition presents sculpture and spatial practice more broadly, encompassing sonic art, ephemeral installations, and landscape interventions. In addition, throughout the Biennale, a suite of 13 free public programs, performances, and presentations titled Sculpture+ will be held over the five weekends including a film commission series titled Tidal Movements which will be screened all day every day in the Observatory Room at Mantra Hotel. The popular Small Sculpture Exhibition will also be held once again in the Lorne Community Connect building with works for sale by Biennale artists.

Lorne Sculpture Biennale is a free event organised by volunteers together with a professional curator and strongly funded by the Lorne Community. This stunning event could not happen without the wonderful community spirit and generosity we find in Lorne. See you at the Biennale!

Andrew Stobart
President



Harmonic - Air, polished bronze, marble base, 109 x w43 x d21 cm, 2025, edition 1/5

BENJAMIN STORCH

23 rd Feb - 15th March 2025

Opening party Sunday, the 23 rd Feb at 3:00pm

Qdos Fine Arts Lorne



www.qdosarts.com

Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm TFSSM

What's happening at Lorne Community Connect...



2025 Lorne Sculpture Biennale: a must see exhibition of small sculptures will be held in the main hall of Lorne Community Connect.

Artist in Residence: Bhanu Mistry will be our AIR from 2 – 25 May. During her stay she will be having an exhibition of her rich and colourful works in needlecraft, embroidery and tapestry. You will be able to observe Bhanu working in the space to get inspiration for your own work. Further details www.lornecommunityconnect.com.au

Surf Coast Arts Trail:

Registrations are now open for the Arts Trail for the weekend 2/3 August.

If you are looking for space to feature your work over this weekend, Lorne Community Connect can help you.

Contact: lornecommunityconnect@gmail.com

Further information on the Arts Trail:
surfcoastartstrail.com.au



Routine & Ritual.

Lorne Community Connect

2025 Photographic
Exhibition and Art Prize.

18 April – 28 April.

We will be delighted if you
can join us for the opening
on Thursday 17 April @ 2
Otway Street, Lorne.

6 pm – 7.30 pm

Artist Erin Reinboth, adding colour, life and happiness to the Surf Coast Arts Trail

Torquay artist Erin Reinboth feels some challenging emotions opening her studio to the community for the Surf Coast Arts Trail but wouldn't have it any other way.

"You feel really exposed, because that's your craft and vulnerable space," Erin says. "But how wonderful to open that up to people."

And each year magic happens as anxieties give way to the joys of sharing creativity and insights with Trail patrons from all walks and interests.

"The Arts Trail is amazing, I can't even think of another word," Erin says. "Just to celebrate art like that and be around community, that's what I'm all about. "You meet your customers, you meet aspiring artists, you meet other local artists, kids, it's just beautiful and it showcases all this beautiful art we have to offer down here that a lot of people don't know about."

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Erin's studio is part of Torquay's Ashmore Arts hub. The 2025 Surf Coast Arts Trail will be her third and as artist registrations for this year open she has certain advice for any creatives unsure about sharing their works and craft.

"Go for it! You only learn, and what you can get from showing your process and meeting interested, like-minded people – there's nothing like it," Erin says. "It's scary and it's tiring and I lose my voice every year, but it is so rewarding."

The 15th Surf Coast Arts Trail will be on 2 and 3 August, featuring the works of hundreds of artists from hinterland to coast in a range of mediums ranging from painting and sculpture to jewellery-making, textiles and ceramics.



Venues will range from private studios to community spaces and arts hubs, engaging thousands of visitors. Artist registrations opened on 13 February via surfcoastartstrail.com.au and close on 30 March. New and returning artists can learn more about participating in the 2025 Trail by joining Surf Coast Shire Council Arts Team members for an online Arts Trail information session on 19 February. People can find more information via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/25ATInfo

Artists who register for the Trail will also have the chance to exhibit in a special Arts Trail Taster Show, at Anglesea Art Space from 15 May to 1 June. Cr Libby Stapleton encourages artists to register and add their own creative flair to the Trail's offering.

"The wonderful diversity of mediums and works on show is one of the elements that makes our Surf Coast

Arts Trail such a special experience for the thousands of patrons each year," Cr Stapleton says. "From our beautiful hinterland areas to the coast, we have so much creative talent to share, and the Trail provides such an important boost for our creative economy. "Last year's Trail, featuring the works of more than 200 artists, generated more than \$180,000 in sales, including \$27,000 in commissions and \$8000 in workshop commissions."

Erin Reinboth says her work is about bringing joy and colour into people's homes, and it truly defies the words of one her university arts tutors who 'crushed' her by telling her she couldn't paint happy art. "Essentially I just want to celebrate colour and life and the happiness of the world we're in, and give people a moment to pause and meditate on that," Erin says. "I've always been really



interested in abstract because for me it's truly about the process of painting and not necessarily the end result. "My art, and the way I paint, it really is raw and really is me on a canvas."

After having studied fine art in Adelaide, Erin moved to Melbourne and worked in textile design for 15 years, including eight as studio manager of womenswear with Cotton On. She has lived on the Surf Coast for 10 years and, with a young family, moved into life as a full-time artist four years ago.

Her work has included collaborations with retailer Adairs and global tech accessory company The Dairy. To learn more about Erin's art visit erinreinbothart.com/ and to find out more about the 2025 Surf Coast Arts Trail visit surfcoastartstrail.com.au



The family 2023, Glass, Enamel, steel, 300 x 250 cm

DEBORAH HALPERN

16th March - 4th April 2025

Opening party Sunday, the 16th March at 3:00pm

Qdos Fine Arts Lorne



www.qdosarts.com

Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm TFSSM



Eastern Bass Strait, 62x62cm, oil on linen

IAN PARRY

9th - 29th March 2025

Opening party Sunday, the 9th March at 3:00pm

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SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK WITH GREAT OCEAN ROAD COAST AND PARKS AUTHORITY

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority has launched its annual Community Satisfaction Survey, inviting community members to share feedback on the organisation's engagement activities throughout 2024.

The survey comes after a year of extensive community engagement, with highlights including:

- Over 3,200 survey contributions to project engagements
- More than 47,000 views of the Have Your Say website
- The Point Grey Redevelopment emerging as the most visited project webpage.

Community members who have participated in engagement activities run by Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks, including online surveys, webinars, community meetings, and drop-in sessions, are encouraged to provide their feedback.

The Community Satisfaction Survey is open until Friday 28 February 2025.

For more information or to complete the survey, visit <https://haveyoursay.greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au/ce-survey>

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority Director of Community, Corporate Affairs and Visitor Economy Andy Mathers said:

"This survey is crucial in understanding how our community members connected with us in 2024 - what worked well, what didn't, and how we can make engagement more effective and accessible in 2025.

"Our team invested hundreds of hours engaging with locals and visitors along the Great Ocean Road Coast through various channels, from community drop-in sessions to online surveys and webinars.

The community's generous input has been instrumental in guiding our decision-making process."

RECOGNISE OUR UNSUNG HEROES: Local Legends Awards nominations open

Surf Coast Shire Council is calling for nominations for its 2025 Local Legends Awards, seeking to recognise and celebrate unsung heroes who are making positive differences in our community.

The 2025 awards introduce four categories for nominations: Community Commitment and Community Impact awards for individuals, and Community Inclusion and Volunteer Excellence awards for groups.

Cr Paul Barker encouraged people to get nominations in before the 15 March deadline.

"Help us acknowledge and celebrate a community contributor you know by nominating them as a Local Legend."

Nominations are open 1 February to 15 March. People can find category details and make nominations via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/LocalLegends. People can also phone 5261 0600, or visit Council's civic building at 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay.

Categories for individuals:

- **Community Commitment Category.** Pays tribute to dedicated and passionate individuals with a sustained and substantial record of commitment to people, a community, group, organisation, or cause in the Surf Coast Shire.

- **Community Impact Category.** Celebrates people whose community contributions have made a remarkable difference for people, a community, group, organisation, or cause in Surf Coast Shire. This can include people who are innovators, leaders, pioneers or whose contributions have helped improve outcomes or supported important changes.

Categories for groups:

- **Community Inclusion Category.** Celebrates diversity and inclusion in community programs to enhance support for people, a community, group, or cause in Surf Coast Shire.
- **Volunteer Excellence Category.** Recognises a community group, organisation or committee which shows overall excellence in the way it contributes to the community, organises, and creates impact for a chosen cause.

