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Victorian Public Holidays 2023

New Year's Day

Sunday 1 January
Monday 2 January2

Australia Day

Thursday 26 January

Labour Day

Monday 13 March

Good Friday

Friday 7 April

Easter Monday

Monday 10 April

ANZAC Day

Tuesday 25 April

King's Birthday

Monday 12 June

AFL Grand Final

Subject to AFL schedule

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 7 November

Christmas Day

Monday 25 December

Boxing Day

Tuesday 26 December

Victorian School Terms 2023

Term 1

Monday 30 January 2023
to
Thursday 6 April 2023

Term 2

Monday 24 April 2023
to
Friday 23 June 2023

Term 3

Monday 10 July 2023
to
Friday 15 September 2023

Term 4

Monday 2 October 2023
to
Wednesday 20 December 2023

All public holiday dates are accurate at the time of publishing, but may be subject to change.

AURORA AUSTRALIS by Janet Goud

The Aurora Australis or the Southern Lights have been delighting local residents over the last week. Contrary to many opinions they are not less prevalent than the Aurora Borealis in the Northern Hemisphere, but due to the lack of land masses in the Southern Oceans we do not have many places to observe them.

Usually Tasmania is Australia's best bet, but the sun is in the rising phase of its 11 year magnetic cycle when it flips from north to south. This means more magnetic activity.

On the Surf Coast we have access to dark areas looking south without any lights, and the moon is in a dark phase (less than 25%) so the sights have been spectacular.

Several local photographers leapt out into the dark night and produced wonderful images.

These beautiful images inspired me to leave my bed at 4.30 am the following morning and walk through dense darkness to Teddys Lookout to try to find a similar display. There was a soft glow in the sky but it was hard to see much.

It looked a bit more subdued perhaps due to the sea mist. Certainly our camera lens at night see far more colours than the naked eye.

And with long exposures the wild colours appear.

Auroras occur when charged particles burst from the sun creating a solar wind.

When this wind is drawn to the north and south poles, it brings tiny particles that interact with gases in the upper levels of our atmosphere. A strong geomagnetic storm brought on by a solar flare caused all the vivid lights this week, some being seen as far north as the ACT.

The aurora is proof that there has been some kind of magnetic disturbance in the Earth's very far upper atmosphere.

And a few hours after this disturbance we get a display of gorgeous lights and colour. These events are very hard to predict so sometimes they take us by surprise.

Conditions to see the aurora will remain "pretty favourable" this week because the Earth's magnetic field is still disturbed, and there's still a lot of energy being converted into light.

This week's display was the brightest seen for many years.

The Bureau of Meteorology's Space Weather Services division posts current aurora conditions – you can subscribe for alerts – and there are apps such as My Aurora Forecast and The Bureau of Meteorology's Space Weather Services.



Ian Walding at Sheoak River.



Craig Crosthwaite at At Aireys Inlet (seeseaimages.com.au)



Michael Prideaux at Lorne



Janet Goud at Teddys Lookout

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Under Council's *Community Amenity Local Law 2021*:



Bins should not be placed on the kerbside more than 24 hours before the scheduled collection day.



Empty bins should be taken back inside the property within 48 hours after the collection.



Bins cannot be left on the kerbside all week because they:

- are easy targets for hungry cockatoos
- can be knocked over (by winds, dogs or people) spilling litter onto streets
- advertise that the house is not occupied and invites unwelcome interest
- can become obstacles for vehicles and pedestrians

What if I **DO** leave my bin on the kerbside?

First Offence

Council will write to the property owner advising of the required timeframes, and suggest options for managing their bins.

Second Offence

Council will send a Notice to Comply to the property owner.

Third Offence

On third - and subsequent - offences, Council may issue a penalty notice of \$350 to the property owner.

What if I'm not around on bin night?

Some things to try:

- Ask a neighbour or friend to put out/retrieve bins
- Engage a property manager or other business to put out/retrieve bins.
- Take your waste to Council's transfer stations in Anglesea, Lorne or Winchelsea
- Bring small amounts of household rubbish, food waste, recycling and glass to:



the after-hours bins outside Anglesea and Lorne transfer stations



the Torquay waste drop-off (9am–4pm daily).

What if my property is a holiday rental?

Use the education resources in Council's holiday rentals kit to help your guests:

- sort their waste and recycling correctly
- know when to put each bin out for collection
- learn what goes in each bin

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/holidayrentals

Print flyers and order free bin stickers, fridge magnet and tent caddy.

Read the Community Amenity Local Law 2021 at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/laws



LAAC TRAINING & RECOVERY BOAT

The Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club officially launched their new Training and Recovery Boat recently.

Popular and much loved local identity Paki performed a Karakia (Māori) boat blessing ceremony which will make the boat safe and successful.

The Club Commodore then christened the boat by traditionally breaking a bottle of champagne on the bow of the boat. (The bottle was in a mesh bag so no broken glass was scattered)

The boat has been given to us on a semi permanent loan basis by an anonymous member.

It's a 5.6 metre aluminium boat with a 5mm thick bottom, a 150HP motor and a 4 blade propeller which is perfect for its purpose.

As the name implies it will be used for Training and Recovery so we will be taking out members and showing them how to:

- Safely launch and retrieve a boat in our beach channel
- How to avoid getting bogged.
- Navigation.
- Reading the swell when leaving and re entering the channel.
- General Safety including the use of flares.
- Operating a fire extinguisher.
- Anchoring.
- Operating an EPIRB (emergency position indicating radio beacon)
- Marine Radio Operation.
- Life Jacket information
- Marine GPS operating.
- Towing.

We will also help members with all sorts of fishing tips including; Operating and reading Sonar (fish finder), fish identification, knots, best rigs and bait for different species, cleaning and filleting fish.

To be involved contact Keith Miller by email
keith.miller@live.com.au.



Speeding? Significant fines apply.

If you speed, you can expect a minimum fine of \$231 and 1 demerit point. Police and speed cameras can be anywhere, so why take the risk?
Chances are you will be caught.

Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.



THE CHANGING FACE OF COUNTRY FOOTBALL

by Garry Fenton

On the Thursday prior to the Lorne Football & Netball Club's first matches for the 2023 season we joined many supporters at the Pavilion for the 'steak night'.

Returning home, I could not help but reflect on the three country football clubs I have had a long association with. All, like Lorne FC, around Victoria and those further afield, would be catering for a large number of meals, conducting great yarning and fun on this night. As the 'oldies' finish eating, the present-day football and netballers arrive after training under lights, mingle with the supporters and line up for their sumptuous meal. . So, so different from years gone by. Its almost unrecognisable on several fronts!

It was hardly country football, but it was certainly bush football. The first game of Australian Rules was played in 1858 between students at Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar, held in the tree dotted parklands where the MCG now stands. Tom Wills, the famous cricketer, was looking for some form of physical exercise for cricketers during the winter months which included running and chasing a ball. Using rough sawn sticks of timber for goals, one mile apart, the game was played with forty lads on each team. Each team selected its own umpire. After playing for several hours over three days, the game ended in a draw, each team kicking one goal. Many young lads in the 1940's and 50's became experts at making footballs out of newspapers and kicking with their mates. Leather footballs were very scarce, and most clubs only had three or four balls for training for the entire season.

About 1990, I interviewed some elderly former footballers at my first club, Keith, in country South Australia. Local legend, Bill Williams, ninety-five years young, at the time, had started playing when he was fourteen-years old, and retired in his forties. He must have held every position in the club over his lifetime. He had been a player, trainer, committee member, club president, league representative and finally Club Patron. He explained the local football ground in 1920 consisted of bush saplings for goal posts in a farmer's paddock. The boundary line was etched weekly with a mattock and became much clearer as the season progressed! There were no change rooms, but the players either arrived in their shorts and jumpers or hung their clothes on a tree. Cars were a rarity, and most rode their horse. Initially they only had four club jumpers, so it was a case of 'first in best dressed'. "We wore all sorts of jumpers and colours, but that didn't matter as we knew all our teammates", Bill joked.

In my time at the Club in the 1980's, they had built excellent facilities including lights good enough to play night matches. They were a bit ahead of many clubs at that time and have continued to upgrade. Just prior to this time many country clubs started recruiting one or two top players from a higher league. Money was not the issue. Many of those players were 'paid' with a bag of spuds, fuel in their car, half a side of mutton or a dozen 'long necks'. Interestingly, our local League resisted for many years with a rule all players had to reside within a forty kilometres radius of their club. And apart from the Ladies Committee and Thursday night meals, money was raised by fundraising events which were attended by every player and many supporters.

My next old Club, Golden Point, in Ballarat, had its roots in the Gold Mining era in the 1860's. We have documentation of a match between the Golden Point Chinese Gardeners and the Golden Point Chinese Miners. When the Chinese living in Geelong heard about this match, they challenged the winner. But in a letter to Golden Point the Geelong Chinese team asked if Golden Point could pay for their train fare to Ballarat, as they could not afford it!

In 1956, Golden Point purchased the Commercial Hotel and used it as their clubrooms for all manner of events until it was sold in 1968 and new clubrooms were built near the oval. The new 'you-beaut' clubroom was built totally with voluntary labour, including qualified tradesmen within the club.

In 1917 the first ever ladies football match was played on that oval. The Ballarat ladies defeated the Melbourne ladies. Charlie Clymo, the coach of the Ballarat ladies, went on to coach fourteen premiership teams at four different clubs, including the Geelong VFL/AFL team to a premiership in 1931. The long serving Golden Point club treasurer gave me his 1937 book of costs for the season. A total of 37 pounds and 10 shillings, covered all expenses for that year.

