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HANGING UP HIS HAT!

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A tribute:

THANK YOU EDITOR JO!

Susan Sutton

Our visionary, founding Editor has needed to call it a day. Health issues have finally caught up enough to force him to declare 'I am OUT'!

From day one Josef [Jo] Vondra has been the engine of the Lorne Independent. Apart from the very occasional support from stand-in editors he has worked steadily every month over twenty one years, through 251 issues, since December 2001.

'Every journalist,' he says 'dreams of being involved in a meaningful and ultimately successful publication, credible and informative with a professional approach,'

Jo Vondra was in the right place at the right time with the right team of people to assist taking his dream to reality.

'Suddenly there was a chance to personally direct an independent publication knowing it could have a pro-active, powerful community voice'. He went on to say 'It was similar to a game of football, I'd marked the ball and had a chance to kick a goal, but I relied on the team effort'.

Enthusiastic local people put up their hands to help and after only a couple of meetings the Lorne Independent was up and running. Prominent support came from Juliet English [Beatty] as Business Manager and retired teacher Harri Muller as Sub-Editor and Distribution Manager. Advertising led by Lorne Real Estate was forthcoming. Within the first year, on a low budget, Jo had motivated his production team and dozens of worthy voluntary contributors, too numerous to mention here, to high endeavours.

He remained true to his original vision throughout and by the sixth year of publication joined the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria [CNAV] which had firmly established itself in the State as a recognised and powerful communicative tool.

Jo was elected to the CNAV Committee and often presented workshop papers at their annual conferences.

As time progressed the Lorne Independent was recognised through a number of CNAV Awards.

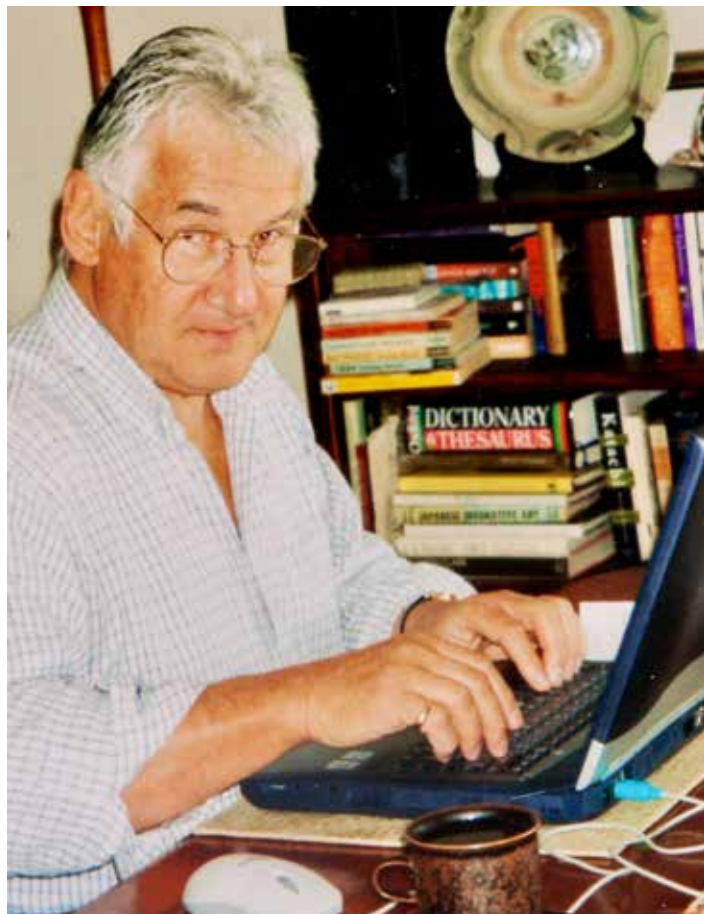
Some months were extremely intense, always striving for accuracy, working through sensitive small town matters, privacy and legalities, plus dealing with significant Local and State Government issues.

These all required fortitude and mental stamina. Jo held it all together.

His integrity and his professionalism working through to deadlines every month have been unquestionable.

Like Winston Churchill, his office the notable 'War Room' became the directional working hub of the Lorne Independent.