Local Legends will be named, and all nominees celebrated, during a Council event in May celebrating National Volunteer Week. Local Legends will also be celebrated through Council's communication channels including website, print and social media.



From the Deck

A SPECTACULAR SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW FOR THE AGES

By John Agar

Lorne comes up trumps, over and again, whether through its friendly ambience, pleasurable living, incomparable geophysical setting, or its simple ‘lovability index’. Yet, one more abiding delight for those lucky enough to call Lorne home is the expansive weather canvas provided by Louttit Bay.

In early February 2025, Lorne’s gift—Louttit Bay—hosted two early evening atmospheric blockbusters. These two sound and light shows for the ages occurred on consecutive evenings after two uncommonly humid days. As the air grew heavy with foreboding and threat—one could almost have cut the air with a knife—it is easy to imagine Lorne’s retirement contingent collectively seeking to calm their complaining joints by gulping some paracetamol with a glass of wine [though I should note that the pairing is frowned upon by Internet health channels].

Indeed, there does seem to be a plausible linkage between joint pain and barometric pressure. It is well described [see Harvard Health: <https://tinyurl.com/4vtyamma>], though the site does note that their cause and effect still need to be established. That said, ask any arthritic senior citizen whether their joints can predict the weather, and you will open a Pandora’s Box of moans, groans, and sagely nodding heads. It is suggested that as the body constantly “pushes out” against the pressure of the atmosphere surrounding it, a sudden drop in ambient barometric pressure can cause inflamed joints to ache and swell as the tissues around them expand. So, when Grandad grumbles knowingly that “there’s a storm brewing”, take note ... and take your brolly!

While thinking about barometric pressure and barometers, I found it interesting to read that René Descartes, the French philosopher and polymath—he of the adage “I think, therefore I am”—was the first to design a device to determine atmospheric pressure in 1631. It took another decade for Berti, an Italian mathematician and astronomer, to build the first rudimentary water barometer in 1640, with Torricelli following quickly in 1643 with a working mercury barometer along the lines of those on our passage walls of today [source = Wikipedia].

In the hours that followed the two early February storms, the local Lorne FaceBook page lit up with a tranche of fantastic photographs of forked and sheet lightning taken from several different vantage points around the town. Sadly, no balled lightning [a variety often described but one I have never personally seen] was captured on camera.

I have always enjoyed plotting the course of a storm as it rages above by indulging in flash-to-thunder counting. As



Courtesy: BOM

the speed of light is so phenomenally fast [300,000 km/second], a lightning flash effectively marks an instantaneous moment in time, while the sound wave of its associated thunderclap follows after a time delay. As sound obeys the rules of physics [it travels at roughly 1 km every 3 seconds], we can easily calculate our distance from the atmospheric event by counting the seconds between flash and bang. While thunder can be heard from a lightning strike up to 16 km away [i.e. a flash/bang interval of 48 seconds], we can tell that a strike is right overhead when bang follows flash in the space of a heartbeat ... and the windows rattle.

Some animals [especially our dogs] are terrified by electrical storms. According to one study, about one-third of dogs are anxiety-prone, and thunderstorms rank at the top of the list of anxiety-inducing situations. As their fear is very real and debilitating, remember to bring them inside if a storm is predicted, else you may be out searching in the stormy weather.

As interest was piqued by the two recent spectacular storms ... the first, a dry lightning storm that caused noses to sniff and eyes to scan the dense forests to our west for hints of smoke ... the second, a cloud-burster with driving sheets of rain that obliterated all but the nearest foliage and extinguished any fear of flame ... queries about the number and whereabouts of local weather stations soon followed on our Lorne FB site.

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According to my Davis Weatherlink™ app, there are six Davis weather stations in Lorne and its immediate surrounds. They range from the A-Team at the weather-exposed Point Grey to lower [my own] and upper Deans Marsh Road and into the hinterland bush and farms on Erskine Falls Road.

While similar readings accrue from all six, each is sufficiently different, one from another, to confirm some interesting microclimates around the town—perhaps not surprising when considering the differing exposures, protections, and outlooks of their siting.

The Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club station provides, among other things, the current Point Grey precinct temperature, humidity, wind direction and speed, and rainfall, and it can be accessed online. Simply download the ‘WeatherLink’ [from Davis Instruments] App and search for Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club. It is a handy adjunct App for fisherfolk and others to use, and Commodore Keith has assured me that it is open to all.

Another weather-related pursuit I particularly enjoy is to note the timing of any predicted ‘cool change’. Most weather apps will indicate the time and place of any expected weather change—especially cool changes—in their temperature predictions. Look for forecasted sudden multi-degree drops in temperature on very hot days.

After driving to the Weeds, Barrels, or George Point carparks at the appointed hour, it is breathtaking to watch a stiff southerly change sweep in, condense the hot air over the land into plumes of mist above Mt St George, stir white caps on a suddenly ruffling sea, and feel the restorative joy of a 10-15 degree drop in temperature in the space of 5-10 minutes.

In this short piece, I have encapsulated the top two failsafe topics of human conversation ... joints—as a microcosm of the broader topic of health—and the weather. When all else fails, it is in our DNA to resort to discussions of health and weather ... we all do it! But when an atmospheric spectacular comes along, as in early February, even aching joints are forgotten as the majesty of nature is unleashed.

Put simply, Louttit Bay did it again.

OP SHOP BUZZ

By Wendy Jarratt

Treasuring the treasurers

The Lorne Op Shop is a volunteer run, not for profit, incorporated association. In organizations such as these the responsibilities volunteers take on are multi-faceted. The position I would like to focus on this month is that of the treasurer. What would we do without them? They pay accounts, check bank statements, produce monthly reports, organize GST, keep up to date with legal reporting requirements for our annual audit and ensure that petty cash and change are available. As part of our renovation last year our treasurer at the time, Allan, developed a spread sheet explaining our financial situation and commitments month to month. Thanks for all your efforts over the past 4 years Allan. I am sure you won't miss all the work involved in trying to get bureaucracy to alter things – bank signatures or getting Telstra disconnected – that was not FUN.

Maureen is our new treasurer, and we wish her well. Our treasurers over the years have been dedicated and hardworking.. Two of them, Helen Stewart and Nancy Rashleigh were treasurers for 19 and 14 years respectively. What amazing longevity in the same role, and all done without computer programs or AI. The bookkeeping would have been handwritten, as would the minutes of meetings. Sue G – treasurer for quite a long period told me she did all the accounts by hand and recalls that, as the one in charge of petty cash, she could never get it to balance, a problem that plagues treasurers .

Bill was treasurer before Allan, and in fact they “job shared” for a while. Bill was a quiet gentleman who did a great job over the years, even when he was quite ill.

It follows of course, that the roles of all volunteers should be TREASURED. See below the team doing a final and thorough clean-up of 6A, at the Erskine River precinct. Just another example of the multitude of tasks taken on. So many jobs taken on willingly for the sake of the community. We know our community treasures them.



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Who are we?

We are people like you! Some of us were originally involved in the *Voices of Wannon* group – citizens who listened to and gathered the views of our local communities to then advocate for these common values to be represented in parliament by those we elect.

With Alex Dyson spearheading our community independent movement, we have grown to more than 2,000 supporters and 500 active volunteers across Wannon. We come from all walks of life and political backgrounds, and are united by a common purpose – to put community and integrity back into politics and get a better deal for Wannon.

Deb Campbell, Deans Marsh

I've been part of Voices for Wannon since 2021 and I think Alex Dyson will make an excellent local MP who truly listens to voters and really cares about our communities.

Des Webster, Lorne

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This is Alex Dyson and here are some of us! Alex has put his hand up to be the face of our community campaign. He lives in his hometown of Warrnambool and is a broadcaster, author and owns a hospitality business.

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IT'S NEVER BEEN EASY GETTING TO PARADISE

By Chris Cairns

As Lorne residents, all of us have at some time bemoaned the log jam of cars we are stuck in as we inch into town on a summer weekend. It wasn't always like this, surely. No, it wasn't. It was harder!

Travel back with me to the late 1800's and you will see what a struggle getting to town really was. Hours of jolting and swaying had to be endured over a dusty track from the railway station at Winchelsea, endured in the tight packed company of a dozen or so others jammed inside or on top of a coach drawn by horses.

The 'road' followed part of the track the enterprising Mountjoys blazed when they first brought cattle to graze on their run by our bay in the 1860's. Some of the inclines were too steep for the horses and everyone save to driver had to get off and walk, or in extreme cases, push. Six hours or more after boarding, the weary travellers could alight in Lorne, some clambering from the roof via the ladder.

