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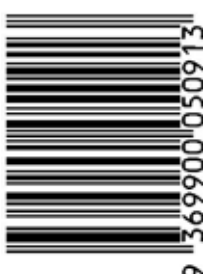
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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

from all your favourite Lorne Independent folk



LORNE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Colin Leitch

First of all, a potted history of how the community garden of the Lorne Community House came about. Back in the late naughties, the Community House was a thriving hub of activity, mainly due to it being the most popular Internet cafe in town. So, this was the era in which we could call and text on our mobiles, but we needed a computer and modem to use the Internet. And the cost was significant, so Internet cafes were popular for casual use.

One of the Community House activities in that period was to establish demonstrations of water and energy saving technology and to get funding to design and construct an edible garden. The latter was constructed in 2010 and named after two residents of Gracedale Guesthouse, Daisy and Olive. Gracedale Guesthouse had been demolished to allow rerouting of Otway Street and to provide space for a hub of community facilities. With the garden beds established, Community House supporters donated trees, shrubs and perennial veggies, and the opening of the garden in October 2010 was well celebrated.

The opening of the community garden however pretty much coincided with the demise of internet cafes and the Community House lost much of its patronage. Sadly, the garden became neglected. It wasn't until 2014 that a regular gardening program was established, and crops of annual veggies were grown for the first time.

The following year an associated Community House program was set up to minimise waste from local cafes. The cafe organic wastes that had been going to landfill were collected and either hot composted or processed in worm farms. In the nine years the program has been running, around 70 tons of cafe wastes have been diverted from landfill.

which would have generated around 100 Tonnes of CO₂, equivalent to the emissions of 70 return flights from Melbourne to Los Angeles! The worm castings generated in the program have been used as a soil ameliorate on farms, orchards, market gardens and veggie gardens in Lorne and surrounding areas. In recent years, wastes from the FeedMe Surfcoast kitchens have also been processed through the worm farms.

Back to the gardening program: the program pretty much ran on a shoestring of energy and money in the early years but in the Covid era it began to thrive. During lockdown, gardening was possibly the only organised activity in Lorne where numbers of people could be involved in



collective activity whilst adhering to social distancing rules. Participation has boomed and we've been able to have a more relaxed approach to creating a beautiful edible garden. Having a cuppa together has now developed into an institution and the connections created are highly valued.

Veggies, herbs and fruit grown in the garden are available to pick by anybody. However regular pickers are encouraged to join the Tuesday working bees. The Community Garden receives ongoing program funding and support from the Lorne Community House, which is auspiced by Great Ocean Road Health. To supplement this support in recent years we've raised funds by growing, braiding, and selling garlic. The garlic braids have proven to be a popular stocking-filler! We have also received invaluable financial support for projects from the Surf Coast Shire, the Lorne Community Bank, our Op Shop and the Aquatic Club. The Men's Shed have also come on board providing labour and materials where necessary for our construction needs.

The Gardening Group meets on Tuesdays between 11 and 1. Members are available to provide advice with:

- How and when to grow veggies in Lorne
- Pruning of fruit trees
- Design and use of wicking beds for growing veggies
- How to make potting mix using local ingredients

We also provide free-of-charge: worm castings; worm farm starter packs; and modest quantities of pasteurised mulch and potting mix.

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CLEMENTINE CALLING

Last month we farewelled the wonderful Lillian. She has promised a missive from her new home soon. Meanwhile we welcome Clementine Calling!

Tis the season to be merry or at least the end of October and early November was. First there was the Allan Walls Bring a Bottle Men's Lunch held up at Qdos. Merry men could be seen dropped by spouses and lovers so that they could enjoy their wine and food together. Erudite John Agar was the guest speaker.

Then along came the Op Shop party held at the end of October in a flower decorated Bowls Club where the hard workers from the Op Shop enjoyed a splendid lunch of risotto and ragu with their co-workers. A fuss was made of wonderful Marie Bannister. Marie's numerous colourful beanies adorn many a Lorne head and her famous tea cosies cover tea pots with their joyful multi coloured flowers waving in the wind.

The Lorne School put on their community dinner, cooked by VCE students with help from Luke Morgan under the watchful eye of Cherie Osta. Eminent members of the community enjoyed a delicious meal.



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Halloween was enjoyed by so many kids. Arlo and his friends looked splendid in their outfits as they walked up the steep hills to George Street. I hope everyone gave them a treat.

Then on the first Monday in November the Melbourne Cup Eve party was held at the Lorne Country Club. It was great fun with lots of well-dressed people including Paula Hayden ever so chichi as she won the Fashions of the Field Award and sartorial Clive Goldsworthy very smart in his white striped, black suit and bowler!

Mention must be made of two sturdy little chaps, Fletcher and Sullivan. Alyce Stribbling gets the award for the most special mother. These boys can be seen in the Erskine Estuary wearing next to nothing and playing with a simple toy. This contrasts with our summer visitors whose pampered kids have so many toys that they have to be lugged to the beach in buggies! Why do children have to have so many toys today?

Best manly legs award goes to Keith from the Bowls Club, he regularly walks not only his own dog Missy but also Lulu belonging to his neighbour.

A small group have been weeding the field opposite the water tanks on George Street. This year the wildflowers have created a colourful carpet. Great effort goes into removing the South African nasties - Broom, Boneseed and the dreaded orchid which must be carefully dug out. The wildflowers have been splendid with lots of purple Vanilla Lillies, white Pimelia, pink Stylidium, white Sweet Nancy, yellow Buttons, blue Pincushions, and beneath them all the red Running Postman and yellow Goodenia.

So sad for Carly Endicott that her daughter Neve had been so sick in the Royal Children's Hospital. Let us hope she is much better now. Carly is a great contributor capably running the Nursing Home and presiding over a victorious footy club.

Some people in Lorne are saints and one of them is the golf playing Chris Angus who weekly gives up time to play 500 with 3 elderly 92-year-olds at the Nursing Home.

Ray Sutton's cheeses made on his Penny Royal farm have become famous overnight being enjoyed at Brae and sold in the Deans Marsh Store. Friday night at the Aquatic Club a select group can be seen eating his cheeses much to the envy of everyone else!

Amazing story at the Op Shop where Jo Coulson received a letter, addressed in her maiden name, to say that when she was a primary school teacher at the Lorne School the turtle, called Myrtle, that she had given a small boy 40 years ago is still alive and has a partner. That small boy is now a middle-aged man!! A kind act to a small boy that has never been forgotten.

In November the Wednesday exercise class did their activities in the Uniting Church under the watchful eye of Jesus in a stained-glass window. Gone are the days when they were in the big hall with Greg Walsh and the classes were never cancelled.

Clementine finally would like to say if you don't like the gum trees don't live in Lorne. Please leave the trees in peace as they make the town so beautiful, and the birds love them.

Happy Christmas to you all!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A letter to Lorne

I only just found this writing. I wrote after my first visit to Lorne, that enticed me to stay. How are you? On my visits I have caught up with a few. My mobile drowned and I lost all my numbers. I'd love to hear from any of you. Clare 0409401309 Hope to return soon, busy last year shifting a from Tasmania back to the desert. Thank you for your warm embrace, Lorne.

No idea, where I was?

Hearing coastal waves crashing
Warm moist salty air filled my lungs
Turning the bend, a dim light
"Mermaids" a place to take rest
When I bedded for the night.
Birds sing, golden sunlight
Peeps and creeps, I need much more
A big stretch to start the day
Time to leave, a chance to explore
To visit an artist, beyond the back hill
Filled with creation is beauty in store.
The aqua ocean, brings waves to your door
Fluffy white caps, surfers ride to the shore
Yearly black swans come to this sea bathe
Your arc of beach, granite, towering gums,
Nestled village in forested foothills
Where the river meets the sea for a dance.

Clare Noble in Alice Springs

Dear Editor

Always keen to turn the pages to John Agar's columns in the Independent and Surf Coast Times to read of things that mainly I don't know much about, but take his writings as the gospel truth, has lead me to write this letter of his latest inclusion in the Independent re "Old Tramway Tracks".

Once again John has hammered in to the newer residents and visitors who don't know the history of the Otway's, that the carnage the loggers did, was unforgiving. It is almost 20 years since sawmilling and logging ceased in native forest, yet the timber industry still gets condemned.

Being an ex-logger and fourth generation saw miller in this area of Lorne, I found these remarks disturbing. As the Otways were opened up, including the Lorne area, the need for timber to build houses, railway, road and river bridges, guest houses, piers, halls, hospitals, sporting fencing and buildings, etc, was a must for building this township that has evolved to today's premier tourist attraction.

As well as serving the community needs, the sawmills and their logging crews were one of the main employers of early Lorne. Most Family's had at least one member working in the timber industry. The Armistead's, Clissold's, Allen's, Alsop's, Hogan's, Scoble's, Russell's, Smither's, Worley's, Challis's, etc, just to mention some of the old Family names that were employees.

John mentions the forest has grown to 100 years of age since the so called slaughter by the loggers. I rebut this, John. My Father Erwin Babington used to round up and shepherd the cattle put out to graze in the Benwerrin - Wymboolie forest area at the back of Lorne, by the foothill farmers, on horses, as a teenager (born 1920) with his father Ted Babington. He said his job of rounding up the cattle was made easy in those days as you could see the cattle from one spur to the next spur, quite clearly, as there was minimum scrub to block his vision.

The early settlers ring barked the trees to kill them and then would eventually fall the tree, jack the stump out of the ground to prepare a seedbed. Heaps of hard work, wet winters, vermin and no roads to deliver their produce, if they were able to achieve a crop, to markets. This eventually forced these hard-working families to walk off and leave their dream farms. These areas with large dead trees added to the demise of the forest giants. The Forests Commission ended up buying these abandoned farms and bush blocks at reduced rates, and replanted them thus increasing the forest estate. Much of this now forms the Great Otway National Park.

It was only after the 1939 bushfires that the scrub took hold of the available ground between the trees and has continued to do so. This fire killed much of the older growth trees that you could see for years after, eventually rotting into giant shells that clotted the horizon.

Yes, there were many fires before and after the 1939 one, but the heat was so intense in that one it germinated the seed that had laid dormant for many years and they quickly sprung into life.

John remarked the Aborigines piece by piece cool burning spared the forest bush fires. I find that hard to believe. Even the most controlled burn offs can, and have, sometimes ended in disaster.

It is like trying to convince us the Lorne Fishermen raped the sea of Couta, leaving it to ruin.

John has written articles relating to the early logging and sawmilling days before but has not once come to me or Leon Armistead to get the true facts. Even a chat to our Uncle Doug would help his research on this subject.

Daryl Babington
Benwerrin

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For more information visit <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route/timetable/2097/colac-lorne/> or call PTV 1800 800 007.

Transport is known in the local communities as a barrier to participate in activities, access essential health, medical and social opportunities and to be able to access employment opportunities.