The Clunes Football Club was also started in the GoldRush era. In the 1950's the local stock truck owner threw a tarpaulin over the stock crate, installed two full length bench seats and he drove the players to away matches. They had a big box of ice and some coldies for the trip home.

When I started playing senior football, alcohol was not allowed in the rooms or around the oval. Don't worry, there was plenty of beer, but when the match was over and we had showered, we left for the nominated venue for a long evening, well into the early hours. Often farmers woolsheds, or a private garage in town and at one club, they regularly spent Saturday night at the local freezing works, owned by the President. At least it was a good way of keeping the beer cold!



Lorne Dolphins 1950 Premiers!

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Intimidation, suggestive jokes, exclusion...

**Gendered violence comes in many forms.
All are OHS issues. All are unacceptable.**

Employers have an obligation to protect their workers.

Q WorkSafe Gendered Violence

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There were no breathalysers back then, and the Victorian road fatalities reached a peak of 1040 in 1971. I personally knew 26 young fit blokes who lost their lives in car accidents during that time. Soon after, seat belts and breathalysers were introduced, and the Victorian road toll dropped to 250. It was common to see a blue haze in the change rooms at half time and after the game, with many players and supporters puffing on a 'roll your own' cigarette. Oval lights were unheard of until 1956 when South Melbourne were the only club to host night games. In 1961, Essendon FC attached one spotlight to the Dick Reynolds Stand to shine into the goal square for goal kicking practice after training finished. This became quite common at many clubs in the 1960s. Concussion was pretty much unheard of. If a player received a head knock, the trainer came out with smelling salts and gave you a whiff. If you were still groggy he would ask "which way are we kicking and who are we playing against?". If you couldn't get that right, you went and stood in the forward pocket until you came good. If you vomited, you were taken to the change rooms but that was frowned upon as in those days you could not return to the field of play, if you were replaced. Most ovals were an absolute quagmire in the middle of winter. After the game you had a shower, usually cold, as the juniors and seconds had used all the hot water. Then the trainers would dab blotches of mercurchrome or iodine on any cuts and scratches to prevent infections. When I played my first match aged fourteen, in 1956 (the same year as the Melbourne Olympic Games), the old change rooms were made of weatherboards. Several boards had fallen off and as we were having a shower after the match, we became aware two young girls were peeping through the gaps. Not sure to this day if that was a bit naughty or just fun!! One football club in our league was in a timber milling town. They built new change rooms about 1960, using timber off cuts and the hot water was a forty-four-gallon drum heated by waste mill timber. Looking back over the last sixty years, football and its social aspects have seen some enormous changes. And football started one hundred years before that! For many of those early years there were football ovals, football teams, football changing rooms, but never football clubrooms. How fortunate are the people of Lorne to have the magnificent Netball and Football Pavilions which offer so much to the community.

MODEL BOAT REGATTA

Bill Youl - Secretary Lorne & District Men's Shed
0408 123 677

The Model Boat Regatta for 2023 has been run and won in chilly and blustery conditions at the Swing Bridge.

In spite of the weather we had a large number of spectators who enjoyed Uncle Max's choccies and John Agar's fantastic commentary. Wiley David Lawler controlling Foodworks from the Swing Bridge. All the other skippers were busy getting frostbite in the chilly waters of the Erskine River!

The winning boat in the one with the lowest score after three races. Winner gets 1 second 2 etc.

First - GD Construction - Skippered by Neil Verrall - 8 points

Second - Mens Shed - Skippered by John Barber - 11 points

Third - Love Lorne - Skippered by Rod Van Ingen - 12 points

Some highlights/lowlights:

Poor old Foodworks - skippered by David Lawler came in 2nd in the first race only to be disqualified by Race Controller Allan Walls for running aground!

Allan flipped his super fast power boat after ramming the buoy - LMS Coot came to the rescue and Allan soon had it back powering up and down the river.

An excellent day, thanks to all the good work from the organisers.



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2023



LORNE-12 COLLEGE

Hi Everyone

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



Student Leadership

It is important for students to experience leadership opportunities during their schooling, to learn the art of building relationships within teams, defining identities, and achieving tasks effectively. It also provides an opportunity to gain experience to identify and display effective communication and interpersonal skills.

At Lorne P-12 College we have been able to offer a range of leadership opportunities this year for students to take on leadership and advocacy roles. Some of these are below:

- School Captains
- House Captains
- Student Ambassador Program Upper Primary
- Student Ambassador Program Secondary
- Country Education Program (CEP) Rural Youth Ambassador Program
- Wellbeing Committee
- Student Representative Council (SRC)

Many people believe leadership is something that's conferred along with a title or attained when you direct a team of people, but **true leadership is never about authority or power**. It's about helping others grow, and that's something anyone can do. We encourage all our students to learn, develop and continue to strengthen the skills that make them great humans and support and help others grow.

We are excited about what our students will generate, inspire, create and advocate for this year and encourage everyone to get behind them and support them in any way they can.

School Markets

Fundraising can be a challenge in any school, and Lorne P-12 College is no exception. Smaller schools do not always have the monetary resources available to them to bring about change, but through fundraising, we can acquire the monetary means necessary to begin the process of change. Fundraising gives children and school communities a sense of empowerment.



The school has taken on these long running foreshore markets (four throughout the year), having had them passed on by the Lorne Kindergarten and the Lorne Lions Club.

We had no idea what we were taking on but knew that this was an opportunity we could not refuse for our students and school community.

Fundraising teaches a community how to think about others, work toward helping others, and feel good about giving. Giving, volunteering, and fundraising promotes a culture of compassion, sharing, and generosity, which we want to continue to foster in our amazing Lorne community.

We have two markets remaining this year:

Saturday 10th June – Kings Birthday Weekend

Saturday 4th November – Melbourne Cup Weekend

We are always looking for volunteers and people to help. If you would like to be a part of this vital fundraiser, please contact the school.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

- Anne Frank

‘VOLUNTEERISM IS THE HEART AND SOUL’

Peter Spring reflects ahead of Volunteer Week celebrations

Peter Spring moved permanently to Lorne in 2003 and from the outset chose volunteering as a key to his new community's heart.

“I felt that if I sat back and waited for Lorne to knock on my door it probably wouldn't happen,” he said.

“So I saw getting involved in community activities as a way of getting to know people in Lorne, and that certainly proved to be the case.

“Essentially volunteerism is the heart and soul of small communities, I think more so than the big cities.

“Lorne has always had a reputation for punching above its weight, largely I think because of the level of volunteerism in the community – it's twice the national average according to the census.”

Mr Spring will be among community contributors to be celebrated by Surf Coast Shire Council in acknowledgement of National Volunteer Week, which runs from 15 to 21 May.

Mr Spring has spent 16 years volunteering with Lorne's Stribling Reserve Community Asset Committee, 13 as chairman, contributing to improvements including \$6.5-million upgrading of the reserve's main and netball pavilions.

He is also heavily involved with Lorne Historical Society and is part of a community co-design group collaborating with the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority on plans for Point Grey.

The 2023 National Volunteer Week theme The Change Makers celebrates volunteers' ability to drive change and inclusion.

Volunteers are welcome to attend Council's community NVW celebrations at Lorne Community House at 10am on 15 May and at Deans Marsh Community Cottage at 2pm on 18 May.

Other shire events will be in Anglesea, Winchelsea and Torquay, with a special youth-focused event to be at Torquay's Wurdi Baierr Stadium.

A celebration for members of the many Community Asset Committees, which manage halls and recreation reserves on behalf of Council, will be in Council's chambers on 24 May and feature launch of a video highlighting their contributions.

While volunteers are welcome to attend NVW celebrations in their own communities, the new youth event and Community Asset Committee events in Torquay will be invitation-only.

“Our many volunteers are often unseen but contribute so much to our communities and seek so little in return,” Lorne ward Councillor Gary Allen said.

“National Volunteer Week gives us cause to pause and reflect on the breadth of their work and acknowledge how much it means.

“Maybe volunteering is caring for people who are isolated or vulnerable. Maybe it is being part of a service organisation, caring for our beautiful environment, advocating for people who might be marginalised, giving up time to help our great local sporting organisations tick, or helping to run our Council-owned



community assets like halls – volunteers underpin so many aspects of our community life.

“It is important for us to recognise their unseen hours and altruism.”

Volunteering Australia says National Volunteer Week recognises the vital support that millions of people provide to their communities, and encourages more people to consider volunteering.

“National Volunteer Week 2023 is a celebration of our power to drive change and ensure volunteering is inclusive of all members of the Australian community,” the organisation says.

“Volunteering is changing, it is moving towards a mutually beneficial way that people can make new connections and pathways within their local and greater communities. It also creates change, it is a driver for inclusion, a resilience creator and it changes with the needs of society.”

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OP SHOP BUZZ

By Janet Goud - Secretary

Here we are again at the end of school holidays and Easter holidays where the town was very busy. Sadly for the Easter visitors the weather was not kind, but these days meant lots of people had lots of non Beach time. This meant they had fun looking for the special bargain that might just be waiting for them, in the Lorne Op Shop.

During the holidays we sell many useful things. People are always happy to snap up any wetsuits, boards, and flippers that have been donated. Bathers and towels, buckets and spades, forgotten cooking utensils, clothes, or games can be picked up for a very reasonable price at the Lorne Op Shop.

Where do we get these wonderful supplies from? We are a little shop in a little seaside village run by hardworking and busy volunteers. We, the volunteers, do not often have excess wet suits,

designer clothes or surplus as expensive items that are not needed or wanted by our families.