These old photos from the Lorne Historical Society archives shows a typical coachload of travellers who have finally made it into town. It wasn't only people coming on the coach. The town's mail came this way as well. For a time, the famous name of Cobb and Co provided coaches, drivers and horses for this trip. The Mountjoys also ran coaches to and from Lorne.

However, if you weren't fond of flies, dust and rutted roads, there was always a nautical option for your trip to Louttit Bay. You could board one of the many coastal ships traversing the western end of Bass Strait to Apollo Bay and Portland. Lorne's produce and timber exports moved to and from Port Phillip Bay by ship.

Visitors to Lorne's famous guest houses often came this way. In those days before short wave radio and mobile phones, the Grand Pacific Hotel had a novel way of signalling passing ships that passengers were seeking passage to Melbourne or Geelong. A flag was raised on the top of the hotel and on the end of the pier.

It wasn't always smooth sailing. Bass Strait is a notoriously rough stretch of sea. Today we all know the force of a howling easterly or a squally sou'wester. Our coast earned its tag as the shipwreck coast in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Here is a photo from the Lorne Historical Society collection showing the Hinemoa aground on Point Grey. Fortunately, there was no loss of life, this time.

So next time you hit the steering wheel in frustration as you crawl to the roundabout by the Swing bridge, lighten up. Think how lucky you are to be rolling along in your lounge-room on wheels.

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Second level is entirely open plan living surrounded with floor to ceiling windows. There are large outdoor decks at both rear and front, with front one having outdoor seating and beautiful water view over to the pier and rear decks having auto awnings for extra shade. There is a powder room/toilet on this level and a fully equipped kitchen including large refrigerator, built in dishwasher, induction cooktop, oven, built-in microwave plus a built-in Miele coffee machine. The dining area accommodates 8 and the main living room has an open fire place and large LCD TV.

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CLEMENTINE CALLING

Our very lively and much-loved Lillian tells me that she is finding living in her new home in Bellbrae a joy. She really enjoys the flat land with its winding paths and gorgeous vegetation and living in a community where people wave to her from their cars and have frequent chats when they meet even though no one remembers each other's names! Oh dear, the joys of getting older! We do really miss her and her new dog Locco in Lorne. Let's hope there are no snakes in Bellbrae.

We see our talented gardeners sweating over Lorne gardens as they work on our hills. They include lively young father Tim Robinson from Birregurra, who once worked as a cook for Luke at the Bowls Club, hardworking Peter Schoenhofen from near Forrest whose partner Sue Rochester is a very caring nurse in the Nursing Home, and the gentle American born, former snake catcher Scott Mitri from Deans Marsh who has a son at the Lorne School. Scott's mother arrived from the USA and they all got Covid. Just a warning that it is still about. Another gardener, the blonde Mermaid Sue Balderas has been seen slaving away in Doug Hopkin's Garden in Charles Street.

We are lucky in that a plethora of gorgeous young girls worked in Lorne over the summer. They include blonde Tori, from Canada, our own Amelie Osta Meier who we met working at Ha and the petite brunette Flo from England who had a job at Lorne Central. All got together and enjoyed margaritas during Happy Hour at Salonika. Plenty of giggles before going on to play pool at the Lorne Pub. Amelie told me that she had worn a stunning outfit to the 2024 Lorne School end of the year celebration bought at the Op shop and it turned out to have been donated by one of her teachers!

For many years we watched Tilo de Bon as he mastered the Louttit Bay waves carefully watched by his admiring father Ralph. Now Tilo is a professional roo shooter in the Otways and elsewhere. His partner Nicola, a Nurse in the Nursing Home accompanied by his sister Rita, have gone on a 3-month adventure along the east coast of Australia. Have a wonderful time, girls, and come home safely.

When the arid inland becomes dry, the vulnerable and highly nomadic Banded Stilts may move to the ocean. This happened on February 8 when a large flock of well over 200 birds could be seen out at sea between Stoney Creek and the groin. They didn't stay long and flew west beyond our vision, but they were an amazing sight.

Clementine has been told that Justin Hemmes, the CEO of Merrivale and heir to the family fortune has bought the Wye River Pub. Clementine hopes for great things there like driving to Wye River for Sangiovese wine and some delicious antipasti.

During January Lorne experienced big seas, nasty easterlies and lots of rescues by our brilliant Lifesavers. On one day Patrol 2 stayed on duty after their shift had ended and rescued another nine people. On another day Josh Cooper swam out three times to save people- Stewart Stribling was one of them. Later the rubber duckie tipped over because a man had

grabbed the engine, and they had to turn off the engine. Josh was chosen to go out and save those caught in that disaster. The helicopter did not save anyone but spread a blue dye to make visibility in the sea better. A super thing happened – those on the beach clapped them.

All this was happening whilst pink Clad Cricketing wives, friends and partners, some Snappers and their admirers were at the oval watching the Pink Stumps Match against Apollo Bay organised by the local Cricket Club to raise funds for the Mc Grath foundation.

So nice to see Jess Young from Allenvale riding her horse around Lorne – Over the summer she was seen riding down the fire track from Teddies Lookout ending up at the Slaughterhouse Field and riding into Qdos for lunch. Sadly, gone are the days when Lorne residents enjoyed Babington's Riding School at the top of Clissold Street.

We do have a lot of hidden talent in Lorne. Living in our midst is Iris Walshe-Howling who writes and directs plays. Her son is the award-winning Actor/Director Damian Walshe-Howling of Blue Heelers fame. Her nephew is our brilliant multi qualified Nurse Jason Phieler who has so brilliantly cared for so many of us. Another member of such a talented family is Jason's handsome son Jaiya, a part time Nurse in the Nursing home.

Lorne also has great medicos owning houses here, including Mark Sullivan, AO and 2019 Victorian Australian of the Year. Mark has been seen renovating his garden with all native plants along with wife Amy who is also a scientist. Mark is a clinical and regulatory scientist whose work ensures that many disadvantaged people get the medicines they need. So wonderful to know a person who develops medicines based on public need, rather than commercial opportunity. So great he loves our native flora - no agapanthus or South African Boneseed in their garden. Bravo Mark and Amy!

In February we welcomed home to Lorne John and Wendy Wilson. Earlier they had to fly north to Brisbane to take care of ill son Darren. Now that he is out of hospital our thoughts are with the family for Darren's continued improvement.

Chris Angus sent a postcard from Noosa to three old men in the Nursing Home warning them that she is going to be pretty good at 500 as she has been playing nightly in Noosa as well as swimming in very warm water. They are sharpening their skills. Max Pitt is much improved and is seen regularly in the Men's Shed and visiting his table at the Aquatic Club.

Community group donations are now being given to our own vibrant arts event the 2025 Lorne Biennale, a super sculpture exhibition held in March. This year the curator is the very experienced Simon Lawrie. Residents of William Street and Friends have got together to jointly send a joint donation to help with the fund raising. Such a good idea. Clementine says thank you to Graham Wilkie, of Qdos Fine Arts Gallery for the our own founding of the Sculpture Exhibition. It's great! We are so lucky to have such a super gallery on our doorstep. It's a joy to see the art and oh I do love to have a tasty bite and a wee drink there amongst the beauty of the trees.

Finally remember one and all that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Help where you can!

CHANGE IS HAPPENING AT SES LORNE UNIT

By Chris Jones

Replacement of Lorne Support 1 Emergency Response Vehicle

Our ageing and out-of-mandated VICSES service life Mazda BT50 Support vehicle was replaced with a Toyota Hilux Crew Cab in late February. This is not a new vehicle. We arranged with VICSES Fleet Management to send our vehicle to auction and top up the additional money from unit funds to purchase this ex VICSES Unit Support vehicle with a longer service life. This will allow us to continue servicing our community and eventually acquire a new vehicle with the assistance of co-funding with the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) in about three years. The timing is not guaranteed as the VSEP process is competitive and prioritised across emergency services. A large percentage of the VICSES fleet, including our Rescue Truck, needs replacing within two years, with sixty per cent being unit funded.

We are fundraising now for this future purchase because, as of today, the cost to purchase and fit out a response vehicle is \$150,000.

A generous donation last year enabled us to install and fit out the rear canopy area with fit-for-purpose storage shelving, more equipment, and a focus on modular event-driven equipment loading. The Toyota Hilux is a significantly safer and more capable vehicle. Compared to our previous vehicle, it has a ladder loader on the roof, a rear underfloor storage drawer, a power connection to the canopy area to run a portable refrigerator, rear parking sensors and a rear camera connecting to the cabin rear vision mirror.

