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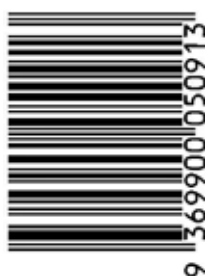
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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

In Louis Carroll's 1871 cute poem - The Walrus and The Carpenter - we read 'Well, the time has come,' the Walrus said, 'to talk of many things.....'

So true. This will be my last official sharing of news under the Louttit Loop banner, and under the pseudonym of Lillian - hardly a secret! Maybe there are one or two readers who wonder - 'Who the Hell is Lillian??' Well - it's me! Sue Grant and I live in far North Lorne. I used to write for the monthly Lions Club's Lorne Local News in 2003 - when dear Lyn and John Morrison were the Editors and the roneoed copy cost 50cents.

When Jo Vondra became a friend, he asked me to consider writing a column each month about happenings in Lorne. Rich pickings - but heavily censored. After one column we went to a whole page - mainly to clear my desk of piles of backs of envelopes, menus and odd bits of scribble on paper.

Later Elizabeth Rickey knocked up a beautiful photo of Lillian Beaurepaire diving - replacing the old lady photo of her which started us off. Jo selected the Loutitt Loop moniker and also the Lillian tag.

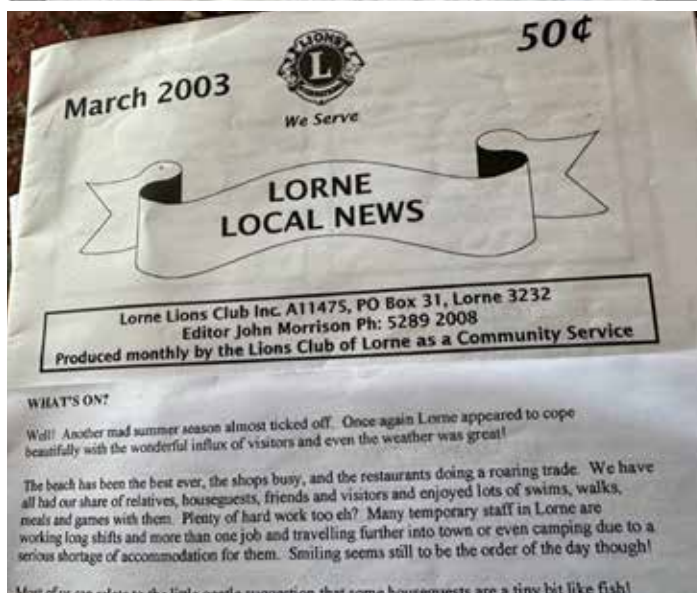
But after about 18 years I've lost contact with many facets of the precious Lorne Community. Many darlings have died or moved, and the dog and I don't walk as far as in the past! I'm now in my 80's and reckon it's time for new blood for Lillian's page, and a rest for little old me!!

I will soon be residing at Kithbrooke Country Club in Bellbrae - 8km from my daughter and family - but will not be saying goodbye to Lorne. I'll be retaining my house on the hill and intend to return regularly. I will still be very interested in any Lorne goss and if required, will pass it on to my replacement.

Meanwhile, I had always planned to spill my guts, let several cats out of the proverbial bag, and dob in a few arseholes for misdemeanours in my last rant! But I'm old and have lost courage! However, there have been many cases when I would have loved to name and shame - mainly folk who fill our town bins with their household rubbish and whose names are on the tip of my fingers. Instead I will just say loud and clear - BLOODY STOP DOING THAT! It is easy to go thru your trash and identify you and my walking mate "Miss Marple" and I have been known to do just that. We have our ammunition and may still use it one day. It is the main reason many of our street and beach bins are overflowing.

At a recent meeting of volunteers involved with protecting the little plovers, it was astonishing to hear how many had copped abuse! Me too. (By the way - the next batch of eggs are about to hatch! So exciting.)

And in my entire time as a 'reporter' without a doubt the most upsetting thing which should never have taken place



was when GORCAPA got a bee in its bonnet that the ti tree on the Surfcoast, and especially in Lorne, was an enemy and must go! This was the only time I've got so damn wild about such vandalism to our little town, and I am still furious. The terrible mess down near the Swing Bridge Café speaks volumes, to say nothing of the loss of our little secret walk under the cypress trees beside the Erskine. Grrrrr. Why???

Speaking of GORCAPA - I was present at the first meeting about redeveloping Point Grey - at the Aquatic Club I think. It must be close to 20 years ago and we are no closer to sticking a shovel in the ground! I've been to heaps of meetings about it all - but by far the best was at the old Senior Cits when Doug Williams could take no more and told the group from GORCAPA and their probably highly paid facilitator to take his butchers paper and pens and shove them. Lorne folk were sick of all that and had come to the meeting to speak and be heard and that was what was about to happen. And believe me it did! And at the end the poor bloke tried again to pass out pens and paper to the tables and everyone got up and left! Good work Doug - but to no avail!

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Dear Jo told me that recipes were not the type of content the Independent needed. So it seems appropriate for this rebellious scribbler to include just one in her last blurb! I love recipes after all:

Fruit Fly Trap for both male and female fruit flies:**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup of water
- 2 tablespoons of sugar (brown or white –to attract flies with sweetness)
- 1 tablespoon of Vegemite for protein which female fruit flies need for egg development
- A splash of vinegar (mimics fermenting fruit)
- A few drops of dishwashing soap to break the surface tension and helps flies sink!

Mix well and place into a drink bottle (no lid) and place in a stable spot.

Otherwise buy Vasilli's Fruition Traps and be prepared. (Vasili's Garden M-F 9-3 - 1300 627 374)

Doing nothing is not an option – Queensland Fruit Flies are thriving in Victoria.

Now – there are several very important pieces of news over the last month that simply MUST be mentioned.

The seismic blasting in the Otway Basin has been dumped. Yeah!!! James Taylor from the wonderful Surfcoast Times reports that the community opposition was very strong from the start, with thousands turning up to public meetings, and more than 30,000 submissions against the plan. Mitch Pope is campaign manager for the OCEAN group and we thank him and his team so sincerely. Louise Morris – Aust. Marine Conservation Society – says Seismic blasting is deadly for marine life and can impact all levels of the food chain, killing zooplankton more than a kilometre away, to deafening whales, and driving them away from feeding and breeding grounds, etc etc. Thanks to every single person who fought this horrific gas exploration which was just about to commence.

AND – Eco-Logic will continue to run tours of the Aireys lighthouse after GORCAPA awarded them the tender! We should bloody well hope so. They have been doing a fantastic job for yonks!

Very sad that the Lorne Theatre reno has “fallen through” and gigs like Modern English, and the Buzzcocks have had to be cancelled. Hope something can be organised for the Chrissy holidays. Outdoor screenings?

I've been working my way through our new eateries and can highly recommend The Bowls Club, and also lunch and dinner at The Pacific. Still a few to go. It's a hard job, but someone has to do it!

So that's your lot from me! I'm off to start the next Chapter of my life – joining 158 other retired folk in a small free standing villa – on flat ground and with so many activities to enjoy I'll have to rise earlier and go to bed later, and probably start Happy Hour at 4 and walk the dog on the 12km of walking tracks in the grounds, and take the Village bus to town in Torquay or Geelong for lunch and even join the Torquay Women's Shed!

But it is damned hard to leave a place like Lorne – so I'll be back – Hooray and toodleoo – and thanks for reading – I had fun! Sorry to all those who got their names spelled wrong!

Lil/Sue xxxxxx

Appreciation for Lillian by Susan Sutton

The Lorne Independent is going from strength to strength.

The monthly content is not only factually informative regarding our region, but highly interesting and educational. Sincere thanks to all the regular contributors.

In particular, I would like to make reference to our popular 'Lillian' .. hopefully after decades I can use her real name.

Sue Grant's column has been the 'go to' page whenever I receive my mailed copy.

I recall in my very early years of the newsletter involvement. Editor Jo Vondra was adamant the paper was not to become 'warm and fuzzy' like many other small town publications and he cautiously took on 'Lillian'.

In my mind, the paper immediately became more human .. The anecdotes, general news about locals, related trivia and dare I say even snips of gossip! The regular noting of Lorne's lifeblood has been handled with a very sincere, skilled and light touch.

Thank you Sue for your marvellous reporting. You have linked us into the heart of the town.

In the decades of dedication to your column you have rarely taken a break.

Well done - Susan Sutton

Send off

The Lorne Independent gave Sue a send off lunch at the Pacific. Just Sue and her “boys”. The other writers who have worked with her for a loooong time. They all had stories.

The little stories John Ford mentioned about Sue were:

1. At the Lorne Country Club Wendy and I would walk into the clubrooms after playing tennis – where there were mostly golfers. Sue and Rick, who had played golf, would stir me up about wearing my (little) tennis shorts into the bar/lounge area. Perhaps that's where I thought up the signoff for the Independent 'Tell us who you would like to see in Sportsbriefs'.
2. Wendy and I would walk our (previous) dog Kosi along the beach to North Lorne. On hot summer days Sue and Rick would have a sun umbrella for shade, and a second separate sun umbrella for their (previous) dog Rocco.
3. I began writing Sportsbriefs in the Indy in 2005, and I believe that Sue started at about the same time. I think we were both encouraged (or was it pushed?) by Jo Vondra into writing a regular column. Sue kept very quiet about Lillian's identity, because it took me many months to know who the gossip columnist was. I really should have realized straight away!

And John Agar wrote this especially warm piece which brought tears to Sue's eyes.

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Lillian

Once, I only knew of two Lillians in Lorne.

- Lillian Hammerton, my great aunt who lived next door at 13 DMR.
- Lillian Beaurepaire, for whom our less-than-it-could-be community pool is named.
- ... and Dad sometimes muttered of a 'Lillian Gish', but I don't think she was a local.

Little did I know that all would be eclipsed by another — "Lillian of the Independent" — but despite being an avid reader of the "Lillian" page, I had no inkling of who "Lillian" was.

Meantime, Susie and I had formed a beachside relationship with a feisty, friendly blonde called Sue who would stop to chat while her Rocco and our Rosie and Yogi bum-sniffed ... but it never occurred to me that I was talking to Lorne Royalty ... the mysterious "Lillian".

"Lillian" was an Independent institution — the page we all read first, then re-read again last in case a snippet of gossip had been missed!

- Louella Parsons and Hedda Hopper ... move over.
- Keith Dunstan's Herald-Sun 'Black and White' ... a poor reflection.
- New Idea and Who ... no idea, and who?