However we are always supplied with these wonderful treasures by the Lorne residents who own the beautiful holiday homes which make up our town. These people like to help the permanent local residents – the hospital, the school, the local fire brigade and do this partly by donating goods and thereby adding to the funds of the Op Shop. We are very grateful for these donations which help us to bring the latest technologies and equipment to assist any local needs for health and welfare. We would like anyone who needs help to get in touch with us.

Now winter is fast approaching and we are looking for donations of winter woollens, coats and boots. Hopefully the changing of the winter/ summer wardrobes will cause lots of extra warm clothes to be updated and sent to the Lorne Op Shop.

As always the Op Shop remembers the young men (mainly) who left for the wars and especially those who did not return. Having been one of the lucky generation who grew up and is now growing old in a peaceful land, we salute the huge sacrifice of young lives remembered on ANZAC day. One of our oldest members Loris Yorke is proud to lay a wreath for us.



NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023
VOLUNTEER
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

**CELEBRATION
AND THANK
YOU**

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

For full details or to RSVP, please call Council on **5261 0600** or email volunteering@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

A series of morning and afternoon teas will be held to thank and celebrate the wonderful contribution of volunteers to our Surf Coast Shire communities.

Events will be held in:

- **ANGLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE**
- Monday 15 May, 10-11am
- **LORNE COMMUNITY HOUSE**
- Monday 15 May, 10-11am
- **WINCHELSEA COMMUNITY HOUSE**
- Monday 15 May, 10-11am
- **DEANS MARSH COMMUNITY STORE**
- Thursday, 18 May, 2-3pm
- **SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCIL, TORQUAY**
- Thursday, 18 May, 2-3pm





1 BELVEDERE TERRACE LORNE

ROLLING BREAKERS, LOUITT BAY & PIER
- IN FULL VIEW

Elevated coastal beach cottage representing summer holidays of the past. The two bedroom home has been brought to life and enhanced by the large ocean facing outdoor elevated deck.

With two bedrooms, open kitchen/living/dining, bathroom and laundry your amenity is modest but complete. The "wow" of the uninterrupted life enduring outlook guaranteeing the value of however the next chapter may look.

A separate semi-self contained sleep out sits above the main residence and its outlook is another dimension of "wow".

\$1,545,000

Ian Stewart 0418 522 571

Karen Stribling 0439 650 838

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A beautiful family-friendly home suitable for those who wish to relax and enjoy the beauty of Lorne.

A two-story house featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and ample amenities perfect for a relaxing getaway.

The lounge room has two smart TVs and is suitable for children with games provided. The property has a split system air conditioning for cooling and heating. The property is furnished well, and the beds have comfortable linens. The property has a patio, deck, courtyard, and a balcony.

The kitchen is fully equipped with a fridge, freezer, oven, stove, microwave, dishwasher, crockery, cutlery, glassware, toaster, coffee machine, and more. The open-plan kitchen also features a breakfast bar, pantry, island benchtop, and a sandwich press for easy and convenient meal preparation.

The property is close to the historic Lorne Swing Bridge, which is approximately 1.3 km away. And also the property is close to Lorne Beach about 1.5 km away, which is popular for swimming and surfing.

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WOKE HORTICULTURE

By Doug Williams

The common name for those bulbs which send up flower stems before their leaves appear is Naked Lady. Is this an example of men defining and controlling the social standing of women in society by being disrespectful to women? Is it more so if the woman is seen to be a 'lady'?

It could be the privileged white male paradigm in practice and by current definition, all men are misogynistic. Is it simply because the person is not dressed? Would it be just as wrong to call the plant a naked man? Naked person would just not sound right to me, an unnecessary application of the literary cleansing exercised by sensitivity readers (see Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton, Ian Fleming, P. G. Wodehouse). They are also called amaryllis or belladonna lily.

The wonderful white gardens of Sissinghurst in Kent were laid out and developed over thirty years by Vita Sackville-West, poet and writer and her author and diplomat husband, Harold Nicolson. This remains an interesting experiment in planting out an entire section of a very large garden in tones of green, grey and white. People come from all over the globe to visit this remarkable garden. I took a fresh look at it for the purposes of this article and discovered a video about the 'psychological and spiritual transcendence' offered by this garden. It was titled Spatial Psychology of the White Garden at Sissinghurst Castle and I won't recommend it to you unless you want to explore the 'unrestrained freedom and delight' of a visit as unearthed by the makers of this clip. The soundtrack is excruciatingly bad as well.

The curse of Sissinghurst has resulted in hundreds of thousands of gardens planted with white Pascali roses as a nod to this English fantasy and was a great novelty not just here in Australia but worldwide during the 1980s and 1990s. In 1991 it was declared 'the world's favourite rose' by an American horticultural body. Pascali was developed by a member of the white patriarchy naturally, in fact by a white imperialist of the worst kind – he was a Belgian. We know what happened in the Congo and perhaps we should regard this man as being indirectly responsible for much of that because he was born in Belgium. Sissinghurst is an anomaly since it is acceptable although politically incorrectly white, because it was the work of a woman and that's okay until she gets repositioned in the patriarchy which in this era of gender fluidity is quite possible. At least we have Black Baccara and other examples of black roses to balance the ledger and perhaps an all-black garden is already under way.

Critical race theory is having a field (not allowed to say this word now) day with the common names of plants : we have Italian parsley, Kaffir lime, wandering Jew, Chinese gooseberry, Vietnamese mint – the list is as long as your arm is long. It's all a bit silly and surely we should not need to weed out plants that may or may not be a part of a modern pluralistic society. Yet, inexorably, it's happening. It's a strangler fig squeezing and sucking the life out of language. So get away from the subject, go out into the garden and do a spot of propagating instead. Take tip cuttings from rosemary,



westringia and grevillea this May. Perennials can be divided – think the grasses : libbertia, lomandra, dianella and liriopis; also wallflowers (careful here, might offend the meek), and helleborus. All of these can be found in Lorne gardens. If you want to have Naked ladies in your garden they are easy to grow - the bulbs can be dug up after the foliage dies down in spring.

Ed. Note. Vita Sackville West was a woman with gender fluid issues herself, having both a husband and a woman partner, Violet with whom she eloped. White gardens continue to be planted as healing gardens which Lorne Gardeners experienced this month, newly completed in St Leonards. All colonial regimes behaved badly in retrospect.



Lorne Chess Group

The new Lorne Chess Group will meet as part of the games group at Fig Tree House.

Where: Fig Tree House at Lorne Community Centre.

When: Every Thursday from 1:00pm until 3:00pm

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ARTS IN LORNE

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“Somewhere wedged between abstract contemporary and art therapy with his usual DIY ethos , Gulidjan man Jay has put together a show that’s part neon brain noise, part visual journal of life’s journey over his last few months.....”

Follow Jay Hickey on instagram

In the Skies Art & Music also stock a selection of art supplies for both adults and children including paints, pastels, brushes and children’s kits.

Times open: Friday and Sunday 10-4.00, Saturday 10am -10pm Bar “The Painters Arms” open from 2.00-10.00pm Saturday. (Great G and Ts personal recommendation)

Happenings at the Art Bazaar

We are continuing our art sale in May. Thanks to our customers! We will also be celebrating Bob Dylan’s 82nd Birthday (May 24th) with an exhibition and sale of all things Dylan opening on Sat 20th May. This will include Australian tour posters , books and music ..vinyl and cds for sale.

The popular coastal plants and herbs will remain available until Sunday June 11 when they will have a break for Winter, returning in early Spring.

Judi and Ian.

ITS TIME....

to revisit my art practice”. says GW

Call it a Sabbatical and long break... Qdos will be closed from the 1st May until 1st Sept. Not going anywhere.

A BIG thank you to ALL the patrons from Lorne and beyond with the support that made this summer season, One of the best. We are looking forward to presenting an even better season 2023-2024,with some great news artists, exhibitions and great new events.

Best Wishes
Graeme & Gillian

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Meanwhile the Sculpture Biennale is stirring!

Excerpts from the President's Letter in April.

The committee has decided to re-schedule the next Lorne Sculpture Biennale to November 2024. The exhibition will again be based on the precincts concept developed by Graeme Wilkie pre- COVID and so beautifully executed in 2022.

You're invited: Submissions open on Draft Creative Places Strategy

From dancers and designers, to poets, painters, performers and playwrights - local creative people are at the heart of the draft Creative Places Strategy, which will invite submissions in May.

Surf Coast Shire Council endorsed the draft strategy at its April Council meeting, and will welcome submissions until 28 May. The draft Creative Places Strategy has a vision for the Surf Coast to be a flourishing creative destination by 2031.

"The strategy's vision also sees the Surf Coast as a place where creative people of all pursuits will be enabled and

equipped to enhance our sense of place and identity, and their contribution to the environment, wellbeing and a vibrant economy will be understood and valued," Cr Gary Allen said.

Informed by a survey which attracted 114 submissions and Council's People Place Future consultation, the draft 2023-2031 strategy has three strategic areas - place, people and profile. It features seven goals to support a thriving creative economy.

"The previous Creative Places Strategy has laid the foundations for success, particularly after the Surf Coast Shire was recognised as one of regional Australia's top creative hotspots," Cr Allen said.

"We want to grow our exceptional reputation, and continue to showcase the Surf Coast's creative diversity and the incredible benefits it brings to our communities.

Submissions on the draft Creative Places Strategy can be made from 1 May via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CreativePlaces. Submissions close 28 May. Submissions will inform Council as it considers the final Creative Places Strategy, scheduled for the July Council meeting.



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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

Wowie! What a month. A mammoth censoring job this issue as so very many hot topics in town – and this little black duck does not fancy litigation! Lips are sealed on many fronts.