Externally, the vehicle has been fitted with a front smart bar (enhanced crumple zone protection) incorporating perimeter flashing lights, driving lights, and improved Light Emitting Diode (LED) Emergency Vehicle flashing lights.



Farewell to the Unit Storm Trailer

Due to limited space in our Local Headquarters vehicle bay, we have been storing storm pumps, generators, acro props and marquee in a storm trailer in the Police compound.

With some clever planning, member Paul Bloink installed additional shelving in the Vehicle Bay to facilitate space-saving storage by event type and quicker access to equipment. This aligns with the refocusing of the Toyota Hilux's storm event and rescue (patient carry out). The storm trailer was returned to VICSES Fleet Management for another unit to use.

Change is constant, and the demand for the Unit Services is rising.

Recently, the Unit Management Team (UMT) reviewed the number of Requests for Assistance (RFA) to guide our planning for membership numbers, unit competency and capability. We reviewed the past and saw the effect of changing weather, the COVID-19 epidemic and tourist numbers taking a long time to return.

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Lorne RSL Sub - Branch

Anzac Day Service Friday 25th April 2025

Dawn Service - 7.00am

Gun-Fire breakfast - 7.30am to 8.30am Lorne Bowls Club carpark

10.45am - 12pm - March from Lorne Visitors Centre to ANZAC Memorial Park for 11am Commemorative Service

Follow us on: -   @Lorne_RSL

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Request for Assistance (RFA) numbers for the past five financial years are as follows:

FY 2023/2024 – 67 Incidents
 FY 2022/2023 – 74 Incidents
 FY 2021/2022 – 87 Incidents
 FY 2020/2021 – 118 Incidents
 FY 2019/2020 – 56 Incidents

In the 2024/2025 Financial Year it is building to be a big year

Requests for Assistance Breakdown by type

Tree down	45	72.6%
Assist Ambulance	5	8.1%
Road Rescue	5	8.1%
Landslide Hazards	2	3.2%
Rescue High Angle	2	3.2%
Assist Police	1	1.6%
Flood Ent Premises	1	1.6%
Animal Incident	1	1.6%
Total	62	

12 Locations:

Lorne	40	65%
Kennett River	4	6%
Separation Creek	3	5%
WYE River	3	5%
Benwerrin	3	5%
Big Hill	2	3%
Skenes Creek	2	3%
Deans Marsh	1	2%
Barwon Downs	1	2%
Eastern View	1	2%
Fairhaven	1	2%
Tanybryn	1	2%
Total	62	

January has been a busy month.

Tree down	16	76%
Assist Ambulance	1	5%
Road Rescue	3	14%
Rescue High Angle	1	5%
Total	21	

We quickly concluded that we needed more members.

Membership Drive

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi

We have started a membership drive this year to increase the number of volunteers from seventeen to twenty-four members.

Twenty-four is the magic number of members that ensures we can provide adequate crew numbers to respond to requests for assistance twenty-four by seven, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

We are committed to developing and strengthening community partnerships to help keep Lorne and surrounding communities safe during emergencies.

SES Lorne Unit is looking for volunteers in a wide range of roles, including flood storm response, search and rescue, community education, and more.

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The annual survey which takes about seven minutes to complete provides us with feedback to help understand community perceptions about council, and identify improvement opportunities.

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is carried out by the Victorian Government.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I appreciate it was a Letter to the Editor in the recent January newsletter and therefore an opinion piece but in a world of confusion and misinformation you would hope there was some checks and balances with expert views on comments about man-made levels of CO2 in the atmosphere.

The newsletter is a wonderful addition to all things Lorne and its monthly summary of news and local stories is beautifully done.

If however you feel inclined to include articles on complex economic and scientific topics please seek input from experts. The recent CSIRO report on climate would be a great inclusion. A bystanders uneducated view does not cut it even if presented as facts in an opinion piece in Letters to the Editor.

I don't expect you to be a fact checker but best to use experts on complex topics.

Love your work.

Jack Barclay

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SPORTSBRIEFS

By John Ford

Cricket Team into Grand Final

Lorne's cricketers have marched into the Colac District Cricket Association Grand Final with a comprehensive win over Forrest in the Qualifying Final on 22nd February. Lorne finished the home-and-away season well with a narrow loss to Simpson and a good win over Carlisle River. It was fitting that Lorne and Forrest met in the Qualifying Final as both teams had very good seasons and finished as the top two on the ladder.

The day of the Qualifying Final saw extreme weather conditions across the state. The hot windy weather meant that total fire bans were declared for most of Victoria including Central and Southwestern Districts. This forecast meant that the Bowls Semi Finals to be held in Colac were postponed – but the cricket went on as scheduled with temperatures in the high thirties!

Lorne won the toss and batted first and appeared to be making a good steady start. However, the loss of Josh O'Brien (12) and Jack Belsar-O'Connor (1) put some pressure on Lorne. Opener Ed Erftemeyer was then joined by Harvey Atwell and the two built a decisive partnership. Ed's 50 and Harvey's 67 were the foundation of Lorne's innings. When Will Seymour came to the wicket, his 35 not out off just 31 balls lifted the run rate, along with Ryan Heathcote, 17 off 17, allowing Lorne to reach 204 off their 40 overs. However Lorne's tail-end batsmen were dismissed cheaply with Forrest's Kingsley Davidson taking 6 wickets!

While Lorne's 204 would seem difficult to chase down, we all remember that some weeks before, Lorne's 208 was overhauled by Apollo Bay's 211. Therefore, Lorne's bowlers and fielders had to be attacking and 'on guard', making the most of opportunities that came their way. The match quickly turned Lorne's way early in Forrest's innings with Brett Carey and Tom Loughnane taking early wickets – leaving Forrest reeling at 4 for 20 and then struggling to 6 for 33. Lorne went on to bowl Forrest out for just 70 runs with Brett Carey taking four wickets and Tom Loughnane 3 wickets.

This was an excellent win and should be a major confidence booster going into the Grand Final on 8th March at Western Reserve, Colac. The match will start at 12.00 and hopefully the Dolphins will have a large group of supporters cheering them on. Lorne's opponent will be decided in the Preliminary Final between Forrest and Carlisle River. Lorne has many players in good form and if all are available then team selection could be difficult.

I believe that Lorne is good enough to defeat either team, but we hope that all players can be in form on the same day. GO DOLPHINS!

Women's Golf

By Danni De Bon

Club news:

2025 Women's golf started back after our summer break on January 28th, with many of us playing our first round of 18 holes for a while. - need to get (Lorne) golf fit again!! Although, now we have Golf carts, some of the women who had been finding 18 holes a little too difficult, are able to use a cart and are playing 18 holes again! Hooray!

Our President Sue asked us what our golf goals are for the year ahead. From lowering handicaps, to aiming for more par holes, to aiming (Hoping) for a hole in one and more.... She records one for each player and we review our progress at the end of the year. It's a good focus for the beginning of our competition golf and for getting our golf head back on!

The following week Feb 4th, another HOT day was stroke and our first Monthly Medal competition, with Sue England winning the honour.

Feb 11th, 18th and 25th are the 3 rounds for our Summer Cup Competition, with the best 2 rounds of the 3 counting for both the 9 and 18 hole winners. Over the first 2 weeks that have been completed, there have been some exceptional scores - in the 40's for the 18 holes and high teens for 9 hole players. The final week next week will be interesting to see if anyone can beat Sally Young in the 18 holes comp - she has returned this year HOT!!

SWGA Golf:

We are already out and about in the region:

Sue E. Sally Y. and Ann Marie represented Lorne at the Barwon Heads Bowlin Feb. and they finished just 2 points the winning team!

We had 2 teams represent Lorne at Angelsea on Feb 3rd for the Rosalind Quinlan Bowl. The competition was started early as it was to be played on one of the super Hot days we had. The girls survived, and had a great day.

We also entered a team in the Clifton Springs Bowl in late January. The team had to leave at 6.30 am to make the journey and be there for tee off. They did not take home the prize but did us proud representing our club there.

Pennant is staring soon and the women have a team playing in Division 5, with the first round of the season being held at Lorne on March 21st. We don't play at home so our first game will be the following Friday. Fingers crossed we do well this season as we have gone up a division from last year.

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! ...

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What is a urinary tract infection (UTI)?

