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**UPCOMING
MARKETS ON
THE SURFCOAST****Torquay Farmers Market**

Every Saturday 8.30am-1pm

Anglesea Riverbank Market

5th Nov 9am-4pm

Lorne Market

4th Nov 9am-4pm

Winchelsea Community Market

First Sunday of every Month 9am -1pm

Aireys Inlet Market

8 Oct, 4 Nov, 26 Nov, 10 Dec, 31 Dec. 9am- 1pm

Anglesea Twilight Farmers Market

3 Nov, 17 Nov, 1 Dec, 15 Dec 4.30pm-8pm

Torquay Cowrie Market

15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec 10am -3pm

Apollo Bay Community Market

Every Saturday 8.30am-1.30pm

Apollo Bay Farmers Market

Third Sunday of every Month 9am-1pm

LORNE INDEPENDENT WINS! By Janet Goud

The CNAV stands for the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria and the Lorne Independent is a longtime loyal member.

Recently I attended the Annual Conference in Melbourne where I attended workshops on Cybersecurity and Editorial Skills. I entered our paper in some categories and we were awarded two Awards. This is the notification about them.

We receive certificates which I will share with the winners this week.

Lorne Independent received two awards:

We were a finalist in Best writing by a person 18 years or younger.

This was the interesting piece written by Frazey Horsburgh-White Year 8 Lorne P-12 College which won the Jo Vondra Prize for Literature 2022. Congratulations!

A reminder of the piece published in full in the January 2023 Lorne Independent.

The Paintbrush

The sun shined through the faded curtains, waking up old Montgomery, who grumbled and rolled over, pulling his thin blanket tight around his frail shoulders. When sleep didn't come, he slowly stood up, a cloud of dust exploding from his bed as he left it.

A bird sat on a tree branch nearby, whistling a cheerful tune as a deer trotted past peacefully. The forest was very joyful this morning, much to Montgomery's annoyance.

He put on his matted slippers and shuffled over to his kitchen, making tracks on the dusty floor, half a cup of tea and an old book that was 'terrible anyway', lay discarded on his table, there to be picked up later that day.

Montgomery made his way around the house, complaining about a leak in the ceiling or a creaky floorboard to no one in particular.

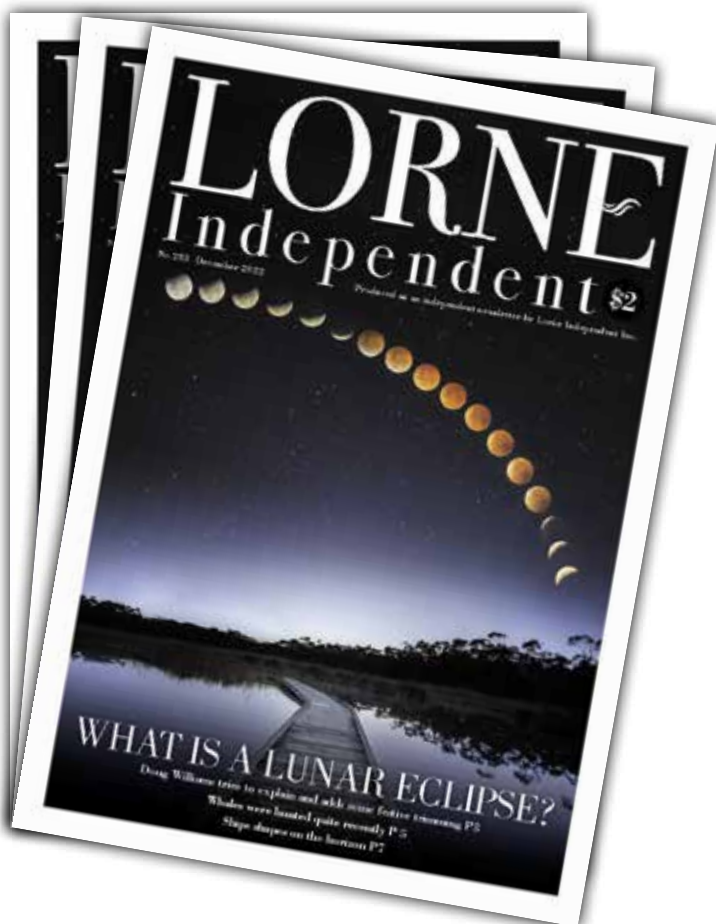
He lived in a small cottage in the middle of a forest. His house was made of wood that had, over time, been faded and taken over by moss and ivy. Red and white spotted toadstools littered the grass.

The whole place had a magical, yet neglected feel to it.

The judge said of the piece:

It is evident that the writer of this short story has carefully considered every word used to entertain and engage their readers. They have selected purposeful language to spark the reader's interest. The complexity of the main character was confidently created and this is not an easy thing to do in a short story.

And we won Best photograph. This was for the First cover of the Lorne Independent chosen by your new Editor and kindly agreed to be used by the clever and creative Craig Crosthwaite of SeeSeaImages.



The judge said of the photograph:

"In the few years I've had the privilege of judging the CNAV photo entries, no entry has ever SO set me thinking about and questioning what constitutes a good news photograph. Coming from a photojournalistic background, I've always been wary (at best!) about images created in post-production rather than completed in the camera. For me the "journalistic image" is about what happens in front of the camera. It's about reality.

To be honest, (and reflecting my own prejudices) I initially dismissed Craig's shot simply because it wasn't a straight, "right out of the camera" photo. But I kept being drawn back to it and, after a lot of thinking and a few sleepless nights, realised it's NOT a "digitally manipulated photo", but a modern rendering of a time lapse photo. A technique as old as photography itself!

And this is VERY well executed time-lapse. But beyond that, it's also a brilliant explanation, a spectacular visual rendering, of a Lunar Eclipse. You look at this image and come away understanding things a bit more and that's a high achievement for ANY photograph. For that reason, it's a worthy winner of this year's Best Photograph category."

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INTO MEDIA

CNAV committee

CNAV President James Poyner recently participated in a research project being conducted by Kristy Hess, Professor of Communication at Deakin University (in collaboration with the Australian Research Institute and Australian Broadcasting Corporation) about the ecology of the Australian Media Landscape and the issues faced.

This was a great opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of not-for-profit community papers providing news in hyper-local areas, and we had a great discussion about our member's needs and challenges, and the broader contribution hyper-local and/or location-based publications and services such as ours make to the overall Australian Media Landscape.

The outcome of this research project will help raise the profile of CNAV and its publications but also - potentially - introduce opportunities for collaboration with larger outlets (such as the ABC) when and where it is wanted and is appropriate.

Local news and community inclusion

PBS NewsHour is an American evening television news program broadcast on 350 member stations. It airs seven nights a week and is known for its in-depth coverage of issues and current events. Mike Smith, one of CNAV's award judges, recommended viewing this program which examines how the loss of thousands of local newspapers across USA is depriving communities of some of the glue that holds them together. Reporter Judy Woodruff looks at how some news outlets are managing to hang on and whether what they're doing is sustainable. View it here: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/the-connections-between-decline-of-local-news-and-growing-political-division> Regards,

LIZ'S CRYPTIC CLUES

To Seas, Oceans, and Waterways of the World.

The answers to the clues are oceans, seas, straits, gulfs, bays, lakes, canals, fiords, harbours, rivers, lochs, or mythical waterways. There may even be the odd one from another world.

This month the clues relate to, seas (S), straits (St), oceans (O), bays (B), lakes (L), Lochs (Lo), or fiords (F).

1. Sounds like a stargazing Italian born long after Jesus walked there. S
2. Scarlet exodus S
3. Expired. S
4. Arthur's port. B
5. The kiwi fiord to hear. F
6. Oceanus indicus. O
7. Aply named. S
8. Ha. It takes so long. B
9. Jaws down under. B
10. Falls name a long-serving queen. L
11. Moniker Nessie. Lo
12. Polar rainbow shape. O
13. Modify the friendly ghost S
14. Rock and roll gibberish. St
15. Plato told the tale of naval utopians. O
16. Meditate on the ground. S
17. More please, Tony. B
18. Sounds like some Calypsos carry a bean. S
19. Tell the time in the gap. S
20. South cup of tea; it rhymes where battle ships gather. S

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NO SUCH THING AS A FREE DRINK

Mary Lush & Colin Leitch

On a global scale, we often hear that water scarcity has contributed to serious problems in both human societies and in ecosystems. In Australia, the Murray-Darling river system is a case in point. And so too, in microcosm, is Lorne's water supply system.

Lorne's water comes from the Allen Reservoir (Allen Dam) on the St George River, just upstream of the Phantom Falls. Every year the town uses more water than the reservoir has the capacity to store. Nonetheless, supply is maintained because rainfall in our region is very reliable by Australian standards and keeps topping up the reservoir – except when it doesn't.

Lorne's most recent experience with water restrictions followed the last strong El Niño in 2015–16. During that event our reservoir started to drop below full in September 2015, and by April 2016 was reduced to 33% of capacity. That level was critically low and water cartage commenced to ensure we didn't run out of water. Yes ... tanker loads of water were trucked into Lorne! Fortunately changes in the Indian Ocean Dipole, another determinant of our weather, triggered rain in May which quickly filled the reservoir.

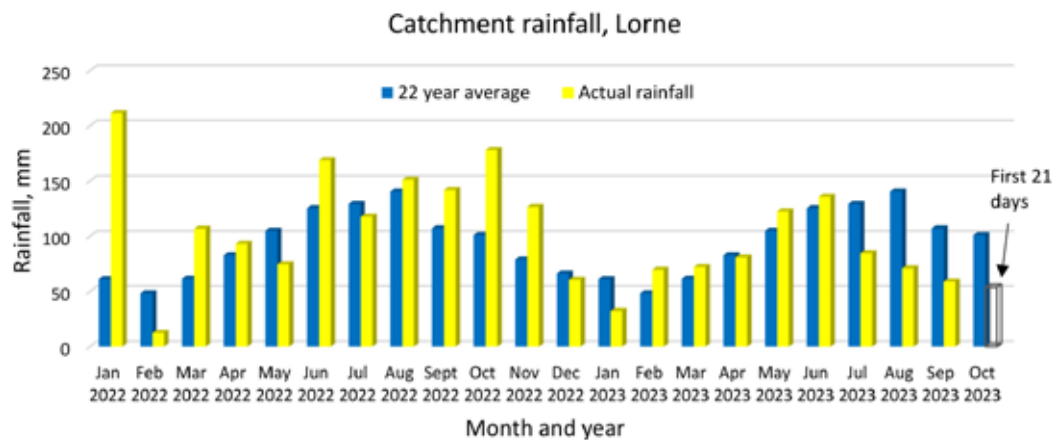
In September 2023, the Bureau of Meteorology declared that we have again entered an El Niño phase. Typically (but not always), El Niño's are associated with reduced rainfall in winter and spring. So far this year, rainfall in the catchment of the Allen reservoir is following just that pattern, as you can see in the graph below. It follows three years of La Niña and high rainfall. The data come from the BOM weather stations at Mt Cowley and Benwerrin. We'll keep you posted on rainfall in the months to come.