"Lillian" has been our binding glue. She has kept our community grounded. She lowered those who would be grand and raised the low. She reported our foibles and praised our triumphs. And she welcomed our new and remembered with compassion those who left.

Lorne will not be the same without you, Sue. And while part of me wishes you the best that the future can hold, another part hopes Torquay will prove a *bête noir* and slingshot you back into your eerie above Stony and the North Lorne beach you love.

And ... as for the Lorne Independent? ... a candle will burn in its window to light you the way back.

Sue, your contribution to Lorne has been profound. We will miss you, remember you, and never be able to replace you.

I give you our "Lillian" ... Sue Grant.

*So, Lillian is really Sue,
And most of what she wrote is true
So many words for years and years
So many readers drying tears
Without her wit what will we do??*

(Anyone who would like to attempt to write a similar/ original / different insider's view of Lorne should apply to the Editor asap.)



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Community Connections

Last month, VCE VM students led an impactful Community Connect event, fostering connections among residents and organisations.

The event provided a platform for many volunteer groups and health organisations to strengthen ties and address community needs. Throughout the event participants were encouraged to exchange ideas and explore collaboration opportunities.

Attendees also learned about various local services while enjoying a nutritious buffet created by the students and Luke Morgan. The amazing spread included produce from Feed Me and emphasised the importance of balanced nutrition.

Guest speakers Cameron Nugent and Hana Assafiri shared valuable insights on community engagement and mental health, inspiring attendees to actively participate in local initiatives.

The event attracted a diverse crowd, including students, educators, and community leaders, reinforcing a shared commitment to enhancing health and wellbeing in the community.

Pilkip cont...

The entire production was a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff, students, and volunteers. From the intricate set designs to the stunning costumes, every detail was thoughtfully crafted to bring this local story to life. We are incredibly proud of all the students involved in the production and grateful for the tremendous support from our school community. *The Pilkip* was a huge success and a reminder of the wonderful things we can achieve together. We can't wait to see what 2026's production will bring!



LORNE P-12 COLLEGE

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PILKIP – A Roaring Success!

This year's school production, *The Pilkip*, was an absolute triumph and a true celebration of the unique spirit of our community. The performance brought together local humour, deep connections to our town, and a shared understanding of the wonderful place our students call home. It was a night that truly showcased the talent, creativity, and camaraderie of Lorne P-12 College.

The students' portrayal of life in our town was nothing short of brilliant. From the quirky characters inspired by local personalities to the clever dialogue that had the audience in stitches, it was clear that the production was deeply rooted in the heart of our community. *The Pilkip* was filled with moments that reflected the humour, history, and the natural beauty of where we live, creating a sense of nostalgia and pride for both locals and newcomers alike.

What truly stood out was the incredible acting and musical performances. Our students displayed a level of professionalism that captivated the audience from the opening scene to the final curtain call. Each character was brought to life with passion, energy, and authenticity. The lead roles were performed with such depth and understanding, while the supporting cast added charm and humor to every scene.

The musical numbers were equally impressive, with the live band and vocalists delivering standout performances that brought an extra layer of magic to the production. The carefully curated soundtrack, paired with the students' musical talents, made the show truly unforgettable.

It was heartening to see how *The Pilkip* connected our students with the community in a meaningful way. The production not only entertained but also gave our students an opportunity to reflect on their surroundings, express their appreciation for where they live, and share it with the audience in an authentic and humorous way.



COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS OF VICTORIA AWARDS

By Janet Goud - Editor

Congratulations to Leon Walker!

And to the Lorne Independent Newspaper for winning this category two years in a row!!!

Leon is a finalist of the Best Photo in this years CNAV (Community Newspapers Association of Victoria) Awards. It was last December's Cover.

The judge was Photojournalist and Photographer Brendan McCarthy of Fairfax Media among other magazines.

The judge said of your entry, Lorne Pier by Leon Walker:

"Despite what online photography sites and our "keen amateur shooter" uncles tell us, photography is not about the technical stuff or having the best equipment. It's about how we see. Leon's quiet picture of Lorne Pier is a great example of seeing the world differently."

"Rather than going for the wide shot and an overview of the whole structure, he's zeroed in on one tiny element: the remnants of the old pier framed by the steel and concrete of the new one. In doing so, and by using very disciplined and beautifully symmetrical framing that shows us just as much of the new pier as we need to see, he's told the story more eloquently than any "overview" shot could have."

"This is a great example of applying the "photographer's eye" to a fairly mundane subject and making a great a photo out of nothing. It could be the "mission statement" of all local paper photographers!"

Also in the Best Newspaper Awards we were named in the Special Mention area.

I guess it's a start!

Best Newspaper

Winner

Connecting Sebastopol Community News

Finalists

- Traf District News
- Manningham & Nillumbik Bulletin



- The Westsider
- North & West Melbourne News

Special mentions

- Brown Hill Community News
- Gisborne Gazette
- Lorne Independent
- Tatura Area Community Bulletin
- Waranga News



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*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
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the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will
remember them.*

Lest we forget.



SAND

By Doug Stirling

(Ed Note: I wanted to show you Doug's beautiful handwriting when he wrote this for us)

For those blissfully sun baking on Lorne beach's golden sands, most have no idea what lies beneath them. How could they when most were not born before 1958, when what started off as a great idea turned out to be a total costly disaster. Early in 1958 the public works department decided to extend the rock wall beyond its present location to where Grove Road meets the beach. (near HAH today) Heavy concrete foundations were first constructed as its base. The beautiful wall was built, and it looked wonderful.

BUT

Mother Nature did not like it. She felt it spoiled what she had created. It was an intrusion and an insult. She immediately summoned the help of her ally King Neptune and together they played havoc.

At first the sea reached new heights and smashed the wall to pieces. It looked terrible to see this masterpiece of engineering lying as heaps of stone and rubble, strewn all over the beach. But King Neptune had only just begun his real destruction.

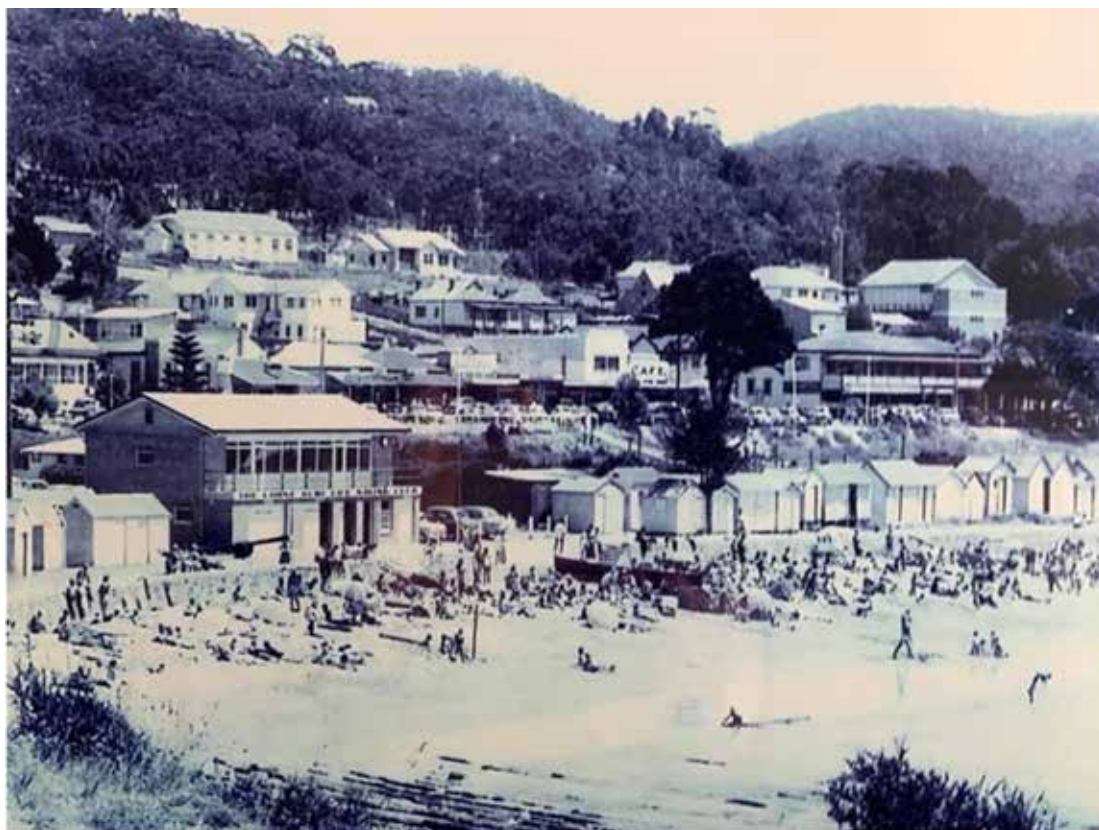
Three metres in depth of sand was washed away from the surface of the beach and 1.5 metre sand dunes disappeared over night. Lorne's pride and joy was no longer.

The authorities were not only horrified but extremely worried by what had just occurred. Hector Stribling who owned Erskine House at this time was very concerned that the popular guest house could be in serious trouble. He contacted those he knew in Ports and Harbours and they arranged for quarryman Bill Roach to create a sandstone groin on the southern side of the beach to build up sand. This proved to be most effective.

On the main beach wooden groins were built all along the sand at regular intervals. These had similar results as the rock groin in trapping the movement of sand. Over time they were completely covered over and to the best of my knowledge they are still there.

Where the beach sand meets the grassy soil, they employed a different method of restoring the beach. A long sloping sand ramp was formed from the beach to the grassy bank.

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This slope was covered with a heavy-duty plastic blanket. On top of this large, flat stone slabs were placed.

When the waves slid up this sloping ramp, they deposited sand amongst the flat stones, eventually covering the whole surface.

Incidentally, when all the sand was washed away, Bert Driscoll's Dodgem Car building was left half dangling over the washed away beach!

Wow what a sight!

MULTI-AGENCY PLANNING EXERCISE FOCUSES ON EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR COMMUNITIES

A major regional exercise hosted by Surf Coast Shire Council has focused on providing emergency relief for Great Ocean Road communities potentially isolated by bushfire.

The planning exercise at Aireys Inlet Community Centre drew together input from multiple organisations, looking at ways to best identify and deliver relief needs in an emergency.

It was staged as property owners and occupants are being encouraged to undertake spring clean-up and fuel reduction work across Surf Coast Shire in preparation for the bushfire season.

Fire authorities are warning of potential for an early start to the fire season following dry winter and autumn.