If you've ever experienced a UTI, you'll know the tell-tale signs - an intense and constant urge or pressure to urinate followed by a burning pain when you do. It's one of the most common infections in humans, affecting around 1 in 2 women and 1 in 20 men during their lifetime. Urinary Tract Infections (commonly referred to as UTIs) can happen anywhere in the urinary tract and are very common in women, babies and the elderly. UTIs occur when microbes (microscopic bacteria) or germs enter the urinary tract or bladder and multiply, causing a number of painful symptoms. If left untreated, the infection can spread to your kidneys and other parts of your body, so it's important to know the signs to look out for and seek treatment immediately.

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If you are interested in joining our group, whether new to golf or with some Golfing experience, or if you have any questions, please call Sue Neill on 0418 674 062, or Rose Wyles on 0407 860 980.

Lorne Bowls Club

By Don Baldwin

The Lorne Bowls Club continued it's internal championships with Mixed Pairs and we are pleased to announce congratulations to Brad and Colleen Weetman, the winners of the Mixed Pairs Club Championship. (See Photo) They defeated Steve Donne and Caitlin McCombe in the final.



Round 13 Lorne 1 played host to Colac3 [Lake] and were back on the winners list with Lorne 1 94 shots and 14 points to Colac 3 43 shots 2 points. Lorne 1 sit 7th on the ladder.

Round 12 weekend pennant Lorne 1 travelled to Winchelsea on very hot day and regrettably failed to win by 8 shots. Winchelsea 2 105 shots 16 points to Lorne 197 shots 2 points. Lorne 1 still sit top of the ladder.

Round 12 Lorne 2 did the exhausting trip to Derrinallum and won.

Lorne 2 67 shots 14 points to Derrinallum 1 57 shots 2 points.

Lorne 2 sit top of the ladder.

Round 13 Lorne 1 played at home to Birregurra 1 with Lorne 1 coming out strong in the end to win 112 Shots 16 points to Birregurra 1 81 shots and 2 points. Lorne 1 sit top of the ladder.

Round 13, Lorne 2 had a bye but still came down to the club and played a practice match and then supported Lorne 1 on the sidelines for the remaining Lorne 1 match. Great support from our members.

Round 14 Midweek played their last home and away game against Derrinallum 1 in Lorne on a very warm day and what a win, Derrinallum are 2nd on ladder and Lorne needed to win to save any relegation issues and Lorne 1 89 shots 16 points to Derrinallum 1 43 shots 0 points. with this win Lorne 1 finished in 6th spot on the ladder.

Round 14 Weekend Pennant Lorne 1 & 2 played Cressy at home, the last home and away game before finals.

Lorne 1 118 shots 16 points defeated Cressy 1 68 shots 2 points. Lorne 2 60 shots 15 points defeated Cressy 2 49 shots 1 point.

Semifinals Lorne 1 81 shots 14 points in very close game Winchelsea 79 shots 4 points.

Lorne 1 go straight into the Grand Final. Winchelsea 2 play Cobden 1, winner plays Lorne.

Lorne 2 played Colac 4 and regrettably lost 49 shots to 62. Lorne 2 play Cobden 4, winner plays Colac 4 in Grand final.

Due to extreme weather conditions and a Total Fire Ban Saturday and Sunday no games were played.

For final results will be next addition.

Tennis and Pickleball

Tennis and pickleball will continue through the year, and tennis players can look forward to tournaments over the Labour Day weekend and during the Easter holidays. Players are always made welcome for social tennis at Lorne Country Club and coaching is also available. For the full range of tennis options you can email Kevin Diviny at kevindiviny@gmail.com or give him a call on 0407 829 296.

In last month's edition of the Lorne Independent you will have read the inspiring article on Pickleball written by Brian Tickell. Yes, this sport is proving very popular worldwide and Lorne now has a growing group of players of all ages and sporting abilities. To register your interest, or to learn more, you can email Brian at lornepickleball@gmail.com

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GREETINGS FROM HAPPY SNAKEBITE SUE IN KITHBROOKE, BELLBRAE

**Remember me?
Sue! Lillian? Dog walker? Etc.**

Well, I sure remember you all!

Let me tell you it is bloody hard to amputate oneself from a community like Lorne.

Luckily I have held on to my Lorne house on the Hill and have been down almost every weekend!

However, moving to a Retirement Village is HEAVEN! It is so quiet! (Must be the background noise of the gorgeous ocean I was used to).

But most of all it is FLAT!! I love hills and the hills of Lorne are magical - however they would have rolled me down and into the ocean eventually had I stayed.

I think the big snakebite and normal aging have hit me in the ankles and to walk on flat land is such a joy!

Locco and I are practising walking faster and very upright!!

Folk here are just so welcoming and friendly. Nearly everyone has a dog and we stop and chat and swap names, and immediately forget each others names.

Quite convenient.

There is always something going and the very active Residents Committee fill in when there is not a formally organised activity.

My villa is a joy to me and my back garden is full of roses, camellias and apple trees!

My Bunnings vegetable gardens on legs are producing silver beet, tomatoes and herbs galore.

Thanks to Thursday Kerry at the wine shop, these are fast growing big producers and I love them.

I'll keep in touch. Promise. This is just a start!!

Much love to each of you, and commiserations to Geoff and Leigh on the passing of their ginormous doggy.

Happy Snakebite Sue at Kithbrooke Bellbrae!

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WINDFALL *By Doug Williams*

Windfall fruit is simply that which lies on the ground having fallen from a tree. Dropped there by a gust of wind, it's waiting there like a stroke of good luck. It's a wonderful find and so when I'm out and about I will wander past the quince tree up the road waiting for fallen fruit or any ripening after a heavy blow. But this year I have been beaten to the punch; a neighbour has swooped in before me!

Windfall fruit gets thumbs down from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority and other government departments round the globe so my advice is not to let any lie on the ground for very long at all if you intend to use it so that it doesn't get damaged or bruised. We don't want to face botanical heartbreak.

It was in Sumatra seeking out a rafflesia for its huge smelly flowers and there I was in the land of the Minangkabau where the rooflines of the houses are built to profile the horns of water buffalo. It was the signature animal there because many generations ago the rajah of Java, the island next door, had sent an envoy to announce the imminent arrival of a war party that was going to invade and take over their province of West Sumatra - and what did they think of this?

The ruling mama of this matrilineal society rose to the occasion and suggested that rather than wage a battle at great expense and the loss of many lives they should settle their differences in another way. She proposed that they stage a bull fight, winner takes all. The mama knew the rajah of Java had a fierce reputation and was not to be trialled with and she also knew that he was enormously proud of his fighting bulls, the best in the region, so the bullfight suggestion would delight him.

The envoy went away and then returned later with a happy agreement for the fight which would be held in three months time.

When the Javanese arrived with a small fleet, with slow and deliberate panache they unloaded their bull before a crowd of Minangkabau. It was a champion animal: tall, vast across the shoulders and with an undisputable claim to be far more powerful and more dangerous than anything anyone would be able to bring out to match an experienced, savage and fearsome beast. The next day was to be fight day and a special area of farmland had been prepared for thousands of local people to gather to watch the spectacle.

Meanwhile the Sumatrans had picked out their own competitor and in his tent. He was being dressed up for the battle in colourful fabrics and flowers. In the Javanese tent the sound of the invader was unsettling the locals as it stamped and groaned in preparation for the fight.

When he was brought out into the middle of the arena the whole crowd fell silent - They knew there was no way any bull they had ever seen would come near the size of this monster with garlands of flowers and long, sharp blades attached to its mighty horns. After a long, expectant hush before the battle, the Sumatrans presented their opponent. The silent crowd fell more silent.

A calf had been brought out. When they were both unleashed the calf, with sharp steel on its tiny horns, wreathed in iris, jasmine, orchids and frangipani, ran straight underneath the big buffalo and began thrashing madly, thinking this was a mother and this was a chance to get a feed since it hadn't eaten for a whole two days. Before very long the giant buffalo, unable to defend itself, was soon disembowelled and rolled over onto the grass. It was victory to the Sumatrans and from then on provided the impulse for all buildings' rooflines to be built in image of buffalo horns.

There was a big floral event here in town recently when a grass tree (xanthorrhoea) produced a mighty flower stalk. These are commonly known to grow to three or four metres, but this one had a really long slender stem some five metres tall. Gigantic, might be a world record for Lorne. Meanwhile, here at home I'm dealing with green creeping spurge skulking in my driveway and I'm sometimes using vinegar to subdue it since it's more organic than Roundup.