So what?

The possibility of a water shortage brings into focus questions of how we should allocate water between its myriad uses. These questions are unlikely to go away, because as global warming advances, it is predicted that rainfall will decrease. These recent rainfall deficits and those of 2015/16, therefore, may be portents of the future.

Barwon Water manages Lorne's water supply. At the end of 2021 it called for comment on a draft of a document called 'Water for our Future Strategy'. Its bold aim is to ensure that Lorne's water supply is 'sustainable' within a planning horizon of 50 years.

But sustainable for whom or what? We not only have the prospect of a water supply that may fall short of human desires, but we have a biodiversity crisis too. Water harvesting always comes at a cost to ecosystems.



Barwon Water followed up its final version of Water for our Future Strategy with a series of community consultations and by establishing a Community Working Group which has met once. Disclosure: both of us are members of the group, Colin represents the Friends of Lorne and LorneCare, and Mary represents the Lorne platypus monitors.

The first issue brought to the working group's attention is the question of how much water the St George River needs in order to support the human activities and natural systems that we associate with it. The tourist who likes to lounge in a personal hot tub, may also be planning to walk along the river and hoping to see a platypus. Do we have enough water to fill hot tubs and still have a river healthy enough for platypus, or do we have to choose between them?



Jess Bolden (Alluvium) and Melody Serena (Australian Platypus Conservancy) assessing part of the St George River during a walk with some of Lorne's platypus monitors.
Image: Katie Cummings.

Historically there has been no requirement for Barwon Water to release environmental flows from our reservoir to maintain river health, but to their credit they have commissioned a consultant, Alluvium, which will identify ecosystems along the river as well as other things we value about it. Alluvium will recommend whether water releases are necessary to maintain a functional river system.

This study will bring the St George River system into line with systems such as the Barham (Apollo Bay), Anglesea, Barwon and Moorabool Rivers, in which environmental concerns are a component of water management by Barwon Water.

Barwon Water Community Update

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

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

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Lorne: Water, Your Say

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



We're here to help

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



Be waterwise every day

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



LORNE COMMUNITY AND BARWON WATER COME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS WATER FUTURE

Barwon Water's new Lorne Community Working Group has met for the first time as part of the Lorne: Water, Your Say program, launched in May 2023.

This group will help Barwon Water design a sustainable and resilient future by sharing their knowledge, local insights and the community's priorities and values.

Barwon Water Managing Director Shaun Cumming said he was eager to listen and learn about the things that were important to the Lorne community and to ensure that plans for the long-term water security of Lorne aligned with community values and priorities.

"We are moving to a hotter, drier and more variable climate where extremely dry conditions are possible year to year.

"In 2015/16, Lorne experienced hot and dry conditions that saw our storages at Lorne drop very quickly to levels where supply needed to be restricted and water carted to the town for the first time to supplement supplies."

Mr Cumming said that climate change and the move to a hotter and drier climate meant that weather events like 2015/16 were predicted to become more frequent in the future.

"In planning for the challenge of a drying climate and reduced rainfall, we need to think differently about where our water comes

from and how we use it, which is why the Lorne: Water, Your Say program is so important.

"We know that we can achieve much better outcomes by working with our community, sharing ideas, and coming up with the right water solutions for Lorne together."

The newly formed Community Working Group, which met for the first time on Monday 25 September, contributed their thoughts to a critical flow study on the St George River – their connection to the river, memories, stories and what's important to them. This study will ultimately determine how much water is required to support the river's health.

"The group shared their local insights, including observations about changes to conditions over time, differences in biodiversity, and notable events that have had an impact on the river and estuary health," Mr Cumming said.

Mr Cumming also noted the breadth of experience and knowledge in the group, saying that the attendees collectively brought many years of connection, stories, memories and knowledge.

The study is a key input into the broader Lorne: Water, Your Say program and will help identify future water supply options.

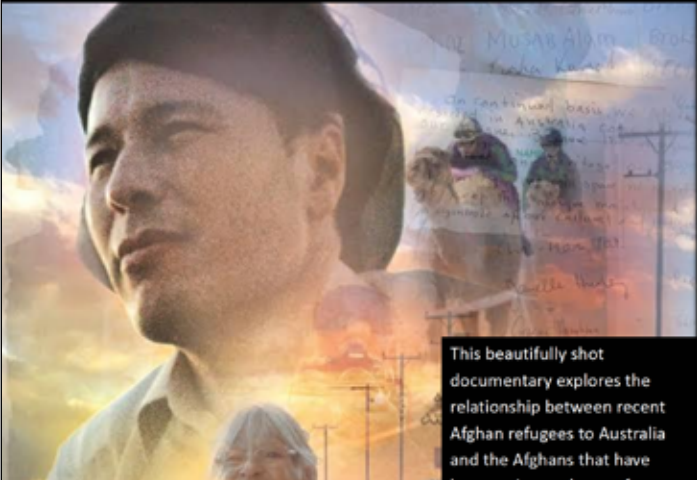
Mr Cumming said Barwon Water was looking forward to continuing to work with the Community Working Group on how to help Lorne thrive into the future.

The next Community Working Group will be held late November. Those interested in joining are invited to register interest by contacting the Barwon Water team at projects@barwonwater.vic.gov.au or 1300 656 007.

For more information about the Lorne: Water, Your Say project visit: www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/lorne-hub.

Refugee Fundraiser

The Aireys Inlet Rural Australians for Refugees invites you to a film by photographer and film maker Muzafar Ali.



WATANDAR MY COUNTRYMAN

When: Sunday, November 19, 3-5pm
Where: Anglesea Memorial Hall, McMillan Street, Anglesea
Cost: \$25 includes a glass of wine.
With: A Silent Auction
TRYBOOKING:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMRJM>

This beautifully shot documentary explores the relationship between recent Afghan refugees to Australia and the Afghans that have been an integral part of Australia for over 160 years.



REPAIR CAFE Surf Coast

Time is running out to get your broken items fixed before Christmas! There are only two Repair Cafes left in 2023.

Our volunteers will have a go at fixing damaged and broken electrical and mechanical items, lamps, toys, furniture and bikes; they will repair and darn clothing and textiles, and teach you how to sharpen your garden tools. If you have a broken chainsaw, lawnmower or whipper snipper... bring it along! (If we can't fix it we will provide advice on possible options)

Don't forget the KIDS TINKERING ZONE – a place where kids and accompanying adults can have fun dismantling and reassembling household items.

Last Repair Cafes for 2023: 12 November, 3 December
Aireys Inlet Hall 10am- 2pm, last items at 1.30pm

LORNE GARDENERS' TRIP TO GEELONG BOTANIC GARDENS, WOOL MUSEUM AND A PUB LUNCH *by Lou Davies*

On Monday 2nd October a group of approximately 30 Lorne Gardeners adventured to the Geelong Botanic gardens. It was a perfect day to walk around the gardens, which cover approximately 17 acres now, but were once as large as 200 acres.

The gardens were established in 1851. They are the fourth oldest botanic gardens in Australia. A timber fernery was built during the original curator's time and had many extensions but was demolished after WW2 as it was falling into disrepair.

The main entrance had 4 large bottle trees, *Brachychiton rupestris*, grown from seed by Daniel Bunce, the original curator. They were now about 33 feet high, and they have huge swollen trunks full of water.

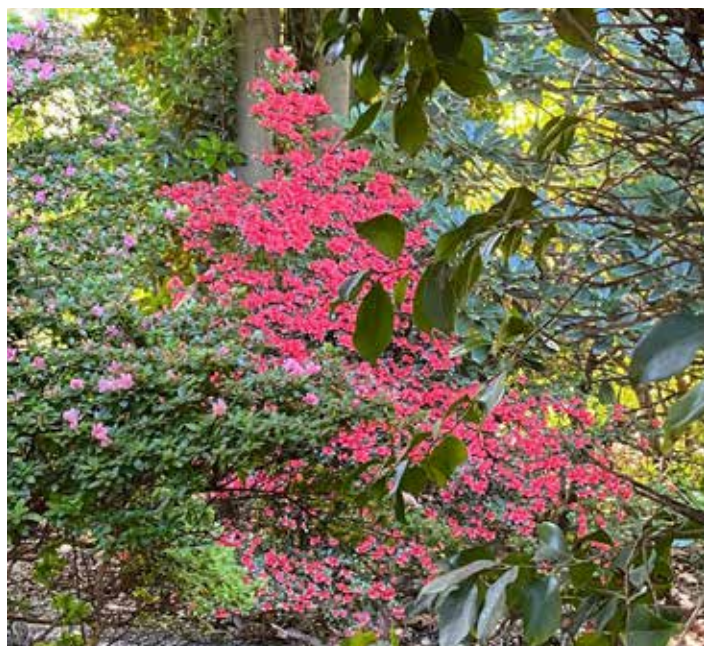
The gardens are in three distinct areas which reflect three different centuries. The first area is the dry modern garden most recently established with dry climate plants. Then we enter the 1900s garden and lastly the original 1800s Victorian gardens planted by Bunce.

We visited the conservatory, dry climate area, rose gardens (128 of the roses had been donated by the Western Heritage Rose Society of Australia.) wisteria walk and camellia garden.

There are several unique specimen trees in the gardens -- a Queensland Kauri pine, a huge spotted gum, a ginkgo biloba tree planted in 1851 and a 150-year-old Sierra Redwood. Plus, a huge copper beech.

After a splendid pub lunch at an old eatery the Sir Charles Darwin hotel, the gardeners ventured into the Geelong Wool Store. This magnificently preserved building has a wonderful gift shop if you are looking for any Australian and especially wool related gifts. It is also home to some exciting old machines which still work today. They produce gorgeous axminster carpets and have to be seen to be believed.

The Gardeners went home well satisfied after a day of beauty, interest and information. Many thanks to Sandy Brown for the organisation.



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OP SHOP BUZZ

By Janet Goud - Secretary

Greetings in November! What weird weather! We had such a beautiful September with sunny dry days and now we have to dig out the thermals again! It's been a busy time in October in the Op Shop.

One event this month made us all realise how much we need some Health and Safety work on the Op shop basics. It caused the unbelievable to happen.