The GORCAPA small ad in the Addie, and a smaller one in the S'Coast Times Public Notice section, announced that consideration is being given to an extension for the current family who lease all that property on the beachfront, including the pool. The Lease doesn't run out until October 2030 but GORCAPA intends to renegotiate a long-term lease to current folk – Landcorp Foreshore Precinct P/L to operate the Lorne Pool Precinct before the date the current lease expires." Talk about cat amongst the pigeons! Advertised at a busy time when most of us couldn't make the deadline of Good Friday to say "NO WAY"! John Agar covered many relevant reasons why not in his excellent blurb in the S'Coast Times. But blind Freddy could see the lack of care and the closing down over the years of the Mini Golf, Trampolines and the pool, making the vibrant hub of the town a dead area! Fresh approach needed!

And the attempt to make the Men's Shed's little annual radio controlled boat race on the Erskine a registered EVENT, with forms galore to fill out and a plethora of questions to answer, shocked us all. It was a fabulous event, and congratulations to Neil for a win made possible by some tricky manoeuvres round the outside of the field.

Our local journo Anson Cameron addressed this issue with his usual collection of tasty words! "GORCAPA claims this septuagenarians' regatta is an "event" for which GORCAPA's permission is required! ...But if their idea of lawlessness is puny craft captained by landlocked boomers wearing garish Crocs while their BPMs redline in the frenzy of a tacking duel the size of needlepoint, well mine isn't." Lorne is so proud of its men who gather and create and chat in their own Shed! Keep it up boys!

Fisheries have deemed our Artillery Rocks area, Sheoak Falls rocks on the foreshore, and Cape Bridgewater blowholes areas where it is compulsory to wear a life jacket while fishing. And it must be a proper life jacket, all done up to ensure flotation in the worst scenario. A pretty good idea to wear one any way! Some huge waves attack Jump Rock, and we don't want to lose anyone there.

Did you know that a NOVID is the term commonly used for someone who has NOT had Covid? Quite a few of us in Lorne.

Our Easter guests informed us that The Macquarie Dictionary Committee of Australia declared that the People's Choice 2022 Word of the Year is ... da da ... Bachelor's Handbag - referring to a cooked Supermarket chicken!

Father Lawrence O'Toole came out of retirement to conduct Lorne's Easter services. Guess what?? On Easter Sunday the Catholic Church was overflowing – over 150 good souls attended and enjoyed the service, the ambience and Father Lawrence. A real sense of celebration with the sides of the Church wide open and standing room only at the back.

We need to solve a mystery. At the Barbeques Carpark in the 50 zone, someone has placed a rather lovely rock at the base of the flash human/dog drinking fountain. Beautifully engraved with the name Winston. We ask if anyone knows who Winston was? A Letter to the Editor solving this mystery would be awesome.

We meet some awesome folk in this village – like Karchia (sorry about the spelling) who was having a coffee at The Swingbridge Café. Son Noah had missed our school bus from out Bambra way, so Mum drove him into Lorne and decided it was time for coffee and chia pudding – as one does. A gorgeous chat ensued – the highlight of which was that young Noah is an amazing bull wrangler, which means the family is always moving round to rodeos. Of course everyone at Lorne school probably knows this, but I'd actually never met the mother of a kid who wanted to wrestle bulls as a career. Or sort of career. Noah - good luck with your amazingly brave life and well done Mum for the chauffeuring job.

Did you know that if you have Roadside Insurance from RACV and you happen to lose your car keys to that new fangled car (RAV 4 Hybrid in this case!) – the RACV will kick in \$200 towards the \$1,000+ cost of a replacement key?

Amazing article in the weekend media about "Billionaires buying up Lorne" . Justin Hemmes told Cara Waters the reporter, that he first visited when he heard the Lorne Hotel was coming up for sale. He fell in love with the place! He owns 70 venues across NSW and the Lorne Hotel is his first opening in Victoria. The article also mentions Josh Rudd who has over 100 Ghanda stores across the country. His property portfolio in Lorne includes the 1937 art deco local cinema, a former community hall he transformed to an AirBNB called The Pink Lodge, the Jetty Road Brewery, four other retail shopfronts and apartments on our main street as well as the Grand Pacific Hotel with plans to turn the 143 year old pub into luxury apartments. And here's the obvious connection – Hemmes is renting the Grand Pacific off Rudd as temporary accommodation for Merivale staff until the redevelopment starts! Well done Cara Waters for enlightening us all.

Good luck to Matt Griffiths and a couple of mates who are preparing to ride their motor bikes from Darwin to Melbourne – and back again! They will be fundraising for Team Blackdog – so just ask at Moons Café for any details about how to support this amazing cause which touches all of us.

Great excitement for local dogs near Swingbridge! Running round with chunks of human hair in their mouths. Someone gave someone else a fairly serious haircut down there on Saturday and left hair all over the place. So easy to pick up – so why not?

Mick Meeha was farewelled after his passing before Easter. He will certainly be missed. The Tuesday gardeners were so wonderful taking him to their community garden each week. Love to his family and so very Lorne that the Aquatic Club sent a very cold Friday beer over to him just before he slipped away. RIP Mick.

Personal mega thanks to the team at the Country Club for recalling Damian Mullin for a repeat tribute to Elvis on Easter Thursday night. It was quite the best night ever – a talented and clever entertainer.. The food was incredible and so cleverly done – where did they get those divine little cakes and pastries? And how did Matt and Brig manage to feed the footballers and locals their parmis, at the same time as feeding the Elvis freaks delicious lamb and spuds Souvlaki style.

Keep warm.....Lillian xx

Lillian received fan mail this month.Ed.Following on from Lillian's April column about a gel for arthritic dogs. My dog could no longer handle hills being very stiff in the joints, after visiting Colac vets I came away with 4CYTE fluid which after 10 days has my dog now jumping for joy when she sees the lead & she sets the pace up Minapre Street at 11.5 years, so thanks for the great advice, Tony Stribling.

LORNE MATTERS

Media Release - Wednesday 12 April by Anna McIlldowie

Grassroots led advocacy around creating secure childcare in Lorne continues. Our voices are being heard and there has been a big shift of consciousness in the town around how fundamental secure childcare is to the functioning and sustainability of the town and community.

The goodwill demonstrated by older generations in the community with their willingness to volunteer their time to support families was demonstrated through the “dial a grandparent” meetings we had. Through these meetings it was established that best way to start with connecting young families and the older generations in the community would be through intergenerational kinder activities - so we are currently working on getting this happening.

Beyond this, parents and concerned community members are now working with the Surf Coast Shire and Great Ocean Road heath in an official ‘Working Group’ capacity to ensure secure childcare is in place for Lorne. We are not there yet, indeed we have only just begun, but progress is certainly being made and the stepping stones are in place for ensuring childcare is a top priority for Lorne going forward.

Meanwhile, parallel and interconnected grassroots campaigns around secure and affordable housing are growing, coinciding with the Committee for Lorne releasing a huge report “Accommodating Lorne’s Future, Part One: Housing Options to Support a Sustainable and Resilient Lorne Community” ~ the event to launch this report had to be postponed, but stay tuned for a report back on that!

Friends of Lorne will also be holding an online community forum in coming months around Housing Solutions ~ looking at the Accommodating Lorne’s Future report and other regional and national housing projects that are working already ~ and most of all answering questions and opening up the conversation to the community ~ getting us on board to shape Lorne’s future ~ they have been researching this stuff for years but believe it will take the collective will of the community to turn theoretical solutions into reality. I too believe the only way things will change in Lorne is if grassroots people, those who are actually effected by these issues, are part of the conversations around housing and childcare. I have set up “Lorne Childcare and Housing Advocacy Network” Facebook page as one way to elevate our voices and keep people in the loop as much as possible.

John Agar’s article re Sir Samuel Mogg

Hi Janet, Further to John’s very amusing article, I may be able to add to the legend of Sir Samuel Mogg. For some years, the Moggs Creek Film Festival was held annually in Lorne. It was organised and attended by luminaries from the Melbourne advertising and film industry and was quite a highlight on the social calendar. I recall a bust purporting to be of Sir Samuel being featured as an award. The motto of the festival, “The Dark is Light Enough” (the title of a Christopher Fry play of the 50s) was featured on programs and tee-shirts. Best wishes, Ross Dimsey

Apply for free Council-run kinder: 2024 enrolments open 10 April

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Families are invited to apply for a place at a Surf Coast Shire Council-run kindergarten for 2024, with enrolments to open Monday 10 April.

Council offers three-year-old and four-year-old programs, which are free thanks to Victorian Government funding.

Council-operated kindergartens are Anglesea Kindergarten, Helen M Kininmonth Pre-School Winchelsea, Jan Juc Pre-School, Kurrambee Myaring Kindergarten in Torquay, Lorne Kindergarten and Torquay Kindergarten.

Kurrambee Myaring Kindergarten’s Anni O’Brien teaches three-year-old and four-year-old programs.

“There are so many benefits for a child to attend three-year-old kinder,” she said. “It’s their first start in developing a love of learning, which they’ll carry with them for life. It also supports them to be able to build connections and to be OK saying goodbye to their families.”

Four-year-old programs offer 15 hours across different session models, including Bush Kinder.

“All programs are based around the children’s interests, as this is how they learn best: with experiences that are of interest to them,” said Anni, who has a kindergarten career spanning 23 years.

“We are able to support their early social development skills and ensure that these are well developed before they head off to school.

“Kinder also supports children to be able to follow routines and directions from other adults, and we are able to work alongside them to develop other important skills that they need before they start school. It all happens in a fun and interactive way.”

For more information and to apply for a place at a Council-run kinder for 2024 from 10 April, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/kinder.