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Galápagos Islands 2

San Cristóbal

Area: 557 km² or 215 mi²

Maximum Altitude: 730 m or 2395 ft

Population: Approximately 6000

San Cristóbal is the fifth largest and easternmost island of Galápagos. It is comprised of three or four fused volcanoes, all extinct. Its name comes from the Patron Saint of seafarers, "St. Christopher." in Spanish. It is home to the oldest permanent settlement of the islands and is the island where Darwin first went ashore in 1835. El Junco, a small lake located near the top of the island, is the only source of permanent fresh water in the islands. This resource led to its early settlement. It was home to the islands' governor when Darwin visited the archipelago in 1835.



Geologically the oldest island, San Cristobal is the administrative head of the entire Galapagos Islands. . Puerto Baquerizo Moreno is the name of little Port town. It has a laid back, almost tropical vibe which we had not seen yet in these most unusual and unexpected islands.

The ferry (loosely named) from Santa Cruz Island to San Cristobal takes 2 hours. They are two hours of extreme discomfort and fear. However the islanders have decided that fast and uncomfortable is better than slow and uncomfortable. Chairs are in tight rows and it is almost impossible to move once the long hours of banging over the waves begins. Moans from seasick passengers only make things worse. The relief and charm of the arrival quickly wipes this misery away. We soon recover with a pleasant hotel and a few bars to explore pre dinner.

The little port town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno is the capital of the entire island complex. The people, often on extended stays from mainland Ecuador, work in government, tourism, and artisanal fishing. The port town is home to the Galápagos Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences (GAIAS) of the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ). This institution serves as a



base of operation for local university students to carry out thesis work, and for international students to participate in semester abroad programs. The Interpretation Center is located near town and provides an excellent source of information for the local community we read about the first western visitors to the islands, and the way Darwin put them on the map in scientific terms.

Of course we are delighted to walk across the road and meet our next lot of lazily friendly and curious sea-lion. A short trip away we are swimming with giant green sea turtles, sea-lions and large colourful fish.

Next trip is a diving excursion to a distant straight sided mountain of the western coast of SanCristobal . One of the most sought after sites in Galapagos, Kicker Rock, also known as León Dormido, is the remains of a volcanic cone, eroded by the sea across hundredths of years. It is the eroded cone of an extinct volcano in the shape of a sleeping lion which earned it the name, Leon Dormido. Above the water, the monolithic rock formation towers over 500 feet above the Pacific Ocean and is home to various Blue-Footed Boobies, Frigatebirds, California Sea Lions, Red-billed Tropicbirds. But the true magic and beauty occurs below the surface. The natural erosion of this ancient cone has formed a channel between the rocks that produces the perfect habitat for Galapagos Sharks, Whitetip Sharks, Large Rays, Pelagic and Reef Fish, Sea Turtles, Sea Lions.

Chris was delighted to experience jumping backwards off the boat as many marine adventurers on TV have done. So many up close and curious wildlife under the waves as well.

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GREAT OCEAN ROAD HEALTH NEWS

LORNE
medical centre

A Message From Our CEO

You may have heard that in the media that the transition to the Local Health Service Networks (LHSN) has started. Great Ocean Road Health (GORH) is in the Barwon LHSN with Barwon Health, Colac Area Health and Hesse Rural Health. This LHSN is a partnership model, which means that the health services will be working together as partners rather than amalgamated organisations. We partner with many organisations to provide increased services to our communities so this model is not foreign to us, and we will continue to work with our partners across the Barwon South West region to ensure our services are able to continue to develop.

As a Barwon LHSN we will work together on projects which benefit our services and our communities and will hopefully be able to provide increased services and find efficiencies by working more closely together. The GORH Board and the executive team are committed to ensuring that the change to the networks is seamless and adds value to our communities. At this stage there is no change to structures of health services. We are working closely with the newly created Hospital Victoria to ensure that we are financially sustainable and can continue to deliver great care to our communities on an on going basis.

I have just had two week of leave and was delighted to witness the wonderful care we provide at warm water classes and see our Aged Care residents out and about living purposeful lives.

Kind Regards, Sandy

Apollo Bay Wellbeing Day for Women With Cancer

We are excited to partner with Counter Part for this **FREE** event, open to women at any stage of their cancer diagnosis (whether recent or many years ago), and they are welcome to bring a supportive friend, family member or carer along to enjoy the activities. Join us at the Mechanics Hall on 20 March 2025 for a day filled with support, connection, and self-care. The program features Qigong, information session with a dietician, art therapy, lunch and the opportunity to connect with other women who understand the challenges of living with cancer.

Please note that although this event is free registration is required for catering purposes. For full details and to register visit

<https://counterpart.org.au/events/apollo-bay-wbd/>

Summer Raffle Winners!

A big thank you to all who supported our Summer Raffle, which raised funds in support of our Annual Appeal. Congratulations to our Prize Winners :

1. Luxury Escape in Apollo Bay—Sean from Purnim
2. Cottage Retreat—Susan from Colac
3. Ultimate Lorne Escape—Lisa from Point Cook
4. Paradise at the Mantra—Sue from Bridgewater

To learn more about fundraising and our Annual Appeal visit our website: [Support Us | Great Ocean Road Health](#)

The 2024-25 Annual Appeal is dedicated to raising funds for needed infrastructure improvements to our facilities, to continue to provide greater care for our community. We making improvements to patient rooms such as installing a tracking and hoist system in all rooms to increase patient mobility and reduce staff injury, expand our ground floor balcony and reconfigure the hospital reception and waiting room areas to increase patient capacity, have a dedicated patient triage section, improve security, increase the number of patient rooms, hospital roof repairs, as well as new painting and carpet. We can't do it alone—we need your help! Please donate today!

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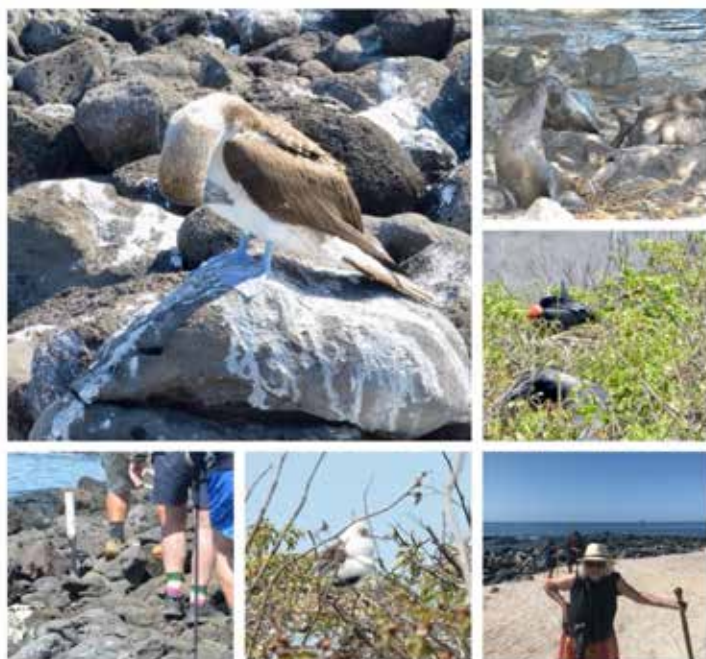
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En route we visited the tiny rocky islet of Isla Lobos, just off the coast of San Cristobal, which is a nesting location for bluefooted and red footed boobies, although it is named after the colony of sea-lions we saw in family groups here. There were Frigatebirds and shearwaters also nested there.

With the help of long heavy poles we were able to circumnavigate this tricky site and observe chicks, eggs and nesting birds. It's also a great place spotting Sally Lightfoot Crabs on the lava rocks along the shoreline and swallow-tailed gulls are also a common sight.

All too soon our last sunset dinner had arrived. We were unsurprised to see our luggage unceremoniously bumping away to the airport. One last adventure left.

The highest Capital city in the world, right on the Equator, lovely Quito in spring with its pink trees.

RE-INVIGORATING THE LBTA

By David Worth - Secretary

We kicked off the re-invigoration of the Lorne Business and Tourism Association (LBTA) in late November last year with a very successful get together at the Grand Pacific. 40 business signed up for membership.

We want to keep the purpose of the association simple:

- Enable Businesses to network amongst the Lorne Community (LBTA will host a function three times a year.)
- Communication of events, issues etc. (Across members and broader community where applicable)
- Voice for Advocating issues effecting Lorne businesses which requires relationships with regional Authorities.