The op shop had to shut its doors for a few days!! Many tourists were very sad to find it closed. "When will you open, we leave tomorrow," they asked.

The hot water service had burst overnight (no, not a gentle leak) and, being enclosed in a cupboard, had sprayed hot water over the back half of the shop.

Luckily the industrial dryers worked well on the old carpets, and we were back in business within a few days. Even the smell disappeared after a week. The insurance company was happy to pay us replacement costs so this will be useful towards any expenses we need to incur.

The Op Shop members feel strongly that they are custodians of this little asset which does so much for the Lorne Community. We stand as it's guardians to pass it on to the next generation of volunteers in excellent condition to continue the good work for the community for the future.

This week brought the AGM and the Op Shop Buzz in Dec. will consist of the President's Report as is customary.

The new committee has just been elected with hardworking Wendy Hutchison and Karen Ridgeway standing down. We thank them very much for their invaluable work and sensible advice.

In their place we have Vicki Norton (hospital liaison) and Paula Hayden who is continuing leading the explorations of the Renovation Committee. We look forward to a year of stability with other committee members re elected. The Executive remains in place.

Sad news of the death of former member Audrey McLeod at the fine age of 101 came this month. We send our condolences to her family.

I have enjoyed writing this column since Mandy Calder offered me the spot when I first came to be trained for Op Shop work by Jan Spring and herself.

As most of you know my work with the Lorne Independent has expanded somewhat, so I'm very happy to hand this column over to John Ford, one of The Lorne Independent's fine regular writers and a member of the Op Shop.

He will begin his column with the January issue and please keep him alerted to funny or important happenings on your shifts.

SPORTSBRIEFS

By John Ford

Major Signing for Dolphins

Lorne Football Netball Club proudly announced the signing of Ed Curnow as senior football coach for the 2024 season. The versatile Carlton veteran played 221 matches for the Blues including 18 in 2023 and was part of the resurgence that saw Carlton make the AFL finals after a long drought. Curnow plays mainly as a midfielder and forward, with his younger brother Charlie Curnow the leading AFL goalkicker in 2022 and 2023.

Ed Curnow will be playing coach of the Dolphins and as a very fit 33-year-old will provide experience and strength both on and off the field. Curnow has been part of Carlton's leadership group for many seasons and is a Life Member of the club. It is considered that Lorne's coach for the previous two seasons, Alex Adams, may be available purely as a player – with Alex and Ed Curnow having a long-standing-friendship.

Ed Curnow has family and property interests along the Surfcoast and I am sure that he, his wife and their two children will be made very welcome by the broader Lorne community.

Cricket Season Opener

Lorne played Deans Marsh in the Dave Harvey Memorial match on Friday 13th October. This was an ideal practice match for both clubs, and match umpire Chris Cairns has submitted the following report.



Deans Marsh Retain the Dave Harvey Trophy

Think Collingwood are good in a close finish? Well, what about the Dean's Marsh Swamp Rats? In an absolute thriller they hung on to pip the Dolphins in the Dave Harvey Cup on Friday the thirteenth at a floodlight Stribling Reserve. Their 101 was just too hard for Lorne to run down. The locals finished just two runs short. In true 20-20 fashion the match ebbed and flowed. Lorne could count themselves unlucky not to have taken back the cup.

There was plenty to like about the way the Dolphins shaped up in this showcase pre-season match. Several recruits were on show, and all performed well. The Dolphins have unearthed

some very handy bowlers. Eddie Erftermeyer took the new ball and showed good pace and swing. With the ball coming down from quite a height, his bounce will trouble opposing batsmen, but that's not all! He bats near the top of the order and scored handy runs at number three. Conan Roos impressed with his spell of aggressive pace. His first wicket of the season came via the catch of the night. Justin Peillan took a real screamer at point. If this match was a guide, the team's general fielding has gone up a notch all round. New gloveman, Matt Cash, didn't put a foot wrong all night.

Batting second, most of the Dolphins got a start and paced themselves well. The new opening combination of Jack Belsar-O'Connor and Josh O'Brien gives the team plenty to look forward to. Will Seymour played some lovely drives before unfortunately miscuing a loose ball. When the chips were down, last year's captain Ryan Heathcote stepped up and almost steered the team home. Playing some stylish square cuts and drives, he looks set for another good season.

There will be two further day-night matches this season – Jan 12th against Irewarra and Jan 27th against Tomahawk Creek. If you are looking for a fun night out and a chance to see top class cricket, put them in your calendar. Shout out to the Stribling reserve crew for the facilities they have provided for Lorne cricketers to use. It is a pleasure to play here.

Cricket Win for Lorne

The Colac and District Cricket Association season began on Saturday 21st October. Lorne had a very good win and continued with the form that they had displayed in the Dave Harvey Memorial Match a fortnight earlier.

With Carlisle River batting first in warm sunny conditions it was up to Lorne's bowlers to make early inroads. Well Lorne certainly made an immediate impact with accurate bowling and tight fielding. Will Seymour and Louis Coates in an inspired display destroyed the opposition batsmen. Carlisle River was bowled out in just 26 overs, making the modest total of 59. Will's effort of 5 wickets for just 12 runs off 7 overs would turn out to be a match winning effort.

Lorne opened its innings steadily, knowing that sometimes even small totals can be hard to chase. After 12 overs Lorne was 1/33 and only a major batting collapse could cost them victory. But steady batting from Ed Eftermeyer (27) and Will Seymour (not out 16) saw Lorne overtake the visitors' total. At the close of play Lorne had reached 3 for 73 off just 20 overs in what turned out to be a comfortable win.

Women's Golf

Warmer days and green fairways - a Lorne golfers happy place! Here's the latest from our Women's group:

- October monthly medal was won by Sue England - which gives both Sue and Anne Maree Kennedy 2 monthly medals each. Next month will be the play off for all the medal winners to win the Medal of Medallist!

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- We have seen some new “birds” on the course regularly of late - A pair of Australian white necked herons have taken up residence near the dam. Very statuesque on the ground, and graceful in the sky.

- Our Annual Women’s golf trip this year saw 17 women make the trip to Ballarat where they stayed at the beautiful Sovereign Park Motor Inn. It was the week where the weather was forecast to drop to low temperatures and have significant heavy rain!! And in Ballarat! But true to form - this did not stop our intrepid Lorne Women. They all played 18 holes on both days - first at Ballarat Golf Club, and the second day at Buninyong Golf Club where they had the worst of the weather. They, as usual enjoyed other extracurricular activities including spas, swimming, dinner and drinks, and some playing cards in the later evening. As usual, this group love socialising as well as playing golf together, and next year’s trip is already being planned!

SWGA Golf:

- October 9th, we fielded a team to play in The Apollo Bay Memorial Shield - Chris Angus, Anne Maree Kennedy and Linda Brown. The team had a great day and came second to the team from Beeac, and Anne Maree had the best score of the day, and won B Grade division. Well done team.

- October 16th - Winchelsea Golf Memorial - Chris Angus, Anne Maree and Jenni Miller entered and - no winners but they had fun!

- Sue England, Sue Neill, Anne Maree and Chris Angus are currently as I write this in a 2-day event at Port Fairy Golf Club.

- There is a busy schedule of events in Spring, and we have teams heading to the following competitions in the next few weeks: Anglesea Open, Colac Perpetual Plate, Beeac Charity Golf Day, Bellarine Lakes Ladies Challenge Bowl, Bannockburn Noel Tanner Silver Salver..... so.... go team Lorne!

If you are interested in joining our group of friendly women, 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.

Another Honour for Lydia

Lorne’s Lydia Lassila OAM is the latest inductee into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. Each year the Hall of Fame inducts a notable retiring athlete and this is a major credit to Lydia. The Freestyle Skier represented Australia in the Winter Olympics in most years since 2002 and was a Gold Medallist in 2010. When they are not overseas, Lydia lives in Lorne with husband Lauri who locals would know from junior soccer and the Lorne Community Noticeboard. Congratulations Lydia.

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

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And so, there's no greater champion than Carol Baker who died peacefully in Lorne on 10 October 2023. Carol's advocacy and determination meant that all that we value most about Lorne – the tree canopy, the habitat, the big lot sizes, the limits to the town boundaries, are now enshrined in Shire's Lorne Strategy and Structure Plan.

Carol Baker came to Lorne in 1985 with her husband, the late Lawrie Baker. A country girl from the small Gippsland town of Yinnar, she went to Teachers College in Geelong. Recruited as the English teacher at the Lorne school, and with support from the school, she completed an additional degree at the University of Melbourne, majoring in Japanese language and art, graduating with honours.

"Vivacious. Much loved. Inspired. And inspiring." This is how Carol's former students describe her. Carol taught Japanese to the Lorne school Preps to Grade 6. She brought Japanese summer students to Lorne. They were billeted out with Lorne families. Carol's family remembers that walking down the street with Carol could take a very long time, as children would rush up and greet her, bowing and calling her Baker San.

Carol was active in many Lorne groups across years, including meals on wheels, Lorne Red Cross, the garden club, book club, Friends of Queens Park, Lorne Care, and as a volunteer at the hospital. She was known for making cakes and giving flowers from her garden – all part of her signature kindness.

Carol was president of the Lorne Planning and Preservation League (later renamed Friends of Lorne) from 2001 to 2006.



The League's mission is to conserve Lorne's natural environment and heritage and to work out ways to meet the service and activity needs of residents and holiday makers through good planning. Carol was an excellent communicator and a fearless campaigner. There were losses and heartaches, but there were also wins.

In addition to the policy influence to retain our coastal character and natural environment, Carol led projects that welcomed people to Lorne and helped them learn about our town. She pioneered the Lorne 3232 project, an introduction to Lorne for new residents. This involved the research and collation of material for a loose-leaf folder with listings of the services, activities, groups, the walks, the

history, the tradespeople etc. Carol also teamed up with architect, the late Alan Nance, to compile a popular leaflet at the Visitors Centre, the Lorne Heritage Walk leaflet. This described heritage homes and other significant sites from the Swing Bridge to the Pier.

And the reason why it is safe to cross Mountjoy Pde on busy traffic days is because Carol campaigned successfully for the pedestrian refuge islands. She was particularly pleased about that.

In 2014, Carol was nominated for the Surf Coast Shire International Women's Day Reward and Recognition Program. She was the outstanding winner in the not-for-profit category.

Lorne mourns the loss of a generous, passionate, and compassionate contributor to our little town. Like with all good people, a way to honour her is to continue to grow her legacy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Recently lots of misinformation has been presented on the social media about the cinema. These comments couldn't be further from the true events that have taken place. However, I have been humbled by the support I have received from many in town.