However, on a lighter note in good weather Jo could often be seen with pen and notebook under an umbrella at the Lorne Pier Restaurant with wineglass at hand. Such were the good days.



Building a beach house in 1973, Jo Vondra kept a low profile in town until he decided to set up the Lorne Independent.

'Producing and editing the Lorne Independent brought me a sense of belonging and connection to the life-blood of the community. There was always so much to report .. history in the making!'

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THE MAN BEHIND THE PAGES

Jo was born in Vienna in 1941 in the middle of World War II. He suffered severe childhood disruptions and a lack of regular primary schooling. As war-torn Europe started to settle down Jo, his mother and new step-father were classified by the Old League of Nations as 'Displaced Persons' and migrated to Australia in 1950. Eighteen months were spent at the Parkes migrant camp before the family moved permanently to Melbourne.

At De La Salle College in Malvern, Jo rapidly developed into an enquiring student who excelled in all things literary, even though he was still mastering the English language.

In winning prizes and awards for his writing he was soon accepted for his talents, his wit and his sporting prowess, particularly in breast stroke swimming where he was three times Victorian All-Schools champion and a Junior State Champion.

In Melbourne in his early twenties he graduated as a cadet journalist at the Sun News Pictorial [now the Herald Sun]. He returned to Vienna for a year to spend time with his father and worked as a multi-lingual public relations officer for Austrian Airlines.

Once again back in Australia, Jo spent two and a half years as a sub-editor with Radio Australia until 1968 when he decided to become a freelance journalist. His articles were widely distributed.

With the expansion of technology Jo set out to become one of Australia's first journalists to specialise in small publications, staff magazines and periodicals for many large organisations, for example he became the long-time editor of quarterly magazines such as the 'Australian Forest Grower' and 'Impressions' for dental technicians.

For four years from 1981 Jo became Proprietor-Editor of the Melbourne based bi-lingual German Times newspaper, one of the leading German newspapers in Australia.

Throughout his career writing and research have worked hand in hand – his enquiring mind combined with creativity ensured there was usually a manuscript on the go. He published thirteen books.

Two fiction books won awards. 'Paul Zwilling' was awarded an Australia Council Senior Writers Fellowship in 1974 and was subsequently used in universities examining the duality of first-generation migrant experiences.

Then 'No name bird' was shortlisted for the 2001 NSW Premiers' Prize for Young Adult Literature.

The other eleven books, published under his imprint, Cavalier Press, have mainly covered the fields of travel and migrant studies of Greek and German settlers in Australia, but the runaway best seller in 1971 was 'A Guide to Cheese in Australia'.



It was the very first book of its type to hit the bookshops, and through the 70s three subsequent updates followed. These helped establish his reputation as a food and wine columnist during his freelance journalist years notably for publications including The Age.

Jo has been married and has a daughter Ally Heine. Ally and husband Matthew are the parents of the three grandchildren who provide much joy.

Why did Jo choose to live in Lorne ?

'I came to this town on New Year's Eve in 1969 for a brief stint with a radio station doing a summer series of coast broadcasts. I woke up on New Year's Day 1970 and looked around this beautiful place thinking this is where I'll build a house. Within two years I had bought land in Waverley Avenue, commenced building and became a permanent resident'.

Jo once said with pride 'The Lorne Independent is one of the most satisfying and rewarding things I have been involved in.'

So, a heartfelt, appreciative THANK YOU from all of us ... the community of Lorne !

ASHER BILU'S COSMIC CREATIVITY COMES TO QDOS

Ernest Raetz

In a cultural coup for Lorne, Qdos Fine Art Gallery has held an exhibition and hosted a visit last month by celebrated abstract artist, Asher Bilu.

Bilu is one of few remaining Australian artists whose roots stretch back to John and Sunday Reed's celebrated 1950s Bohemian art circle at 'Heide' in Bulleen. This included such greats as Sidney Nolan, Joy Hester, Arthur Boyd, and Mirka Mora.

He has also been fascinated by Aboriginal art since his very early days — rock and x-ray paintings of animals, and human and supernatural beings with their visible internal structures. Long before totem pole art became ubiquitous in galleries around the world, he was intrigued by these structures, which then mainly existed outdoors in weathered form.