The intent is to get as many Lorne businesses involved as members as well as incorporate the other Lorne associations as members.

If you want to be involved and be a member, please send details of your business, contact person and contact details (email and mobile number). Once received we can send an invoice.

We are intending to have a similar networking function as held at the Grand Pacific for members on April 1, 2025 on the rooftop at Lorne Hotel.

Join to ensure you are invited.

We will hold our AGM just before the function, with the intent to confirm our committee and officers.

If you would like more details, please contact David Worth (0418 318 977 or email treasurerlbta@gmail.com.au)

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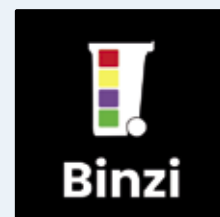
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AUTUMN AILMENTS

By Liz Brown local Vet

The sun has lost its sting, the melaleucas are coming to the end of their flowering and the bees are hunting for good sources of water. There's still warmth in the ground and the coast is breathing a sigh of relief as the masses head home.

What could possibly go wrong now? The main issues tend to be gastric, in nature, or dry skin with grass seed penetration. Hard dry stubble can leave sensitive feet stinging and the damp air can cause those joints to ache.

Gastroenteritis can be the undoing of many a tough warrior. The sudden stabbing pains and urgent need to evacuate often give the impression that our beloved pets are on their last legs.

Don't be fooled. Twenty four to forty eight hours later they bounce back as quickly as they collapsed. If they don't want to eat then they're self medicating. You can always syringe water into their mouths every time you pass them and that will help to keep them hydrated.

Panadol can help with the pain and mashed pumpkin is a great way to sooth the bowel and help push the cause of the problem through.

Grass seeds are a different matter altogether. They've got the ability to work their way into all parts of the body. The ears are the most commonly affected and the only way to get them out is with alligator forceps at the vet but you can warm some oil up and put a couple of drops down the ear to help hold the awn off the eardrum and give some panadol while waiting to get to your vet.

Grass seeds in eyes can be dangerous as they get caught behind the third eyelid and the abrasive action on the cornea often causes an ulcer which is very painful. They need immediate attention if you want to look after the eye.

All other orifices like vaginas and prepuces are great places to hide grass seeds and they can puncture the

skin and head in any direction making them difficult to find. Often you'll find a red raised nodule between the toes which will be irritating and cause the pet to lick incessantly.

A gentle massage may be enough to extrude the seed but often they need veterinary attention to find them. As they saying goes sometimes it's like trying to find a needle in a haystack so it may take several attempts to find the wee pest.

I recall a Jack Russell, many years ago, that had a grass seed spiralling around it's body, always two steps ahead of me. I didn't think Jack would appreciate being skun alive while I chased his grass seed so I had to leave nature to work it out and that took about two years to finally resolve.

Sore feet from dry hard ground need imaginative owners to walk them elsewhere or don a pair of boots that can be bought on line.

Finally achy joints may need to start their anti arthritis regimes. Rosehip and glucosamine supplements help. Pentosan glycate injections also help, either as an initial four week course or a three monthly booster. Then there are the non steroidal anti inflammatories and other medicines that can be picked up from vets when the arthritis progresses.

Exercise is important to keep joints healthy. That can be three short walks a day or longer ones as required. Swimming is a great non weight bearing exercise that we should all do but wash the salt water off at the end of the day.

There are fun physiotherapy suggestions on line or animal physiotherapists for those who prefer the real deal.

Whatever you do just make sure you keep those pets at the centre of everything you do and as a team, I'm sure, you'll thrive.

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Men of the Men's Shed

KEN HOSKING

By Garry Fenton

Ken was born in Kerang in 1951, attending the local Primary School and then White Hills Technical School in Bendigo and further education at Bendigo College of Advanced Education to do a farm agricultural course.

Ken was a third-generation farmer of The Oaks Kerang East. He carried on the family tradition of breeding stud Border Leicester and later Poll Dorset sheep. The Border Leicester stud was considered one of the leading studs of the breed in Australia. "We would show sheep at Sydney, Dubbo, Adelaide, Melbourne, Albury and many other Shows. We sold sheep to many parts of Australia and New Zealand and ram semen sales to the UK", he reflected. Ken judged sheep in England, Australia and New Zealand.

The farm was an intensive irrigation property with Ken incorporating many new and developing practices.

Ken obtained his pilot's licence when he was twenty-eight and has continued flying ever since. This gave Ken and Chick the opportunity to see much of Australia and they have had some wonderful trips. "We flew right around Ayres Rock once and at Kakadu National Park we landed and taxied to within one hundred yards of our accommodation", Ken smiled as he reflected on many wonderful experiences.

After thirty-five years farming Ken and Chick decided to make a change from agriculture and sold the stud and farm. They took 'long service leave' for eighteen months before taking on managing Benleigh Alpaca Stud on the Bellarine Peninsula. This was an interesting time for Ken as the stud was one of the first in Australia to use artificial insemination and embryo transfers on Alpacas. The veterinary team he worked with were regularly going to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates using AI for the vast camel racing industry.

After the dispersal of the Benleigh Alpacas, Ken and Chick purchased Lorne Post Office. By coincidence it had been owned by people they had known in Kerang.

"We had the PO for seven years, then started to build a home in Lorne when the Hardware came on the market, and we ran that for nine years."

They sold the business one month before Covid and he and Chick, who is a nurse and had spent many years at Geelong Grammar and the Lorne Hospital, retired.

Ken had been very involved in many committees including Rotary International in Kerang, and Drysdale. He was well aware of the positive impact the Kerang Mens Shed, which had been established ten years before Lorne, was having on its members and was keen to support the project in Lorne.



"When the Lorne boys were building the Shed, I would go to Trade Conferences and rounded up some companies and had tools and other equipment donated. We also donated a fair bit from our Hardware as well".

The Shed called on Ken and his forklift on several occasions to shift the "Couta Memory" sculpture and other times when it was needed. "I was always happy to help out, had a lot of fun working with the Sheddors on those occasions."

Ken was very pleased the Shed was being built as he was aware of the benefits to be had from retired men getting together on a regular basis. "I was also aware of the struggles the founders had on several fronts and was so pleased when the project was successfully completed."

Ken thought that Men's Sheds were providing connection and inclusion for men who were unable to find other clubs suitable to their needs. They are hands on and are making things for the benefit of the town. "I am the treasurer at the Lions Village, and we are going to ask them to make some garden seats for us."

When asked about the "Grand Opening", Ken said, "It went off extremely well. It was an achievement for the guys that put it together. They were pretty proud of themselves, and we were pretty proud of them too. It was a great day, and the Shed was really full, bursting at the seams."

Ken has worked until recently and still has interests at Kerang and Bendigo so has had little time to be very involved in Shed projects but does enjoy dropping in and having a coffee with the shedders when he can. "Some of the guys in the Shed have an amazing variation of backgrounds and it's great to be able to bounce ideas off them. It's a great cross section of men who have a wealth of knowledge."

And the 'Old Chestnut' question about the Shed coffee? "It's good, it's good! I give it a 9 out of 10. John has always been the barista when I have been there." Ken said with a smile.




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EXCITING NEWS: OUR BRAND-NEW COURTESY BUS HAS ARRIVED AND IT'S AN AUTO WITH HILL ASSIST

After much discussion we decided to go with a Toyota. It cost more than the alternatives but we reckon with Toyota we get better reliability and resale. The old girl did the job for over 8 years but being a manual it limited our number of volunteer drivers and as you might have noticed, in Lorne we have these things called hills and a bloody lot of them. Thanks to Mark Awramenko and Brian Taylor who handled the purchase.

Check Out The Number Plate! Hutch doing his very first pick up. How good is the sign-writing. You can't miss it. You will see a lot of it over the next 10 years and beyond.

Upcoming Events

Saturday Arvo Blues

IT'S BACK! Saturday 1st March with the sensational ARCH REVIVAL BLUES BAND from 4pm till 7pm. It's free entry with a free sausage sizzle. All welcome. Arch Revival Blues Band is heading back down the coast to where it all began at The Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club. Hope to see you there!

Home Grown Tomato Competition

Sponsored By Terry White Chemmart Lorne

Friday 7th March From 5pm. Members Only.

Prizes for the biggest, smallest, funniest shape and the Grand Champion which is the tastiest one. Our Celebrity Judges, Leon and Dave can be bribed, but you must be discreet.