At the end of the day, it's not a retail building. It's a cinema with two sub tenants. When the present cinema operators gave notice, because they didn't want to work with me on a major upgrading and safety works and were not interested to continue long term, I had to make the call on finding a new cinema operator. Tony Hill has done a remarkable job with the cinema over the years. He knew the investment of money and energy required to save this building and was ready to pass the baton onto the next operator. I thank Tony for working with me and keeping the doors open and the building safe as we planned the future.

I achieved what I believe to be the impossible! With cinemas closing all over the world who would want to lease a cinema these days. In a town with a permanent population under 1000 who would want to lease a cinema? Especially a 100-year-old historic building in desperate need of a serious make over?

However, I managed to do it! After 2 years of hard negotiations, we finally got there! I thought the Lorne folk would be loving the fact that we saved the cinema! And with a group who are experienced in rejuvenating old and special cinemas.

The new cinema operators signed the head lease on the cinema and the two shops are not separate! It's up to the new operators to decide if they want to keep the sitting tenants. These tenants have known about this for over 2 years. For me one of the most important things is that the new operators feel welcome and we get behind them. They provide a unique experience and something that will contribute towards bringing revenue and visitors into town. Imagine how they are feeling reading all this. And I'm trying to explain to them these are not the views of the majority of the community. For both the new operators and myself to be investing a further \$2million plus into the building, every negative comment just sows more seeds of doubt in both our minds.

We have one more chance. Let's get behind them and ensure the Lorne Cinema is operating for the next 100 years.

Josh Rudd

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Dear Editor

Dongas are the go.

Over the past few years there's been countless meetings discussing the lack of accommodation for seasonal workers in Lorne and possible solutions.

I reckon DONGAs are the answer.

For those of you who aren't familiar with Dongas I'll give you a brief description.

They are transportable accommodation used extensively by the mining industry, caravan parks and outback pubs.



I've stayed in many of them over the years and they are great. There are countless configurations available but the most common layout consists of a single bed, ensuite, TV, Air Conditioner, wardrobe and a kitchenette.

Each Donga which fits on a standard semi trailer and can consist of up to 4 units.

They can be easily purchased new or second hand, transported and unloaded in the blink of an eye.

They sit on concrete or metal stumps and aren't a permanent structure which helps a lot with permits and red tape.

All they need is ; water, power and sewerage.

Erskine Paddock has been sitting there pretty much unused forever and has all the required services nearby at the Top Bank Caravan Park

It's in town so the seasonal workers could walk to their workplace which would help with car parking issues.

The Dongas could be managed by GORCAPA who are already running the caravan parks.

When they are unoccupied they could be used for many other purposes.

It would only need a small section of Erskine Paddock and they could be hidden away easily.

I think this could benefit our community greatly.

Keith Miller.

ARTS IN LORNE

Community Connect

Cup weekend 3-7 November

Karren Stoneham

We are fortunate to have the return of Karren Stoneham, with her beautiful collection of seascapes and landscapes, to exhibit over the Melbourne Cup Weekend. Pop in and meet Karren and view her colourful art.

15 December – 7 January

Unconnected Yet

Opening night 15 December 6-7.30 pm. Unconnected Yet features digitally printed collage-based works for its second iteration of global arts collective Bengal Boston Bridge exhibition about the junction between things. The show explores creativity in any combination of art and science or cross-curricular inquiry. Unconnected Yet assembles the collage-based work of 74 artists from 11 countries and bridges the art and science communities of Boston, Kolkata, and Lorne, bringing art from near and far to Lorne Community Connect, Australia. We are very privileged to have this special exhibition in Lorne.

The Last Dance Gig Guide

“Local Lorne writer, Murray Walding in conjunction with Lorne Book Shop, is launching his latest book on Sunday November 5th at 4 pm. His latest publication is a companion piece to The Last Dance - his rollicking look at Melbourne night life in the sixties.



Murray Walding has taken his research material and has come up with The Last Dance Gig Guide, a comprehensive listing of almost seven hundred dances and discotheques in Melbourne, Geelong and provincial cities between the birth of rock and roll and the dawn of ‘pub rock’. He has also included in this 94-page publication, some interesting information about the birth and decline of this wonderful era, as well as some wonderful posters and pics, including a sensational shot inside Lorne’s swinging Wild Colonial Club.

The launch takes place on Sunday November 5th at 4 pm at the ‘In the Skies’ Gallery and Painters Arms Bar. The Last Dance Gig Guide will be launched by one of the most famous names in the history of swinging Melbourne - Mr Mike Brady!

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Meaghan Shelton, curator

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4 - 24th November 2023



Erskine Bank, 2022 acrylic on board 83 x 121cm

Cerins' painting occupies the intersection of two modalities –

detail and structure on one side, and buoyant exhilaration and freedom on the other.

The latest work – included in this 2023 exhibition speaks of the intention to be unrestrained, while exploring new topographies marked by road signs and text that enliven the visual domain.

Marita Batna, art curator and researcher

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Answers from page 4

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| 2. Red Sea | 12. Arctic Ocean |
| 3. Dead Sea | 13. Caspian Sea |
| 4. Port Phillip Bay | 14. Straits of Gibraltar |
| 5. Milford Sound | 15. Atlantic Ocean |
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Your bin collection day will change the week of Christmas.

Our collection truck drivers will have the day off on Christmas Day (Monday 25 December).

This means **all residential bins will be collected on the day following your usual collection day.**

So during the week of Christmas only, bins normally collected on Monday will be emptied on Tuesday, bins normally collected on Tuesday will be emptied on Wednesday etc.

Collections will return to the normal schedule from Monday, 1 January 2024.

Extra bin collections

All households that receive the kerbside bin service will also receive one extra landfill and one extra recycling collection around Christmas.

To check how the changes affect you, and to see when your extra collections will be:

- Download SCRRApp at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/SCRRApp
- Download and print a PDF calendar at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/calendars
- Visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/mybin and enter your address

Extended hours at Lorne Transfer Station

The Lorne Transfer Station is closed on Christmas Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, 26 December.

Extended opening hours:

From 26 December 2023 to 28 January, 2024 opening hours will be:

- 9am to 12pm Monday to Saturday
- 2pm – 5pm on Sunday

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From the Deck

GNATS AND FLYING ANTS – IT'S THE SEASON!

By John Agar

It was late on Grand Final afternoon; the cup had been won by one of two equally good, equally matched and equally worthy teams.

After ten lead changes, scores level during the game no less than four times, and a maximum lead [the Lions] of thirteen points at any stage of the match, it was the Pies who put their noses in front just 26 seconds before the final bell. Pulsating is a poor descriptor! Seeing our wonderful Max — a winger for Collingwood in the 1966 Grand Final — with tears welling at the end had to be the icing on the Aquatic Club cake, no matter which team we were supporting.

Just after the game, Doug Williams tapped me on the shoulder. “John ... have you got your car here?” As I had been on limited light beers and was good to go, I was able to safely say ‘yes’ when he followed up with: “Can you give me a lift home?”

We chatted on the way back to Dorman Street, especially about how difficult it was getting to think of fresh subjects for our respective columns — we both write a page a month for the monthly Lorne Independent, plus I also write regularly for the Committee for Lorne page in the weekly Surf Coast Times.

“It is getting harder and harder not to repeat myself”, I mused ... and that was true. As I pulled into Doug’s driveway, we were assailed by a cloud of flying ants. They were thick in the air. They kamikazed the car and surrounded Doug with a mobile halo as he made his way down to his door.

The swarm reminded me of seeing dun hatches in the early light of a summer morning when fly-fishing on Arthurs Lake in Tasmania. There, as the air begins to warm between 9 and 10 o’clock, mayfly larvae start to crack open on the floor of the lake and release their ‘duns’ [nascent mayflies] that then rise to the lake’s surface. For a risky hour, the newly hatched mayflies sit stationary, unfolding and drying their wings in the sun before taking flight. While some make a tasty breakfast for hungry trout — and, using a dry fly that mimics a mayfly, great fishing for the fly-fisher — those that escape the trout or the line form clouds of adult mayflies that dart hither and thither in the still morning air.

“There’s next month’s story”, Doug bravely called back over his shoulder while attempting to avoid a mouthful of ants.

Later that evening, while walking Blighty at Vera Lynn beyond Point Grey, a cloud of tiny fungus gnats [aka grass gnats] — the ones that are just 2 mm long and have the unhappy knack of penetrating a fly-wire screen with apparent impunity — suddenly swarmed some unfortunate day-trippers near the end of the grassy lawn. Huddled in their pop-up tent, they tried valiantly to avoid inhaling a lungful of gnats by breathing through an impressively tall, silver hookah ... at least, that is how it appeared!

They looked like a murmuration of starlings pattern-making over the Norfolk Broads or, as Pete Spring recently described to me, thousands of wheeling green and yellow budgerigars along the Great Central Road in Western Australia ... if you can call the red dirt track that tracks from Uluru to Laverton a road.



A few days later, as storm clouds gathered behind Mt St George on another warm and muggy day, I was besieged by a battalion of tiny bush flies [see ‘*Musca vetustissima*: the patter of tiny feet’: Lorne Independent, March 2021] that drove me to near distraction as I walked Blighty along the beach.

As we begin to leave the cold wind and rain of winter behind, the days lengthen, and the evening air is humid, all manner of flying beasts begin the hatch. On Grand Final weekend, we seemed to score the lot! Flying ants, gnats, bush flies ... you name it, the whole shebang.

They get in our hair, eyes, and noses. They threaten to play Jonah and the Whale with our upper airways as we try to breathe in without inhaling! A season of long, lazy, warming evenings can quickly become a walker’s hell — and a swatter’s paradise. Blighty snaps at them in an attempt to catch them mid-air but rarely succeeds. And, beyond wearing a hat edged by two dozen dangling champagne corks — that, I will not do — nothing seems to deter them.

Of course, a meal of any of these will do no harm, though I don’t fancy them buzzing around in my airway. Insects are — we are told — increasingly a potential source of protein! Indeed, deep-fried tarantula is a delicacy in Cambodia ... here, insert ‘anxious’ emoji ... but just not for this arachnophobic author.

Flying ants, gnats, bush flies — and don’t forget our ubiquitous sulphur-crested cockatoos — springtime in Lorne will serve up a swarm, a cloud, a murmuration, or a flight, almost on demand.

How wonderful is our town? ... just as long as the tarantulas remain ensconced in Southeast Asia!



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Placemaking for the Future

Surf Coast Shire Council has commenced two important placemaking projects to guide future land-use planning. Until 29 December 2023, Council will be seeking community feedback to guide development of the Urban Futures Strategy and Planning Scheme Review projects.