Juliet Beatty from Deans Marsh and Elizabeth Ryan from Birregurra have been advocating for this transport initiative working tirelessly behind the scenes to collaborate with local councils, the Victorian state government, local businesses, media and community members.

Our research has found that the first trial would have been carried out in 2010-2011, and the second one 8 years ago in 2014-2015.

Census figures for 2011 and 2021 show that there has been an increase in population in Deans Marsh and District of 14.2% and Birregurra of 21.9%.

Ideally, we would like to have this bus service as a regular service all year round.

We have been reliably informed by the Victorian State Government that there are no current plans to extend the service operation times

Juliet has been in regular contact with the Lead of the Victorian Mapping Project to ensure that plight of the Colac-Birregurra-Deans Marsh-Lorne Summer Bus Service has been included in the Community Transport - Victorian Mapping Project.

The Victorian Mapping project is a collaboration with the Victoria Tasmania Community Transport Association (VTCTA) & The Department of Transport Planning and Infrastructure (DOT) & The Australian Community Transport Association (ACTA). The project was commenced in March 2024 with a report due for release by the end of 2024. For more information on the Victorian Mapping Project visit <https://communitytransportaustralia.org.au/victorian-mapping-project/>

We encourage everyone to promote this service in your networks and business and please help keep this service viable/secure by taking at least one trip on the bus this summer.

We welcome you to contact us via this newspaper if you require further information.

Thanking you in advance for your support of this vital local transport service.

Yours faithfully

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EDITORIAL *By Janet Goud Editor*

Happy Holiday Season to all our wonderful readers who have been with us through this year. We wish you a great summer of surf and sun.

I was interested to read the letter published in this issue by an old and special Lorne identity who had a few grumbles about the November article on forest tramways which took the felled giant trees out of the forest and which I had read with great interest. This subject trespassed into his childhood and history as one of the original timber families who built Lorne. While I instinctively felt defensive of our Lorne Independent writer who does carefully research his articles, I could see where the letter writer's concern came from. The timber men were strong heroes in a dangerous industry in the early days of Lorne and the entire Otway district.

Today we have the luxury of looking back from a place of great comfort, a place where a massive tree which could house a family is unimaginable except in fairy stories. Now a tree is a not a means to provide shelter and warmth for a struggling family. Or a way to build a town. Survival then was a daily struggle and the old Timber families are right to feel proud of their heritage.

Regretting the passing of huge old ancient trees of the original primal Otway forest is just a way of remembering, and imagining what once was, not blaming those important and

brave people who made Lorne the place which we love so much today. It's really a just a different perspective.

The Lorne Independent welcomes our new Councillor Leon Walker. I'm sure he will take great care of our precious town and speak up for the small towns and hamlets which make the Surfcoast the exciting place it is for weekenders and holiday makers all year round.

I called past Birregurra today and saw an exciting new place. A new food destination has been open for a week and looks fabulous. Lovely tables amid flowers outside and a very swish dining room. First on the left as you arrive from Lorne. Birregurra Grocer is a licenced Larder and Café. Put it on your list to visit over the holidays. Marianne will welcome you.

Exciting days for the Op Shop members. Their little shop is about to reopen with all new lighting, plumbing, floors, fittings and staircase. All the hazardous areas have been refitted and they will be up and running, ready to help the community in the New Year. Builders of Architecture and Quinn Architecture, who usually collaborate to build large, elegant houses, deserve much praise for taking on this little project and completing it with such care and ON TIME. It would have been a first on Grand Designs.

Please note that the Lions Christmas Cakes will be available in Lorne at FoodWorks and the Bendigo Community Bank. Sadly, our Lions have become extinct, but you can still support this worthy cause by buying one.

Have a great Summer Season. See you in the New Year!



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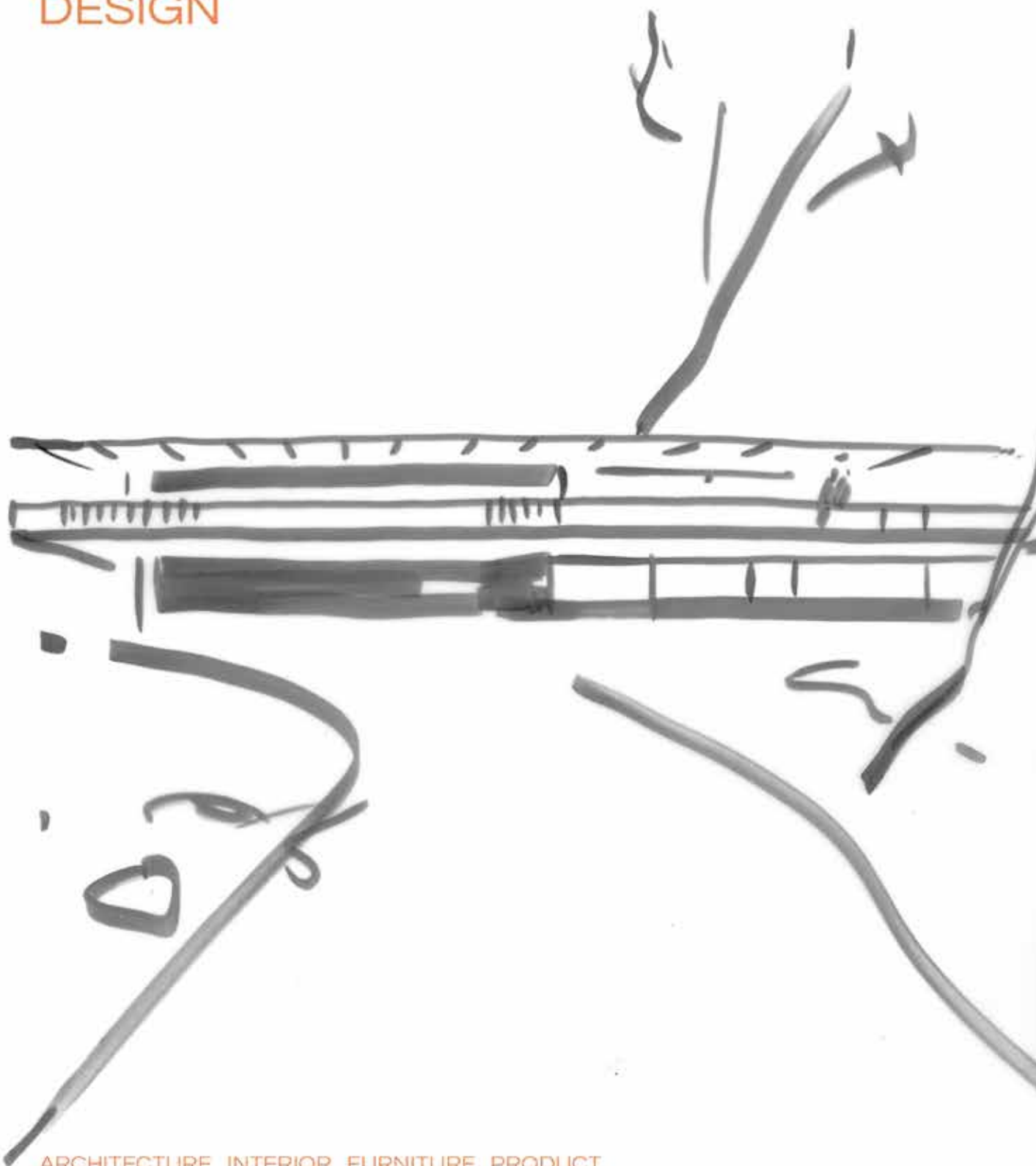
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BUSY BEES

By Ray Sutton

I have written before about the lifecycle of bees and some of the parallels between bee and human societies, despite the vast gap between us on the evolutionary tree.

That article focussed on life within the hive but how do hives form in the first place? This picture shows the first stage, or more accurately, the second stage as firstly the bees will be in the air looking for a temporary place to gather around the queen before a more permanent location can be found. When “swarming” in the air it is best to avoid the bees but when they settle into their temporary location as in this picture, they are very docile. This is one that formed only a few metres away from my beehive and clearly demonstrated that my hive was getting a bit crowded, there was lots of food around, and the weather was warm and sunny; perfect prerequisites for a swarm to develop.

The swarming process is part of the natural reproductive life cycle of bee colonies. Colonies are stimulated to swarm during spring when warmer weather, together with an abundance of nectar and pollen, provide ideal conditions for the colony to increase rapidly. The queen (or “old girl” as a professional apiarist once called her when describing the process to me) together with the field bees, leaves the overcrowded hive and clusters on a nearby object, usually a small tree or shrub. This is perhaps the opposite of human society where it works the other way around, that is the young ones leave the home, although some parents may dispute that observation. The swarm will often remain for a day or two while scout bees search for a new home, or it may move to another location.

In the parent colony, new virgin queens emerge from queen cells and fight to the death. The fittest queen will survive and usually mate and continue to maintain the colony. The bees gorge themselves with food before leaving the hive as they may have to go for days without any food while setting up their new home. They stop feeding the queen however to ensure she does not get too overweight to fly.

Professional beekeepers and many amateurs look for signs of swarming at this time of year and actively discourage it by increasing room in the hive and destroying developing queen cells. This is because honey production is reduced in the parent hive due to the lower number of worker bees. The worker bee numbers recover in due course however, so I prefer to leave the bees to their natural way of reproducing.

Although bees swarm mostly in the spring, some colonies may swarm during the summer and autumn. Most swarms leave the colony or move to a new location between 10am and 2pm on warm sunny days.

I was kind to these bees and rehoused them in a nice new white box with wax foundations in it together with some nectar and honey to help them get started building their



new colony. They seem very happy. When a second one formed the next day, I contacted another beekeeper who arranged to come and collect them later that day but before he arrived they had left their temporary home and presumably went looking for another one. The next day I found them on a close by bush, so I gave them a new home too. It is therefore likely that the “old girl” is in one of the boxes and a young girl in the other. More than one swarm from the same hive is unusual but does occur occasionally.

Should a swarm decide to settle on your property here is some advice from people more knowledgeable about bee swarms than me:

- Keep children and pets inside for half an hour or so, until the flying bees have clustered on to a bush or other object.
- Once the swarm has formed a cluster, usually about the size of a football, and most of the bees have stopped flying, it is safe to be outside pursuing your usual activities.
- Keep clear of the swarm until you can arrange to have it removed.
- Always wear footwear to protect your feet in case the odd bee has settled on the ground.
- Keep clear of bee swarms until it is professionally removed.
- Do not hose the swarm with water, throw stones at it, smoke the bees or take any action to encourage the swarm to move. These do-it-yourself remedies will provoke the bees and encourage them to sting in defence. Such actions will also make it more difficult for a beekeeper or licensed pest control operator to remove the swarm.
- If you call a pest control company, make sure they are going to relocate the bees, not destroy them. Bees are a very important part of our ecology.