With a photographic memory and unquenchable curiosity about the world and the universe, he has been a key figure in the art world ever since.

In the confrontationist 1970s, Bilu opened a public art space in St Kilda with long-time friend and enfant terrible of Melbourne art, Ivan Durant. Durant, who was also at the opening at Qdos, famously 'delivered' a freshly slaughtered cow to the front door of the National Gallery of Victoria as a comment on the Vietnam war.

A self-taught artist and immigrant from Israel in the 1950s, Bilu's highly eclectic work is distinguished by his innovative techniques and enthusiastic use of new materials and technology, often blurring the line between painting and sculpture.

He is widely recognised for creating Australia's first sound and light sculpture, titled 'Sculptron 1', in 1967 at St Kilda's Tolarno Galleries.

With a long list of exhibitions, from London, Rotterdam to San Francisco, and awards that include two Blake Prizes, Bilu is also recognised for his contribution to Melbourne's arthouse Cinema. He was art director to the late Paul Cox on some of Cox's Best known films, including 'My First Wife', 'Man of Flowers' and 'Human Touch'.

Intellectual inspirations for his works are as wide-ranging as his techniques and the art materials he uses — from Aboriginal art already mentioned and the ancient esoterica of the Kabbalah, to the very latest in cosmology and space science.

Four of the Kabbalah paintings, produced in 1982, are in the Concert Hall of the Victorian Arts Centre. His series of 'Circles' at Qdos can be seen as reflecting his interest in space science, a subject he enthusiastically discusses in the context of recent photos from NASA's Webb space telescope.



Above: Exoplanet or neural multiverse? Qdos' Graeme Wilkie, right, with Asher Bilu at the opening of 'Circles'

Welcoming Bilu, Qdos' Graeme Wilkie quoted from Nick Cave's *The Ship Song*: 'you make a little history baby when you come around'. 'And that's true of you. When you move around you make a little bit of history and I thank you for providing Qdos with this bit of history.'

Artist Jon Cattapan, an emeritus professor at the University of Melbourne, wrote the foreword to Bilu's Qdos exhibition. He says he initially viewed 'Circles' as planets in eclipse.

But they could also be portals to look inside a planet, he adds, 'with surreal interconnected nerve-like forms, maybe otherworldly neurotransmitters, representing the brain as metaverse'. Other viewers at Qdos variously saw in these meticulously created works echoes of Aboriginal art or Buddhist mandalas.

No matter how you view these impressive pieces, Cattapan concludes, for an artist aged 85, Bilu's 'energy, and ceaseless curiosity is both inspiring and unnerving'.

'In this consummate cycle of works, he shares with us again his passion for making, for searching, for learning, for starting conversations.'

* The exhibition runs until 5 November. If you were unable to get there, and maybe want to start your own conversation (or collection of his paintings), you can see some of the works here: <https://qdosarts.com/project/asher-bilu-circles/>

Or learn more about him and his other works: <http://asherbilu.com/>



LORNE-12 COLLEGE

Hi Everyone

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

Tennis anyone?

In term three, week 5 and 6, the year 10 students from Lorne P-12 College were fortunate enough to go to the Lorne Country Club to complete a unit on Tennis, for our Physical Education class. We were privileged enough to have Marvin, Elvis, and Kevin come up and teach us about the sport. We would like to thank them for their time.

We had a range of students from those who have never held a tennis racket before, to students who play competitively. Safe to say, no matter what level we started on, everyone came out with new skills and more knowledge about the game and this sport that many people across the world love. We appreciate this opportunity and are so grateful for our local community, allowing us to utilise the amazing new courts at the Country Club. We are very lucky to have so many great opportunities, right on our doorstep. Thank you to Vanessa Rogasch the Lorne P.E. teacher for the time and effort that was put into organizing this for us. Whether we gave some students a dream of becoming a future tennis star or just a great experience, we look forward to strengthening this partnership into the future, and hope that many other students get the chance to have as much fun as we did!

Band on the Run!