Urban Futures Strategy

The Urban Futures Strategy (UFS) will guide urban growth in Surf Coast Shire to meet the housing needs of future populations. The Strategy will identify where growth will be directed, and where it will be avoided in the future.

A Background Context Report, Strategic Bushfire Assessment and District Profiles have been prepared to inform discussions with our community.

Planning Scheme Review

The Planning Scheme Review is a 'health check' to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Surf Coast Planning Scheme in achieving the objectives of planning in Victoria.

We've released a consultation report which includes recommendations on further strategic work.

To find out more about both projects, and to share your views online, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PlacemakingProjects or drop-in to chat at one of the community information sessions.

Drop-in information sessions:

WINCHELSEA

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2023, 10AM TO 12PM
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Council Chambers, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay

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FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023, 10AM TO 12PM
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All reports and documents relating to these projects are available to view online at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/PlacemakingProjects.

For further questions or enquiries, please contact us on **(03) 5261 0600** or at info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au.



INFUSING HOPE AND EXPANDING ACCESS

Our Annual Appeal campaign to expand our infusion service.

Great Ocean Road Health will work towards raising much needed funds towards expanding our medical infusion service and supportive treatments to patients who live in our rural communities.

Our goal and intention of care is to reduce the stress and travel time for local patients, providing safe and relevant care closer to home and to become role models for other rural health services within the Barwon region to implement this invaluable service.

Great Ocean Road Health, CEO, Sandy Chamberlin said, "Our expert staff are committed to providing a full range of infusion services, such as iron infusions, blood transfusions, medical infusions, intravenous immunoglobulin, accessing PORTs and catheters, as well as being able to provide chemotherapy and immunotherapies. For years, staff at both sites have seen the challenges our patients face when they need to travel for healthcare. Anecdotally staff have discussed and noticed the toll this takes and often it is a limiting factor in a patient's ability to undergo or complete their treatment."

With your support, Great Ocean Road Health can:

- Purchase specialised technology including telehealth carts to allow interactive telehealth reviews with specialists.
- Create training packages to help upskill our staff in new treatments.



- Make the rooms as comfortable as possible for patients including medical treatment chairs.
- Televisions and soft furnishings for the rooms.
- Provide patient resources such as educational material about infusions and support services available.

This infusion project aligns with Great Ocean Road Health's mission, "to provide great health care to enable people to live purposeful, healthy and engaged lives". The project aligns with the Victorian Cancer Plan 2020-2024: "Support Victoria's regional cancer centres to deliver appropriate, accessible and high quality and safe cancer care closer to home".

"One hundred percent of donations received will go directly towards our Great Ocean Road Health 'Infusing Hope and Expanding Access' annual appeal.

With your support we can create growth and a viable future," said Ms Chamberlin.

All donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. People can donate to our secure website www.greatoceanroadhealth.com.au/support-us/ or contact Great Ocean Road Health Fundraising Coordinator, Katy Kennedy on 5289 4300.

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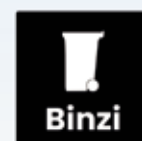


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Operation Lockatoo is a six-month lock-fitting program that follows a trial of nine different concepts fitted to 500 kerbside bins across Lorne.

Read all the details at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/binlock

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1 Check your bins are lock-ready.

Locks will not be fitted to bins with damaged lids or broken handles.

Only landfill bins with bright red lids will have a lock installed.

To organise a lid changeover, or bin repair or replacement:

👉 submit an online request at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/request

📞 call us on **5261 0600**

Council's contractor can only complete the changeover when your bin is on the kerbside.

Contact us when you or a neighbour is available to put the bin out, and take it back inside.

2 From Monday, 13 November, leave your empty FOGO, landfill or recycling bins (only those without a lock) on the kerbside until 3.30pm on Tuesdays until a lock is fitted.

Take your bins back inside after 3.30pm on Tuesdays.



FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

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



Tiny Houses on Wheels Update

The Council has commenced a project to explore the options of placing Tiny Houses on Wheels on land within the Surf Coast Shire, under existing legislation. The pilot is scheduled to be considered by the Council in December 2023. If endorsed, details of the pilot will be communicated to the community.

The proposed two-year pilot would inform us as to where and how to consider Tiny Houses on Wheels as a lawful and safe contribution to housing affordability and diversity in the Surf Coast Shire. This local government pilot is one of the first in Victoria.

Early Years Working Group

The Lorne Early Years Working Group was established by the Surf Coast Shire's Community Strengthening Team in March 2023 in response to community members' concerns regarding uncertainty of local childcare options and a lack of activities, programs and initiatives for young families in the Lorne area.

In order to make informed decisions and plan for future activities, it was decided by the working group that a short survey be conducted to gather feedback from community members.

The aim of the survey was to identify priority areas of collective need, ensuring the Working Group's efforts remained meaningful and feasible. The survey was completed in July.

Current Status:

- Childcare continues to be available 5 days a week at the Great Ocean Road Health run Community House, through a combination of Occasional Care and in-venue Family Day Care. Vacancies remain for some age groups at these services.
- The Surf Coast Shire's Child and Family Health Unit has increased its parent education offerings to the Lorne community, including a well-attended First Aid and CPR program for parents and carers in August.
- A Meli supported playgroup continues each Tuesday morning at the Lorne Community House, with a gradual increase in attendance numbers each week.

Next Steps:

- A summary document has been shared with working group members, who are encouraged to distribute to the wider community. This document will also be displayed at the Lorne Community House.
- The working group will reconvene in term 4 2023, with a view to rolling into a reinvigorated Lorne Early Years Network Group in 2024. Early Years Network Groups meet quarterly across the Shire and consist of several early years local service providers and stakeholders. Expressions of interest from community members to join the Network Group will be sought in term 1 of next year. Lorne Kindergarten Parent Advisory Group members will also be encouraged to attend, to ensure community needs and concerns continue to be addressed appropriately.
- The Council's child and family health team will continue to engage with the Lorne Community House and Maternal and Child Health clients in the area to provide appropriate and place-based community activities.



Special meeting: election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 5pm

Council Chambers, 1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay

The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and to determine their term.

The public is welcome to attend, or you can watch a live stream with captions via webcast.surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

The agenda for this meeting will be posted prior to the meeting at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Agenda.

A recording with captions and a transcript will be posted after the meeting.

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SCS Planning Scheme Review and the Urban Futures Strategy

At the October Council meeting two important motions were accepted placing the Surf Coast Shire Planning Scheme Review and the Urban Futures Strategy Background Context Report out for an eight week period for community consultation. Both items are detailed and in parts technical, hence the greater time for communities to be informed and consulted. Details of this process will be released on our website from October 30. They have great relevance for the future growth and character of our Shire and townships.

After October 30:

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BOOK REVIEW

The Lorne Independent congratulates our regular contributor on his achievement in writing this novel.

Second Sons

by John Agar

The Lorne Identity John Agar has written a historical saga set in the Northern Islands surrounding Scotland at the time of the Vikings. It is a story of a charismatic “summer sailor” called Somerled who united the rival clans into a kingdom of equals similar to the stories of Arthur and his knights. These stories began when John’s father told him bedtime stories as a boy of the great warrior who created the kingdom of the Isles and was the founder of the mighty clan McDonald, to which John McDonald Agar belongs.

John has researched this area of history extensively and spent time visiting many of the places mentioned in the story. Whilst there certainly was a great man called Somerled who joined the warring tribes into a functioning administrative and trading group and who became the first Lord of the Isles, (a title that exists today and belongs to Charles the 3rd). John has used his imagination to fill in the many missing details of the everyday life of the Highlanders of the 1100s.

The striking figure of Somerled gradually unites the islands along the wild western coast of Scotland from the Hebrides down to Ireland. Unlike the primogeniture of the upper classes of the English, here the custom adopted from the Norse of the Tainaiste, the rule of the most able person being anointed as a successor meant Somerled, who was himself a second son ruled, and appointed his second son as leader. Hence the name of the book.

John’s initial audience was his grandchildren and they have given him a good review. Anyone who wants to learn about the formation of this Kingdom, the Scottish adaption of the Viking longboat into a lighter, swifter boat more suitable for the rocky local waters, and the ways of government by council which existed at that time will find this adventure of daring do interesting and informative.

Janet Goud

Other reviews:

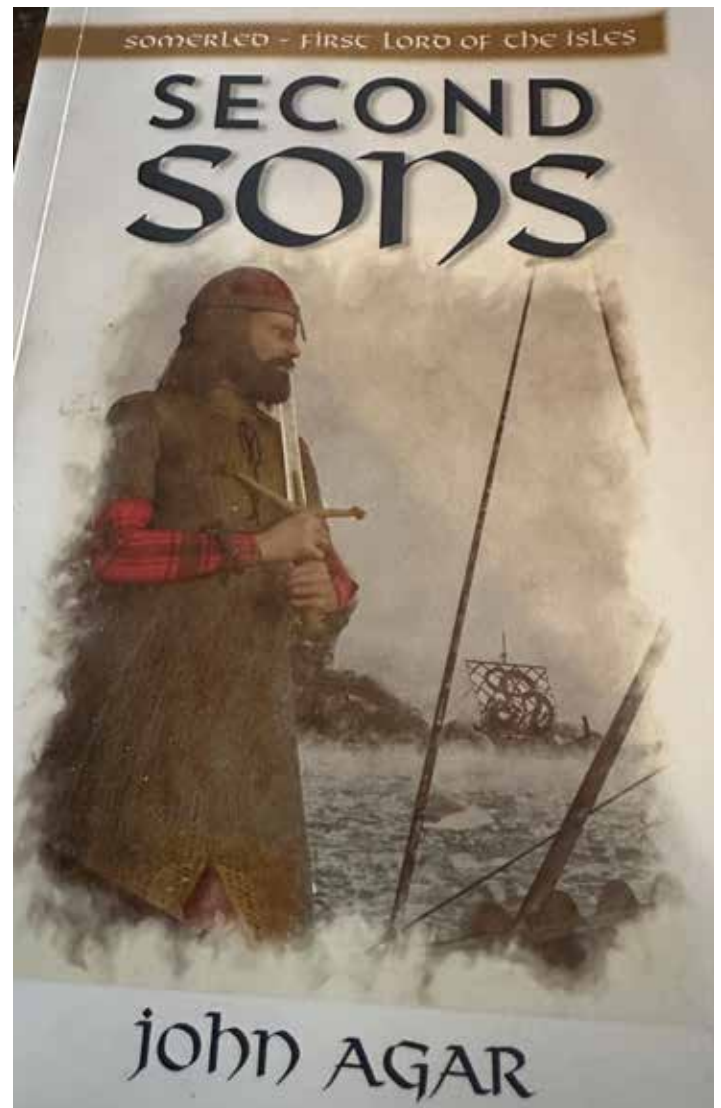
Some months ago, I was asked by Local Author and Historian John Agar if I would comment on the draft of his novel *Second Sons*, with the main character being, Somerled, first Lord of the Isles. Also, Vikings, Warlords, Clans and the brutality of early life in and on the Scottish Isles.