Members of the Month
for the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club

MARIE AND GORDON BANNISTER

By Commodore Keith Miller

Gordon was born in Redcliffs in 1934 and he's just turned 90. Marie was born in Newcastle, NSW in 1935, so she's not far behind him. Gordon's father had a vineyard and citrus orchard.

Then during the Second World War, he was summoned to attend an Army camp in Queenscliff so he decided to move his family to Lorne to live for a while. Gordon was 8 at the time and he went to the Lorne School for a few months. The family all fell in love with Lorne and bought a holiday house here. The family spent all the school holidays here and Gordon became a keen angler fishing off the old pier. Gordon left school at the age of 16 and immediately moved to Lorne to live and worked in several different jobs. In 1956 he joined the police force as a recruit and lived at the police training centre on St Kilda Road and travelled back to Lorne on his motorbike every weekend.



Marie was a schoolteacher in Camperdown and travelled back to her home in Lorne on weekends. Her mother ran a haberdashery shop in Mountjoy Parade where Marie worked during the holidays, and she was also an usher at the Lorne Theatre. She and Gordon knew each other as teenagers but not well.

Later on, because both their parents lived in Lorne, they would both spend their holidays here and they met each other again at Bert's Fun Parlour which was down on the foreshore opposite where the pool is now. Their friendship blossomed and the rest is history.

Marie was still teaching in Camperdown and Gordon graduated and became a motorbike cop in Seymour. They then married and Marie transferred her teaching job up to Seymour until their first child, Lynne, was born.

They always dreamed of moving to Lorne to live permanently and while on holidays in Lorne, Gordon was told that Henry Love was selling his fishing boat. After a lot of thought they decided to take the plunge and leave their jobs, buy the boat and move to Lorne. Gordon became a commercial fisherman catching Couta, Sharks and Crayfish.

Marie got a job running the Lorne Kindergarten. The fishing was going very well, and they were making a lot more money than in Seymour. A couple of years later their second child, Robyn, was born and they bought two blocks of land in Polwarth Road and built their family home on one of the blocks. They are still there today.

Gordon had done very well in the industry and along with Marie's work, they were able to pay off their housing loan, so he didn't need to put in the long hours, starting at 3 or 4am, often having to go out in rough weather, and the hard physical work, so he retired from fishing and became president of the Fishing Co-Op.



Later on, Vern Grose who was the President of the Lorne Foreshore Committee, offered him a job running the Foreshore Caravan Parks and maintenance of the Foreshore Frontage, which he accepted. Very soon after he became the Foreman Ranger with a staff of 4 permanents and several more casuals over the Christmas/Easter period.

Marie took on the job of running the office attending to campers and bookings for the 600 camp sites in Lorne and the Cumberland River camping grounds. Gordon was also employed by the Victorian Government as a Crown Lands Bailiff, so as to have official authority if required when patrolling the parks and foreshore including the beach. This authority has never been taken from him so be careful if you misbehave in front of him. You might get arrested.

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They both retired from the Foreshore work after 25 years where they made lots of friends that they still see occasionally.

Gordon, who turned 90 recently, still has a 5.5 metre boat and still goes out fishing in it. I have no idea how he manages to beach launch and retrieve it by himself. He never asks for help and still catches a lot of fish. He has also been a champion clay target shooter with heaps of trophies to prove it.

Marie has been a very talented tennis player and also coached tennis for many years. She was a good golfer with a hole in one to her name. She is a life member of the Country Club because of her generosity and countless hours of volunteer work at the club. She still knits beanies (700+), tea cosies (300+) and dolls clothes for the Op Shop. She recently was given a special commendation by all the Op Shop Members for her tireless work on their behalf. She still works at the Tourist Info Centre two days every week and was awarded a long service medal for 20 years of working there.

Gordon has been a member of the Lorne Aquatic Club since it began in 1961. He remembers that many years ago, some organisation ran a beauty competition and a rock fishing competition in Lorne with heaps of prizes, but the big one was a new car to the angler who caught a tagged flathead. Unfortunately, no one caught it but a couple of months after the competition, Gordon caught it with the tag still attached. Sadly, it was no go with winning the car. Many of the older locals will remember this.

Gordon built a boat he named 'Turbo'. It was powered by a 308 V8 motor, driving a jet powered impeller. Many kids and adults had exhilarating rides on Turbo, jumping waves and doing donuts. He also used to tow a tube and ski when the sea was calm enough.



Quote from Gordon and Marie, "Many memories of the good times. Life has been one big adventure and has been kind to us".

OP SHOP BUZZ

HATS OFF (AND ON) TO THE OP SHOP

By Wendy Jarratt

At celebrations for the recent Melbourne Cup Spring Carnival hats from the Lorne Op Shop were on display everywhere. I heard that one of our lovely millinery pieces won the prize for the best hat at the Colac Rotary Club Melbourne Cup event.

The wearer kindly told everyone where she'd purchased it. We had been fortunate that we'd had a big donation of special hats that week, and they sold quickly. In Lorne, at the Country Club and the Aquatic Club events items were on display (see picture) from the shop. Thanks to that donor and all our others. At the moment we have some handmade Italian Zegna suits – very dashing. Pop in and have a look. You just don't know what treasure you might find.



We also have Op Shop tradition pertaining to HATS. It is the passing of the Presidential "Viking Hat". I received it on becoming president a few years ago and I passed it to our new President, Janet, at elections for office bearers at our recent AGM. It has had a facelift and is now gold and much nicer. Apparently, the leader of the Vikings was called "Jarl". Surely Madame President is better. We also have new members on the Committee, welcome to Janet Higgins, Karen Pitt and welcome back Karen Ridgeway. After all the official meeting and AGM business finished, we were rewarded with a delicious meal courtesy of Simon and Anna at In the Skies, Lorne Bowls Club.

I'm sure you've all been taking a peek at the shop renovation. Looking amazing and no doubt almost finished. We are of course looking forward to moving back. Customers often ask, "is this your new shop now?" I answer, "when it's ready we will move back. It's actually our shop. We own it" Land bought, loans taken out and the first and only Lorne Op Shop was opened in 1971 – Truly a Lorne institution and one all volunteers, past and present, donors and customers can be proud of.



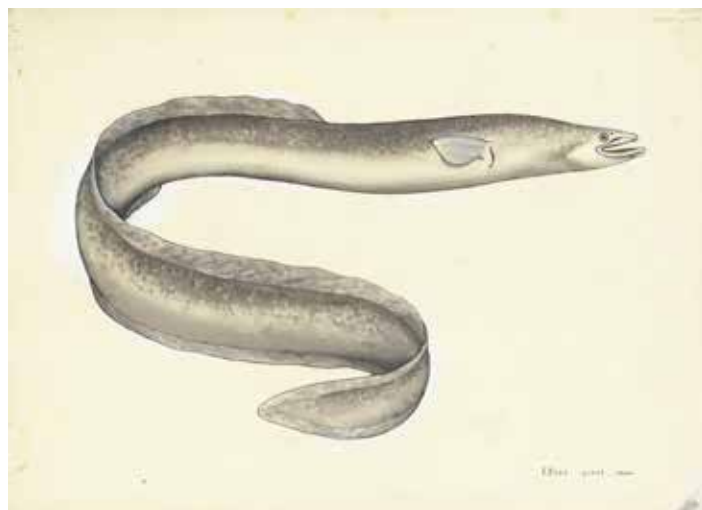
From the Deck EELS

By John Agar

While walking Blighty, my ever-curious border terrier, around the George River sandbank, he sniffed at a coiled shape on the beach. Initially thinking it was a snake, I approached cautiously, but on closer inspection, it was [a] clearly dead and [b] not a snake but an eel. Although I had long known that eels inhabit the lower reaches of the George—indeed any coastal waterway—this was the first time I had seen a dead one on the sand.

I have always felt squeamish about eels, especially since one inexorably climbed my fishing line while Susie and I were honeymooning on a Halvorsen cruiser on Hawkesbury River. In the end, there was no way I could bring myself to touch it. I cut the line!

Quite coincidentally, I saw a recent [and misinformed] video post on Instagram that claimed that "all eels in the world breed in the Sargasso Sea"—though in her defence, there is a tendency for many western hemisphericans to consider America to be 'all the world'. The Sargasso is



A drawing of a freshwater eel – Photo Credit: Queensland State Archives

an extraordinary, swirling slew of seaweed in the middle of the North Atlantic east of the Carolinas and south of Bermuda. The Sargasso aggregate is kept stationary and intact by a natural phenomenon of circular currents and is one of the most productive ecosystems on the planet.

But while she was correct, as best as anyone knows, to claim this fertile patch as eel-nookie' ground zero', she had erroneously omitted the descriptor prefix 'North American' and 'European' from the subject noun 'eel'.

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Although eels do slither inland into all countries that border the Atlantic, her confident statement that "all eels breed in the Sargasso" is simply not so!

South African eels spawn in the Indian Ocean north of Madagascar, Japanese and Asian eels get close and personal in the Eastern Pacific near the Mariana Islands, Australian and New Zealand short-finned eels procreate near Tonga, and our long-finned species intertwine in the Coral Sea between Fiji and Samoa.

Nevertheless, the coincidence of her video post and my wee man's chance discovery prompted me to learn more about an unfamiliar subject: the life cycle of the Australasian eel ...NB: not the Parramatta rugby league version.

Eels should be of particular interest to those who live in south-western Victoria, particularly since the [re]discovery of the Bunj Bim eel trap system—a remarkable construct of the Aboriginal Gunditjmara people designed to harvest short-finned eels. Located on Darlots Creek northwest of Port Fairy, this complex system of stone-walled traps, channels, and ponds now features in many local tourist brochures.

Eels have provided a vital fishery for Indigenous Australians for millennia. In 'The Mystery of Australia's Freshwater Eels', Lucy Stuart writes [with my abridging]: "... eels have been [and remain] somewhat of an enigma to researchers. In particular, their spawning patterns remain poorly understood. However, we do know that all eels spawn only after migrating to the sea" ... <https://tinyurl.com/8y5e33nd>.

Freshwater eels are fish belonging to a single genus, *Anguilla*, with four known Australian species. Two, the short-finned eel (*Anguilla australis*) and the long-finned eel (*Anguilla reinhardtii*) inhabit the rivers, lakes, and swamps of the Murray-Darling Basin and the coastal rivers of the eastern Australian seaboard, especially in places where the water flow is low or absent.

Potential threats to freshwater eels include:

- Barriers to downstream migration of adults, particularly hydroelectricity schemes and their associated turbines where eel entrapment is a concern.
- Coastal wetland drainage and land conversions that threaten their ecosystem.

- Changes to oceanic currents associated with climate change will [or may] also affect larval dispersal.