The multi-agency emergency relief exercise focused on a Great Ocean Road community being isolated at noon on an extreme fire danger day in late January, with fire outbreaks forcing road closures.

The exercise involved organisations including Surf Coast, Colac Otway and Corangamite shire councils, Country Fire Authority, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Ambulance Victoria, Victoria Police, State Emergency Service, Department of Families Fairness and Housing, Emergency Recovery Victoria, Red Cross, Salvation Army and utility providers.

“This important exercise looked at critical actions which need to take place during the first 12, 24 and 48 hours, from outside and within the isolated community,” Surf Coast Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Robyn Seymour said.

“Principal objectives included working on how to identify and deliver relief needs, understanding a governance structure and ensuring all agencies are using the same terminology.

“Providing emergency relief in these situations is challenging and complex. Having agencies come together to work through scenarios in advance can be vital in helping many cogs work together when crisis arrives.”

Emergency Recovery Victoria Regional Recovery Director Angela Carey said: “Recovery needs to be swift and effective after an emergency.

“Planning exercises are essential to make sure all partners in emergencies are in the best possible position to anticipate and respond to the needs of community after a major emergency.

“Victoria’s emergency management sector is well prepared for the season ahead, but being fire-ready is a shared responsibility.

“We all have a responsibility to understand the risk, have a fire plan in place and keep up-to-date with warnings on the VicEmergency App and website.”

The exercise provided a reminder that residents living in areas of fire risk should continue to undertake fuel reduction



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work, and that having well-prepared and practised fire plans are crucial to protecting properties and lives.

People can find valuable guiding information via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Emergencies-and-safety and cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

During October Surf Coast Shire Council will issue green waste disposal vouchers to ratepayers to support disposal of garden waste as part of summer fire preparations.

People can find more information about Council’s green waste vouchers via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Property/Waste-and-Recycling

TOMATOES *By Doug Williams*

There's no need to worry about highly contagious tomato brown rugosa fruit virus (ToBRFV) here in Lorne just yet and since I have full confidence in the plants I was given by a local grower I have even planted mine out a little earlier this year than I normally do—a day or so ago. The stop-start weather we have in here in springtime means I'm usually happy to wait until November before setting them in the ground, letting them harden off and get going when the days settle into steadily warmer weather.

One year I grew tomatoes in a hot house and encouraged them from early on with the express purpose of being able to pick at least one before Christmas Day. There was only reason I devoted time and energy to doing this – it was to beat my father to the punch. He was very good at growing tomatoes and was always able to start cropping fruit early in the growing season. Every season. Only one tomato ripened early in my hothouse that year but one was enough and I was pretty pleased with my self for managing this and brought a generous smile to my father's face as I produced it out of a brown paper bag. "It's not a competition, son," he said. I returned that smile of his with my own – "Of course it is mate," I said in reply.

Choose a sunny position; provide as much sunlight as possible. To bring their tomatoes along early many people shelter them with plastic plant guards to form a microclimate a few degrees warmer. This approach works and will generally give you a head start on your neighbour's plants (remember, it's not a competition).

In the end though the main crop usually appears in February and will yield right through to May in a good year, so I figure why go to any extra trouble when I can just set and forget – being at heart a bit of a lazy gardener. I only put in a couple of plants which nicely meets our needs. When it's time to



bottle them or make tomato sauce we simply buy a case of nice fully ripe ones. These, the ones that come late in the season, are the ones with the sweetest flavour.

When you plant them don't be afraid the plant them deeply. If they are a tall-growing variety stake them early or provide a lattice to support them, keep the moisture up to them and google how and when to feed them during the growing season. Having your own tomatoes is very rewarding and if you don't have sufficient ground for a small plot you can always grow them in pots.

And then of course you could sign up for the Tomato App. Although this takes out the important social element so that you don't have the "How are your tomatoes looking this year?" conversation with other people and you can always google up some pretty kooky ideas when you start digging down into Goggle. For instance, I'll buy into adding baking soda and eggshells to your plants but not into vinegar, aspirin or banana peel quite so much (although I don't suppose these can do any harm). One site informed me that snow is the poor man's fertiliser, but this seems to me way too far off the track. Goodness me, you could disappear up your own floricundum searching into this stuff.

LORNE P-12 BRINGS UP THE TON FOR SCHOOL WATER SAVINGS PROGRAM

Barwon Water has celebrated a major milestone in an impactful program that is helping schools to save significant amounts of water and money.

Lorne P-12 College was the 100th school to join the Victorian Government's Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP) in the Barwon region.

To mark the occasion, Barwon Water held an incursion at the College last Friday, with grade 4-6 students learning further tips on sustainable water use for both school and home.

The event was one of several activities held during National Water Week, which ran from October 21-27, with a theme of 'Accelerating Action'.

The SWEP initiative enables schools to track their water usage via data-loggers and an online monitoring dashboard.

Since 2012, participating schools in the region have together saved 1.14 billion litres of drinking water, and \$3.7 million in water and wastewater charges.

Lorne P-12 College Principal Carly Stafford said water efficiency was crucial for both the sustainability of the school and the broader Lorne community.

"By teaching students the importance of conserving water, we're fostering responsible habits that will benefit both our local environment and future generations," Ms Stafford said.





Following on from the recent Barwon Network Carers Project, and the launch of the Surf Coast Carer Network, we present a series of information sessions for carers. All sessions are held at Torquay Community House, 14 Price Street, and afternoon tea is provided.

Aged Care

When: Tuesday 22nd October, 1pm - 3pm

Cost: FREE

Carers Victoria & Carer Gateway

When: Wednesday 6th November, 3pm - 5pm

Cost: FREE

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CHOOKS *By Eva J Youl*

With the cost-of-living situation many people have invested in backyard chooks. Before that there has always been both city and country people keeping hens for sustainability reasons.

With the current worry of bird flu, eight Victorian farms have been affected at the time of writing. There are different viruses involved with bird or avian flu. The viruses are named after specific proteins. You will see a lot of Hs and Ns in the various names. According to The Age website on 11 June 2024, the virus at found at Meredith is H7N3 strain where the NA stands for neuraminidase which is an enzyme and HA stands for haemagglutinin antigen. (Americans say hemagglutinin) There are many combinations and subtypes. So, a virus that has HA3 protein and NA2 protein is called H3N2.

The really bad one is called H5N1 and emerged in 2008. A more transferrable variant arrived in 2021 and has spread quickly across several continents with mass killings in domesticated birds and wild birds. As far as we know, Australia remains free of the highly pathogenic variety, but we do have strains of H7N3 as previously mentioned. The worry is that bird flu can be brought in by migratory birds and may also be contracted by humans. There has been one case this year of an infected child in Australia after the child visited the sub-continent. In the US there have been mass killings of wild birds, with distressing photos, and also cases of avian flu in dairy cows. Worse scenarios would be mass mortalities of some Australian wild bird species or, if mutated and transferred to humans, it may cause another pandemic. So we have to be vigilant.

We were usually vigilant while growing up on a farm in northern Victoria. We had a huge chook shed and about twenty hens. Occasionally there would be a rooster. The chooks mostly laid eggs in the specially built, hay lined nesting boxes. But sometimes we would find eggs in the nearby haystack. These chooks were free range before the term was invented.

The job of the kids was to feed the chooks, although Mum mostly did this, with scraps and home-grown wheat. There was also a container of 'shell grit' for calcium supplementation.

The other job was to unlock the chooks in the morning, done by Dad before milking the cows. Our job was to lock up the chooks at night. This was quite a responsibility because the hens were at least 400 metres from the house. If whoever was on duty forgot, you had to sprint past a spooky shed and climb over the style, slam the chook shed door, climb back over the style and run like hell back home.

While it was ok in the twilight, if you forgot your turn and it was dark, we hated going past the pitch-black shed in the night. We always felt a stranger could be lurking inside as the shed was open at one end. This was where the farm vehicles were parked, and we had to pass this open section. Sister number three, when about ten years old, would have her hand in her pocket, walk steadily past the shed and loudly announce "I have a gun." I am not sure where she got this idea from as about the only gun show we watched on TV was the western series "Bonanza". She didn't walk back home



but, like the rest of us, ran flat out. She became the prize-winning athlete of the family.

The other issue about forgetting to lock up the chooks was foxes. We were all familiar with the tale of Uncle Wilf who lived on the next farm. One night he forgot to lock up the chooks, no children to do it. So, he went down at about midnight and shut up the pen. The next morning, he discovered all his hens were dead and a fox was trapped inside. He had locked the fox in. What made me sadder was when Dad explained that the fox hadn't killed all the chooks. Only one. The others had died of shock.

Mostly our chooks lived a very good life. There was one dramatic time on a property out of Shepparton, where we kept a few chooks, and we had children of our own. In 1993 we went through a massive flood. Everything went under water from the flooding Sevens Creek. This included the orchard and the chook yard. We were so busy rescuing ourselves that the two chooks, Merrill and Ada, had to cope on their own. The next morning, paddling around in a canoe, we found Ada and Merrill perched on a four gallon drum inside the inundated shed. They had saved themselves.

Like Merrill and Ada, chooks have their own breeds and their own characters. Like all birds we don't want chooks getting avian flu. According to health authorities, cooked eggs are safe to eat.

Finally, if you do find dead birds, wild or domesticated, do not handle the bird(s) but contact:

- Agricultural Victoria on 136 186 or 1800 675 888
- Victoria Emergency line 1800 226 226



From the Deck

OLD TRAMWAY TRACKS

By John Agar

Mouldering away in the bush behind Lorne, decaying slowly back into the earth that once so proudly bore their weight and cargo, uncountable railway sleepers track up gullies, across tumbling streams on formwork now almost devoured by the all-consuming forest, then snake along the ridgeways to now-abandoned mill sites.

Look down as you tread the now-popular 'Mountain-to-Surf' walking track from Allenvale to the St George River mouth. Traces of this old industry lie beneath your feet and envelope you as you course through old earthen cuttings and along the main feeder tram track—especially evident between the first elevated steel bridge and the sea.

At the peak of the forest clear-fell between the 1850s and the mid-20th century, the blue gums on the lower slopes and the massive messmate and mountain ash from higher up were cut, sawn, and carted for transport by sea from Lorne, Wye River, and Apollo Bay or by rail from railheads at Forrest, Deans Marsh, Barwon Downs and Beech Forest. The near-insatiable timber demands of Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, and Bendigo had to be met.