Families are encouraged to apply before Sunday 18 June 2023, when first round enrolments close. The application form will remain open for second and third round offers.

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SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCIL DECLARES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

The Surf Coast Shire Council has declared its support for constitutional recognition through a Voice to Parliament.

At its 26 April meeting, the Council publicly supported a body enshrined in the Constitution that will enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to provide advice to the Parliament on policies and projects that impact their lives.

Council also committed to sharing clear, unambiguous information with the community, enabling residents to make a considered and informed choice in the referendum.

“Our commitment to Reconciliation and self-determination, combined with community expectations, means it is important that Council takes a public stance in supporting The Voice. We believe this is a timely and just path to take,” Mayor Cr Liz Pattison said.

“We will not, however, seek to influence how individuals choose to vote.”

“The Voice to Parliament has arisen from the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which is a letter to the Australian People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It calls for three main things: An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian Constitution, Truth Telling and Makarrata or Treaty.”

Mayor Pattison said the Voice to Parliament was not a political party policy.

“We’re the only country that has yet to acknowledge its First Nations people in their Constitution,” she said.

First Nations people have consistently called for self-determination, rather than symbolism, in representing and responding to their interests. The recent success of the Pilk Purriyn truth-telling event, presented in partnership with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, was a great example of this approach.

Between October and December 2023, a referendum will be held in which Australians will vote on whether to update the Constitution to include an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

The Voice is a body that will:

- Provide independent advice to Parliament and Government.
- Be chosen by First Nations people based on the wishes of local communities.
- Be representative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Be empowering, community-led, inclusive, respectful, culturally informed and gender balanced, and include Be accountable and transparent.
- Work alongside existing organisations and traditional structures.

The Voice will not:

- Have program delivery function.
- Have veto powers.

DEVELOP ARTISTS AND CREATIVES GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Surf Coast Shire Council’s radically re-designed Artist and Creatives Grants Program seems to have hit the mark in its second year, welcoming a 300% increase in applications.

The DEVELOP grants – which aim to promote original and expansive thinking and to afford practitioners with an opportunity to take creative risks – received almost \$100,000 in requests across 27 applications. Eight projects across the shire will receive funding:

- No Through Road Collective – Dr Jenny Murray-Jones, Dr Jane Bartier and Sylvia Maseyk (Winchelsea)
- Time and Memory project development (slab roller) – Fiona McDonald (Torquay)
- Culture and Belonging photographic exploration – Daniela Rodriguez (Torquay)

- “My Winch” Exhibition Winchelsea Shire Hall – Samantha Whitaker and the James St Gallery Artists (Winchelsea)
- Experimental Music Video – Leah Senior (Anglesea)
- Artist Residency Victorian High Country to work on Middle Grade environmental issues novel – Stef Gemmill (Torquay)
- Textiles 1: Our Journey to the Surface Visual Arts Exploration and Exhibition – Simon Holloway (Lorne)
- Elements sound compositions production – Stephen Oakes, Barry Gilson and Melinda Kennedy (Torquay).

Councillor Gary Allen described this year’s round as extraordinary.

“We were amazed by the quality of proposals, the breadth of mediums and ideas, and the professionalism that applicants demonstrated.”

The cut-off score to obtain funding was an exceptional 82.5/100.

24-HOUR CAT CURFEW TO BE INTRODUCED ACROSS SURF COAST SHIRE

All cats within the Surf Coast Shire will need to be confined to their owner's premises from 30 September 2023, under a 24-hour cat curfew adopted by Council.

Surf Coast Shire Council adopted the revised cat curfew - formally known as a cat confinement order - at its March Council meeting. The curfew requires all cats within the municipality to be confined at all times to the owner's premises unless the cat is appropriately restrained.

By confining registered cats in both urban and rural zones to their owner's premises, the 24-hour curfew is likely to reduce cats' impact on neighbours and their pets, and wildlife. Councillor Kate Gazzard said the revised curfew enables Council to promote responsible pet ownership - a priority of its Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2022-25.

"During the DAMP community engagement in 2021, we heard that cats harming wildlife was one of the three biggest concerns from the 734 survey respondents," Cr Gazzard said. "We also heard that 55% of respondents said they would like a 24-hour cat curfew in both rural and urban areas to minimise trespassing by cats and to help protect the native wildlife, particularly birds.

"As a result, the DAMP identified an action to investigate and make recommendations regarding extending the cat confinement order."

Council carried out further consultation in 2022, underpinned by the 'Cattitude' survey. It welcomed 684 responses, and found there was support for a stricter cat curfew.

"As well as helping prevent harm to wildlife, cat curfews improve the health and safety of cats," Cr Gazzard said.

"A cat curfew can prevent injuries that can occur through fights with other cats, being run over by a vehicle, eating toxic plants or poisons, or from wandering onto neighbouring households where they could cause a nuisance."

The 24-hour curfew will replace the current one, which requires cats in urban-zoned areas to be securely confined to the owner's premises between 8pm and 6am.

"Council will support urban and rural cat owners over the next six months by promoting resources on how to make modifications to their property and their cat's behaviour, so that they can comply with the 24-hour cat curfew," Cr Gazzard said. "Pet owners with registered cats in our database will receive email updates, and information sessions will be held in Anglesea, Torquay and Winchelsea.

"Given there was already a legal requirement that cats are not allowed to trespass on other people's property, the six-month transition period should be enough time to prepare."

To find out more information - including tips for cat owners to help transition to the 24-hour cat curfew - visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/CatCurfew.

The revised cat curfew will come into effect on 30 September 2023. At this time, the previous cat confinement order of 20 February 2001 is revoked.

EASTERN MAAR TRADITIONAL OWNERS' LAND RIGHTS FORMALLY RECOGNISED.

ABC South West Vic / By Emily Bissland

Eastern Maar traditional owners have gained formal recognition of their land rights.

The native title decision is the first of its kind in Victoria in 10 years.

Eastern Maar country includes the coastline of the Great Ocean Road up to Ararat.

National Native Title Council chief executive Jamie Lowe, who is a Gundjitrara Djabwurrung man, paid respect to his ancestors who fought the original occupation of Eastern Maar country, and to the elders who began the claim in 2012, but had since died.

"Back when we were invaded by the colonies, we fought hard to survive," Mr Lowe said.

"Our old people have fought hard to keep our culture alive, and native title is recognition of that.

It wasn't that long ago, back in the mid 2000s, when people across the nation and particularly here in Victoria, were saying that native title was extinguished," Mr Lowe said.

The previous most recent native title decision in Victoria was made on this day in 2013, when the state and Dja Dja Wurrung people of Central Victoria entered a recognition and settlement agreement after 18 months of negotiations.

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DRAFT BUDGET 2023-24: Community feedback invited

Community feedback is invited on Surf Coast Shire Council's Draft Budget 2023-24, placed on exhibition at the April Council meeting.

Delivering the essentials, striving for more community-led action and responding to the climate emergency underpins the Draft Budget. Mayor Liz Pattison was pleased to see an environmental focus.

"A green theme is evident in the budget, as we transition to a circular economy and continue our carbon neutrality program," Mayor Pattison said. "We've witnessed severe weather events recently and to prepare for more of these, we are investing in emergency management, assets and engineering, and open space operations."

"Another theme that shines in the budget is fostering a thriving, healthy, connected community, through major infrastructure projects such as the Winchelsea Pool upgrade and getting on with the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre."

With inflation rising faster than Council's revenue base, the development of the Draft Budget was challenging. Given the current economic climate, Council has prioritised allocations to commitments, services, projects and initiatives that align with the Council Plan and the community vision: "we are an active, diverse community that lives creatively to value, protect and enhance the natural environment and our unique neighbourhoods".

The Victorian Government's rate cap of 3.5% will be implemented. This is well below inflation levels which have risen steeply over recent years, reaching 7.8% in the December 2022 quarter.

"Rate revenue is vital in supporting the community and meeting its needs, both now and into the future," CEO Robyn Seymour said. "We understand that many residents are experiencing financial pressures so if you are, please reach out to us as we have rates payment plans available to support you. Our teams are ready to help people access these payment supports."

Council's asset renewal backlog remains a challenge, as does the need to evaluate competing priorities across the shire.

"A good example is the Winchelsea Pool, which celebrated its 60th anniversary earlier this year and is due for an upgrade," Robyn said. "Given this is an \$8.5 million project, we need to press pause on renewing a number of our other ageing assets - from roads and pathways, to buildings and recreation. They remain safe and useful, but we'll time their renewal in future years based on condition."

The Draft Budget features a record \$36.4 million capital expenditure program - \$16.3 million of which is allocated to new projects such as Eastern Reserve (\$318,000) and Stribling Reserve netball courts renewal (\$162,000), Karaaf

Wetlands improvement works (\$2 million), Anglesea Ward unsealed road renewal program (\$303,000), and the Coombes Road-Messmate Road intersection upgrade (\$879,102).

A \$5.8 million Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre spearheads the capital expenditure program, which also features a Surf Coast Highway-Bristol Road intersection upgrade (\$2.6 million), pathways improvement in Winchelsea's Anderson Street (\$102,009), and Mountjoy Parade footpath renewal from Bay Street to Beal Street in Lorne (\$47,000).

"We're pleased that in this challenging economic environment, we continue to achieve our financial savings target and this year incorporated an additional \$327,000 of savings into the 2023-24 budget," Robyn said. "It contributes to our long term financial sustainability, which includes addressing our asset renewal backlog and catering for population growth when delivering our core services."

"For our growing communities, there is a need and an expectation for us to deliver core services and infrastructure. We want to maintain existing assets to the standard residents expect, but rising construction costs are constraining our capacity to take on numerous large infrastructure projects."