While the spawning patterns of eels have long been a mystery, researchers believe that the female eels eject their eggs into the open sea for sperm fertilisation by a nearby male. Why they choose the open sea and not the relative safety of an inland waterway is unknown. However, one might logically guess that water temperature and salinity may play some part. Short-finned eels spawn in the Southern Hemisphere summer, while long-finned eels like getting close and slimy all year round.

As the Eastern Australian current disperses the gum leaf-shaped larvae [so-called glass eels] along the eastern coastline, they reach shallower water, bulk up, attain their more recognisable snake-like shape, and seek out fresh water. The freshwater of coastal streams causes them to pigment [from light brown through to the more common deep brown or black], elongate, and transform into eels we know [and some may love], the whole process taking six to nine months. Inland waterways and creeks then remain home for these unusual fish—yes, they are fish—where they eke out their solitary lives for over 20 years. Then, as they near the end of life, some unknown trigger prompts their return to the mid-Pacific to mate. Soon after, they die. This fascinating biological lifecycle is a complete reversal of the behaviour of salmon ... salmon breed in rivers, spend their lives in the sea, and only return to their home freshwater river at the end of life to spawn, then die. What strange alchemy drives these two opposite behaviours is poorly understood, but salinity and water temperature—some have even suggested the phases of the moon—may play a part.

As a child, eels [like spiders] freaked me out. I imagined them as dark, mysterious creatures, sinuously slipping, slithering, shimmying, and squirming across open land from water to water. There is even a name for the fear of eels ... Cheliophobia!

In the Bible, the Laws of Moses consider eels unclean, yet conversely, spiritualists laud their traits of endurance and perseverance [they can only move forward] and extoll their 'wisdom'. But love or fear them, eels are a fascinating component of our coastal ecosystem, and, given the growing tourism interest in the Budj Bim eel traps, they are a creature we should try to better understand.



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SPORTSBRIEFS

By John Ford

Cricket Team Success

Lorne's cricket team in the Colac and District Cricket Association competition is performing well after an interrupted start to the season. The first round was washed out after widespread rain across the district made the grounds unsafe for play. In the second round Lorne was granted a forfeit after their opponent Stoneyford was not able to field a full squad for the match.

In Rounds 3 and 4 Lorne notched up impressive wins against Apollo Bay and West Warrion respectively. These wins set up a top-of-the-table clash with Forrest on their home ground on Saturday 16th November. The following news release from the Lorne Cricket Club describes this encounter in detail.

Lorne Triumphs Over Forrest in a Remarkable Underdog Victory

In a thrilling match played on a hot and windy Saturday afternoon, Lorne managed to secure a stunning 89-run victory against ladder leaders Forrest, despite struggling to field a full team. The match, held at Forrest's home ground,

LORNE		FORREST	
2/240		151	
Lorne's Top Scorers		Lorne's Best Bowlers	
77*	Eddie Ertemeyer	3/44	Josh O'Brien
71*	Jack Belsar-O'Connor	2/17	Brett Carey
56*	Matt Cash	1/10	Zavier Hollmer
Lorne won by 89 runs			

saw Lorne cobble together a side with the help of a few fill-ins, including a comeback from the legendary Robbie Dalziel and some family connections like Brett Carey's nephew Lachie and Matt Cash's 11-year-old son Tom.

Forrest won the toss and elected to bowl first, hoping to capitalize on Lorne's weakened lineup. However, Lorne's top order rose to the occasion. The opening stand of 55 runs set a solid foundation, with Eddie Ertemeyer going on to retire for the second consecutive week after scoring an impressive 77 off 78 balls. He was well-supported by Jack Belsar-O'Connor, who remained unbeaten on 71, and Matt Cash with a quickfire 56 off 49 balls. Jack & Matt's unbroken 107-run partnership propelled Lorne to a formidable total of 2/240, with 91 runs coming from the last 10 overs.

In response, Forrest struggled to find their footing against Lorne's disciplined bowling attack. Brett Carey and Xavier Hollmer opened the bowling with tight spells, with Carey delivering a beautifully directed outswinger to claim the first wicket, sending the stumps cartwheeling. Forrest's batsmen found it difficult to counter the spin trio of Josh, Vinni, and Jack, who kept the pressure on throughout the innings. Despite dropping the Forrest captain five times, Lorne's bowlers managed to bowl them out for 151, leading to a comprehensive victory. Captain Josh O'Brien was the pick of the bowlers, and Brett Carey's 2-wickets and economical figures applied enormous pressure on the Forrest batters. Jack Belsar-O'Connor's figures didn't tell the full story, with 3 of the 5 dropped catches coming off his bowling – sorry Jack!

The match was highlighted by several milestones, including Jack Belsar-O'Connor's first half-century and Vinni's maiden wicket for the Dolphins. This remarkable win by an undermanned Lorne side sets the stage for their next home game against Simpson. Supporters are encouraged to come down to Stribling to enjoy the atmosphere, with the bar open, music playing, and some excellent Div 3 cricket on display. Remember, Social members receive a 20% discount at the bar on games.

Unfortunately, Lorne could not back up this win in the following match against Simpson. Lorne again was without key players and after batting first could only manage 8 for 138 despite a commanding innings of 67 from Ryan Heathcote. Lorne's young bowlers toiled hard with Xavier Hollmer taking two wickets.

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However, it was always going to be difficult to restrict Simpson to such a modest total, with the visitors going on to make 6 for 151.

Lorne is still in second position on the ladder and will be away to Irrewarra, then back to Stribling Reserve to take on Carlisle River on Saturday 7th December. This will be the last home match for the year and so we urge you to come and support the Dolphins. We look forward to seeing you there, with the match beginning at midday.

Women's Golf**Club Golf:**

It has been a busy month in November - although we'd finished our Club Championships, and happily returned to our regular Tuesday competition syllabus, there have been numerous other "responsibilities" for many of the Women Club members.

We had our Melbourne Cup Eve Country Club dinner for Members and guests which was a very successful and enjoyable evening of catch up for the 100 or so that attended. It was the first dinner for a few months. There were sweeps, nibbles and a lovely dinner from the Peak crew. Our members draw did not go off and so has jackpotted to next months Christmas Dinner being held on Sunday December 8th.

Our annual Women's competition, Miss Lascelle's Silver Salver is held on Friday Nov 22nd, as part of the Lorne Open Weekend, with around 50 women from around the region coming to play our course.

It has quite a reputation for being tough for those that don't know the terrain so well...We are preparing and planning for the day. Fingers crossed for good weather!

At our recent Women's AGM, an important item of business were the nominations for some of the roles in our group. After 6 years, Chris Angus has stepped down from the role as Women's Captain.

On behalf of the Women's group I would like to thank Chris for her leadership, energy and passion over that time. She has represented us wherever and whenever she could - at Committee, SWGA and Pennant meetings, and rarely missed a Tuesday comp day. Through Covid times, and after when the face of competition changed significantly. And particularly, Chris has lead by example, playing at comp day.

EVERY course and Club competition in the SW region, not just over the 6 years as Captain, but most years!! Her love and passion for golf and the camaraderie it affords has infiltrated our group. Sincere thanks Chris for all your leadership.

Others who have also stepped down after years of service to the group are -

Lesley Goldsworthy - who was a great VC and gave Chris huge support, as well as filling many roles in the club. Also

Paula Hayden as Women's Vice President. Thanks to all that stepped up and lead and supported the Women's golf group here at LCC over this and previous years.

And so, our new leaders that have put up their hand to take the reins, give up their time and continue to ensure the Women's group remains vibrant and active are: Rose Lloyd as our new Captain. Rose brings significant experience at leadership in sport, and she has been an inspiration to many of us with her golf and with her Pennant Captaincy and leadership. We look forward to supporting her in this role. To Sue England and Bronwyn Halpin, who will jointly serve as VC's - thank you also. And we have not lost Chris and her vast experience completely as she has stepped up to be the Women's Vice President.

SWGA events:

Out and about around the region in November:

- Nov 8th: Barwon Valley Bowl. Jane, Helen & Lynda were our team where they had a great day but unfortunately left the trophy at Barwon Valley, who won their own bowl!
- Nov 11th: Bannockburn Noel Tanner Silver Salver

Our team - Wendy, Bronwyn and Chris. The weather was beautiful and the new greens instead of scrapes were fantastic, a credit to the club.

Beeac won the Salver, a back-to-back win, with 110 points. Our team managed 89 points which wasn't too shabby!

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! Over the next couple of months, our official Tuesday golf is suspended until Feb next year, but we will be playing over the summer on

a social basis... so... 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 Chris Angus on 0439 008 167.

Photo: Outgoing Captain Chris Angus with Rose Lloyd our incoming Captain.

Happy Golfing - Danni De Bon.

**Lorne Bowls Club**

It is always great to see teams returning to Lorne after having wins away from home. Well so it was on Saturday night 23rd November when a number of us were having a Lorne Independent dinner at the very popular 'In The Skies' restaurant at the Lorne Bowls Club.

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The Lorne teams returned from Cressy to the club to celebrate their victories on what was a very hot, humid afternoon. Members of both winning teams were celebrating and working hard at quenching the thirst that builds up on such hot days! Don Baldwin's article below brings us up to date with all the news from the club.

From the Lorne Bowling Green

Congratulations to Brad Weetman and Paul Staley who defeated Steve Donne and Peter Steven in the final of the Men's Pairs Club Championship.

Round 3 Lorne 1, 126 shots defeated Camperdown Golf 2, 84 shots to record the first win of the season. Lorne 2, 52 shots defeated Colac 5, 50 shots to be second on the ladder.

Midweek Div 2 Lorne 1 68 shots lost to Birregurra, 69 shots in very close game.

Round 4 Lorne 1 travelled to Colac Lake under the dome and Lorne 1 100 shots defeated Colac 2 74 shots. Our team of Sheryl Donne, Nick Owen, Steve Donne and Don Baldwin scored a maximum 8 shots in one end game, very difficult to get at this level of competition.

Lorne 2 game against Winchelsea 3 was forfeited by Winchelsea, Lorne scoring 24 shots and 16 points.

Midweek Lorne 1 travelled to Cobden and sadly just fell short of a win, Cobden 2 82 shots to Lorne 72.

Round 5 Lorne 1 played host to Winchelsea 2 and came away with good win 116 shots to 67 shots.

Lorne 2 also played at home against Derrinallum 1 and won 68 shots to 56, Lorne 2 are second on ladder.

Midweek Lorne 1 played at home against Colac City 2 and won 86 shots to 65 shots, Lorne 1 are 6th on the ladder.

Round 6 Lorne 1 travelled to Birregurra and played on their new sand fill green in trying conditions won all rinks 91 shots to 71, Lorne 1 sit top of ladder in Div 2.

Lorne 2 had a bye receiving 15 shots and 12 points for teams who have a bye. Lorne 2 sit second on the ladder.

Midweek Lorne 1 travelled to Colac Lake, Lorne 1 59 shots lost to Colac 3 72 shots.