Based on an enormous amount of research, great history of what we could not possibly have known, John has now had his book printed.

It’s a fascinating novel that once you start it’s hard to put down.

I highly recommend you get your hands on a copy and enjoy.

Allan Walls



John has regaled us for a long time with tales of Vikings and his beloved Scotland. He is a descendant of the Clan MacDonald a lover of all things Scottish. Now he has written “*Second Sons*”, a story of Somerled who united the Scottish clans and the Norse settlers into one kingdom. His son and grandson were the founders of Clan MacDonald, hence the interest and the reason for this story which is based on a few historical facts about Somerled’s vision to unite the region. He has woven this into a rollicking tale of the times and events conjured from John’s knowledge base and imagination.

It’s a great read and for those like me who have trouble holding a book with ease, it’s now available from Amazon to load on your Kindle.

Peter Spring.



Keith Miller
Commodore



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Club News

Everything is running smoothly at the club with Hutch still not taking any holidays and working 6 days a week. He's still waving his magic wand and finding the best young people on the planet to help him behind the bar.

We had a busy school holiday period and the weather has been pretty good so that has helped.

We've had quite a few private functions where members get to use our facilities for birthday parties, wakes, wedding recoveries etc.

If you want to book our club you need to lock it in well ahead with Hutch.

We are still running our traditional happy hours on Wednesdays and Fridays along with our Seafood Raffle and Free Sausage Sizzle every Friday.

We will be open 7 days a week in late November.

Upcoming Events

The Saturday arvo blues are back. We will be running one every couple of weeks over the next few months featuring some world-class blues bands. Free Entry. Free Sausage Sizzle. World's coldest and cheapest beer. Where else on the planet can you get that?

Our next blues event is on Saturday 28th October featuring 'Blue Sunday Blues Band'.

Blue Sunday blues band featuring multi-award winning blues artist Marco Goldsmith, known for his songwriting and live performances and albums.

Marco has provided international support with BB King and Status Quo plus many festivals and gigs around Australia.

He worked solo as well with bands Blue Heat, Marco Goldsmith band and now Blue Sunday blues band.

Joining Marco on the day will be:

- Craig Creswell, guitarist and one of the best vocal in blues today
- Ron Hilla, bass ex Turning Blue and the Matt Corcoran band
- Lenny Keys, keyboards. One of the most in-demand players on the Australian blues scene.
- J.P. drums from Sweet Felicia and the Honeytones.

Lorne be prepared for an afternoon of original blues plus Australian and American blues rock thrown into the mix.

Major Fishing Comp Number Six Sponsored By Lorne Hardware

Sunday 29th of October 2023. This is our final comp for the year and the scores up at the top are close. All the progressive scores are on our website.

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.



This is Ed Fry (The Machine) who won our last comp with a 51cm Snapper.

We took Ed along with his father Bill out on our training boat to show him the ropes and give him some fishing advice. It was Ed's first-ever fishing comp. We caught 12 snapper with Ed catching seven of them and his were the biggest seven of the day.

So we took him out on our training boat to train him and he ended up training us on how to catch snapper. His father, Bill Fry, was fishing next to him no more than one metre away and didn't catch a fish. Talk about bloody useless. Ed obviously gets his fishing ability from his mother, Steph.

Annual General Meeting Sponsored By Foodworks Lorne

Saturday 25th November @ 5pm. Our AGM will be short and sharp, followed by the fishing trophy presentations.

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Membership Renewal

You should all have now received a reminder that your membership is due to expire at the end of the month.

You will receive another reminder next week, you'll be able to renew your membership by logging into your account on our website or via our app. You can only renew your membership online and we can only accept payment with a credit or debit card. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email info@lorneaquaticclub.com.au.

Knots & Rigs Day

We recently ran an instruction day for the kids during school holidays showing them different knots, rigs, fishing techniques and we also showed them over our training boat explaining the safety gear and all the other functions. It was well attended by about a dozen mainly local kids and also a few parents. I was more than impressed with their attitude, manners, and keenness to learn. It was a pleasure for me to engage with them and hopefully teach them a few things.



Major Fishing Competition Number Five Sponsored By Great Otway Constructions

This was held on the 24th September and we finally got a nice day which allowed the boats to get out. We had 24 Anglers with 21 fish weighed in.



Junior Winner Louis Shanahan with a King George Whiting. 2542 points.

Lazarus Lounge Looking Promising

This has dragged on for many months now but things are looking pretty good. The State Government has decided to extend some outdoor areas so we should qualify for that the same as we did last year. Everyone keep your fingers crossed.



Hutch has just had this magnificent new Handcrafted Blackwood Bar installed. It will comfortably accommodate six bar stools so our members can sit back, relax and take in our world's best view while sipping on a refreshment. We fixed the windows so they will now slide open when the weather is favourable. A big thanks to Will Butler the master craftsman who built it. He did a great job.

Whales by the Dozen

A couple of weeks ago we were fishing out wide off Mt Defiance when we saw hundreds of gannets diving in a feeding frenzy closer to shore. We pulled the anchor and drove over to investigate. It was like being in the middle of a David Attenborough wildlife documentary.

There were huge patches of krill everywhere and they were being attacked by small Couta who were being attacked by hundreds of dolphins then hundreds of gannets were diving into all the patches eating the leftovers. It was amazing to witness but then it got even better when dozens of juvenile Humpback Whales suddenly appeared gorging themselves on krill and Couta. They were about 3/4 the size of adults but still very big. The Humpbacks would have been on their way to Antarctica when they came across this free buffet of krill and Couta.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I was referred to a Ballarat Medical Specialist recently. As she looked at my medical history she said, "Oh, I see you are from Lorne. Lorne is my preferred holiday destination anywhere. Our family have been going to Lorne for holidays and day trips since I was a little girl", she enthused. "We often buy our meal in town and go up to Scotchman's Hill and use the tables and BBQ."

It was what came next that spoilt my appointment. She continued, "But the last time we did that it was disgusting. Three of the BBQs were filthy and the clean one didn't work. There was messy rubbish everywhere only a short distance from the rubbish bins. People just make a mess and leave it for others to clean up. We saw cockatoos pulling rubbish out of bins and they even tried to steal our food. It was disgusting!"

I was saddened by what I heard and mumbled some sort of apology saying it's not always like that...but perhaps it is, far too often!

Garry Fenton - Lorne



LORNE P-12 COLLEGE

Hi Everyone

We are really excited about being able to share with you what is happening at our amazing school!

Geelong Music and Movement Festival 2023

The Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival is a celebration of the creativity and passion which exists within the school community.

Primary and Secondary students are invited to take centre stage to sing and dance, dazzle with circus tricks, and play in rock bands and orchestras for their peers, parents and friends in celebration of the arts.

We had an outstanding group of performers from Lorne P-12 College at the Festival, held at the refurbished Geelong Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) last Wednesday.

We had 3 performances...

Prep to Grade 2

The P-2 students sang about STARS, flying through SPACE and looking out for ALIENS. They sang and danced to a medley consisting of

Some reflections from the Year P-2 students...

'I was excited to go on the stage and I loved everything'

'my dress had stars and sparkles on it. I loved the stage'

'I felt nervous when I went on stage because it was my first time on a stage'

'when we got to the show we watched grade 5/6, then we went onstage and I had butterflies'

Year 3-6

The year 3-6 students sang about monsters, witch doctors and danced to the iconic "Thriller".

'I was excited but so nervous'

'I wanted to keep on doing it'

'we all helped each other if someone forgot a move'

'we had very good costumes'

Year 9 Band

The amazing Year 9 band performed a rock medley and also supported the grade 3-6 students for their Monster Mash! The band had the place rocking with some amazing solo pieces.

Thank you and Good Luck Year 12 students!

Friday 13th October saw the school farewell our Year 12 Class of 2023 at a special assembly attended by students, parents, and staff. We heard from teachers Mr. Healey and Ms Osta about each individual student, their journey to year 12, adventures along the way, aspirations, and the characteristics that each one has that will hold them in good stead. The students spoke about their friendships, support, and experiences at the school and of the cherished memories that will remain with them through their life. It certainly was a fitting end to 13 years of formal schooling for our graduating class. The students were given a guard of honour by the other students as they exited the school for the last time.

On a personal note, I would like to further add my congratulations and thanks for what has been an outstanding group of young men and women. I wish them well in their final weeks of preparation prior to the VCE examinations and know full well that the hard work and dedication committed to their studies over a long period of time will reap the rewards so richly deserved.



**CONGRATULATIONS
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LORNE MATTERS

Together we are thriving

by Kelly

Community isn't just a word for us at Lorne Community Bank; it's a commitment. That's why we are so proud to announce our latest initiatives that aim to go beyond banking to truly serve the people of Lorne. These include supporting the Lorne Aquatic Club's new community-owned recovery boat for the upcoming season and welcoming a new full-time staff member, Zsafia, who is already a well-known face in the community.

The newly acquired recovery boat is a symbol of what can be achieved when a community comes together. Owned by the Lorne Aquatic Club and supported by the Lorne Community Bank, this boat is geared up to serve various functions as we head into the new season. Designed to assist in maritime activities, the boat also serves as an educational hub. It offers community members the chance to learn the ropes — quite literally — with "Fishing and Boating 101." This initiative aims to deepen our understanding and respect for the sea, an invaluable resource that enriches our lives in countless ways.

On the heels of this exciting announcement comes another piece of great news. We are thrilled to welcome Zsafia as a new full-time staff member at the Lorne Community Bank. Already a familiar face due to her work in local hospitality, Zsafia brings a rich understanding of customer service and an innate sense of community spirit to her new role. We're confident that Zsafia will be an invaluable addition to our team, enhancing the customer experience with her friendly disposition and commitment to community engagement. Feel free to drop by our branch to extend a warm Lorne welcome to her.

Whether it's backing a community-owned asset like the Lorne Aquatic Club's new recovery boat or expanding our team with individuals who already share a deep bond with the people of Lorne, our efforts are driven by one clear mission: to invest in the well-being of our community. As we set sail into this new season, both metaphorically and literally, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all our customers and community members. Your continued trust and support make all this possible. Together, we're not just growing; we're thriving. And that, in essence, is what community is all about.

Portsea or Lorne?

There used to be a difference.