In that period, a staggering 320 sawmills operated in the Otways, most deep within the forest ... <https://tinyurl.com/59y2yuy3>. In the direct Lorne hinterland, in an area bordered by the Cumberland River to the south, Big Hill Creek to the North, and the Sabine track along the Otway spine to the west, no less than seventeen mills carved up the forest.

Loggers, living hard-scrabble in the bush, would first cut down the towering Mountain Ash and Messmate—both species known to grow as high as 90m and the Ash with up to 40m of clean, bare, straight-as-an-arrow white trunk before the first branch of its tree canopy. Then, after sawing into transportable lengths, the logs were loaded onto tramway carts for ox, draught horse or steam engine haulage to a strategically sited forest mill. After further milling into shippable planks, the timber was tramway hauled on to the inland railheads or coastal piers for shipping by ketch or steamer. The Otways were clear-felled!



However, in the second half of the 20th century, public opinion turned strongly against logging and towards forest conservation. After several years of heated argument, the screws tightened on the loggers, and native hardwood harvesting was progressively phased out. The Victoria Forestry Heritage website notes: "... the declaration of the Otway National Park and other government policy initiatives favouring biodiversity, flora and fauna guarantees, and rainforest protection combined to favour ecotourism at the expense of the logging industry."

Now, while timber is still harvested, it is now on a much smaller scale and is tightly confined in plantation-based pockets like those at the top of Sunnyside or along Binns Road to the north and south of the increasingly-visited Californian Redwoods ... may-they-not-be-eco-loved-unto-death.

Some areas remain treeless to this day, like those behind Apollo Bay, where farmers, milkers, and graziers moved in. Others regenerated to become the Otway National Park—a predominately regrowth forest dotted with pockets of old growth and a few scattered ancient behemoths. Nature has adeptly reclaimed its human-violated ground, and only a trained or curious eye will still see the traces left by the timber industry.

Most will likely drive on past the old, rusting, discarded timber-jinker chassis near the Grey River Bridge without a thought for its purpose or history.

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Few will likely notice the several massive, mouldering, moss-covered, axe-notched stumps of giant messmates that dot the roadside along Kaanglang Track, Sharps Track [named for John Sharp, the owner of several mills behind Lorne], or other innumerable tracks that we now drive, but that once were timber tramways. Though the hills still ooze with evidence of the hand of man, we had better stop to look soon ... as all traces will soon be devoured by a forest man so once brutally raped.

As you tread the walking tracks to Upper and Lower Kalimna Falls, tempt the leeches in the upper reaches of the George beyond Allenvale and the Allen Dam, or find cool air on even the hottest days in the depths of Cora Lynn Creek, imagine the effort needed to construct railways and mills in these hidden places.

Though early reports describe a forest of massive trees and sparse undergrowth – a legacy, it is said, of the time-honoured practice of Aboriginal piece-by-piece cool-burning — this is no longer so. When the loggers came and cut down the canopy, an uncontrolled expansion of undergrowth followed. When the taller trees finally began to push back through and recreate the canopy ... note when walking or driving the deeper tracks, all new-growth mountain ash and messmate are a uniform ~75cm in diameter, attesting to their identical ~100-year age ... a perfect environment for fast-moving and catastrophic bushfires resulted. What better for a fire than an explosive canopy with an exuberant undergrowth? Thus, man's mark on the forests may have bequeathed an unintended consequence ... the terror of uncontrollable fire.

While it has been hard to find a composite map of the total tramway track network, Figure 1 shows the locations of most of the Otway sawmills ... ref: <https://tinyurl.com/5eusnw4n> ... with an estimated 400 km of tram tracks traversing the hills, gullies and ridgeways

The incomparable and fascinating history “Sawdust and Steam” by Norman Houghton [ISBN 978-0-9593013-3-5] I have used as a resource for this article includes multiple small-area tramway maps detailing each sector. One of these [Figure 2: my adaptation] depicts Lorne's nearby tramway tracks [black dots], mills [red dots], and the Mt Sabine road [in green].

As a single example of a pattern reproduced at multiple mills across the Otways, the following adaptation from <https://tinyurl.com/5ekexjyp> describes Henry's No. 1 Mill, which “... sprang up in 1904 deep in the watershed of the West Barwon River”.

“... Henry's No. 1 was one of the largest sawmills in the area and could cut as much as 23 m³ per day. It was connected by a narrow-gauge timber tramline to the railhead at Forrest, ten kilometres to the north.

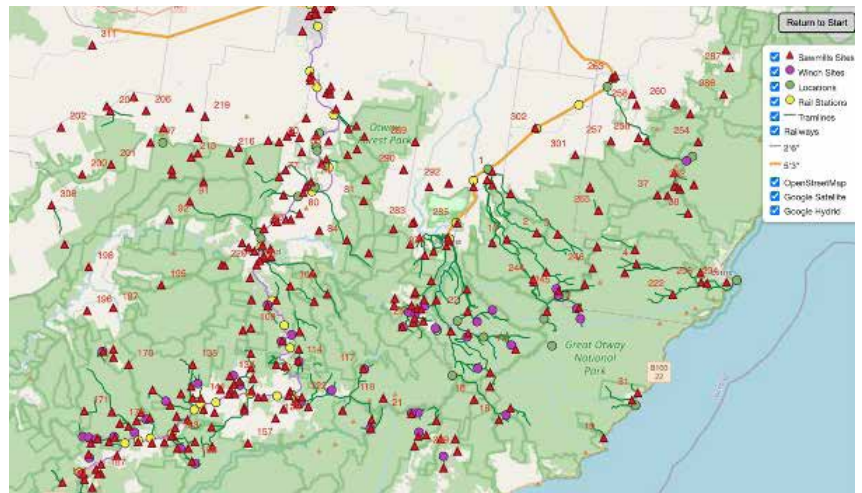


Figure 1. The Otway Sawmills [1850-1980]



Figure 2. Tramways, Lorne area
[Adapted from ‘Sawdust and Steam’ by Norman Houghton]

The line included about 57 timber bridges and an impressive 300m tunnel at Noonday Creek. Several steam engines rode the tracks, with the first one in 1911 known as Tom Thumb.

Henry's No. 1 had a permanent population of ~100 people. There were 30 rough timber huts for single men and a few modest wooden houses for married men and their families.

It also had a boarding house, stables, school, billiard saloon, baker, store and post office complete with its own franking stamp.”

So ... the next time you walk a bush track near Lorne, remember it was almost certainly once a tramways track. Look for the signs of railway sleepers sinking back into the trodden earth beneath your feet. Find a mossy bank to rest awhile, then ponder, if only for a few minutes, on the toil and effort of these hardy men who cut the timber that—like as not—built your house.



Keith Miller LACC
Commodore



Everything is going along nicely at the club. We've just finished the Spring School Holidays which kept Hutch and our wonderful young ladies busy. Don't forget our Happy Hours on Wednesday and Fridays and our Seafood Raffle with our very popular Free Snags every Friday Night.

Membership Renewals

Your LAAC membership is now due for renewal. All current and expired members will start receiving emails from tomorrow with information on how to renew your membership. Please follow the instructions in the membership renewal emails when you receive them.

If you are experiencing any issues when renewing, please fill out the contact form on our website or email info@lorneaquaticclub.com.au with your inquiry. Alternatively, we will host an in-person support session in December, we'll share more information on that at a later date.

As a reminder, you do need to be a member to access the club during January and over Easter.

Upcoming Events

Free Live Music

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of soul and blues!

Mark your calendar for Sunday 3rd November from 4 to 7pm, as The McNaMarr Project brings their award-winning sound to the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club. With a powerful blend of vocals from Andrea Marr and John McNamara, this six-piece band promises a dynamic and soulful performance you won't want to miss!

As always, it's free entry and we're running a free sausage sizzle.

The McNaMarr Project has earned international acclaim, with multiple award-winning albums and performances that have captivated audiences worldwide. Now, they're coming to Lorne for one special performance! This band has become so popular that they now cost us a lot more than usual so our Secretary and Live Music Coordinator Jim Rothel has very generously chipped in to help cover the costs.

Major Fishing Competition Number Six

Sponsored by Lorne Hardware

Sunday 3rd October 2024, last one for the year! The comp runs from 6am until the deadline of 12.30pm. Weigh-in starts at midday. It's free to enter for members and all competitors get a free roast lunch. Prizes are awarded for first, second

and third in both the junior and senior categories. Juniors must be under the age of 18. You can only weigh in one fish each, so anyone can win on the day, and it's environmentally friendly. Come and have a crack. It's great fun.

Melbourne Cup Extravaganza

Starting at 11am on the first Tuesday in November. It's on again with free entry, free champagne on arrival, free chicken and salad lunch, sweeps on every race, fashions on the field for the ladies and blokes with several prizes for each category. We don't actually have a field for the fashions but the Lazarus Lounge will do the job. BYO Nibbles. You need to book early with Hutch. It's always a sellout.

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.

Recent Events

This is Rhyll with her grandson, Ned Moyle, who is a ruckman for the Gold Coast Suns.

Rhyll is a regular and popular member at the club. If you look closely at the photo you will notice that Rhyll is slightly shorter than Ned.



Deceased Tractor

My trusty old John Deere tractor passed away a couple of weeks ago. Tractors don't really like salt water. I drenched the old girl with fish oil many times each year but it wasn't enough to save her. She is now slowly being pulled to bits at the Stonyford Tractor Wreckers and has just been joined by Warren Norton's Tractor so they can keep each other company while they are being dismantled. RIP

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From page 16**Snappers**

The snappers had their monthly get-together for October which is always on the first Friday of each month. Their numbers were back up because, like a lot of us they head north for the winter and most of them are now back. As usual they had a great catch up. All ladies are welcome to come along.



For the short time it took me to take this photo you could hear other things, like the pounding of the waves and the men talking quietly up the other end of the clubhouse. The silence was fleeting.

**Major Fishing Competition Number Five
Sponsored By Great Otway Construction**

The weather was a bit blowy with only one boat venturing out, but plenty of our regular stalwarts fished off the Pier. There were plenty of fish weighed in with two exceptionally big Snapper being the highlight of the day. They were both just under the 5.5kg mark. We had a special treat with our roast lunch being lamb instead of the usual roast beef and it was magnificent. Junior Winner Charlie Hunter with a Salmon 2305 points



Coil and Ric with the two Snapper that cleaned up in the comp

Youth Fishing Day

This was organised by the Surf Coast Shire and was fully booked well before the day. Their limit was 15 and it was mainly local boys who attended. We supplied all the gear and the snags for the BBQ.