Round 7 In very hot conditions Lorne 1 travelled to Cressy and what turned out to be a very close and exciting game came down to the last bowl by our Paul Staley knocked out the Cressy bowl to give Lorne a 2 shot win overall, great result under a lot of pressure. Score Lorne 1 92, Cressy 1 90 Lorne 2 also playing at Cressy won 73 shots to Cressy 2 62 shots Great win in hot windy conditions.

Midweek Lorne 1 play round 7 on 26th Nov. at Derrinallum, we wish them all the best for a win

Remember to tell us who you would like to see in Sportsbriefs! Articles to John Ford at 35 George St, or email to byswerdi2@bigpond.com.



Jessi Rebel and Asha. Photo: Ula Majewski

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THE FESTIVE DANGERS *By Local Vet Liz Brown*

Lurking behind every happy festive season are the festive dangers to keep us on our toes and like naughty children our pets are determined to find them all. Maybe it's just attention seeking behaviour or perhaps we, pet owners, become too preoccupied in our own activities. There are toxins, foreign objects, heat issues and neglect that we need to be aware of.

Toxins include those ingested and those inflicted. Chocolate is likely to be the most accessible toxin. It contains theobromine which is also the active ingredient in coffee. If you've drunk too many coffees in a day, you will recognize the signs of toxicity, twitches, nausea, anxiety, headaches, maybe salivation. They're unlikely to be life threatening but they're unsettling and they will pass. Activated charcoal, such as found in burnt toast or in a pot from the chemist, helps bind the toxin in the gut and mashed pumpkin will help it pass through the gut a bit quicker. Dark chocolate contains the most theobromine and white chocolate contains a negligible amount. I do know of an Australian terrier that ate 6 double dipped dark chocolate Tim Tams with no outward signs of toxicity, and I've had a dachshund on a drip after ingesting half a piece of dark chocolate brownie. I guess it's a bit similar to how our livers feel after a big night on the turps and there are individual variations.

Also the anxiety around grapes, raisins and Christmas pudding is similar to our chocolate phobias. If it's safe to get to a vet for a vomiting injection within 2 hours of ingestion, then maybe that's the way to go, but if the Great Ocean Road is at a stand still and it's 30C outside perhaps staying home and feeding activated charcoal is a better option.

Other ingestion no nos would include corn cobs, ping pong balls, baubles and other similar shape foreign objects that won't pass through easily. You could try the mashed

pumpkin idea but if your pet is vomiting then they'll probably need to head into a surgery. Mull cookies have a similar effect on our pets as they do on us. Keeping fluids up to them, as they sleep off the effects, is important.

Inflicted toxins include snake bite, ant bite, bee sting, stinging nettles and any chemicals hiding in the shed you haven't thought of. Most of these were covered earlier this year. Anti histamines from the chemist help many insect bites but the snake bites are an emergency that need veterinary assistance.

Hopefully this Christmas is warm and perfect beach weather. Most of our pets are much smaller than us so much more susceptible to heat stroke and they don't know when to stop having fun. If the ball keeps being thrown, they will keep retrieving it even if they are suffering the effects of heat stroke. Too much saltwater ingestion from fetching balls and sticks can cause diarrhoea and in rare cases salt poisoning. Encourage them to sit with you under the shade often and provide plenty of fresh water. If they do show signs of heat stroke wet their coats and keep a fan or air conditioner circulating cool air over them. Syringe water in their mouths regularly. When the roads are hot you may need to carry them to prevent burnt feet and don't forget that dogs die in hot cars.

With the festivities come fireworks. Don't forget to medicate your dogs, if they require it, before you head out on New Years Eve. Give them access to their dark safe spots, under your bed or in your cupboard and make sure they can't escape. A radio in the background may prevent them from feeling deserted.

There are all sorts of toys you can wrap up and hide under the tree for our 4 legged friends but the best present you can give them is lots of love and inclusion in all your activities.

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The artwork of Nerina Lascelles invites viewers to reach beyond wave forms and cloud forms and ranges of mist obscured mountains, beyond rocky summits, precipitous slopes and shadowy ravines, toward depths of field within which a spacious luminescence holds sway.

Lascelles' development has been informed as much by the formal study of art as it has by culturally focussed field trips abroad – to Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Nepal, Myanmar and Japan. Her journey has followed the relationship between transcendence and art across a range of Eastern philosophical traditions within which visual art and poetry are used as aids to meditation.

The diverse materials that can include metallic leaf, hot stamping foil, acrylic, silkscreen and epoxy resin are layered into her paintings creating a pastiche of the antiquities that inspire. A select few of these treasures include scroll paintings, traditional textiles, byobu (folding screens) and Japanese lacquerware.

Influenced also by the visually arresting Shanshui (mountain/water) painting that originated in 5th century China, the abstracted landscapes featured in Lascelles' previous bodies of work arose from an idealised impression of the natural world. The paintings in this exhibition, however, reference a number of physical locations along the picturesque Great Ocean Road in Victoria.

While her studio is situated in Melbourne, Lascelles has spent decades developing a deep personal affinity with Lorne and surrounds on countless field trips from her family home at Moggs Creek.



against the rugged coastline, sitting beside ferny creeks fed by waterfalls or inhaling the wafting eucalyptus mist deep in the forest. The paintings themselves act as sadhanas or objects for mindfulness and meditation.

As the mountains, cliffs and rock formations within these works embody strength, timelessness and certainty, waves, mist and the areas of spacious light lure viewers to mystical

beyonds where form ultimately gives way to a nurturing formlessness, and where objects, emotions and thoughts are replaced by a yearning for something essential, for an essence, for a luminous presence at our core.

After completing a Bachelor of Visual Arts, and a Grad Dip in Painting, Nerina Lascelles has continued to exhibit in both Australia and internationally for over 30 years. Her paintings are part of private collections in Australia, Singapore, UK, America and Japan.

What's happening at Lorne Community Connect?

By Lesley Goldsworthy



December: The Great Ocean Road Women's Surf Festival will be held in Lorne December 7. The participants will register for the event on Friday December 6 at Lorne Community Connect, starting at 5 p.m.

There will be a display of photographs and memorabilia as part of the celebration. The public is encouraged to visit the exhibition and meet with the participants and Gail Couper, who will display some of her personal photos and "a Bell".

Op Shop Art Exhibition

The Lorne Op Shop will be displaying "works of art" along the walls of LCC during December. All the art has been generously donated by you and all the proceeds from the sales will go directly back to the Op Shop which benefits the Lorne Community. You may even find the perfect Xmas gift.

January: Tony Wolfenden Kite Exhibition



Tony is a world renown industrial designer and LCC are thrilled to display some of Tony's kites. Tony has travelled the world exhibiting and flying his large collection of kites. These kites are just magnificent and huge. They are like hard edged abstract paintings, total works of art. An exhibition not to be missed.

Lorne Community Connect would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and thank you for your support.



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PLANTING OUT THE FARM

A good news story for all caring Farmers *By Janet Goud*

Jennifer (the daughter of an English farmer) and Richard Morrow have a cattle farm in Bambra where they have spent many years improving their land and planting over 60,000 trees.

Recently they added to their land with an undulating farm on the plains just out of Deans Marsh. It contains a creek, a dam and a small windbreak of sparse single trees with no understory. Perhaps because it was a former potato farm there were no other trees to see. Still today there are none looking at the distant northern boundaries of the property.

The land had good grass cover, but the Morrows were not happy about the lack of shelter for their Herefords. They care about their animals. "They need shelter from the cold southwest winds in winter and the hot sun in summer" Jennifer told me. "You can see the cattle looking to move under cover whenever a storm is expected" Richard said. We all reflected with horror on the desolate cattle runs on the Barkly Tableland where the cattle stand all day in the blazing sun and no trees or bush can be seen to the horizon. Being looked after with shelter means the cattle do not lose condition whatever the season.

So the energetic Morrows set off to fence their property and plant the western border with a mix of local trees and bushes sourced from Otway Greening Nursery. This Nursery specialises in providing plants indigenous to the Otways and even to specific areas within the Otways. They develop their stock from locally gathered seeds. The plantations need to be 3 metres wide to provide adequate shelter for the animals and to provide bio security in case of diseases spreading from adjoining herds. This is increasingly important, Richard said.

After three years this long plantation is growing well and will provide shade near the yards and entrance to the farm. Jennifer joked that around August, when they would call their friends to help plant, some were becoming unavailable. When Richard and friends planted, they dug a hole, put a plant in, and filled the hole, over and over. It was hard work and took a long time.

The owner of Otway Greening, Micheal Robinson, said, "It will take you forever to plant enough trees to revegetate your land. Why not try to get help from an organisation. So they contacted Candice at cparker@greeningaustralia.org.au.

She came out and saw the property and agreed they could be helped by a combination of Officeworks' Restoring Australia program in partnership with Greening Australia.

Launched in 2017 as part of Officeworks' commitment to make a positive difference to people and the planet, the Restoring Australia program plants two trees for every one 'used' based on the weight of paper products customers purchase at Officeworks.

Restoring Australia also supports landholders and farmers in their interests and way of life. The Restoring Australia program has a goal to plant two million plants nationally by 2025 and by working with planting partner Greening Australia, has planted 1.5 million plants to date restoring more than 1,900 hectares of land. Over 55,000 plants were planted on behalf of Officeworks customers in FY24.

These are their comments and ongoing aim for restoring the Otways "The Central Otways on the Otway Plain are home to a diverse range of vegetation, large areas of which have been cleared and modified, leaving depleted forests and vulnerable riparian scrub. This project is strategically replanting areas to build habitat linkages with nearby patches of remnant bushland. As of FY24, 63,237 plants had been planted in the Otways, restoring 64.1 hectares of land across 15 planting sites."

So, it is obvious how well this farm, on the Otway plains fell into the work they were already doing. In August this year, the Morrows engaged this Restoring Australia, to support their regeneration project and help restore Deans Marsh's natural habitat. Richard and Jennifer are planting Golden Wattle, River Red Gum, Snowy Daisy Bush and more, to restore native flora to the area and attract birds and insects to the property. When we looked out to the far borders of the property, we could see small plantings far away all over the northern hilly rises and all along the creek.

When the Officeworks group arrived, they had holes dug already for the 40 plus people who arrived. Jennifer and Richard were impressed by this mature work force made up of Greening Australia and Officeworks staff. They did some planting together, and local contractors Tree Management Services finished off the job. They put plants in each hole and had plant guards to use immediately. They sprayed for weeds around the new plants and will come back to respray and replant any which die.

Jennifer was very eager to share this positive program with any farmers around. "It's a win/win" she said. She agreed it sounds too good to be true but it is not!

You can see more plantings in the distance along the boundaries of the property. Jennifer and Richard are also pleased to spread the word and talk to any farmers who want to plant more trees and shelter for their animals. They are also aware of Climate Change problems with the land and weather and are "doing their bit" to help with this too. Happy farmers, happy cattle and a restored environment.