Whenever there is a new build or a renovation, neighbours are notified. Neighbours typically are concerned about views, privacy, overshadowing, and noise. Sometimes site coverage. But mostly proximal issues. Larger, whole-of-Lorne issues, like loss of neighbourhood character, vegetation loss, and loss of a wildlife corridor may not get mentioned. That is, of course, if neighbours get involved. Often neighbours decide it is not worth the fight. So, planning approvals remain entirely with Council officers, according to the planning rules and neighbourhood character overlay. As it turns out though, there is room for discretion.

Can we do more to protect Lorne's treed and coastal character? Should we?

For 18 years, the Aireys Inlet and District Association (AIDA) have made it their business to review every planning application and object if necessary.

At the conclusion of the Friends of Lorne Annual General Meeting on Saturday 18 November two AIDA members, Charlotte Allen and Ian Laging, will be sharing their experience with us - how much time and capacity is involved, the risks, and the benefits.

It would be new for Friends of Lorne to venture into doing this. We are not sure if we have the capacity. But in the first instance we would like to understand if there is appetite in Lorne for us to go there. So come along and be part of the discussion. All welcome. To find out more and to register your intention to attend, go to the Meetings page of our website at www.friendsoflorne.org.au. We need you to RSVP to assist with catering, so please use the form on the page to let us know.

The friends you did not know you had, maybe.

Chances are, you have not heard of Friends of Lorne. Check out what else we do while you are on our website.

We're active in trying to make housing available and affordable for key and essential workers. We're involved in water supply planning. We helped manage to get GORCAPA to adjust their tea tree removal strategy on the foreshore - to slow it down and to do replacement plantings. We have been involved in Pt Grey from the outset, as an advocate for the retention and adaptive reuse of the fishing co-op building and retention of the site as a working maritime precinct. We helped to kill off the expanded-wedding-reception-and-event-space idea.

And we use what we learn. In 2021 we had a webinar on Surf Coast Whales led by Mandy Watson from (the now called) Dept of Energy, Environment and Climate Action. Mandy's project involves citizen scientists tracking migration patterns of southern right whales. So, when a multinational mining company misquoted Mandy's research to downplay the impact of proposed undersea seismic blasting within 42km of the whale nursery at Warrnambool, we said so in our submission.

OK, we admit, we are small fry. But we are still mighty!

Come to our AGM, take part in the conversation, and help us to work out some good ways to serve Lorne.

Penny Hawe, Friends of Lorne

'Monday Night Margherita'

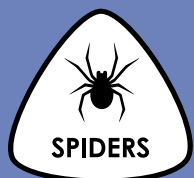
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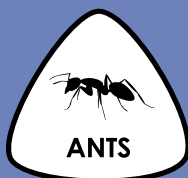


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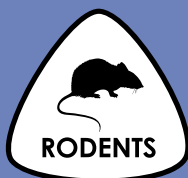
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PLANTS AND BUSHFIRE

By Doug Williams

It is possible to design a garden that may not completely survive a bushfire but will slow down the passage of flames approaching your house. There are various survival guides about how to prepare against fire such as removing flammable material close to your dwelling, clearing out gutters and so on but I'll just write about plant selection.

The best advice I have come across is a list of plants issued by the Australian Plants Society (Victoria) - <https://apsvic.org.au/fire-resistant-and-retardant-plants> and so for the purposes of this article I have largely summarised the material available at this web page.

It was reported after Ash Wednesday that the amount of heat generated by an extreme bushfire can turn sand into glass. At extremely high temperatures (1300C according to the CSIRO) the heat from a fire can melt glass.

So exposed to these scenarios no plant will be fire resistant; it would instantly exceed boiling point and then turn into fine ash. Goggle (sic) is full of frightening information like this – it should have a scare warning.

Now, firstly two things. The Australian Plant Society (ASP) has a stern warning about the danger of planting pittosporums because they are highly inflammable and secondly: yes, agapanthus is a fire retardant but if you are after a strap foliage effect both lomandra and dianella species - both Otway natives - will serve the same function.

The advantage here is that they are adapted to our fire regime and provide benefit to birds, mammals and insects. At ground level you can use creeping boobialla, native pigface and native violet (there are some others) and for low shrubs I recommend one of the correas, rhagodia and a little bit taller, saltbushes or sticky boobialla.

I don't plant sweet bursaria which is great for moths but with its sharp thin spines is pretty unfriendly. For your upper storey black-wood, silver and black wattle are all Otway plants. I have found silver banksia on a list of fire-retardant trees, but I wouldn't consider them. Better to install lilly pillly trees with glossy leaves.

ASP advises that succulent plants and salt resistant plants are a good choice as are those with soft leaves, glossy leaves, high moisture content and low volatility oil content.

The ASP says 'Trees planted around dwellings can trap embers and spark, reduce wind speed and create a heat shield during bushfire'. Happy wanderer is listed as climber that will serve as a fire retardant as well.

You can think about adopting a garden design which could at least minimise the impact of fire.

These are not the same as fire resistant plants which include most gum trees and many banksias that will regenerate after fire.

Let's hope we don't have to face this scenario this summer.



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Men of the Men's Shed

BILL MURNANE

By Garry Fenton

Member 2020.....

Bill is a genuine 'Lorne-ite', having been born and bred in Lorne and third generation of living in Lorne. After Bill left school his first job was the APO (Assistant Postal Officer) at the Lorne Post Office, sorting mail, and collecting mail from all the boxes around town. He also collected the money from all the town telephone boxes back well before the days of mobile phones.

All this was done on a one speed pushbike. "The hills around Lorne are a bit steep, but I was only seventeen when I started, so that helped at the time. There was a lot of pushing, but that's just what you did!"

Bill was the last person to work on the telephone exchange before it became automatic. "I knew everyone in town, and I knew what everyone was up to in town" Bill laughed. When his job finished at the Post Office, he was offered a transfer to Geelong but he didn't want to leave Lorne. He took a job with the Council as a plant operator for ten years. He then spent six years with Vic Roads and drove the road to Apollo Bay every day. "That was a pain, but that's another story!"

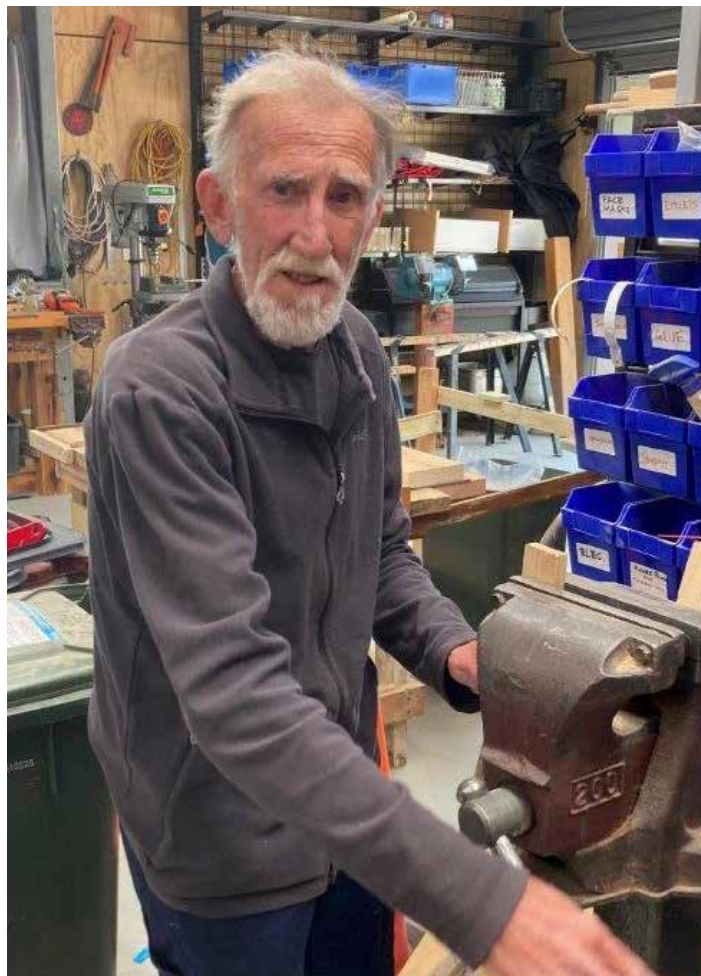
For the last twenty years Bill has been the 'go to' maintenance man at The Cumberland. Ten years ago, Bill semi-retired and has since looked after three local properties with any maintenance needs.

Not only was Bill very handy with his hands, but he wasn't too bad on the football field either. He played four hundred and twenty matches for Lorne, two hundred and eighty in the Firsts, and retired when he was forty-two after playing in a winning Grand Final in the Seconds, in 1997. "When the body was starting to slow down, they played me full forward in the Seconds. But leading for a pass in the seconds was not all that smart because usually it could go anywhere,"

Bill said with a hearty laugh. He played in six winning senior Grand Finals winning four in the 1980's when the team was nearly all locals.

Bill didn't know anything about Men's Sheds or what was happening up at Stribling Reserve in the new shed. When it was explained to him, he said, "they must be all old farts up there, and I'm not that old. But I realised my old bones are getting weary and I can't do what I used to. I hadn't met many people in recent years, so I decided to come along and see for myself. I don't do a lot in the workshop, but I do enjoy the social side of it."

When Bill first attended there were blokes at the Shed, he had known by sight, but he had never met. "I found they were just great guys, so to me that is what the Shed is all about. Unlike some clubs I've been in, everyone is equal here and treated like that".



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THE LOFT

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This is a one-story townhouse with stairs for access. The property features a well-appointed bedroom and an internal bathroom on the first floor, ensuring your comfort and privacy. The cozy lounge area connects to the dining area, and the kitchen is the best spot for quick and easy meal preparation. Enjoy the bush surrounding the property.

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SES LORNE UNIT KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

From the SES Lorne Unit, stay safe.

Wild Winds and Storm Damage

Spring has arrived in all its glory. A very important part of our unit role is to keep the Lorne community informed about Severe Weather Warnings.

Severe Weather warnings usually include such wording as 'Strong to damaging winds averaging 55 to 65 km/h with peak gusts of around 90km/hr are possible over the Otways from the early hours of Sunday'.

Often, a weather front will come through with accompanying rain. Similar warnings may read 'HEAVY RAINFALL which may lead to FLASH FLOODING is forecast to develop. Six-hourly rainfall totals between 50 and 70 mm are possible. This threat is likely to persist into the following morning.'