Major Fishing Competition Two

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Sunday 9th March, the comp runs from 6am until the deadline of 12.30pm. Weigh-in starts at midday. It's free to enter for members and all competitors get a free roast lunch. Prizes are awarded for first, second and third in both the junior and senior categories. Juniors must be under the age of 18. You can only weigh in one fish each, so anyone can win on the day, and it's environmentally friendly. Come and have a crack. It's great fun

Back By Popular Demand

The best band in the Southwest. The Vulkans are performing for one night only on Sunday 9th of March from 4pm onwards. FREE ENTRY. MEMBERS ONLY. We suggest you get there early. It will be a full house.

Our Annual Golf Comp

Sponsored By Heath Wilson & Wilson Family:

Saturday 29th March. 10am registration for an 11am shotgun start.

We have now beaten the banjo playing hill people up at the Lorne Country Club two years in a row. So anyone out there who can hit a golf ball please put your name down with Hutch or myself. It would be great to get a hat trick and win this three years in a row. After the 9 holes we will all meet back at the Anglers for a BBQ and refreshments which is free for all those that played. We will also be raffling two vouchers for a game of golf at the famous Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club. Each voucher is for 4 players and they are worth \$1,980 each. Tickets are only \$1 each, proceeds will go to local charities and it will be drawn that afternoon.

Recent Events

Donations

Our last donation was to the Lorne Occasional Care to help pay for some upgrades to their existing play equipment, refurbishing some of their older gear and enhancing their outdoor.

Major Fishing Competition One

Sponsored By Lorne Auto Care: Alex & Adam

Our first Comp for the year was held on Australia Day with lovely blue skies but unfortunately, we had a brisk SE wind, so conditions weren't great. We still had a good number of anglers with some nice fish caught. Everyone was treated to a beautiful feed of roast lamb expertly cooked by David and Ann and the usual magnificent salads from Annie. Junior Winner Jack Hunter with a salmon, 2259 points, Junior second Charlie Hunter also with a Salmon, 1915 points, We had a draw for Junior third place with first timer Henry Hather, who caught a Salmon, 1790 points. Angus Hunter had the same points but with a Leatherjacket. Senior Winner Brett Stewart with a King George Whiting, 2567 points. Senior Second Andrew Clarke also with a King George Whiting, 2347 points Senior Third Greg Ennis with a Mullet, 2339 points.

CFA/Lorne Fire Brigade Australia Day Fundraiser.

This day has become a tradition and a very successful one at that. Every year it gets bigger and better. We got lucky with the weather again with not a cloud in the sky and a nice sea breeze. We had to close the gate several times this year to keep it comfortable.

Our magnificent local CFA volunteers ran a sausage sizzle, we ran a raffle and an auction and our Swimming Group 'The Frozen Few' arrived and held their annual award presentation on the day before tucking into the sausage sizzle and enjoyed a couple of handles of our famous cold beer.

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Barwon Water Community Update

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

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

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

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



Lorne: Water, Your Say

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



We're here to help

If you're concerned about your water bill, we offer support to suit your situation. Get in touch to find out how we can help.



Be waterwise every day

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



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A big thank you to Leon Buchanan and his daughter Kat who donate a beautiful print every year for us to raffle. This year they very generously donated two so we raffled one then auctioned the second one. Following this we had our now regular BLUES BUS BAND who had everyone up dancing into the night.

Rescue

On Australia Day in between our fishing comp and the CFA fundraiser I noticed a bloke directly in front of our clubhouse in a black inflatable boat with no motor kneeling up the front of it using one oar trying to paddle parallel to the rocks towards the pier. There was a reasonably big swell running and he was inside the break of the waves.



It was obvious that he had no idea what he was doing. He wasn't wearing a life jacket but appeared to be wearing a SCUBA diving BCD which is not suitable for this use. Only seconds after I noticed him a wave picked up his boat and dumped it upside down on top of him dangerously close to the rocks. Brett Stewart, two other blokes and I ran out, rescued him and then dragged his boat up onto the rocks. Shortly after his family calmly walked down to him where they slowly dismantled the boat, packed it all up and went on their merry way. This is another reason why our clubhouse needs to be located exactly where it is.

The Famous Mermaids

I came across this bunch of crazy ladies recently. They meet every morning at 7.30 all year round and don't wear wetsuits. There was well over 20 of them and they have become very keen Boogie Boarders. Each time they catch a wave they make the most of it and stay on the wave until they hit the shore. They also let out an ear piercing high pitched squeal so when there's a dozen or so on the same wave the noise is deafening. I've contacted the EPA who are concerned that this noise is the reason whales and dolphins have been scarce over the last 12 months or so. They posted me a decibel meter but when I tried it with

only about 6 mermaids on the same wave it exploded. Some of the famous Mermaids after causing havoc on the waves. Most of these ladies are also members of our club and are also Snappers so along with our "Frozen Few" swimming group we now have a legitimate reason for having the word 'AQUATIC' in our name. For many years we didn't.

Snappers are Back

The Snappers are back after having a couple of months off to avoid the big crowds at the club. If any ladies out there would like to meet and get to know our very friendly bunch just turn up around 5pm on the first Friday of each month. The organiser, Lou Goldsworthy, always has a table booked and everyone is welcome. If you look closely you will see a lot of the Snappers are also Mermaids but without the swim caps and wearing more clothes.

Max Returns

Local Legend Max Pitt made a very welcome return to the club this week after an illness that kept him in hospital for five and a half months. He was sadly missed and it was great to see him back where he belongs in his favourite spot.



Fishing Report

Boat

So far February has been a bit blowy but there's been a few windows where we can get the boats out. The Flathead are still biting really well with plenty of big Tigers and Yanks being caught. Snapper are still hard to find. Gummy Sharks are being landed in good numbers. King George Whiting are plentiful. There have been a few good sized Kingfish caught off the FAD out off the Aireys Lighthouse. There's still the odd Nannygai, Teraki, Blue Morwong and Flying Gurnard being caught.

Pier

The pier is still producing good numbers of Salmon, Snapper, Trevally, King George Whiting, Flathead, Misc Sharks, Mullet, Garfish, Calamari and Grass Whiting. Don't get too excited about the Grass Whiting. They are actually a Wrasse and not a Whiting at all. They don't taste real flash.

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Picks of the Month

FICTION: **So Thrilled for You** by Holly Bourne



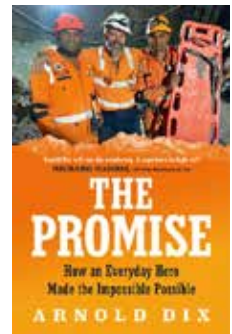
Nicki, Lauren, Charlotte and Steffi have been friends since university. Now in their thirties, life is pulling them in different directions – but when Charlotte organises the a shower for pregnant Nicki, the girls are reunited. Under a sweltering hot summer day, tensions rise – and by the end of the day, nothing will ever be the same. Someone started a fire at the house – and everyone's a suspect...

BIG LITTLE LIES meets EXPECTATION in the incredible new novel from Holly Bourne – it's the book you'll want to read three times, then give to every woman in your life.

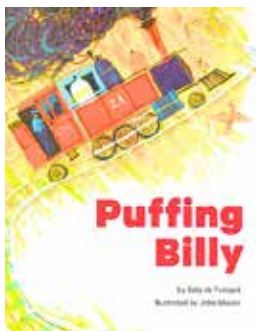
NON-FICTION: **The Promise** by Arnold Dix

Arnold Dix became an unlikely hero when he promised to save forty-one men trapped after a tunnel collapse in the Himalayas. This is his unforgettable story.

In rural Victoria, Arnold Dix is known to locals as a farmer and a part-time truck driver. But his name reached global recognition when he played a pivotal role in rescuing forty-one Indian workers trapped after a deadly tunnel collapse. What many don't know is that Arnold is also a barrister, scientist, engineer – a 'quirky' Aussie bloke who proves that extraordinary courage can come from the most unexpected places.



CHILDREN'S FICTION: **Puffing Billy** by Esta de Fossard & John Mason



Puffing Billy is a little steam engine who carries farmers and their goods through the hills. Children like him too, because he is the happiest engine in the land. But one day disaster strikes a landslide rolls down onto the track and a lot of important looking gentlemen decide that Puffing Billy can run no longer. He is taken to a workshop and left alone in a dusty corner. For a while it looks as if he has been forgotten. But then the children who used to ride the Puffing Billy feel lonely without him and they think of a plan to put him on the rails again.

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