Over the last few weeks, our school bands have been performing at different locations around the area. Our 7-10 bands travelled to Birregurra Primary and Aireys Inlet Primary to perform during lunchtime. Our VCE-VET band performed at the Barwon Club in Geelong and members of this group will also feature in the upcoming Aireys Inlet and Lorne Markets on the Saturday of Cup Weekend. These students also recently participated in a songwriting workshop with the amazing Liz Stringer, fresh off her tour with Midnight Oil.



School Production **PANDEMIA**

We are excited to announce our school production is coming to **Mantra on Tuesday 8th November at 6pm**. It has been nearly three years since the school has had a production and we decided that we would dust off the stage curtains and tone up our singing voices! The students have written a play that is reflective of their past couple of years! That should give you a hint as to its theme! Students have been able to look back and reflect on the ups and downs of a pandemic and share what we have learned.

WILD LIFE CORRIDORS

Douglas Williams

With the sound system playing a truckin' song good and loud and a feeling of four wheeled freedom you are heading down a country road and look out at farmland through a straggle of remnant bushland that lines the route – some trees, some shrubs, a tangle of native grasses and weeds along the verges – and you know full well that this is much more than that; it is a wildlife corridor.

Often created by accident on the strip of crown land between highway and the fence line in earlier times but nowadays deliberately created as a recognisably important part of the natural world, this is the birds' flight artery, their way of moving through the landscape reasonably free from predators such as hawks and kites, falcons, goshawks and kookaburras; and as well as offering nesting opportunities these strips provide a food source. Insects and pollen for honeyeaters and tree creepers and spinebills as well as for emu wrens and other foragers down on the floor. Since small birds do not like flying across open paddocks where they are susceptible to attack from raptors who might take them on the wing, wildlife corridors provide a link between places of fragmented bushland. Even a single tree in cropland can provide an island of safety as small birds cross from one territory to another.



There are numerous community groups that do a lot of good work in ensuring the maintenance and re-establishment of these corridors and many towns have such volunteers but there is also active and practical work being done at the bureaucratic level both local and domestic. The Bush Bank project is intended to engage with local communities on planting projects for carbon capture. Landcare is another community volunteer group that receives government support.

I use avifauna as examples of wild life corridors because I'm a bit of a bird watcher but of course it is not just birds that benefit from them. VicRoads do some fantastic work along road projects incorporating wild life underpasses and even overpasses so that skinks and other reptiles and small mammals like bandicoots and quolls can go from one side of the road to the other without being ironed onto the blacktop. The rail overpass at Warncoort outside Birregurra has a small wetland to replicate the habitat of a local frog species. It attracts birdlife as well. The importance of wetland protection has been recognised on a global scale to ensure staging posts for migratory birds and protection of breeding colonies.

In Oslo since 2016 bee highways have been built by encouraging people to plant suitable flowering plants and beehives have appeared on top of buildings in the CBD. This is to protect Finland's many bee species. There is the Green Belt - a strip of untended land which stretches more than twelve thousand kilometres along what used to be the no-man's land of the Iron Curtain. After sixty years some animals and birds still live in a relatively undisturbed state because of it, not as an imperative of government policy but as an indirect consequence of it.

On Christmas Island the big tourist attraction is the estimated forty five million red land crabs which migrate across the island to breed and spawn each year. Their movements are adapted to phases of the moon and to tides. During the migration period roads are closed and traffic detours put in place for their protection, while here at home where the wisteria froths over, bluebells stand up like little pagodas and seedlings go into the ground for salads, this is where we can help preserve local fauna and flora in our own back yards by planting nectar-producing plants and removing invasive ones.

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After the United Kingdom and Switzerland, Australia is the third country to approve the Moderna's bivalent vaccine.

The Federal Government has already ordered doses of the vaccine, expected to arrive in Australia soon.

– Fed. Gov. media release



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A TALE OF TWO GARDENERS

Sandra McComb

Casting a historical look at the development of Australian gardens revives thoughts about how we might manage our own small gardening projects.

Many members of the Lorne Gardeners Club are keen observers of the beauty on offer in both private and public gardens throughout the Western District; and they are often knowledgeable about what they plant and tend in their homes. So how did such Australian botanical adventures begin?