Capital projects are timed to funding opportunities, such as state and federal government election, budget and grant cycles. It's what we've done with the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre, which has a proposed \$5.8 million allocation in this Draft Budget and will service community members from across the shire.

Shire-wide allocations in Draft Budget 2023-24 include:

- A total \$15 million allocation to deliver road upgrades, maintenance and renewal across the shire.
- To mitigate against the impacts of climate change and severe weather events, we are investing in emergency management (\$240,000), along with the solar and energy transitions program (\$292,311).
- A total of \$100,000 housing crisis resources focusing on coastal communities will help us play our role in the affordable accommodation crisis.
- A \$75,000 allocation to improve accessibility at various facilities across the shire.
- A \$30,000 increase in our community grants program will empower communities to help deliver their projects.

To view the Draft Budget 2023-24, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/budget23-24 or a hard copy is available at Council office (1 Merrijig Drive Torquay). People can also call 5261 0600 to arrange a relevant section to be posted.

Draft Budget submissions can be made via the website or by writing to: Chief Executive Officer, Surf Coast Shire Council, PO Box 350, Torquay VIC 3228. Submissions close Monday 22 May 2023 at 10am.



From the Deck

THE MAGIC OF A SPIDER WEB

By John Agar

How can my garden path, quite clear at dusk of any impediment, be crisscrossed with spiders' webs by sun-up the next day, replete with lurking legs in curled-leaf lairs?

I have often wondered how they manage to do it—both webs and leaves. I have even thought to lie in wait near some frequently-bridged foliage to catch them in the act. Still, on mature reflection, I have always opted for a warm bed over a cold, likely fruitless wait, then cheat shamelessly in the morning by resorting to YouTube clips on the Internet!

I had at first imagined this sequence: a dizzying abseil to the ground down a single hanging thread ... a laborious plod across the pavers ... and then a long and arduous climb up a bush on the other side. But no ... no such thing! It seems spiders have two preferred methods of stringing up their webs, depending on the species and the bridging span.

The more common method seems to be the 'throw a line and see where it lands' approach. The spider finds a spot upwind of the target leaf/bush on the far side of the gap ... faces into the breeze ... aims its ample bottom at the bush across the divide it seeks to bridge... then, whoosh! It squirts a fine silk thread out into the air. This single gossamer-thin thread then floats, waves and drifts in the air currents, with the spider adding to its length by squirting more and more, until the wind carries the thread to the opposite side. There, it finds a spot to stick and hold. Once a single link is established, the spider makes a second thread as it recrosses the bridge it has made. It then begins the laborious process of attaching other strands to enlarge and strengthen its developing web.

An alternative option is to 'base jump' into the void. After first anchoring a silk thread to a home-base structure ... a leaf, a rock, a twig ... the spider throws all caution to the wind and lets go. Hanging on by a thread [incidentally, the origin of the expression], it swings free in the air currents and allows the breeze to carry it wherever destiny might take it until ... phew! ... its toes touch some far-off 'terra firma' on the other side. There, it grabs hold, anchors its thread, takes a quick breather, and then begins its web-building process.

Once the gap has been bridged by either method, the spider creates its food-catching web by adding further strands ... often using its weight to draw down additional spokes to new anchor points. Finally, once enough anchor points have been created, it can start to spin the network of threads that form the final web, winding ever inwards to the centre of its spiral.

The design of the finished web will depend on the spider species. Some webs are geometric masterpieces—like the classic cartwheel-



shaped webs that glisten with dew or raindrops in the morning light. These are the webs that conjure scenes from the film version of E B White's novel, *Charlotte's Web*, a Harry Potter movie, or the stylised web design on Spiderman's costume.

Others appear less structured, with what appear to be only a few haphazard strands that radiate out from a suspended curled-leaf lair, the spider's black legs just visible inside its warm, dry tube. But, if you look more closely, you will see that there is a fine, neatly-organised web structure

hanging below. The seriously clever Australian leaf-curling spider is an excellent example of the leaf-curler—spiders that frequent our backyards and shrubbery.

Wikipedia describes our leaf-curling spiders as "... a common Australian spider, a member of the orb-weaver family, found in woodlands and urban areas in the eastern and southern states. It locates a curled leaf at the centre of its web as its' shelter. A male and female pair live together in the same leaf, though at opposite ends". A particularly active community of leaf-curling spiders that seem to live in my back garden draw mixed feelings of guilt and sorrow whenever I put out my compost. Two or three curled-leaf spider houses span the back path to the bin every morning, and I cannot get there without breaking them. As I swish my hand through their handiwork—and their homes—I can't help thinking of the hours of spider-toil that I am destroying in a single swipe. It also makes me wonder just how they select, curl, and then elevate their leaf high into the air and across the path. YouTube video ... www.youtube.com/watch?v=voTUVw_YDcU... is well worth watching, especially if you have young children or grandchildren.

Wikipedia continues: "... the leaf curling spider cleverly weaves a leaf or other object into the centre of its web as a hide-away from birds and other predators. Leaves are twisted along their length to form a funnel, sometimes with a silk wall on one side".

Spiders use 'spinnerets', a silk-producing organ at the end of its abdomen that produces a fine stream of liquid silk. When squirted from the spider's body, this liquid immediately solidifies into a filament on exposure to the air and is used to create a web—or in the case of a caterpillar- to weave the covering for a cocoon.

There is an excellent short video explanation that may interest your children/grandchildren - www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6Sq7-G-TA... while a classic three minutes can be spent with David Attenborough watching a spider spin a web ... www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSwvH6YhqIM

Indeed, a spider's web is a true piece of nature's magic.



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FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

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



At the April Council meeting two items were adopted for public exhibition. Firstly, the 2023 -24 budget and secondly the Creative Places Strategy 2023 – 2031.

I appreciate that there are several agencies requesting feedback and that the community can suffer overload. With the

budget it is important to express a view as clearly it is too late once the budget is adopted, the fireworks at New Year's Eve a case in point. The creative places strategy is to me important, as I think I may have explained below in perhaps a dramatic way.

Annual Budget 2023 - 24

The budget details the Shire's income from general rates (outlining the differential rating system), municipal charges, service rates and charges. It also describes our outlays on services and initiatives in line with our Council Plan and our ten year cash standing. It is available electronically (on the website) and in hard copy. I urge residents when reading the document, to remember several facts:

- Our general rate charged is capped by the State Government's "Fair Go Rates System" at a maximum of 3.5%, with inflation currently running at 7.8%.
- There are items of expenditure in the budget that are mandated by government.
- That the Council needs to juggle the often conflicting aspirations and needs of the community, and that
- We do achieve efficiencies under the three strands of our Business Reform Program.

The structural deficit is \$18.3 million dollars, which is largely due to the planned transition of Shire assets to the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority. For the financial year 2023 to 2023 we have a small unallocated cash surplus of 0.6 million dollars.

Despite the many challenges we face, including our growing population, the rapidly rising costs of construction and maintenance and the uncertainty of the supply chain our officers have provided us with a solid framework in which to maintain a sustainable financial position, and they must be congratulated.

Creative Places Strategy

The Council at the April meeting adopted the Creative Places Strategy 2023 – 2031 for public exhibition. The public display of sculpture in Lorne, stimulated by the Biennale is one example of the place, people and profile strategies mentioned in the document. In all forms of art there is a visual appeal that we appreciate to varying degrees. However, I believe the greatest value is in the way that we are all educated in artistic language which in my view leads to a greater acceptance of diversity and enhances our emotional intelligence and expression, which in turn improves our mental health. I see the stage as the last bastion of free speech, where prejudice can be challenged, including what we now refer to as political correctness. Humanity is slow to learn from history. Throughout history we continue to perpetrate atrocities, but it seems to me that although they continue in many forms we are now more aware than ever before – artistic expression and the creative form have been very important conduits in this progress.

The Nazis targeted intellectual and artistic pursuit, burning books, eliminating intellectuals and channeling hatred and fear towards minority groups. This demonstrates that they saw the importance of eliminating free artistic and creative expression in pursuit of their agenda.

I am very pleased that the Shire has updated the strategy and I encourage residents to provide us with their feedback.

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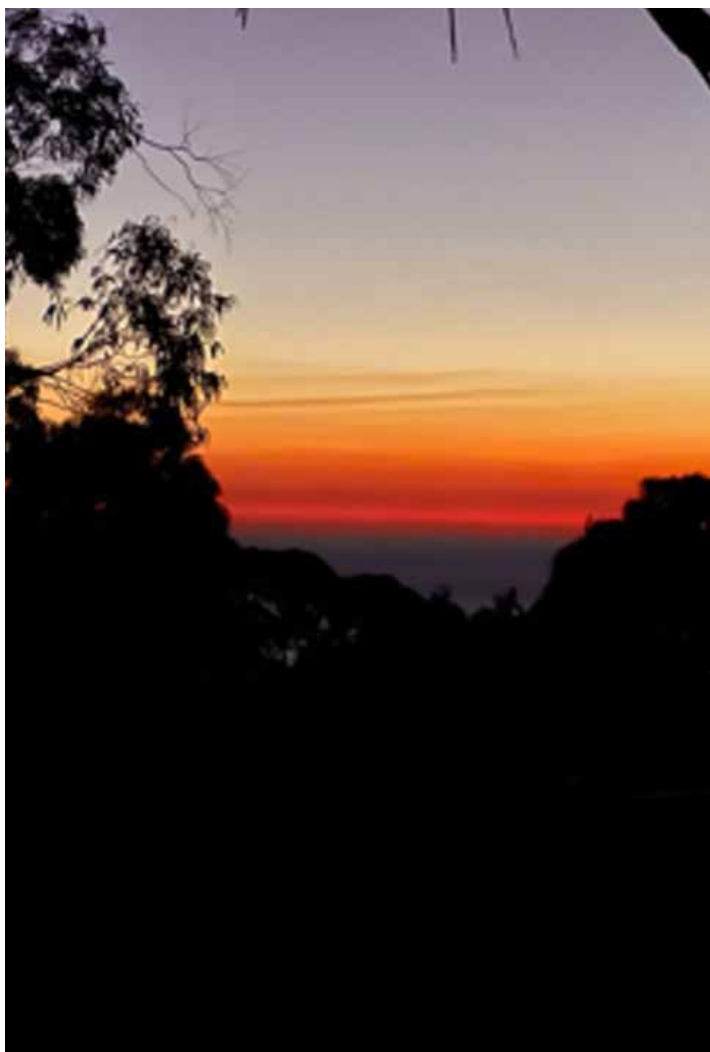
ANZAC DAY LORNE RSL

A big crowd attended all the events on April 25th beginning with the Dawn Service. After a stunning dawn, a service was held at 7.00am. Eddie Babington led the prayers. RSL President Neil Hillard gave the address.