Unfortunately, the weather was very cold and windy but it went ahead regardless and the kids all braved the cold and enjoyed themselves. Ric and I were kept busy re-baiting hooks, re-rigging from snags and untangling. We then cooked them all a sausage sizzle and gave them all some soft drinks. Some of the group braving the elements

Dying Shark

I got a phone call early one Sunday morning recently telling me that a shark was beaching itself near the HAH Cafe. I went down and there was a bloke pushing it out into deeper water so I gave him a hand. He told me it was a Mako but it was hard to see it in the murky water. He told me he had pushed it out several times but it kept rolling upside down and then re-beaching itself which it kept doing after I arrived. I rang a fisheries officer who I know and he advised me to stay away from it to avoid being bitten.

In my opinion it was dying and the advice to leave it alone was the right thing to do. It died not long after that and it turned out that it wasn't a Mako but a shark called a Porbeagle which is a species of Mackerel Shark that live in temperate waters all over the world. Fisheries arrived later and took it away for research.

**There's A New Boat In Town
With A Difference**

A very well-known local identity, long-time club member and sponsor has just taken delivery of a new boat that drives itself off the boat trailer and into the sea. It's called a Sea Legs. They were invented and manufactured in New Zealand.



The owner wants to keep it low key but the bush telegraph in Lorne is one of the most efficient in the world so by the time these notes are sent out I reckon every single Lorne resident will know all about it. Of course, I don't talk much so I won't be telling anyone about it.

Fishing Report**Boat Fishing**

There's been a few big snapper caught along with good sized School Sharks. The Flathead are a bit quiet at the moment and so are the Whiting. School Sharks used to be commonly called Schnapper Sharks spelt the same way as Snapper was spelt many years ago. This came about because they were often caught together which is what happened here recently.

Pier Fishing

The pier is still fishing well with good catches of; Mullet, Salmon, Trevally, Whiting, Calamari, Snapper and the odd Flathead.

ARTS IN LORNE



What's happening at Lorne Community Connect ??

Karren Stoneham Exhibition – 1st – 11th November



Many of you will be familiar with Karren Stoneham's colourful paintings, sea and landscape. Her round canvas' are her distinctive style. She is always very popular, so make sure you pop in and say hello, you will usually find her painting.

Lesley Goldsworthy

QDOS

Glow

The long hot summers of childhood stretch out like a beckoning palm. Kids squashed in the back seat of the Holden, legs sticking to the seat. Hands windsurfing out the open window in the hot north wind.

At last – the Great Ocean Road and the looming black clouds melt into turquoise water as sudden steam fogs the windows and rises on the hot road as the rain pours down cool relief.

You meet at the trampolines, sun bleached, immortal and in love.

The surf competes with Pink Floyd on the car radio, the windows steaming up. The rosy future glows out on the horizon.

Older now- the excitement of summer crowds gives way to the lure of the winter holiday. Dog walks in sea mist on the empty, sunset beach the silhouette of the pines against a luminous sky.

Julie Andrews' paintings literally glow with light and colour captured by an artist at the peak of her powers. But even more than that, they evoke a time and a place – her beloved Lorne, where she spent years camping with her family.

Her paintings evoke the glow of childhood memories, driving in the family car buzzing with the excitement of the holiday ahead.

The glow of first love and stolen kisses, and the nostalgic glow of revisiting the beloved past. Rites of passage that are forever entwined for many of us, with the story of Lorne.

In this luminous show, Julie has captured those rosy moments.

There is wonder and even a sweet sadness that permeates the work as Julie revels in the elements of air and water and the play of light that illuminates both Lorne and her truly beautiful work.

Clarice Beckett would approve.

Suzanne Donisthorpe 2024



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Affinity Quartet pairs Schubert's poetic and monumental 'Death and the Maiden' with Beethoven's Second String Quartet in G Major. It was Beethoven's idiosyncratic musical development and emotional depth and range in the form that would inspire Schubert to compose his own string quartets.

Alongside these pivotal works, **Affinity Quartet** premieres Australian composer, Alice Chance's new work 'Gifts from a Thieving Bluebird', 2024 for Affinity Quartet, commissioned by Musica Viva Australia to be performed at their Sydney Morning Masters Series and the Melbourne Recital Centre. Reflecting on Schubert's rich fantasy and metaphors of love and destruction in Death and the Maiden, Chance draws on Marie-Catherine d'Aulnoy's 17th century fairy tale 'l'Oiseau bleu' with and Rossini's 'The Thieving Magpie' to explore how objects gifted to loved ones can communicate significance across time and realms. Website <http://alicechance.com> Following the performance, stay for a short Q&A with the artists.

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Death & The Maiden

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SURF COAST COMMUNITY ARTS CALENDAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Judging in the Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar competition has concluded and mediums including ceramic and fibre work, linocut and painting will feature during the months of 2025.

The 12 winners were announced at the launch of the annual calendar competition exhibition at Anglesea Art Space on Friday 11 October, and voting in a People's Choice award during the exhibition will decide a 13th work to star on the calendar cover.

Seventy-eight local artists entered the competition including six in the child 12 and under category, 13 in youth 13-19yo, 49 in open 2D and 10 in open 3D.

Winners who receive \$300 each and acknowledgement in the calendar are:

- Albee Pickering, 'Rainbow', category Child (less than 12 years), pencil on paper
- Alexia Bennett, 'Point Addis', Open 2D, linocut with added watercolour
- Andrew Middlehurst, 'Pastels on the Great Ocean Road', Open 2D, oil on board
- Barbara Jens, 'The Bathers', Open 2D, textile
- Bronwyn Tasker, 'Beach Bottle', Open 3D, ceramic
- Caroline Hawkins, 'Buff Banded Rail', Open 3D, fibre
- Caroline Borghetto, 'Prevail', Open 2D, acrylic and soft pastels on canvas

- Chloe Muscroft, 'Anglesea Boat Sheds', Youth (less than 19 years), acrylic on paper
- Emma Wilson, 'Ocean Colours', Open 2D, paint-collage
- Jen Benyan, 'Gone Fishing', Open 2D, gauche with print transfer on ply
- Rosie Crone, 'Bell Street from Pride Street', Open 2D, mixed medium
- Scarlett Delmo, 'Weedy Sea Dragon', Youth, painting

Surf Coast Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Robyn Seymour said judges were impressed by the number and range of entries.

"Thanks to everyone who entered, and congratulations to our winners," Ms Seymour said.

"Judges were faced with some tough choices given the quality and diversity of the works. People can see for themselves by visiting the exhibition at Anglesea Art Space.

"We hope all entrants enjoy being part of the exhibition, it is a great opportunity to gain some exposure and recognition, and we look forward to seeing who takes out the People's Choice award."

The exhibition will be open 10am to 4pm Thursdays to Sundays until 26 October.

People can vote in the People's Choice award in-person at the exhibition or online via yoursay.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/artvote25. The winner will be announced on 26 October.



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FREEZA MUSIC PROGRAM PRESENTS STELLA DONNELLY

Live at the Lorne Theatre - Sunday November 17th.

This event has been created in collaboration with 10 young musicians from Lorne P-12, through our FReeZA Music Program. Given the Theatre has changed hands, we are very grateful that this event can still go ahead under the Landlord's care.

Join us on Sunday, 17th November, for an evening with Stella Donnelly, live at the iconic Lorne Theatre.

Following the acclaim of her debut album *Beware of the Dogs* and her 2022 release *Flood*, Stella Donnelly is celebrated for her authenticity, humour, and ability to tell it like it is, to whoever needs to be told.

Supporting her will be Leah Senior, who effortlessly blends springtime



baroque pop playfulness with a delicate touch of bedroom folk.

The stage will be warmed by three exciting young bands from Lorne—Strange Brew, Mr Moon, and Emergency Exit—each reflecting the unique creativity of their community through their musicianship.

Supported by the longstanding FReeZA program, this event offers affordable tickets: \$15 for youth (under 25) and \$35 for the general public (25 and over). This event is fully supervised to guarantee it remains Drug, Alcohol smoke and Vape free.

Please contact esweeney@surfcoast.vic.gov.au for more information, ticket link, or accessibility requests.

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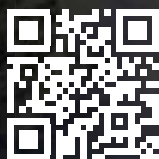
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LORNE GARDENING GROUP *By Lou Davies*

Another very happy outing was held with the Lorne Gardeners on the 7th of October. It was a cool and slightly wet day but very interesting.

We met at the Turkeith homestead in Ombersley, between Winchelsea and Colac.

Turkeith is a substantial property built in 1865. It is now owned by Mary Ann and Tim Holt. The garden was transformed in the late 1800's by William Guilfoyle of Melbourne Botanic Gardens fame. Guilfoyle planted many substantial trees which are still in the garden today. Obviously, they are very old, and some are fragile. The Holts are planting new ones to replace the originals when and if they die.

Mary Ann gave us a very interesting history of her home and the former owners. Also, the garden and how it is maintained today and with today's climate. They don't water or weed. The garden wound around on rustic pathways to view agaves, echiums, many succulents, palms, large oaks, some roses and a beautiful sweeping lawn.

We were spoilt with a lovely home-made morning tea provided by Mary Ann.



From here we went to the Deans Marsh café/Restaurant for lunch. I think the whole 47 of us enjoyed our meals. They were very good !!! The staff at the Café were kept busy toasting and making coffee but as many had ordered beforehand all was well organised. Our outings are always well planned by our committee members and sometimes have to be changed at the last minute due to owner's requests or bad weather!!

We next visited "Byron's Treed Walk" at Pennyroyal. This property is unique with its huge planting of exotic trees and high hedged areas or "rooms" in the shape of a cross as a memorial to the local men who died in the Wars. It was originally planned and planted by the Daly family of Falls Festival fame. These trees and lily ponds give an atmosphere of peace and wonder. The present owner Byron has added to and maintained the tree avenues for many years as well as farming the land around them. It is a credit to him for what he is creating and enhancing for future generations.

Our last garden for the day was to members Anne and Ray Sutton's picturesque Pennyroyal property. Well, we were blown away with this setting and garden. The garden includes a small lake surrounded by silver birches, iris, jonquils and pelargoniums. There is also an orchard. It has exceptional views across the Pennyroyal valley, all very green and lush. The property included many old farm/dairy objects plus renovated accommodation in the old dairy!!!

We were then spoilt with a glass of wine complemented with cheeses made by Ray on the property. The cheeses were very moreish. Ray can't keep up with the local demand for his special cheeses. This was an absolutely glorious end to a well planned and interesting day but most of all a happy day.

Thank you to all concerned.