Usually intrepid wanderers in mid-winter, Lorne Garden Club members took shelter one cold day to hear my views about this topic. In the comfort of secretary Beverley and John Allen's home, I talked about one of my favourite places, the Melbourne Botanic Gardens,

Scones and soup downed, no doubt the main attraction, I suggested our minds turn back to latter 19th century Melbourne when emigration was in full flow from parts of Europe – individuals braving the seas, fleeing from poverty or war, or simply seeking adventure.

Ferdinand von Mueller sailed into South Australia – a pharmacist from war-torn Rostock in Germany with two sisters to support. Settling there for a moment or two, he soon ventured forth on government-funded expeditions collecting botanical samples. With undoubtedly a twist of the truth, von Mueller convinced Charles La Trobe, soon to be Governor of Victoria, that he knew all about botany. Thus in 1852 he became Government Botanist and was by 1857 appointed Director of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens. It was then that the collecting and naming of plants began in earnest.

A botanic garden was to von Mueller part of God's creation, a scientific array of permanent plants. No evolution for him, despite those around him alive to Darwin's new theories. We now know that plants do evolve and can be modified. Some of us make a habit of cutting and altering specimens. But von Mueller believed he was put on this earth to manage existing plants on God's behalf. His garden was an experiment – testing thousands of plants for their suitability in various locations, a learning and teaching project. Directing water uphill from the Yarra was a challenge.

Nevertheless thanks to him the Gardens took shape in a scientific and structured fashion. The Herbarium at the edge of the Gardens was built to house specimens – thousands of eucalypt varieties being securely collected and named by von Mueller – all part of a knowledge base aimed at educating the population.

But this was not quite enough for the citizens of Melbourne, newly arrived from Europe with expectations of beauty and pageantry. They wished to walk in their crinolines and dress suits through well-paved grassy, and flowery surroundings, just like 'at home'. In 1875 the Gardens Board of the time, mainly dress-suits, appointed William Guilfoyle, newcomer from Sydney, and just a nurseryman according to von Mueller, to the position of Director. Guilfoyle was a travelled artist,



A typical lady in the Gardens

son of an established Sydney nurseryman. He appealed to the predominantly British settlers as a sociable being. He was politically astute. A landscape artist he painted scenes for his gardeners to follow in their plantings. Guilfoyle created swathes of beautiful colour and open green spaces that most would say allow us now to enjoy the Melbourne Botanic Gardens, one of the finest in the world. Guilfoyle went some way towards solving the water problem, collecting water in what is known as his Volcano at the top of the Gardens. Nowadays water is pumped from the local government supplier to Guilfoyle's upgraded Volcano, flowing downhill to water plants and filling the lake. It began as a folly but became useful.

Von Mueller was relegated to the Herbarium and it is said never set foot in the Gardens again. In private he noted that his Germanic heritage counted against him. Undeterred, if lonely, he wrote thousands of letters and published massive reference volumes still referred to today. He advertised for wives of settlers in far locations to gather or illustrate specimens and send them to him for naming. He almost married several of the ladies that he collected, but instead named plants after them. Von Mueller was quirky, obsessive, socially inept but dignified and became recognised as the greatest Australian scientist of the 19th century, his legacy formidable.

With climate change concerns now on the horizon the same sort of trialling that von Mueller applied in positioning plants is essential. We have been the recipients of his approach to botanic gardens for use in our own backyards. Fortunately, current Director Tim Entwistle says we can assume that both scientific research and beautiful gardens will endure. Let us all continue to learn and enjoy.

OP SHOP BUZZ

President's Report

51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 27th, 2022

Lorne Community Opportunity Shop Incorporated

ABN 14 197 767 620

This being my first year as President of the Lorne Community Opportunity Shop I would firstly like to acknowledge all the members, donors and customers.

Thanks to them it has been a successful, productive but slightly unsettled year for our shop. Covid continued to disrupt normal running of the shop, with lockdowns, and mask and vaccination mandates. We couldn't hold a full members' meeting until November. Even so volunteers went above and beyond, doing their regular shifts, filling in for others, and happily taking on whatever jobs needed to be done.