Later near the Bowls Club a Gunfire breakfast was provided by the Men's Shedders.

At 11.00am the services (SES, CFA, Lorne Surf Club and Students from Lorne P-12 College) joined the Returned Service women and men gathered at the Information Centre to march to the ANZAC Memorial Park for the main service.

LEST WE FORGET.



SPORTS BRIEFS

By John Ford

Dolphins Football

Lorne's senior football team has made a good start to the season despite being beaten by Birregurra in the first round. This first match at Birregurra was a scrappy affair with Lorne unable to show any real system, eventually going down by 11 points.

However Lorne bounced back strongly at home to defeat South Colac 13.6:84 to 9.10:64. The match was played in light rain which made the surface very slippery. Lorne started well and led at every change, handling the conditions better than their opponents. The win was a great team effort set up by a hard-working midfield where there were many good players. A match highlight was Dolphin forward James Hughes kicking 6 goals. This was a very good day at the football with Lorne winning all four grades: Reserves by 46 points, Under 18's by 59 points and the Under 14.5's by 67 points.

Round 3 on 22nd April saw Lorne travel to Simpson. Both teams played quite good football but had difficulty setting up good goal-scoring opportunities. While Lorne maintained a small lead for most of the match they received a big scare in the dying stages. Lorne were defending a 12 point margin with minutes to play, but Simpson had two shots for goal - Lorne escaping narrowly to win 9.6:60 to 8.7:55. Lorne's best players were Fraser Balderas, Sam Torpy and Oscar Coutts.

Winning matches away from home can sometimes be a struggle for the Dolphins, and so this was an important win before meeting Apollo Bay at home on 29th April. Current ladder positions would suggest that Lorne should be set to win, but after only three rounds the ladder more reflects which teams have already met, rather than the respective abilities of all clubs.

Dolphins Netball

Lorne's A Grade Netball Team continued its good form with a clear win over Simpson on April 22nd. Lorne won the match 44 to 37 after setting up a lead that they were able to hold right throughout the match. Alice Vandeuren and Jessica Croker continued their good form and were major contributors in the win. Lorne's B Grade Team defeated Simpson 41 to 26 with evergreen Bianca Hollmer among the best players. Lorne's 15 and Under Team also had a win 27 to 15. There are many players in good form in all grades which is a healthy sign for the future of the club as it puts upward pressure on all positions.

Upcoming Dolphins Matches

Lorne meets Apollo Bay at home on 29th April to continue the annual coastal rivalry. Then Lorne travels to Colac's Western Oval to meet Colac Imperials, on 13th May the Dolphins are at home against Western Eagles, then away against Otway Districts and Irrewarra-Beeac. Lorne is then back at home on 10th and 17th June against Alvie and Birregurra respectively.

It is well worth coming down to Stribling Reserve on Thursday nights for a really good value delicious dinner. You can watch the teams train and meet many of the players. Saturday's teams are announced and you will be inspired by the coaches, committee and President Carly Enticott. It really is the hub of the town and home to OUR teams.

Women's Golf Club Golf

Tuesday Womens' comp is now well underway for this year, and we have 3 monthly medal winners to date. We have held 2 rounds of 3 for the Putting competition, and have both 9 and 18 hole games played each Tuesday, with great numbers competing. The course is playing well - lovely green fairways, dotted with wildlife, and Green's that are rolling well.

Our Pennant team have now played 3 rounds of competition, at Queens Park, Apollo Bay and Ocean Grove, and are at 1 win from the 3. We have a number of comps coming up at some more of the Bellarine courses, Clifton Springs, then Portarlington, followed by The Sands at Torquay, with the final round, (where we host and don't play!) at Lorne - so fingers crossed we can win a few more!

The Thursday morning coaching clinics with Vicki Umland (Pro from Angelsea) were very successful, with many new to golf learning some skills, and making some new Golf playing connections! They have finished for now, but individuals can still contact Vicki at the Angelsea course to arrange coaching.

The POSTCARDS crew came to Lorne and the LCC got a guernsey - the call was put out for some "Film Stars" to come up in the morning for the filming. Well - we weren't run down in the rush of volunteers!! But Sue Neill and Jenni Miller were filmed on the 9th green putting, and Chris Angus and Danni De Bon were asked to address and then drive the 9th! Let's just say we're hoping they spend most of the story on the interview with Club President Ian Stewart!! Its probably being screened on May 14.

SWGA Golf

April 3rd saw the annual competition held at Lara Golf Club of the Dorothy Smith Veterans and Senior Veteran Event - the 50th year this event has been held. In a field of 63 players from the SWGA district, with 15 clubs represented, our Women's Captain - Chris Angus, won the the Veteran's division with a score of 34 pts. Chris is a huge supporter of our club, and of us representing Lorne in the districts SWGA events, and she leads by example. I think Chris has now played in EVERY SWGA event, and at EVERY course in the district!

The Birregurra Rose Bowl was held on April 17th and Lorne had 2 teams of 3 entered. We did not have a team win, but Jan Young had a great day, having the best individual score on the day of 33 pts, coming runner up on a count back, and with Another Lorne player - Sue England coming in with 32 pts. Well done Jan and Sue - on a day when many found the putting a challenge!

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.

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

Men of the Men's Shed

KEVIN RILEY

By ?Garry Fenton



Kevin grew up in Glen Waverley and went to Mazenod Boys College in Mulgrave. He claims he wasn't a good student and had no idea of what he wanted to do. After leaving school his first work was an office job at the Stock Exchange as a trading floor 'chalky' writing up quotes on the board.

Kevin and his mate worked there for two and a half years. They were both keen surfers and decided to buy an old car and take off to Western Australia.

They picked up jobs hay carting and builders' labourers. They met a carpenter doing a similar trip getting building jobs here and there and felt that would suit them just fine. After getting back to Melbourne they both got a carpentry apprenticeship. Once Kevin started, he enjoyed school like never before. He soaked it all in when he had a purpose to learn and continually got marks in the 90's which was new to him!

Kevin became a fully-fledged carpenter, having completed his apprenticeship with a residential builder, Merchant Builders Pty Ltd from Melbourne. They did a wide range of building so the apprentices were very well skilled up.

Kevin knew what Men's Sheds were about but had never been involved. He spent quite a bit of time with family at Mount Beauty and walked past the Men's Shed on a few occasions but was reluctant to go in.

Kevin and Kath's daughter and family live in Lorne, and they started coming to Lorne to catch up with them. Kevin was keen to get involved with the community but wasn't sure where and how to start. He thought the Men's Shed might be a good place to start. "The very first day I was being introduced to some members when a lady walked in carrying a chair and asked if it could be fixed up. Bill Youl 'handballed' it to me and that's how I started".

Kevin felt there may be an opportunity for members to bring along anyone they know who are yet to join. "It can be a bit daunting to come for the first time not knowing anyone and walk into a shed full of strangers."

Kevin and Kath also thought another good way to become involved in the community was to join the Bowls Club and

they were introduced to bowls by Men's Shed members. They are enjoying learning a new sport.

They love the convenience of a small town, and the friendships which is much more difficult in the big city. "There is a sense of community which I don't think Melbourne offers".

They have recently purchased a camper van and intend seeing a lot more of Australia. They also are keen snow skiers and regularly spend time at Fall's Creek, and sometimes Hotham.

There had been talk in the Shed of offering classes to school children but possibly because of Covid, nothing eventuated. If this did happen in the future, Kevin would be very happy to be involved.

Kevin thinks the Shed is well set up except for the Drop Saw which needs to be back in its original position which will happen after the Coot Boat is completed. Kevin had not worked with some of the Shed equipment because as a construction carpenter he mainly used drop saws, electric planers and saws whereas the Shed is more like a joinery shop. "I'm aware of much of this machinery but never used it much so it is a great opportunity for me to use it and I have learnt a lot from Westy, who knows how to operate this gear from his years in joinery."

Because of Kevin's building background and knowledge, he has become the "go to man" for queries and help. Kevin may not be aware, but he in turn has taught other Sheddors, 'tricks of the trade', making them more accomplished within the projects they become involved in.



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As part of the 'Otway Ark' program, Parks Victoria will continue their fox baiting program laying buried fox baits containing Sodium Monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) and Para-aminopropiophenone (PAPP poison) at strategic sites in the **Great Otway National Park, Otway Forest Park Boonah, the Australian Automotive Research Centre Anglesea, Otway Forest Park Benwerrin/Wymbooliel, Otway Forest Park Olengolah, Aire Valley Plantation and Otway Forest Park SE of Lavers Hill.** Properties within 2km of a bait site will be notified by mail. Areas where poison baits are laid have been signed.