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Men of the Men's Shed

WILL BUTLER

By Garry Fenton

Will was born in Colac in 1994 and started his education in Colac. His father had a job in Queensland for two years and Will went to an Old Boys school there for two years, before going back to Trinity College in Colac.

He then went to University at RMIT studying an honours degree in Industrial Design, focusing his study primarily in furniture design. His first 'real' job out of university was with a large shop fitting company as a CAD designer in Bayswater.

Will's love for working with timber, especially blackwood, came to the surface when he started machining for the guitar manufacturing company Maton in Box Hill. Whilst he was at Uni, he had begun harvesting blackwood with Otway Tonewood's from 2012. Tasmania is known as the home of top-grade Blackwood, but the native Otway Blackwood, because they grow quite big at Beech Forest is well sought after. 'The whole time I was at University I was harvesting Blackwood with the Kidman's, but also making furniture from my own Blackwood. I learnt a lot about drying and processing timber. I always liked furniture but never really got into it until I actually started machining the timber with Maton Guitars. I used timber that you can buy and the sizes that were available originally, but it's not until you are working the raw product that you know what potential you have, then you have more choice and control over the product', Will explained with obvious passion.

Will applied for and got a licence to harvest blackwood in 2016 and when he got enough stock he leased a shed in Lorne, bought some machines, and started his own small scale joinery workshop, and has been busy since making beautiful furniture.

Will moved to Gippsland for a few years and continued to make furniture in the Latrobe Valley. 'That was very good, and I learned a lot whilst there but after a couple of years I decided I needed to get back to the Otway's'. He then got a Cert 4 in Training and Assessment and taught full-time job for two years at TAFE teaching cabinet making and joinery. His previous experience was deemed the equivalent to Certificate 3 for Cabinet Making and Joinery. He instructed apprentices, school classes, and adult classes.

'I saved up enough money to purchase a shed at Deans March. I shoved everything, timber and machinery into shipping containers and brought it all back from Gippsland', Will was screwing up his face as he explained the difficulties of the move. He has now set up his joinery business there.



Will resparked his interest in the Men's Shed and came along intermittently when he had time and assisted with some upgrades and machinery maintenance. He was very aware of the overdue need for an efficient dust extraction set up. He had set up systems in several sheds plus assisted at the guitar manufacturing workshop. He now has designed, supplied much of the ducting, and installed a much better system than was there previously.

The Men's Shed had been given little tables and desks of all shapes and sizes to use as work benches. One day Will suggested, 'You need to get rid of most of them and build a large purpose-built work bench that becomes the tail-out/outfeed for the table-saw and can be used for several projects at the same time'.

This was done soon after and has proven very successful.

The Men's Shed had been given a large blackwood log about three metres long which is too large to be handled in the Shed. Will offered to mill it at his property in Deans March and invited any interested Sheddors to come on that day to see how it is milled. It would also be an opportunity to see his workshop and his array of vintage machinery.

With most men in the Shed having reached retirement age, Will was surprised to learn he was only the second youngest member to join the Shed. Newly qualified architect, Ashley Brown, twenty-six years old at the time, in 2021, joined the Shed during Covid for several months.

We have received many different answers to the question about the quality of the Shed coffee, and Will's comment was a new one again. 'It is suffice.' I wasn't sure our barista, John Bliss would appreciate that term, so I googled it. 'To meet or satisfy a need'. The Shed coffees certainly do that!

Will was asked if he had heard about the bloke who parked illegally facing downhill close to a tree stump in William Street, in front of the Men's Shed. When the driver went to leave, he had to back up hill on the very wet grass and the wheels wouldn't grip. He had to ask some 'old men' to give him a push to clear the stump! With a sheepish look, Will said, 'Yeah, that was me, had to get new tyres the very next day'!

SURF COAST WELCOMES HOODED PLOVER CHICKS



Locals and visitors are urged to follow precautions to help ensure the survival of precious Hooded Plover chicks recently hatched at Point Roadknight and a new nest site at Lorne, along the Great Ocean Road.

With a survival rate of just 2.5%, the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority has established Exclusion Zones at Point Roadknight beach and near the Erskine River in Lorne to protect these vulnerable birds.

Both temporary Exclusion Zones are clearly marked with signage to alert the public to help protect the birds and their nest sites.

As crowds flock to Victoria's Surf Coast beaches during the School Holidays, these plucky little plovers need our support to give their chicks the best possible chance of survival.

Beachgoers are reminded that Point Roadknight point and backbeach is a designated NO DOG zone year-round, while dogs are permitted on leash at the Lorne foreshore outside of the summer months.

Hooded plovers face multiple threats to their survival.



Inclement weather and high tides can wash away nests; while predators, like larger birds, cats and foxes prey on the eggs and chicks. Human and dog disturbances can prevent parent birds from incubating eggs and feeding their young as they try to steer perceived threats away.

The Authority manages seven breeding areas within the Surf Coast at Whites Beach, Point Roadknight, west of Point Roadknight tip, Anglesea, Fairhaven, Moggs Creek and Lorne.

Throughout the necessary protection period, our dedicated Conservation team, along with DEECA Barwon South West, Surf Coast Shire Council, Victoria Police, and volunteers, will be closely monitoring the Exclusion Zones. We're asking the public to:

- Keep a respectful distance. Please take your dog at another beach, or at least well outside the Exclusion Zones.
- Please be vigilant in the area. The chicks will begin feeding immediately after hatching and will use the whole beach including the intertidal zone and foredune, potentially outside the Exclusion Zone.
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OP SHOP BUZZ *By John Ford*

The redevelopment of the Op Shop is really starting to take shape. After having been boarded up for several months it is great to see the new front window and door installed.

The window has been repositioned to avoid the step-up from the footpath that had been considered by some to be awkward – and possibly dangerous.

At a recent tour conducted by the builders, members were shown the extent to which the retaining wall at the rear of the shop needed considerable additional drainage and waterproofing.

This wall of the shop is back of the 'workroom' where the sorting and pricing of donated goods takes place. The much-improved floor plan of this area will improve conditions for our volunteers working hard to display the goods. Customers will notice the improved floor plan, displays, layout and lighting which will benefit everybody.

Meanwhile at our temporary premises down by the river, donations have been overwhelming. Please note this photo!!



The shop currently has a huge supply of books, clothing, artifacts and general household items – and as always at unbeatable prices. With the spring racing carnival almost upon us, many customers have been browsing to update or add to their wardrobe and accessories for the racing parties and events.



It is the time of the year when most businesses and clubs hold their Annual General Meeting.

For the Lorne Opportunity Shop this meeting is to be held on Thursday 31st October and will provide the chance to review the year's activities and thank committee and members for their hard work volunteering.

The meeting will be followed by a lunch at 'In The Skies' restaurant at Lorne bowls Club.

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VICESSES LORNE UNIT

By Chris Jones

If A Tree Falls, Does Anybody Care..... We Do

Over fifty per cent of the emergency tasks for the SES Lorne Unit involve fallen trees. Some of you will know that a relatively large gum tree recently fell and blocked both lanes of Mountjoy Parade. Our Lorne Rescue 1 Truck was dispatched with four members to make it safe for traffic to flow.

When we are called to a tree down, it is because we are required to take action to ensure the safety of members of the public.

The priority order for responding to tree operations includes:

1. A person has become entrapped and requires extrication
2. A tree is likely to cause injury to persons
3. A tree is presenting a traffic hazard on a roadway
4. A tree is likely to cause further damage to property
5. A tree is preventing access in or out of a property
6. A tree has come to rest on a motor vehicle or property.

Even before members leave, our Local Headquarters we will have an indication of:

- Is the tree leaning on or tangled in utility lines, power telephone cables, etc?
- Is the tree on Council or VicRoads roadway, naturestrip or park?
- Does the tree need to be felled?
- Is it burning smouldering or is there evidence of previous fire damage?

Each of the above will have implications on actions required by the SES.

Where a tree is tangled involving power lines, SES will make the scene safe and cordon off the area. If necessary, conduct traffic and keep people away until police can be dispatched. The necessary power or utility company is notified, and any tree clearing cannot be undertaken till made safe by the utility company.

Similarly, the same process of making safe cordoning occurs for trees on Council or VicRoads roadways, and Council or Vic roads are contacted.

For trees that need to be felled, this is not an activity that



SES will undertake; we will refer the matter to the owner to engage a contractor.

Where a tree is burning or smouldering or is there evidence of previous fire damage, the Lorne CFA Brigade is notified.

When severe weather, gale-force winds, and/or lightning are in the area, SES crews will undertake a risk assessment. They will not undertake the work at that time but will return when it is safe.

When attending a request for assistance involving tree operations, our members take into account several hazard considerations for the damage caused by the fallen tree:

- Is there roof damage?
- Is it safe to do the job in the current weather conditions?
- Is the area safe?
- Does equipment need to be accessed from the road?
- Will lighting be required?
- Does the tree need securing?
- Are other services affected or at risk?
- Will a chainsaw or polesaw be required?
- Power lines down, or are they tangled in the tree?
- Can we identify escape routes while working on the tree operation?
- Do we need to apply Safe Working At Heights System (SWAHS)?
- What is our plan of action

Our chainsaw operators undertake training and certification to conduct operations safely.

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The Great Ocean Road Womens Surf Festival is coming to Lorne 7th December!

The Great Ocean Road Womens Surf Festival is an all inclusive surfing festival celebrating everything about women's surfing. Held at Lorne on Gadubanud Country, the festival will provide opportunities for surfers from all backgrounds and experience to come together and celebrate their love for surfing and the ocean.

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I checked the bank account and all my money was there. I was relieved so was comfortable to follow his instructions which he said was to perform a full scan of my computer.

In doing so, I unwittingly gave him access to my screen and that's when he robbed me.

This whole event lasted three hours. He kept telling me not to worry.

All was OK!

Advice from Expert

The first thing Jim (not real name) should have done is turn off the computer because at this point, he WAS NOT SCAMMED. - It was a ruse, designed to scare him.

Secondly, Jim should NOT have allowed access to his computer. (Note Jim trusted the “voice” thinking it was Microsoft.) Never allow access.

So many lessons! Remember that this can happen to any of us. It's very easy to say “stay calm, don't be put off your guard and take things SLOWLY”. Harder to do!

Thank you for sharing this shocking story.

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Membership Drive

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

We have started a membership drive this year to increase the number of volunteers.

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

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FINAL DAY OF VOTING

Ballot packs were mailed to over 4.4 million voters from Monday 7 October and the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) had received 61.33% back at close of business on Thursday.