I would also like to extend my thoughts to those volunteers who have lost loved ones and faced hardships over the past year.

This year, once again, our "little shop" has implemented its purpose being to support health and welfare services in Lorne and its wider community. We are pleased to note that we are back to pre-covid shop takings, with some outstanding months. The Op Shop is always open to any requests for funding which fit our brief. I ask Lorne, and wider community groups, to contact us about projects that we could encourage through funding.

Early in the year the committee had to respond to a development application of the shop next door, and its possible impacts on our premises. This development has not taken place yet but has caused us to consider the best use of our premises. At present we are looking at doing renovations to the back area of the shop. Improvements would make processing and storing our donations easier, safer and more efficient, and better use of the outside area could be made.

In July we held a Special General Meeting to ratify our name change, move the date of our financial year to June – July, and adopt rules for the Association which are more in line with the Consumer Affairs Victoria model rules for incorporations.

During this financial year the Op Shop has financed projects totalling over \$200K. Most of this went to the Lorne Hospital, with a substantial amount going to the new Stribbling Reserve Pavilion. This would not be possible without the support of our donors and customers. This year we received two large and most welcome donations. Thanks to the volunteers who processed these.

New volunteers are always welcome, and we do have a few shifts needing filling. We are a very inclusive group, and everyone's individual talents are greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to thank the retiring members of the Committee. I have enjoyed working with you all and appreciated your individual skills which will be missed.

Wendy Jarratt.



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VALE ULRIC ORR

Jane Orr

The Louttit Loop noted a recent gathering to celebrate the life of my uncle, Ulric Graeme Orr. While an outdoor gathering at his Erskine River Estuary Watch location by the swingbridge would have been appropriate, the Mantra was chosen as Ulric's Grandmother attended the New Year celebrations in January 1907 at Erskine House.

After marrying, Geraldine and Leonard Lansell returned to Lorne often, regularly hosting their two grandsons, Ulric and Andrew, in homes such as Miss Bell's Leighwood opposite the Lorne Community Hospital Aged Care where Ulric spent the last six years of his life.

Born in Melbourne in 1940, Ulric, the eldest of two sons of Beverley and Dr Robin Graeme Orr was raised mostly in town, in between visits to family properties in Bendigo and Moulemein, while his father was a prisoner of war in Changi. Summers in Lorne date back to 1945.

His grandparents purchased Llandoo in 1950, extending and renaming it Fortuna Lodge. Having worked in Sydney as a young man, Ulric joined his mother in 1973 shortly after Beverley relocated to Lorne. Ulric went on to spend almost 50 years happily by the sea, passing peacefully in his sleep on Sunday 28th August.

Alain Purnell paid tribute at the gathering with LorneCare, Estuary Watch and Water Watch stories, many involving Michael 'Camel' Callanan, at whose feet Ulric has now been laid to rest. These two mates, who enjoyed nature and spent countless hours clearing pesky weeds, now have one of the best ocean views in a unique cemetery.

Befitting his interest in books, Colac bus trips became a highlight for Ulric with Blanes Newsagent and its huge



selection of magazines. There were planes, trains, and ships, as well as shipwrecks, local history, photography and technology. He was a collector of many things. Who doesn't have 10 spare brand new potato peelers tucked in their kitchen drawer because they live in a 'remote' coastal town?

A source of wide knowledge, Ulric was known for deep philosophical discussions with neighbours. Staff at Lorne Community Hospital appreciated his conversations, being one of the residents without dementia, and locals valued his weather observations, even occasional disputes over rainfall totals.

There was a professional quality rain gauge in the hospital courtyard garden, which he often lamented was poorly placed, making daily readings less accurate, but his notepads reflected

great diligence.

Over the years Ulric was a familiar sight downtown with his Cairn Terriers. As a conversationalist, Ulric often visited the Op Shop, and every year at Christmas he distributed holly, hand painting the berries red, using his model boat and aeroplane building skills.

In recent years everyone grew familiar with the sight of Ulric out on his motorised scooter. During Covid lockdown he wanted to test out the scooter to the amusement of hospital staff who labelled it 'Ulric doing wheelies in the car park'.