We will publish these warnings on the SES Lorne Unit Facebook page and share them with the One and Only Lorne Community Noticeboard. What is important is that you heed what the SES advises you should do:

- If driving conditions are dangerous, safely pull over away from trees, drains, low-lying areas and floodwater. Avoid travel if possible.
- Stay safe by avoiding dangerous hazards, such as floodwater, mud, debris, damaged roads and fallen trees.
- Be aware - heat, fire or recent storms may make trees unstable and more likely to fall when it's windy or wet.
- Check that loose items, such as outdoor settings, umbrellas and trampolines, are safely secured. Move vehicles under cover or away from trees.
- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- If outdoors, move to a safe place indoors. Stay away from trees, drains, gutters, creeks and waterways.
- Stay away from fallen powerlines - always assume they are live.
- Be aware that in fire-affected areas, rainfall run-off into waterways may contain debris such as ash, soil, trees and rocks. Heavy rainfall may also increase the potential for landslides and debris across roads.
- Stay informed: Monitor weather warnings, forecasts and river levels at the Bureau of Meteorology website and warnings through VicEmergency website/app/hotline.

Variety is the spice of life, and Southwest Victoria provides plenty.

Earthquakes in our vicinity

On the 22nd of October at 2.11 am, a 5.0 magnitude earthquake occurred at Colac 5.0 with an epicentre depth of 7km.

This was followed by an aftershock with a magnitude of 3.5 that occurred at Apollo Bay at 5:44 am. Over 4,600 'felt reports' were received by Geoscience Australia.

VICSES on 132-500 received several calls but only reports of minor damage and, thankfully, no injuries.



This is the largest Earthquake in the Southwest region in over 20 years. By comparison, the Earthquake of September 2021 (epicentre Mansfield) had a magnitude of 5.9 with a depth of 10km.

Although our Lorne community was not impacted, you might like to know that behind the scenes, the VICSES does not rest as the earthquake control agency.

From the Local Barwon Southwest Regional Command (in support of local units) to the State Command Control Centre (SCC) were activated to coordinate the response. Our own unit published warnings/updates on the SES Lorne Unit Facebook page and shared these with the One and Only Lorne Community Noticeboard.

This also included what the SES advises you should do.

To find out more about staying safe during an earthquake, go to the VICSES Website at <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/emergencies/earthquake>

Safety drives our decisions.

A few weeks ago, on what was usually a training night, there was much laughter, banter and great discussion amongst the Lorne SES Crew.

We conducted a unit-led session focusing on a key value for us, 'safety drives our decisions', looking at as a unit what we should keep, stop, and start regarding our safety practices.

This is part of our continuous improvement focus to develop further safety culture, leadership, control of critical safety risks, and improve processes and systems.

Thank you to the Lorne Community House for allowing us to use their facilities.

Follow us on our Facebook page - SES Lorne Unit.

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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

Apologies for the lack of Lillian in the Independent last month. Partly overloaded with 'stuff to do' and partly running out of bubble and of love for our dear little town. The totally unnecessary removal of the tea tree near the Swing Bridge hit me hard. This is only the beginning of what I simply refer to it as the vandalism and rape of pretty Lorne by GORCAPA. As one prominent well respected elder said – maybe they could just be in charge of the areas between the towns and not enter the townships on the coast. I wish.

Also, I apologise for the tardiness of some snippets in this issue, but they need to be mentioned! Especially the passing of dear Paul Gotte – a Bowls Club power of strength – and he and Lorraine were such a good strong team – not only bowling but members of myriads of different groups! Every New Year they hosted the Garden Group's first meeting – a 'cocktail' party, but mostly they were to be seen wearing their fabulous bright Bowls t shirts and travelling far and wide for Lorne! Sympathies to Lorraine and to the family.

Iris Walsh Howling and Pam Fulton both almost died – but I think they will both agree they are damn lucky to still be here! Both ended up in Intensive Care in Geelong and somehow or other both lived to tell the tale. Two miracles. Thank Goodness. Lots of us have been in that situation also, and can testify to the incredible expertise of our Hospital and the Geelong Hospital! Good tough Lorne sheila's eh?

One hears that the CFA Dinner was a fabulous gig! A tribute to the organisers, but a special big thanks to the amazing Lee Hollmer who did an absolutely incredible job on the night and had his eye on every single thing that needed doing! And then some! Seemingly with ease!

Also belated but ecstatic news that at the Queenscliffe Battle of the Bands the winners were Geelong High and 2ND WAS LORNE COLLEGE BAND!!!! Yeah!! Well done to the students and their teacher/mentor/everything John Waller! Well deserved.

The Aquatic Club is once again waging a battle to reinstate and use what they refer to as the Lazarus Lounge! Unbelievable ongoing story. And now GORCCAPA announce that the 50 year old ramp which marks the start of the Pier to Pub swim needs replacing. DOH! They are calling for community interest and suggestions. One is tempted to suggest that they chat with those who would know, namely the Aquatic and Angling Club Committee and members, to speed up the process!

Make sure you peruse Commodore Keith's excellent report each month. So interesting and down to earth! This month he recounts how "we came across big patches of Krill which were being eaten by small couta – then a school of humpback whales appeared and started gorging themselves on the krill and couta. There were about 20 of them! And also hundreds of dolphins having a feed as well. It was like being in a David Attenborough documentary – with hundreds of gannets joining in!" Can you imagine it??

Congratulations to Craig Crosthwaite for having his absolutely incredible photo of the lightning storm out to sea printed in the Sunday Herald Sun on October 8th. Craig also awarded the Community Newspapers gong for "Best Photo" for his Lorne Eclipse photo. I hope the judges' comments appear elsewhere in this rag, otherwise I'll bung 'em in next month!

In October we lost two of our oldest and most special ladies. Audrey McLeod passed away in Warrnambool where many relatives still live. Audrey was a Lorne icon without a doubt, as was her dear departed hubby Jock the builder. She was 101, but that didn't stop her accompanying daughter Janet and son-in-law Jeff overseas at the drop of a hat. She was also a loyal worker at the Lorne Op Shop for many years, and was a magical gardener. Son David and his wife Mary will also miss her as will the host of grand and great grandchildren.

We also farewelled Carol Baker who has been ailing and who was also an amazing gardener. Carol was laid to rest with her beloved Lawrie – her partner of 50 full and adventurous years. Both travelled heaps, and both had huge academic brains so they made an impressive couple that's for sure! The Obituary stated that "Carol's life was full of love, friendship, generosity, curiosity and adventure. A life lived well." So true.

And then there was the Theatre kerfuffle which set the One and Only Lorne Facebook Noticeboard well and truly alight! The thought of those two sweet little iconic shops being given a month's notice BEFORE their Christmas trading time, and our only hairdresser being evicted as well got under everyone's skin – as it should. Hopefully some common sense has prevailed and the heart of Lorne has returned to its usual steady and observant beat!

Just because the Lorne Hardware Shop has no piles of potting mix bags or mulch or compost out in the street, do not despair. They are now parked at the rear of the shop – inside of course. Think the \$20 delivery fee will be my new way of purchasing my lot.

Local Lorne corgi spending a little time in Melbourne woke her owners with persistent angry barking – drawing attention to balaclava clad burglars trying to steal the neighbour's car. Good dog.

Did you receive the flyer headed "When bin day is here but you're not ...?" An on demand bin service hoping to reduce bins left out for weeks or put out too early. Binzi is on www.binzi.app or grayman@binzi.app Goodluck to this enterprising company.

A very special Grandmother was very excited to purchase an original painting of Lorne in the Op Shop one year ago. Story is that she always presents her Grandsons with such an item when they turn 21. This month the last of her precious Grandsons turns 21 and will receive his painting – providing Grandma can remember where she has had it concealed all this time! Happy 21st Birthday Henry!!

On Grand Final day (and oh – what a day it was?!?!?) we knew it was summer! Divine. But come dusk and those pesky little 'hot day flies' arrived in droves, squeezing into our houses thru the flywire windows and doors and then dying. The next day they decorated the floor and also had attached themselves to previously invisible cobwebs which screamed "remove me". And people say "what do you do all day retired in Lorne?!"

Finally and on a personal note, 13 y.o. border collie Rocco was gently put to sleep and has ended his seven year contract of looking after his much loved owner. A big and important job which he shared with Rick prior to Rick's passing. This edition of Lillian sadly reports on many of our tribe moving on, so Rocco is in very good company. Good boy Rocco! Lillian

Ed. Note: Welcome back Lillian. You were missed. Much sympathy for the hole Rocco has left in your life. He enjoyed his time with you.

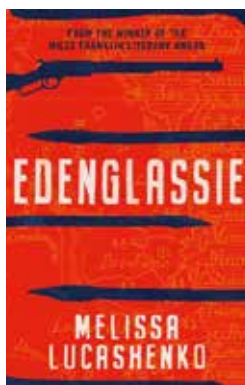


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Picks of the Month



FICTION: *Edenglassie* by Melissa Lucashenko



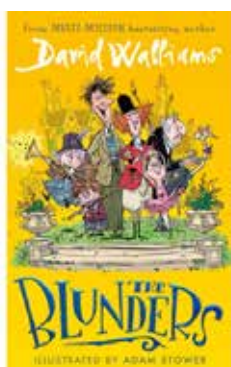
Two extraordinary Indigenous stories set five generations apart. When Mulanyin meets the beautiful Nita in Edenglassie, their saltwater people still outnumber the British. As colonial unrest peaks, Mulanyin dreams of taking his bride home to Yugambeh Country, but his plans for independence collide with white justice. Two centuries later, fiery activist Winona meets Dr Johnny. Together they care for obstinate centenarian Grannie Eddie, and sparks fly, but not always in the right direction. What nobody knows is how far the legacies of the past will reach into their modern lives. In this brilliant epic, Melissa Lucashenko torches Queensland's colonial myths, while reimagining an Australian future.

NON-FICTION: *A life in Garden Design* by Paul Bangay

Paul Bangay is Australia's most sought-after garden designer, with close to forty years' experience. Known for his mastery of scale, balance, form and colour, Paul draws on his lifelong study of the natural and classical worlds to create gardens around the globe. This illustrated memoir explores the evolution of one of Australia's finest design minds. A visual delight, it ranges from photos of childhood gardens and goats to hand-drawn plans for Paul's earliest designs. Through never-before-seen materials, the story behind Paul's vision is revealed – and we see the creative workings that come to fruition in meticulous and timeless gardens.



Children's Fiction: *The Blunders* by David Walliams



Absurd and hilarious, *The Blunders* is David Walliams' funniest book yet – a laugh-out-loud tale of the most blundering and lovable family in history! Meet the Blunders: Bertie, Betsy, their children, Brutus and Bunny, along with their beloved grandma Old Lady Blunder, and their pet ostrich, Cedric. When their home comes under threat, they must embark on a series of comic misadventures to save it.

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