Postal votes mailed by 6 pm Friday can be accepted until 12 noon on Friday 1 November.

The overall statewide turnout rate in 2020 was 81.47%, with the final turnout for 2024 likely to be known after the close of the postal vote receipt period on Friday 1 November.

Electoral Commissioner Sven Bluemmel says that although some issues had been raised regarding the non-receipt of

ballot packs and changes of addresses, the VEC worked closely with Australia Post to deliver over 100,000 replacement ballot packs, many of which were to alternative addresses since the close of roll.

Extraction of ballot papers from envelopes commences from tomorrow, with counting commencing on Monday.

‘The counting of votes will take place over the next 3 weeks locally within each council wherever possible,’ Mr Bluemmel says.

The VEC anticipates that all elections will be declared by Friday 15 November.

SPORTSBRIEFS *By John Ford*

Now For Summer Sport

In the last edition of Sportsbriefs we celebrated the Dolphins wonderful season which culminated in the senior football team winning the Grand Final. Lorne can now bask in the comfort of being the current CDFL Premiers – although behind the scenes the committee is working hard to repeat the performance in 2025. Some are speaking of creating a dynasty of success!

Meanwhile summer sporting seasons have already commenced, with cricket, golf, bowls and tennis well under way. In fact, some sporting activities continue right throughout the year. This edition contains updates on golf, from Danni De Bon, cricket from new President Peter Bracken, and Bowls from Don Baldwin. The Lorne Surf Lifesaving Club will also have many activities across the summer including the Pier to Pub swim, the Mountain to Surf run and nippers' events. Summer is also a great time for jogging, running and bushwalking. ENJOY.

Cricket at Stribling Reserve

The cricket season unfortunately began with a washout after heavy rain on the Friday made most grounds unsafe for Saturday play. However, Lorne plays at home on Saturday 26th October on what should be a fine sunny day. The match

begins at 12.00 and the format is one day, forty overs per team. Peter Bracken has forwarded the following cricket articles.

Lorne Clinches Dave Harvey Memorial Cup in Dominant Display Against Deans Marsh

Stribling Reserve, 11 Oct 2024 – In a match filled with excitement and memorable moments, Lorne triumphed over Deans Marsh to win the prestigious Dave Harvey Memorial Cup at Stribling Reserve under lights on Friday. The match, which honoured the late Dave Harvey, drew a crowd of enthusiastic supporters from both towns, showcasing the competitive spirit and sportsmanship of both teams.

Deans Marsh won the toss and elected to bat first, but their innings got off to a disastrous start. Lorne's bowlers struck early, reducing the visitors to a precarious 5/18. The Swamp Rats struggled to recover, eventually being bowled out for a mere 47 runs. Brett Carey was the standout bowler for Lorne, taking an impressive 3 wickets for just 2 runs in his 2 overs, while Will Seymour contributed with figures of 2/7.

Deans Marsh continued batting with L. McCullagh (28) and a 13-year-old sub fielder, adding 28 runs for the 11th wicket, bringing their total to a more respectable 75.

Deans Marsh struck early in Lorne's innings, removing captain Josh O'Brien for just 4 runs. However, Lorne quickly steadied the ship with Reuben Williams launching a counter-attack. Williams smashed his way to 30 runs before retiring, setting a solid foundation for the chase. Ed Erftemeyer and Matt Cash then took control, with Erftemeyer reaching 30

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and Cash contributing 17 runs, guiding Lorne to surpass the target with ease.

The match was not only a showcase of cricketing talent but also a celebration of community spirit, with families and friends enjoying the day out. As the lights illuminated the picturesque Stribling Reserve, the players and fans alike reflected on a memorable day of cricket, eagerly anticipating the next encounter between these two spirited teams.

Round 1: Match Results

Washout!

Despite the beautiful weather on Saturday, the ground was too wet for play after the heavy rain on Thursday and Friday. It was decided that the game would be cancelled in the interests of Player Safety.

Lorne and Irrewarra split the points, and we move on to Round 2.

Women's Golf

What a big month for our Women's Golf group!

We started the month with our annual Golf trip away - this year to stay in the beautiful Western District at Camperdown. With 20 women - it is difficult to get accommodation that meets our numbers and needs - but Sue Neill managed to get us all comfortably and socialably (is that a word??) accommodated. Over the two days, we played 18 holes first at Camperdown - where because their greens had just been cored - were more like sand scrapes than greens! Then the 2nd day, 18 holes at Cobden. We had terrific weather for our golf - so no excuses there! Sally was our clear star player over the 2 days, winning the best individual golfer, and also leading her team - "the ankle biters" to victory for the 2-day social comp. Our evenings together were great fun - both out supporting the local establishments, and a night in "partying" in the apartment that had the large living area that could accommodate us all. It was another fantastic trip away with a great group.

Club Golf:

October 8th Tuesday competition was our first round of 3 rounds for Women's Club Champion, with a field of 17 competing, and it was also the Final for the Medal of Medallists. There were 8 women who had won a Monthly Medal over the year, and this was the comp that would decide the overall winner, so there was a lot riding on this round of stroke golf! Congratulations went to Jan Borwick who was our 2024 Medal of Medallist winner, just defeating Rose Lloyd on a count back!

October 23rd was the 3rd and final round of the Women's Club Championship, and it was very close over the 3 divisions. We had a glorious - if a little too hot for some - day to battle it out. The result was again extremely close, with congratulations going to Sally Young, our 2024 Women's Club Champion. This was the story of a fight back from Sally, who was sitting 6th after her first round, but fought back over the next 2 weeks, playing fantastic golf and holding her nerve to come out just ONE stroke ahead of Rose who was our runner up. Congratulations to our Champion Sally, and to Rose also. Our B grade winner was Bronwyn Halpin, who has also been playing beautiful golf, and our C grade winner was Jenni Miller. Congratulations all. There is another award for this event, The Snowy Barr, which is won by the player with the best Nett score over the Championships, best 2 of 3 rounds to count. After being just pipped in both the Medal of Medallist comp, and then Club Champion result, we were very happy that Rose won this award with a fantastic, combined score of 146 Nett. Congratulations Rose.

SWGA events:

Out and about around the region in October:

- A team of 3 travelled to Apollo Bay to represent Lorne in their Memorial Shield event. The Apollo Bay team blitzed and won the event, with Cobden 2nd and our Lorne team coming in 3rd!

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Are you experiencing leg cramps at night?

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- Two teams travelled to Port Fairy, to compete over 2 days in their “2 days on the Links” event. They had pretty good conditions and weather (for Port Fairy!!) which can be very windy. They did not have any wins, but I hear, some did “donate” some balls to the course!!
- A team of 3 entered the Winchelsea event and enjoyed their day.

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 Tuesday golf is very “social”, and so come on up if you are interested in giving it a go!! 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.

Happy Golfing- Danni De Bon.

Lorne Bowls Club

By Don Baldwin

We have just started the current 24/25 bowls season with 2 rounds played but regrettably not in the winner's side yet for both teams, hoping our fortunes change this Saturday.

Below details of our winning inter club 4's champions for this season.

Congratulations to Lizzie Lugg and Jane Purdie who won the Women's Pairs Club Championship defeating Heather Olney and Pearl McIver.

Thursday night is practice followed by the raffle and the members draw at 6 pm. This week the member's draw jackpots to \$75. You must be there to win.

The club pairs championships currently being played.

Congratulations to Brad Weetman, Peter Steven, Steve Donne and Kevin Van Deuren winners of the Open 4s Club Championship

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.

TRANSFORMING WASTEWATER TREATMENT FOR WYE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Wastewater treatment at the Wye River Beachfront Campground will be transformed through a new treatment plant funded through a state government Visitor Experience Uplift grant.

Following a competitive tender process, Aubin Environmental was selected to design and construct a new wastewater treatment plant for the Wye River Beachfront Campground.

Demolition of old treatment plant has begun this week and works associated with the new plant will soon commence.

The upgraded plant can treat 35,000 litres of waste per day, while minimising noise and odours and managing waste sustainably.

The existing wastewater treatment system is more than a decade old and is struggling to service more than 250 campground users and more than 50 members of the public.

Six applications were received during the competitive tender process, with Campbellfield based company AUBIN Environmental Pty Ltd receiving the highest rating for value for money and other key environmental and social requirements.

The Victorian Government has contributed \$900,000 for the wastewater treatment plant through a Visitor Experience Uplift Grant. The project is due for completion in late 2024 subject to receiving all planning and EPA approvals.

Acting Director Infrastructure and Planning Shane Blackett:

“Better wastewater treatment means we are more prepared to manage the challenges of the busy summer holiday season in Wye River.”

“This crucial investment in modernising wastewater treatment services in Wye River will ensure better services for caravan park users.”

“This project is essential for Wye River and demonstrates our commitment to improving infrastructure and services along the Great Ocean Road.”



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Annual General Meeting

Community Bank Surf Coast - Winchelsea, Anglesea, Lorne & District.
Please come along to our 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting.
All welcome.

When Tuesday 19th November

Time 5.30pm

Where The Winchelsea Shire Hall --
28 Hesse St, Winchelsea VIC

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LIBRARY OF THINGS TO BECOME PART OF THE SURF COAST SHIRE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Surf Coast Shire is moving closer to a circular economy with Council making a \$20,000 once-off grant available to enable the set up and running of a Surf Coast Shire Library of Things (LoT), by an existing or new community or business group.

A LoT enables a local sharing economy, where people can loan products and learn new skills, rather than the need for individual ownership of products, especially for products not used regularly. Every LoT offers a different collection of items for loan, with some examples including household tools, gardening equipment and home sustainability items.

A LoT sharing model has many benefits including:

- Reduced consumption and environmental impacts associated with the production of products.
- Reduced waste going to landfill through unwanted or fixed broken items being diverted from landfill to become part of the LoT collection.
- Lowering household costs through loaning items rather than purchasing items.
- Strengthening communities by encouraging trust and uniting the members of the community to work together towards a common goal, leading to a more connected and resilient community.

Supporting local sharing economy initiatives is a key action in the newly adopted Circular Economy Action Plan and also aligns with Council's Climate Emergency Response

Plan 2021-2031 as increased waste avoidance and resource recovery helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"This is an exciting development for Surf Coast Shire and a great example of Council supporting the development of circular economy initiatives in the community," said Cr Libby Stapleton

"It would be great to see a Surf Coast Shire Library of Things so residents can borrow items and avoid buying new things they may only want to use a few times," she said.