We're thankful for all the people who knew how to tickle Ulric's sense of humour with witty repartee. Special thanks to those who often sent cards, or arrived to visit him with flowers, cakes, and chocolate. Ulric is dearly missed by people from all walks of life in Lorne, and it's odd no longer being able to visit Uncle and his Lorne Community Hospital family.



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Keith Miller
Commodore



We are now well into spring with the days getting noticeably longer and now that daylight savings is back, it's reminding us that the silly season isn't that far away.

Our new Marquee is back up after our small mishap so it doesn't matter what the weather is doing, it's always warm and dry.

We've had another great whale season with lots of sightings just out in front of the club. We are now seeing as many Humpbacks as Southern Right Whales which is great. The Humpbacks tend to put on a show and breach more.

Most of them are now well on their way to Antarctica now, but we've just had a pod of Killer Whales appear fairly close to shore which was exciting.

There's also heaps of dolphins about. When they see or hear the boat they chase us and then play in the wake just next to the bow. They get close enough to touch.

A couple of days ago we were fishing over near the lighthouse and we witnessed a Killer Whale killing then eating a seal not far from us.

We are still running our happy hours on Wednesday and Friday evenings and our seafood raffle every Friday.

Drop in and sample the world's coldest, tastiest and cheapest beer in the friendliest club, in the best location anywhere on the planet.

Remember our facilities are available to members for weddings, parties or anything.

RENOVATE/REFURBISH VS DEMOLISH & REBUILD

The following is my personal opinion and not necessarily the opinion of our committee.

As I have mentioned in these notes several times previously. Over the last 6 years I have asked GORCC and GORCAPA if there was any possibility of us refurbishing the clubhouse instead of demolishing and rebuilding it.

I have always been told that this is not an option but I still live in hope that they might change their minds. I'm very concerned that if or when the redevelopment goes ahead and our clubhouse is knocked down there is a real danger it will stay that way.

I'm of the opinion that GORCAPA doesn't want us there and will try and find a reason to move us elsewhere.

Each year I talk to hundreds of club members, Lorne residents and visitors about the redevelopment and the future of our club. Practically unanimously they don't want a nice big new flash building, they love our old trusty clubhouse.

It has heaps of character and old weatherboard buildings like it are now nearly all gone along the Victorian coastline.

We would need to spend roughly \$200k on the refurbishment to ensure it would remain viable for the next 20 or so years.

We would need the standard 21-year lease approved before we committed to spend the money but if this were to happen we wouldn't require the \$900k grant we were awarded by the government.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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As usual, the comp starts at 6am with the weigh-in starting at midday and the cut-off at 12.30pm.

We will be serving up our famous roast lunch which is free to all competitors and only \$10 for members.

We will be awarding huge prizes to the top 3 anglers in the junior and senior categories.

Each angler can only weigh in one fish so anyone can win on the day.

MELBOURNE CUP EXTRAVAGANZA

It's on again, it's one of my favourite events at the club. I'm not a horse racing fan but this is a ripper of a day. It's free entry with a free champagne on arrival, free chicken and salad lunch, sweeps on every race, Fashions on the Field for the Ladies and the Blokes with generous prizes for several different categories. BYO Nibbles.

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Local identity Ken Hoskin with his huge 20kg School Shark.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD GARLIC CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY LORNE PHARMACY

Friday the 9th of December, don't forget to start nurturing your garlic now.

All you need to do to enter is firstly be a member and just turn up before 5pm with your garlic.

We will be awarding prizes for several different categories: biggest, smallest, funniest shape, overall champion etc. There will also be a junior section so encourage the kids to get involved.

MAJOR FISHING COMPETITION NUMBER 5 SPONSORED BY GREAT OTWAY CONSTRUCTIONS

Once again we got lucky with the weather which was perfect, especially for this time of the year. We had over 20 anglers competing with some great fish caught.

For the third comp in a row, the Pier Anglers dominated, giving us boat fishermen a hiding.

The Pier has been producing some great fish for quite a while now and at the moment there are heaps of huge Silver Trevally being caught by the bucket load. As you can see below, the Trevally cleaned up in the comp big time.