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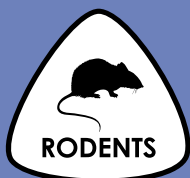
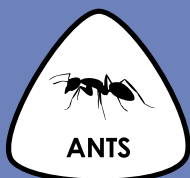
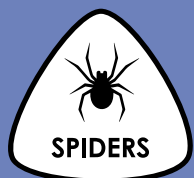
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HOW COULD YOU LEAVE ME ANSWERS

Sadly we had no one to claim the prize for this quiz. We decided, although the feed back was very positive, it was either too hard or readers were too lazy/ busy to send in answers. So here are the answers, and, instead of a competition, any future quizzes by Ray will be for your own self improvement and self correction.

Ray Sutton and Janet Goud.

How Could You Leave Me (Wuthering Heights, Kate Bush)

There are times when you're down and troubled and you need some loving care (You've got a Friend, Carole King 1971) and the weather's cold with brown leaves falling all around. (Diamonds and Rust, Joan Baez 1975) I tell myself, girl you had better try to have fun no matter what you do. (Nothing Compares 2U, Sinéad O'Connor, 1990) However, it feels like nothing can stop these lonely tears from falling. (Nothing Compares 2U, Sinéad O'Connor, 1990) I'm so lonesome all the time. (Blue Bayou, Linda Ronstadt, 1977)

Then I see that familiar sunrise through sleepy eyes (Blue Bayou, Linda Ronstadt, 1977) and as I get ready for the day I think to myself if you care don't let them know, don't give

yourself away. But now old friends they're acting strange, and they shake their heads, and they tell me that I've changed. (Both Sides Now, Joni Mitchell 1966) I tell them I hope you understand there's a reason why. (Little Lies, Stevie Nicks, 1987) They told me I was going to lose the fight, but I said I'm coming back to his side to put it right. (Wuthering Heights, Kate Bush, 1978.)

Everybody told me I was crazy (Barefoot and Pregnant, Joan Armatrading, 1978) but I have to see him and with the summer days drifting away (Summer Nights, Olivia Newton John, 1978) I invited him to have a picnic on Labour Day. (Nuthush City Limits, Tina Turner, 1973) It was a sunny day, and we went strolling, drank lemonade, then we made out under the deck. (Summer Nights, Olivia Newton John, 1978)

There was something going on and I told him you do something to me I cannot explain, (Islands in the Stream, Dolly Parton, 1983) and he said no more will you cry, baby I will hurt you never. Sail away with me. (Islands in the Stream, Dolly Parton, 1983) Then we made our true love vow. (Summer Nights, Olivia Newton John, 1978)

That day I learned how to laugh (You Don't Bring Me Flowers, Barbara Streisand, 1978) again.

LORNE GARDENERS

The Lorne Gardeners had an April trip to two "young" gardens in St Leonards:

The first garden was designed by Christian Jenkins who is a well respected landscape designer. This was called a wellness garden, developed for an extremely ill man by his loving wife. Her brief to the designer was that they should feel embraced in warmth by the garden, in colours predominantly green and white. It was a clever transformation from rows of roses, fruit trees and lots of vegetables to hard stone surfaces, Asian influences, sculptural features, water features and very little on going gardening

work except pruning. We were welcomed by owner Lesley who explained the sad circumstances of the move from Moonee Ponds and the development of the Wellness Garden.

After a light lunch at the Salty Cow Café in St. Leonards we went to the second garden. This was a very well organised garden. It was a sustainable garden belonging to retirees Jenny and Malcolm featuring natives, native edibles and, fruit trees. All agreed it was a good day in the sun.

The bus went home by a more direct route.



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Easter has come and gone with the worst weather I can remember. Our weather scientists had recently predicted a hot dry autumn. They got it wrong again.

I stopped believing in long term weather forecasts many years ago. They have an uncanny ability of getting them completely wrong more often than not then come up with excuses that El Niño and La Niña are nearly impossible to predict. They got that bit right. The club is still open 7 days a week until May when we will start closing on Tuesdays until later in the year. This forces Hutch to actually have a day off each week.

Lorne SES

We started raising funds for the Lorne SES over February and March and we finished up with the SES volunteers running our Friday Night BBQ in late March. We donated \$7,500 to them which is going towards the purchase of a new vehicle and miscellaneous safety equipment.

Stribling Reserve

We had a huge month with donations. The Stribling Reserve need money for the installation of seating out the front of the Pavilion. We donated \$2,000. That's a total of \$11,700 of donations for the month.

Clean Up Australia At The Aquatic Club

On Sunday 5th March, 44 volunteers collected rubbish along the Great Ocean Road from Big Hill to Cumberland River and around town....a new personal best turnout for the A Team. The crew included the loyal locals and lots of new faces. Four young Argentinians helped bring the average age down to 61... without them it would have been back to 68.

A special mention to Ceci and her enthusiastic Argentinian friends who came along and worked a messy section of the GOR. Ceci collected rubbish for a few hours then headed off to work at LIVE WIRE PARK, great effort! Their enthusiasm went up a notch when I mentioned that I was related to Lionel Messi! These backpackers from Rosario, 300km north-west of Buenos Aires add so much to the Lorne community.

Thank you to the Lorne Care volunteers for coming along and adding to the volunteer numbers. Lorne needs more amalgamation of the volunteer groups to add to our clout to improve the environment.

The brekky provided by Lisa at Great Ocean Road Bakery and Kelly at the Community Bank Surfcoast and a coffee from Jason was a generous contribution from three great businesses in Lorne.

Only a few unusual finds this year - a badge for a Mazda which was quickly claimed by Rod, he has been waiting months for a replacement. A weather beaten \$20 note and an "ample" bikini top.

While the GOR and beach appeared to be reasonably litter free, the volunteers did collect at least 30 large bags of rubbish. It's great to see more locals on their daily walks with a plastic bag collecting litter. Thanks to all our business supporters and volunteers and for Keith's continued support from the Aquatic Club putting back into the Lorne Community. Written by David McCormack

Coming Events

Saturday the 6th May, 4pm to 7pm.

Featuring the famous Bill Barber.

Check out our Facebook page later this month for more.

Winter Cup Fishing Competition Number One

Sponsored By Jason's Coffee @ The Club

Sunday 21st May 2023.

The comp runs from 6am until the deadline of 12.30pm. Weigh in starts at midday. It's free to enter for members and all competitors get a free mixed grill lunch. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 a environmentally friendly. Come and have a crack. It's great fun.

World Sausage Roll Championship

It's on again, Sunday the 11th of June. Which just happens to be on the first in our lifetime "Kings Birthday Long Weekend". We will have a panel of three local legend judges, huge prizes for first, second and third. This is the real deal. It's actually the official world championships, we own the name so no one else can use it. So if you want to be a World Champion this is your chance.

Fishing Report

The fishing this Autumn has been pretty good but unfortunately the weather hasn't been the best. The next couple of months are usually calm so fingers crossed.

Boat Fishing

There's plenty of small just legal size pinky snapper about but not a lot of big ones. The King George Whiting are plentiful with some big ones nudging the 50cm mark are being caught. Lots of nice size Flathead being landed with the odd Yank and Tiger amongst them. Gummy Sharks are still coming in consistently. There's been sightings of Kingfish but no reports of any being caught. Andrew Grange was out Whiting fishing in only a couple of metres of water the other day and had a huge school of good sized Kingies circle him for a while. I don't think he was hallucinating. It was too early in the day for a drink.

Pier Fishing

The Pier is continuing its great run of fishing with reports of good catches of; King George Whiting, Salmon, Snapper, Trevally, Mullet and Calamari.

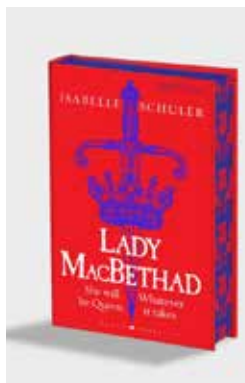


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Picks of the Month



FICTION: Lady MacBethad By Isabelle Schuler



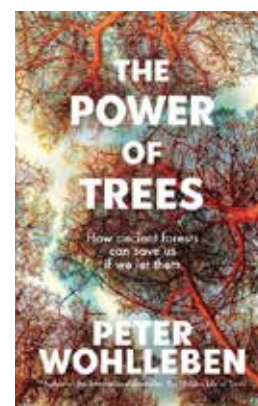
A suspenseful, sweeping historical epic, Lady MacBethad is the origin story of the woman who inspired one of Shakespeare's most iconic characters. Daughter of an ousted king, descendant of ancient druids, as a child it is prophesied that one day Gruoch will be queen of Alba.

There's sisterhood, betrayal, ambition, loss, marriage and – of course – murder, but Gruoch isn't the Machiavellian wife we see in Shakespeare's tale, nor is Macbethad the Macbeth you might expect. Here she is a strongwilled and determined woman carving out a life for herself in a man's world, and doing her best for herself and those she loves.

NON-FICTION: The Power of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

The Power of Trees is forester Peter Wohlleben's follow-up to his internationally bestselling The Hidden Life of Trees.

It is as fascinating and eye-opening as it is trenchant in its critique: on the one hand, Wohlleben shares astonishing discoveries about how trees pass knowledge down to succeeding generations that helps them survive climate change; on the other, he is unsparing in his criticism of those who wield economic and political power and ruthlessly exploit nature. The Power of Trees is a love letter to the forest and a passionate argument for protecting nature's boundless diversity.



CHILDREN'S FICTION: Freckles by Catherine Jinks



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