What a win/ win/ win !!

Landholders who want to get involved can email Candice at cparker@greeningaustralia.org.au.

General information and FAQs about how Greening Australia work with landholders is at greeningaustralia.org.au/landholders

CUTTINGS

By Doug Williams

Quite a stink at the Geelong Botanic Gardens last month when the corpse flower came into bloom.

One of the two largest flowers in the world this plant from Sumatra captured the interest of twenty thousand fascinated visitors who queued outside the gardens while for the first time in a decade the plant bloomed for the extremely short period of a couple of days.



Well done City of Geelong for keeping the Gardens open twenty-four hours a day for this period. It is not expected to flower again for seven or more years as it gathers enough energy to explode into bloom again so the window of opportunity for viewing this curiosity was a brief one. Rare as corpse flower is, to seize the attention of the public in this way is rarer still.



An aerial shot shows the length of the very long queue with a thousand or so people from all walks of life. Southeast Asia is home to the two largest flowers in the world with also in Sumatran the Rafflesia goes by the very similar common name of stinking corpse flower and taking out the prize of world's largest flower.

Weeds are, as we know, highly adaptable and hard to eradicate. A popular weed like agapanthus gets added help by those who don't recognise what a pushy and tough plant this is. It's a bogan of a plant. Notoriously hard to deal with they get the imprimatur of the ignorant so that not only are they proliferating by their own design, people are willingly encouraging their spread as well.



This garden I'm in is like all gardens in that it contains its own cohort of weeds which have to be worked on constantly (like in the novel?): toadflax is insidious and the Russian garlic persistent but the Californian Poppy (as in the after shave?) is a pretty shade of yellow so I don't try to eliminate these entirely.

After all, how could I not be impressed by the example in the accompanying photo with it flowering from a tenuous foothold in a concrete slab. [See photo above.]

Merry Christmas everybody.

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FIVE MINUTES WITH ALEX DYSON FOR LORNE INDEPENDENT

Alex Dyson grew up in Warrnambool and spent his school holidays with family at his grandfather's shack on Dorman Street, Lorne. As a national broadcaster, he interviewed everyone from rockstars to prime ministers.

He's a small business owner, football fanatic, and wants to make politics work again for the communities he loves. The 2025 federal election will be Alex's third campaign running as a community independent. His 2022 people-powered campaign saw Wannon become a marginal electorate for the first time in 67 years.

Alex, you have two campaigns under your belt, and you're back for a third tilt. What on earth makes you keep doing this? It is such a good question. I am running because I can see that politics puts many people off, and it's about doing what I can to help and being the change I want to see. I'm in a place professionally where I have the time and flexibility to commit to a campaign. I care about where I live and the challenges we face living in the region, and I get annoyed at politicians and how they treat everyday Australians. They come down here and talk about the cost of living and the housing crisis, and I think, "You were in charge for years and helped cause these problems, and now you're asking us to trust you to fix them?" The big bonus is that I like meeting people, listening to them, and learning about people's lives. I love people's stories.

Does it feel different this time around? We got so close in 2022. This time there is a real sense we can make history and see Wannon elect an independent for the first time. Hundreds of volunteers are involved, and I feel like I have an entire community behind me, ready to work hard to bring it home this election. Together, we're standing up for Wannon, which is a place that means a lot to me.

Do you think you can make a difference as an Independent? You bet I can make a difference! I can represent the true interests of the electorate

without being beholden to party lines or big business that has been pulling strings in politics for many years. I'll be able to say what I think - not stick to a party line regardless of who's in power. Wearing a suit every day is not my idea of a good time, but I'm not worried about protecting my job in Canberra and not being affiliated with a party means that I can make long-term decisions that are in the best interest of the people of Wannon rather than protect my political career. When communities vote for independent candidates, they don't go back. Whether you look at the original community independent Cathy McGowan and now Helen Haines in north-east Victoria, Jacqui Lambie in Tasmania or David Pocock in the Senate in the ACT - community independents speak the truth, represent



their electorate's best interests and get things done. They're accountable to their voters, no one else. Wannon doesn't get a fair share of federal funding to fix our roads because we've been a safe seat for nearly 70 years, and no-one in Canberra is working hard to make sure they win your vote. But as we've seen in Indi and elsewhere, going Independent changes that.

Are you a Teal? Or a Green? What do you say to those who have questioned your independence or transparency? The whole teal label has been interesting. I was running as an Independent before the term even existed - hence we've gone with orange as our campaign colour. But I respect the work of independents of all persuasions, whether it's Monique Ryan, Zoe Daniel, Bob Katter or David Pocock. They're in politics to serve their communities rather than a party or themselves. And despite the lies from the Liberal Party letterboxing the entire electorate, I've never been involved with any political party.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS TO BE HELD ACROSS THE SHIRE IN 2025

Surf Coast Shire Council has released its Council meeting schedule for 2025, with meetings to be held in all wards of the shire.

2025 Council meeting schedule

25 February 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

25 March 2025 6:00pm - offsite – Otway Range Ward*.

29 April 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

27 May 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

24 June 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

22 July 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

26 August 2025 6:00pm - offsite – Winchelsea Ward*.

23 September 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

28 October 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

25 November 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.

9 December 2025 6:00pm at Council offices, Torquay.



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It became evident in my first campaign, where my entire budget was \$5,000, that I'd need more funds to compete with the major parties. I've had over 500 individual donors so far to this campaign, none of whom have a final say in my decisions.

All donors are listed on the campaign website. I've also accepted funds from crowdfunding group Climate200, which supports independents in taking greater action on climate change, integrity in politics, and equal opportunity for women.

You were in Lorne recently to meet residents. What did you hear? It's clear from locals that the Lorne community

is concerned about housing for the next generation, who can't afford to live where they grew up, and for workers, who can't afford to live near where they work. Like everywhere, people in Lorne are frustrated and scared about the condition of the roads. Climate change is a real concern too.

Why should Lorne residents vote for you? Because you'll be my boss! As an independent I won't have anyone to answer to anyone but the electorate, and so by being present, being honest, and working hard, together we'll be able to push to fix the issues affecting Lorne and across southwest Victoria.

Things like improving our roads, tackling the cost of living, access to care, addressing the housing and climate crises, and stamping out corruption in politics will be the key, and I'll represent our communities with determination and importantly- positivity.

I'll also advocate for young people who have lost faith in politics and older people who have paid taxes all their lives but now can't get the services they deserve. I'll support common-sense, pragmatic solutions that make a long-term difference in people's lives. And whilst I'm sure I won't get it right all of the time,

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ENTERPRISE VISITS LORNE *By Eva Janice Youl*

"Is it a pirate ship?" asked the child. Viewed from the beach early on Sunday 3rd November was a tall ship anchored in Louitt Bay.

Enterprise is a 27-metre topsail schooner that had sailed from the Heads to Lorne in the traditional manner under 190 square metres of sail made from flax canvas. The skipper, Warwick Brown, said that they came in late Saturday evening during a squall of 30-35 knots. With a heavy anchor and around 100m of chain, the crew had everything under control by around 11pm and they spent a comfortable Saturday night about 1000m off the beach.

On board Enterprise were 15 people, including four passengers, who slept in bunks. While not quite hammocks, the bunks have a pull up canvas side or 'lee-cloth' to keep you snug in bed when the ship is heeled under sail. They must be comfortable as two of the passengers slept through the squalls and anchoring and were surprised in the morning to see the Lorne foreshore.

The crew work in rotating three hour shifts, or watches, so the ship can sail through the night if conditions suit, while ships cook is kept busy turning out 3 hearty meals and other eats during the day.

Passengers are assigned to a watch but can participate as much or as little as they choose, getting to grips with traditional sail handling (no winches!) or just enjoying the wildlife and 19th century pace of life. On this trip they saw dolphins, penguins and seals. They also saw a visiting cormorant that is shown in the photograph.

'Tall Ships' is a modern term to cover large traditionally rigged sailing vessels and includes schooners, ketches, brigantines, barques and barquentines as well as full-rigged ships. The Enterprise is a replica of the original schooner with two masts built in Hobart in 1830 by William Pender. It is 27m in length and 72 tonnes. The original ship was a cargo carrier. This was the way goods were transported from Van Diemen's Land to Port Jackson. In 1835 the ship was purchased by John Pascoe Fawcner and sailed from Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) to what became the City of Melbourne.

The replica ship that we saw was built using traditional materials and methods. It was launched in August 1997 and is operated by The Enterprise Ship Trust, a not for profit organisation and registered charity. Enterprise is sailed, crewed and maintained by a roster of over 80 volunteers.



The vessel is used for education, youth adventure and to give the general public a glimpse of Australia's maritime past, circa 200 years ago.

With the wind turning Westerly on Sunday, Enterprise was able to sail all the way home from Lorne to the Heads and over the next few days worked up Port Phillip to dock at its homeport in Docklands.

Warwick Brown said they aim to voyage under sail as much as possible and this trip along the West Coast was planned to make the most of the Cup Weekend weather conditions. Of course, if the vessel is on a deadline, then the motor may also be used.

The Enterprise sails to Hobart in February 2025 for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. Check out the website for details.

Acknowledgement to my brother-in-law Warwick Brown.





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LORNE GARDENERS NOVEMBER OUTING

By Roger Lawton

Each month the Lorne Gardeners Group is active with organized garden visits and associated activities. The November outing took members to three locations in the Gnarwarre and Barrabool area about one hour's drive from Lorne.

After a short travel distance up Barrabool Road we turned off the sealed road, surprisingly without potholes, onto a narrow-sealed road section of short distance to the expected gravel road leading to a dead end. It's in this location where owner Julie Oataway found the peace of broad acres away from passing cars as an ideal place to reside and develop a garden in an area, like most rural properties, without a reticulated water source. Tanks and a dam construction were necessities before Julie could commence undertaking her dream of creating a green, peaceful environment in very dry conditions. Today, the hard work of her labour and love over a period of 30 years can be appreciated.



Native trees line the driveway curving towards farm shedding and home. An interesting mix of large and small proportioned succulents are embedded in the large garden placed amongst interesting perennials and very large plantings of roses and self-sown tall single spiked echium. Garden walks meander around areas of formed mounds with shrubbery, fruit trees and water lilies beautify the dam. The only summer watering is within an area covered by the length of a residential hose from the house.

At the commencement of our visit to Julie's Garden, members enjoyed morning tea and observed silence at the eleventh hour of Remembrance Day.

After an hour and a half, it was time to head off and meet with Chris Tournier at 'Cottage Farm Nursery' and view the display garden, nursery. Also, with prior arrangements we enjoyed lunch. Chris is exceptionally well known and trusted for her knowledge of gardening and in her well-stocked nursery you will always discover the most interesting plants.