Research conducted by Council officers found that:

- There are many models of LoTs around the world – from online models through to dedicated shop fronts.
- LoTs are traditionally community led, with some support from councils. They may also involve a collaborative approach and may involve professional groups too.
- The biggest challenges for LoTs are funding, staffing, and finding a suitable venue with adequate storage.
- The recommended first step in setting up a LoT is an initial community survey to evaluate public interest, identify items of interest, and to identify volunteers (noting their skills and availability).

As well as the once-off grant Council can support this initiative by conducting the initial survey, promotions and providing guidance to help the group connect to other grants and community initiative support where available.

Further promotions about this once-off grant will be circulated towards the end of the year with the grant application process likely to run in January/February 2025.

DON'T WAIT: Secure Your Summer Camping Spot at Great Ocean Road Parks

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority is encouraging visitors to secure their camping spots at Princetown and Port Campbell Recreation Reserves early to avoid disappointment this summer.

Great Ocean Road Parks now manages both Port Campbell Recreation Reserve and Princetown Recreation Reserves.

Whilst the parks will continue to be the same well-loved, family-friendly parks that guests have always known, how to book a campsite has changed.

To guarantee your stay, bookings are now essential year-round, including during the busy Christmas and peak summer periods.

Visitors should note that the phone numbers and websites for both reserves have changed. We urge campers to book online or contact the park directly to secure their spot.

Port Campbell Recreation Reserve: Book online www.greatoceanroadparks.com.au/port-campbell or call 0431 128 790.

Princetown Recreation Reserve: Book online www.greatoceanroadparks.com.au/princetown or call 0457 198 662.

Both reserves offer a range of family-friendly powered and unpowered sites, complete with camp kitchens and barbecues, all within easy reach of the iconic Twelve Apostles. These dog-friendly parks are perfect for a summer escape with your four-legged companion.

There are now more ways to experience and explore this iconic place, with Great Ocean Road Parks operating 10 beachside parks from Torquay to Port Campbell.

Quotes attributable to Director Community, Corporate Affairs and Visitor Economy Andy Mathers:

"As summer approaches, our popular caravan parks and camping grounds along the Great Ocean Road tend to fill up fast. Booking early is the best way to avoid scrambling for last-minute alternatives."



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Nourished+ is a series of 5 workshops each focusing on a different aspect of your health and wellbeing. There will be open discussions on sleep, stress, nutrition, moving well and a shared meal of mostly whole-food, plant-based ingredients, so delicious you'll want the recipe.

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2 Otway Street, Lorne

Cost: \$5 cash only

Week 1: Wednesday October 30th

- Gut microbiome how to protect and improve it for your health
- Stability & Balance: The foundation for all exercise

Week 2: Wednesday November 6th

- Mediterranean diet, a breakdown of one of the most researched dietary patterns to improve your overall health
- Huff and Puff: Aerobic exercise for heart and lungs

Week 3: Wednesday November 13th

- Salt and Sugar, are they good or bad? How much do we really need? How to read labels to find out what is really in the food you eat.
- High intensity intervals: How and why oh why?
- Sleep: Starting your sleep routine from when you wake up

Week 4: Wednesday November 20th

- Nutritional supplements, Are they good? Are they bad? Should I be taking them?
- Strength & Muscle across the lifespan
- Stress management: Simple strategies for self-care

Week 5: Wednesday November 27th

- Feast vs famine the drive to overeat and crave sweet foods and carbohydrates, listening to your body vs understanding your body.
- The mind as a muscle: Exercise for mental health
- Social connectedness: Enhancing meaningful relationships



For more information and to register please contact us on
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MANY TRAILS – ONE DIRECTION:

Vision to make the Great Ocean Road an outstanding trails destination

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority has released a shared vision to establish the region as one of Australia's outstanding trail destinations.

The draft Great Ocean Road Regional Trail Strategy 2024-2034 provides a framework for co-ordinated planning, management and promotion of trails in the region.

The Great Ocean Road region has long been recognised as an exceptional destination for nature-based tourism, with its trails being a major attraction for visitors and an asset for residents.

The trail system in the Great Ocean Road region traverses the lands of both the Eastern Maar and the Wadawurrung people.

More than 14 public entities are responsible for trail development, infrastructure delivery, asset maintenance, emergency management, destination promotion, and the management of biocultural landscapes across the region.

The draft Strategy has been developed in collaboration and coordination with organisations across the Great Ocean Road region, including state departments and authorities, five local governments, Traditional Owners and various committees of management.

The Strategy aims to bring together all these organisations under a shared vision to develop and manage an outstanding network of trails across the region.

The Strategy applies to key trails in the area from Torquay in the east to Port Fairy in the west, bound by the coast to the south and Colac and Camperdown to the north.

The trails included in the strategy are:

- Proposed Anglesea Mountain Bike Trail Network (including the Anglesea Bike Park)
- Camperdown to Timboon Rail Trail
- Forrest Mountain Bike Network
- Proposed Great Ocean Road Coastal Trail
- Great Ocean Walk
- Otway Walks & Waterfalls
- Old Beechy Rail Trail
- Port Fairy to Warrnambool Rail Trail
- Proposed Otway Hinterland Horse Trail

- Surf Coast Walk
- Twelve Apostles Trail
- Warrnambool Foreshore Promenade.

The purpose of the Strategy is to:

- Guide future coordination, development, management, and promotion for trails across the Great Ocean Road region
- Achieve greater consistency, connectivity, advocacy, and investment activity
- Provide recognition of & tangible support for Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung people
- Strengthen brand identity and promotion
- Provide an enhanced experience for community and visitors
- Continue care for the protection of environmental & cultural values.

The Great Ocean Road Visitor Economy Master Plan identifies nature based and trail tourism as a key pillar of the region's tourism offering.

We need your help to finalise the Strategy and to guide its implementation. Have Your Say until Wednesday 7 November 2024 at www.haveyoursay.greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au/manytrails-onedirection

Director Infrastructure and Planning Cath Olive:

“Whether it's walking, hiking, running, or mountain biking – trails allow people to actively enjoy the great outdoors.

We recognise the need to collaborate with stakeholders to create an outstanding trails destination right here on the Great Ocean Road.

Working together to improve trails across the region would strengthen our visitor economy, generate income and jobs, and improve our quality of life.

Let us know which trails you use and the opportunities for the trail network.

The region's trails are a major attraction for visitors and an asset for residents, offering opportunities for walking and mountain biking, and providing access to areas of outstanding natural beauty, cultural landmarks, and unique recreational experiences.”



Open Day

Sunday 24th November 2024

Open 10am - 4pm

The Deans Marsh market is open 2:30pm - 6:30pm on the same day

- Explore over 10km of grassy pathways which wind their way through 40 hectares of some of the world's most remarkable tree species
- Enjoy avenues of trees and vistas stretching the full width of the Arboretum
- Bring a picnic blanket and refreshments ready to laze away a couple of hours in your favorite grove of trees
- Have a quiet sit in the "Neolithic" rock Henge
- Take a stroll along an undulating graded track, following the course of a rehabilitated section of the Deans Marsh creek

12 Deans Marsh/Lorne Road, Deans Marsh

Entry opposite former Martians Cafe (parking in the cafe carpark)

Informational talk by the Arboretum Designer at 11:30am at the Henge

Guided creek walk at 2pm from north gate.

Map of planted tree species available at the gate, dogs on a leash at all times.

Gold coin donation entry

www.frogwood.com.au

TARGETING WEEDS AND FIRE RISK IN KENNETT RIVER

Staff from the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority have pulled together to target invasive weeds and improve fire safety in Kennett River ahead of the peak summer period.

The effort focused on removing woody weeds, such as Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*), which threaten native flora and fauna in coastal areas. These weeds can also increase bushfire risk, particularly when they grow close to buildings.

As part of the working bee, a 50-metre bushfire buffer zone was created around the Kennett River Surf Life Saving Club,

to help reduce bushfire risk.

This initiative builds on the Authority's extensive weed removal and planting efforts undertaken in Kennett River over winter.

On Saturday 13 July, rangers joined forces with the Kennett River Community Action Group volunteers to plant over 500 trees, grasses, and shrubs as part of ongoing regeneration works along the river.

The working bee also fostered collaboration across the Authority's Coastal Operations, Conservation, and Port of Apollo

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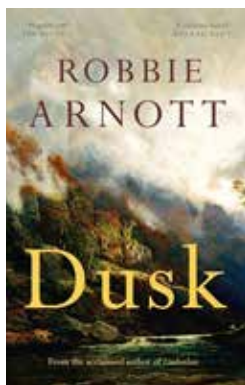


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Picks of the Month



FICTION: Dusk by Robbie Arnott



The acclaimed author of Limberlost returns with a mesmerising new novel rich in Tasmanian myth and history.

In the distant highlands, a puma named Dusk is killing shepherds. Down in the lowlands, twins Iris and Floyd are out of work, money and friends. When they hear that a bounty has been placed on Dusk, they reluctantly decide to join the hunt. As they journey up into this wild, haunted country, they discover there's far more to the land and people of the highlands than they imagined. And as they close in on their prey, they're forced to reckon with conflicts both ancient and deeply personal.

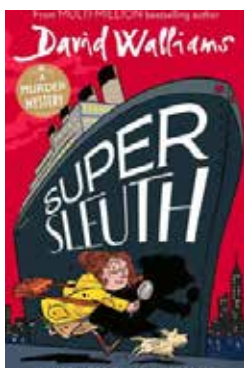
NON-FICTION: Dropping the Mask by Noni Hazlehurst

An icon. A household name. One of our best-loved actors. Noni Hazlehurst is finally telling a story of her own. A fourth-generation performer, Noni Hazlehurst has storytelling in her blood.

This is no ordinary memoir. Noni Hazlehurst is funny, fierce, thoughtful and clear-eyed about the world. Her story is full, rich, lively, opinionated – and a testament to her grit, willpower and talent. She has always been committed to telling Australian stories – and this memoir is an impressive addition to her remarkable opus.



Children's Fiction: Super Sleuth by David Walliams



From bestselling author David Walliams comes his first ever murder mystery – with thrills, spills and laughs galore.

Dilly loves a good murder. Not a REAL murder. A made-up murder. One you would find in a murder-mystery novel. So far, Dilly and her dog, Watson, haven't cracked many cases – beyond lost cats, or missing biscuits that turned out to have been eaten all along. But now the detective duo find themselves on a luxury ocean liner bound for London. A thousand passengers. A thousand miles of ocean around them. It's the perfect place for a murder... Or two. Or three. Or four. Or MORE!

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