Inspiration was gained from the large display garden that has a variety of Helleborus and lots of shade-loving plants

under large trees. The large open garden areas are full of beauty with lots of different varieties of salvias, roses, perennials, succulents and shrubs.

Two hours later we were off to Barrabool, 10 mins away, to enjoy an entirely different experience. Ilalangi Farm is a 25-hectare working farm and home of gardener and textile artist Leesa Cowan. Leesa's project of a new garden and home construction within the rolling Barrabool Hills is commendable and was completed six years ago. The steel-framed home is nestled under the substantial solid fabric of a 30-metre square canopied pergola of steel. Openable louvres give filtered light to a greenery of ground cover and cascading Virginia creeper at the rear of the home.

The garden is remarkable and survives only using rainwater. The large variety of dry weather planting has been achieved through persistent trials, what did not perform well under the dry conditions was removed and replaced with a better performing plant.

The survival of coastal plants upon the mounds and in the natural contours accompanied with precipitation pathways has achieved a mix of layers of vegetation as planned. Despite the high winds and low annual rainfall, the garden provides a lot of natural colour and texture.

Leesa is passionate about propagating plants and tirelessly continues filling up the gaps in her large and interesting garden.



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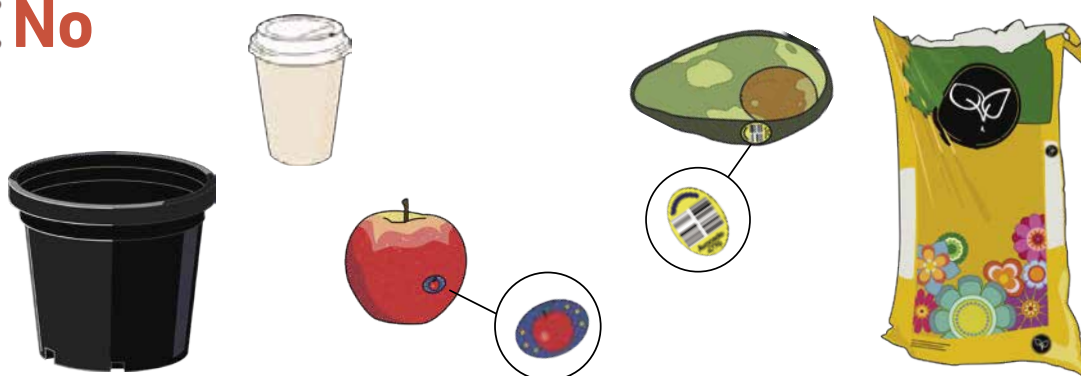
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SUMMERTIME IN LORNE *By Chris Jones*

Staying Safe over Summer on the roads

Most Victorians do the right thing on our roads, but when crashes happen, they have devastating impacts on individuals, families, and communities.

Victoria Police advise us that you can do several things to ensure that the summer road trips are safe and enjoyable. Some of these tips include:

- Before setting off on a long journey, have the car serviced and give a proper safety check-up. Make sure the caravan and trailer are checked as well.
- Map your trip and allow plenty of time to reach your destination. Make sure you include plenty of rest stops – enjoy the scenery and any attractions along the way.
- Try to limit driving in busy areas to off-peak periods.
- If possible, restrict your drive to mainly daylight hours and avoid driving at sunset or sunrise, which are periods of high glare and poor visibility.
- Never drink alcohol, not even small amounts, before or during a long trip



VICSES has the largest road rescue network in Australia, with 104 of Victoria's 133 road rescue service providers. Our local unit responds as a highly trained crew with a range of skills, providing extrication and emergency life support services to the trapped or injured.

Please be realistic with your journey deadlines, be extra alert, drive to the conditions, take breaks more often and stay safe! We want you to arrive safely and not meet you by accident.

SES Emergency Response Vehicle Driving – Lights and Sirens and All That Jazz

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

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

Having a safe and enjoyable bushwalking experience

The SES Lorne Unit assists Ambulance Victoria in extracting injured bushwalkers every summer. In most cases, it results from an unforeseen accident or medical emergency.

To avoid such incidents and ensure a safe and enjoyable bushwalking experience, here are some essential tips:

- Plan ahead: Always inform someone about your planned route and expected return time. Research the trail and make sure it's suitable for your fitness level and experience.
- Stay on marked trails: Venturing off marked paths can lead to getting lost or encountering hazardous terrain. Stick to designated trails to minimise risks.
- Check the weather: Weather conditions can change rapidly. Check the forecast before you set out and be prepared for sudden changes.
- Carry essentials: Pack a first aid kit, sufficient water, snacks, a map, a compass, and a fully charged mobile phone. Also, consider carrying a whistle and a flashlight.
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear: Dress in layers to accommodate changing weather conditions and wear sturdy, comfortable hiking boots for support and traction.
- Be aware of your surroundings: Look for potential hazards such as loose rocks, slippery surfaces, and wildlife. Remain cautious and avoid taking unnecessary risks.
- Stay hydrated and nourished: Drink water regularly and take breaks to eat snacks, especially during longer hikes.
- Respect the environment: Leave no trace by carrying out all rubbish and being mindful of local flora and fauna.
- Know your limits: Don't push yourself too hard. If you feel tired or unwell, take a break or turn back.

Have a fantastic Lorne Summer, and we wish you all the best during the vacation period.

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Welcome to Myoora. Combining understated architectural elegance with Lorne's breathtaking natural beauty. Designed by Award winning Inarc Architects and Tim Allen Design, this three-bedroom, two-bathroom beachfront residence features clean lines and modern interiors that flow effortlessly into the surrounding landscape, with ocean views from most rooms. A spacious, secluded rear deck, complete with a Webber barbecue, is perfect for a quiet relax, holiday family meals or entertaining.

With solid Tasmanian Ash flooring, frameless glass balustrades, and expansive glass doors, the home brings the outside in, maintaining both privacy and tranquility. Practical features include a double remote garage with parking for one vehicle, the other has table tennis for holiday fun for all ages, and off-street parking for two other vehicles. The home also features a spacious second living space. In somewhat of a gateway to the rear bedrooms the space can be easily sectioned off to the main living and features smart TV, lounge and rear balcony access.

Just steps from Lorne's iconic beach, the low maintenance, illuminated exterior landscaping enhances the serene atmosphere, offering direct beach access and an easy connection to the township. No need to drive as Myoora is walkable from all Lorne's main attractions, including surfing, town walks or hiking in the Lorne hinterland, ensuring all your holiday leisure needs are met.

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LORNE HOLIDAY RENTAL

From the team at
Great Ocean Road Real Estate

Men of the Men's Shed

ANGELO
KAMBOURIS

By Garry Fenton

Angelo was born in Lemnos, Greece in 1936 and went to the local State School. His father had two shops, one a General Store and the other was a Blacksmith Shop where they would shoe horses. "We would start at six in the morning doing that job until eleven at night, close the shop, have tea and go to bed. We do the same thing now but in the vegie garden!"

Angelo worked there from twelve to twenty years of age, then he decided to come to Australia on his own. A friend of the family was already in Australia and did the application for him.

He was trying to work out how to get to Australia. Aeroplanes would take four or five days to get there and were too expensive. His father would not let him do that. Tickets for a ship were difficult because of the Melbourne Olympic Games, however, after a second application he was successful.

The ship arrived at 9.00 at night in Melbourne and a man met him and went to Brighton Street in Richmond on the tram from Port Melbourne. Angelo couldn't afford a taxi. It was a bachelor's boarding house for Greek people from not only Lemnos but from all over Greece.

The next thing was to look for a job and he looked everywhere. He couldn't find work for three weeks and went into the Greek Club and asked how to get a job. "Just before the Olympic Games I got a job in Shepparton at the Victoria Hotel, where one road went to Mooroopna and the other to Tatura, and Benalla the other way". He got nine pounds a week which included accommodation and meals. He moved back to Melbourne in the seventies and lived near the South Melbourne Football Ground. They used to play night football there when John Nicholls and Ron Barassi were famous. "My wife and I both barracked for South Melbourne and still follow the Sydney Swans today".

Angelo started going to the Greek Club again and met a man working at the Australia Hotel and he got Angelo a job working as a fish cook. The Southern Cross had been open for four years and Angelo got a job as the soup and vegetable chef for nine years.

Angelo's brothers were metal polishers, and he was a partner in that business. He didn't actually work there but often helped them loading trucks with bumper bars and other materials for General Motors, who only paid by cheque.



Angelo and his brother John decided they needed a cash business and decided a pub would be a better business, so they started looking for a hotel. They looked all over Victoria, and every time they found one, they liked, it was always too dear.

Then one day they saw an advertisement for a hotel in Lorne, The Pacific, which they bought at auction, for \$90,000. They had to pay extra for the swimming pool and tennis court at the back of the Hotel.

One day he visited his cousin at Prahran, and he said, "You are twenty-five years old, and you are supposed to be married by now".

Angelo married Stavroula. "I had lived and worked with her brother Bill, in Shepparton and we moved together to Melbourne for work. One day he said he was going to pick up his sister who was arriving on the 'Patric,' the iconic ship that brought thousands of Greek people to Australia.

I did not have time for twelve months to get to know her, but one day I asked my now brother-in-law if I could marry his sister".

Angelo always wanted to give back to the Community in some way. He spent twenty-three years manning the gate at the football from 8.00am until 3.00pm as a volunteer. Many of the people he got to know at the football, including other towns like Colac, supported him at the Hotel. When he was older and the Mens Shed started, he wanted to join and catch up and talk to some of the blokes and enjoy the coffee.

"The coffee at the Shed is beautiful but it is different from Greek coffee which is always followed with a brandy".

Angelo was at the Shed at the Grand Opening and became a member soon after. He was disappointed the protestors caused so much trouble and he was glad to see the Shed officially opened.



LORNE P-12 COLLEGE

We've officially passed the halfway point of Term 4 here at the College and what a term, and year, it has been! Enjoy a snippet of recent school life below.

Now we begin looking ahead to next year as our transition programs begin, with a focus is on the wellbeing and success of every student.



From the Primary School ...

In our poetry unit, Grade 2-3 students have been busy creating poems about their favourite colours. They've explored using adjectives and sensory details to bring their chosen colours to life, developing their descriptive language skills in the process. It's been wonderful to see their creativity shine!

PINK - by Athena

Pink is sweet evening, pink is the colour of embarrassment,
Pink is fresh blossom flowers, Pink sounds like birds tweeting,
Pink looks like flappy flamingos, Pink is my favourite colour!

In the Secondary School ... SAILING GIPPSLAND LAKES

Our Year 10 Outdoor Education class had the adventure of a lifetime early this term, sailing the Gippsland Lakes. Based in Metung they spent five days onboard two Dufour 36 boats: *Just for Fun* and *Sir James*.

The trip was student-led, providing a great opportunity for this cohort to showcase the leadership and teamwork skills they had developed over the year. Meals, shopping lists, budgets, itineraries and activities were all planned by the students with the support of their specialist teachers.

The weather was perfect for exploring this beautiful region by boat and the group camped on an island for a night, enjoyed fishing, stand-up paddle-boarding and worked cohesively to cook, clean, plan and navigate. Sailing the boats under instruction was a fantastic addition to the student's growing skill set. We are so pleased to be able to offer these amazing opportunities to our students, with Year 9 and 10 classes elective subjects available in Outdoor Education, Marine Science, leadership and more.

We are grateful to our dedicated teaching staff who go above and beyond to source funding and equipment to make these activities possible.



Class of 2024

Congratulations to our Year 12 Class of 2024 who celebrated at a graduation dinner on Friday night after finishing their final school exams - we can't wait to see what the future holds for this fantastic group of young adults.



**GREAT OCEAN ROAD
HEALTH** NEWS

LORNE 
medical centre



A Message From Our CEO

The very exciting news of the week for **Great Ocean Road Health** is that we are the **2024 Premiers Small Rural Health Service**. This is great news for our staff, our Board and our volunteers who are the reason for the award. We are very proud of all the wonderful services we provide and the hard work our teams put in every day to ensure that our clients have great care.

I am so proud of what we have been able to achieve in the five and a half years we have been Great Ocean Road Health, especially since we had a global pandemic to deal with as well. Sincere thanks to the whole team, to the Board and the volunteers and the community who are so supportive of our organisation.

Thanks, Sandy

(Pictured: The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP (Minister of the Department of Health Victoria), Sandy Chamberlin (CEO), Dr Joy Humphreys (Board Chair) and Andrea Russell (Director Clinical Services)).

Donate to the 2024-2025 Annual Appeal

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This year Great Ocean Road Health would like to make some well needed infrastructure improvements to both our Apollo Bay and Lorne facilities, to be able to provide greater care to our clients.

We can't do it alone—we need your help.

Donations are tax deductible and will help keep our health facilities current by funding facility repairs and maintenance, purchase essential new equipment, enhance our health service infrastructure, and ensure that our community has access to the care it needs.

Please consider making a donation today to help us sustain and improve the care we offer. Every dollar you donate makes a difference. Together, we can continue to provide high-quality health services right here in our community.

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GORH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 16 DEC
1:00PM - 2:30PM

WYE BEACH HOTEL
Afternoon tea to follow

Join Board Chair, Dr Joy Humphreys and
CEO, Sandy Chamberlin, to hear about our
2023/24 achievements and to celebrate our great staff.

Guest Speaker: Adjunct Professor Charlie Corke

RSVP: please email odette.goater@gorh.vic.gov.au
by Monday 9th December.

**GREAT OCEAN ROAD
HEALTH**



Keith Miller LACC
Commodore



CLUB NEWS

We are still open 6 days a week, closed on Tuesdays but will go back to opening 7 days later this month. We are still running our Wednesday & Friday night Happy Hours, with our traditional seafood raffle and free sausage sizzle every Friday.

Remember our club is available to members for weddings, parties anything but you need to book with Hutch early. We are filling up fast!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Home-Grown Garlic Competition

Friday 13th December. All you have to do is be a member, arrive by 5pm with your home-grown garlic bulb and enter. The judges will take it from there. It's free to enter. We have several categories: We have a junior and senior section for the Champion. Start nurturing your garlic today.

- Biggest
- Smallest
- Best Display
- Champion

Free Live Music

Saturday 21st December 2024, featuring Willie J's and the 6V6s. Starting around 4pm. They are a Rock & Roll and Blues Band. We've had them before and they are sensational.

Major Fishing Competition Number Six Sponsored By Lorne Hardware

This was our last comp for 2024. The weather wasn't real flash for the boat anglers but a few ventured out to brave the elements. There were plenty of fish weighed in with some rippers amongst them. Everyone enjoyed a magnificent roast lamb lunch with beautiful salads. A big thank you to Sue Addison for making the salads, Clive Goldsworthy for carving the lamb, Hutch for cooking it and Jenni Miller for making the gravy.

Hawaiian Shirt Wednesdays

These aren't happening until January but I'm reminding everyone early so they will have plenty of time to buy, find, borrow or steal some Hawaiian Shirts for the summer. Last January was the best participation rate ever with

about 50% wearing them but I reckon we can do better this January. As usual everyone wearing one will get their first drink free and we will be handing out prizes for our judges favourites every week.

Melbourne Cup Extravaganza

We were blessed with perfect weather again and a capacity crowd all arrived dressed in their finest and a 'have a fun day' attitude, which everyone did. I reckon it was our best one ever. We had a huge group for our Fashions On The Field and we ran heaps of sweeps all day.



The Frozen Few

On the Monday before The Cup, a group of thirty-or-so Lorne swimmers known as The Frozen Few held their annual lunch at the club. The group formed during Covid and swim every morning at eight, or 8.30. Depending on Leon Buchanan's tee-off time. This was the group's fifth Anglers lunch. In the morning they swam the pier-to-pub, a race where the handicapper invites bribes and the virtuous rarely win. This year the victor was the unassuming Colac Aquaman Wes McNamara.

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Our host, Hutchy, swam commendably – though, it must be said, he had nobbled half the field the night before.

Over a sumptuous paella and a few crisp whites, Jenni Jenkins, reigning Swimmer of the Year, awarded prizes to people who'd performed the most flagrant idiocies during the year. Dave "Dasher" McCormack needed a P76 to take all his trophies home. At one stage Paul Miller and Anson Cameron could be seen consoling each other over a frosty pot at having brothers who've brought shame and infamy on their families.

Local bigman Garry Smith ran a Cup Sweep kind of type thingy that turned into a barefaced schemozzle and nearly ended in fisticuffs, making Brendan Tunstall's normal stewardship of the gambling aspect look evenhanded and transparent. If you see the Vice Squad sniffing around Grove Road tell them nothing.

The day was great fun. Swimmers, unlike cyclists, can't speak while exercising. So there's always a lot to say over lunch. A sweet, shy, unassuming lass who'll go by the alias of "Josie M" may not have won the swim – but rumours suggest she won the lunch.

A footnote from The Commodore: This wonderful group keep the name AQUATIC going with our club. They are all active, regular and valued members who help us out at fundraisers and enjoy a cold beer and a good time. The story was written by our local famous author, Anson Cameron, and he took the photos. As far as a photographer goes, he is a great author.

The Love Boat

Our last local commercial fisherman, Kaide Love has just bought a new Cray Boat from Port MacDonnell in SA. Kaide, along with Damian Dwyer drove it all the way over to its new home in the Apollo Bay Harbour, which took him over 9 hours and he is busily getting it ready for the opening of the crayfish season. It's a much larger boat than their previous boats and it will be much easier to operate. They won't have to worry about beach launching ever again and it has a bed so they can sleep in it when necessary.

Its name is 'Turbulence', I hope it doesn't cop too much of that. Kaide has an Eastern Crayfish Licence so they will be working from Apollo Bay back to as far as Aireys Inlet. His father, well known local identity Steve Love will be his Decky.

Congratulations To Leon Walker.

Our new Surf Coast Shire Councillor. Leon Walker successfully stood for a spot on the council and being a local identity, I'm sure he will be a great asset to our town. Also a big thank you to Gary Allen who did a great job as our Lorne Ward Councillor for the past 4 years.

FISHING REPORT**Boat**

There's been a big swell running for over a week now and there's a nasty sand bar at the entrance to the channel out past the white pole which is making it a tough job launching. It's also caused a big build-up of kelp which has made it even worse. The sand bar has been appearing and disappearing forever but at the moment it's the worst I've ever seen it.

We were coming in recently at high tide and the boat bottomed out on the sand bar. We jumped out of the boat and dragged it over the bar and we were suddenly in chest deep water so the sand bar was shin deep and the lagoon on the beach side of it was chest deep. The fishing is average at the moment with the odd big snapper still here but there's a lot of water in between them. There's a few pan size Pinkies being caught and the Flathead are back on the bite. There's the odd Gummy and School Shark being landed and the King George whiting are still about. We were snapper fishing the other day and one of the crew caught a big Blue Morwong aka Queen Snapper and then a Swallow Tail which is closely related to the Nannygai.

Pier

The pier is still performing really well with plenty of Big Snapper, King George Whiting, Mullet, Trevally, Salmon, Calamari and the odd Gummy Shark.



This is Rodney van Ingen with his grandson Victor. Rodney had never been fishing in the Erskine River so he took his grandson for a short fish and he caught this ripper of a bream. Victor will think his grandfather is a gun fisherman. He will soon find out that he isn't.



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Picks of the Month

FICTION: The Golden Thread by Tea Cooper



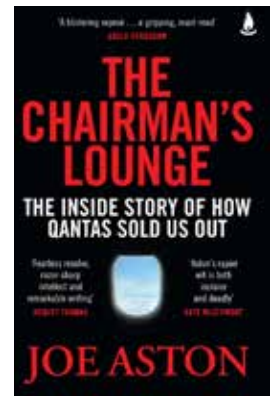
Intricate threads from the past and the present bind together a yellow silk dress, lost gold and a missing grandmother in a twisty historical mystery from the bestselling author of *The Talented Mrs Greenway*.

Maitland, 1889. Connie Montague begins to realise that her grandmother Nell is not who she seems. Nell is looking for something and following a thread stitched long ago, a thread that leads from some missing gold, to a damask dress and the attic of Government House. As the story unravels so do the secrets of the past, secrets that surface into the present to threaten not just Nell, but Connie too.

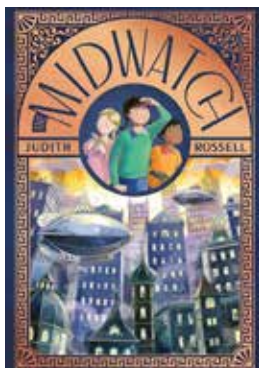
NON-FICTION: The Chairman's Lounge by Joe Aston

From the must-read journalist on how power, money and influence work in this country, the full story of how one of the nation's favourite brands brought itself to ground.

In his celebrated column Rear Window for the Australian Financial Review, Joe Aston's reporting of the ethical failings of Qantas spurred the early retirement of its CEO and the resignation of its chairman. With fresh interviews and revelations, written in Aston's trademark swashbuckling style, *The Chairman's Lounge* is the definitive account of how Qantas was brought to ground and who did it. It is a parable of our times.



Children's Fiction: The Midwatch by Judith Russell



Banished to the Midwatch Institute for Orphans, Runaways and Unwanted Girls, Maggie Fishbone is sure she's in for a life of drudgery. But she quickly discovers there's more to the Midwatch than meets the eye ... The city shimmers with jewels and secrets, and soon Maggie is thrust into an adventure that takes her deep underground, high above the clouds and face to face with danger itself.

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