Senior Winner David Manfreda. This was David's second win in a row and this time he smashed a long-standing club record with a

huge Trevally earning him 3449 points.

Runner Up Mal Hunter the Pier King George Whiting King with an impressive Trevally 3270 points which was a new club record for half an hour until David arrived with his.

Third was Steve Arundell also with a Trevally 2647 points.

Junior Winner Charlie Hunter with guess what, a Trevally 2036 points.

Junior Runner Up Jack Hunter with a Barracouta 1140 points

The Hunter Family who are fairly new to the club and are a wonderful bunch. They are always willing to help out, very rarely miss a comp and are all gun Anglers. Malcom's parents in the foreground were visiting from Northern Ireland and loved Lorne and our club.

SATURDAY ARVO BLUES

Our first-ever Saturday Arvo Blues was a gigantic success with a huge crowd enjoying the top-class performance from Aaron Pollock. I can't remember ever seeing a better musician at our club. He was absolutely sensational.

Where else in the world can you get to see quality musicians for free, enjoy the coldest and cheapest beer, get a free sausage sizzle and sit next to the ocean looking over the iconic Great Ocean Road. Don't miss the next one on the 22nd of this month.

Aaron Pollock with Ty Mullen. Ty was in the crowd watching and jumped up unannounced with his harmonica and accompanied Aaron. He was sensational.

POINT GREY REPORT

Disappointingly the update is that GORCAPA has advised that the Point Grey Redevelopment is on hold until such time that the promised funding is confirmed to still be available. We will advise everyone when that announcement is made.

Ric Addison - Vice Commodore

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FISHING REPORT

The boat fishing has been pretty good with reasonably good weather for this time of the year.

There's plenty of good sized Flathead being caught, the Snapper aren't real abundant at the moment but there's been a few coming in around the 30 to 40cm mark.

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There's been quite a few big Gummy and School Sharks being landed along with the occasional Nannygai and Morwong. There's also big schools of Yakkas everywhere. I'm guessing that's why there's so many Dolphins and the odd Killer Whale here at the moment.

There's also a lot of plankton out in the blue water at the moment which is how that pink plankton we had here a couple of years ago started off.

PIER FISHING

The pier is producing the best run of fishing for many years at the moment.

We had the big schools of huge Salmon in the autumn and now that they've thinned out we've now got heaps of big Silver Trevally.

There's also good numbers of Snotty Trevally, Mullet, Flathead, Grass Whiting, Snapper, Salmon, King George Whiting, Yakkas, Mackerel and Calamari being caught.

Our Garfish specialists Dick Davies, Tony Gallaher and others are catching lots of Gars off the rocks but the Tommy Roughs are giving them a hard time at the moment.

This is 6 year old gun angler Angus Hunter with a Trevally he caught off the pier last week. It smashed the Junior Record and is actually heavier than the Senior Record.

UNOFFICIAL WORLD RECORD

I caught a leatherjacket last week which broke Wayne Griffiths long-standing club record (he stole it off me so now it's back where it belongs). Out of interest, I checked out how heavy the world record was and I was surprised to see that mine was 300 grams heavier. Unfortunately, our scales aren't registered with the weights and measures, so the record isn't recognised.

THERE HASN'T BEEN A BREEM WEIGHED IN THIS YEAR YET

Our old Bream Shield might not get a name on it this year if someone doesn't catch one and weigh it in before the middle of November.

What about our resident Bream King Miah Atwell? You better have a crack mate.

COFFEE

Jason has returned in one piece from his and Di's adventure to South Africa and is back doing his Worlds Best Coffee, Tea, hot Chocolate and Bickies on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

COURTESY BUS

We've had a couple of mechanical issues with the bus but they are all sorted now, so it's back getting all our members home safely on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please be generous with your gold coin donations.

Council seeks more community support in push for aquatic centre funding

Surf Coast Shire Council is seeking to rally further community support for the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre, with additional funding still required to enable the project to proceed.

Mayor Libby Stapleton encouraged community members to show their support for the project by sharing their views with MPs and candidates during the run up to the Victorian election.

"Community support is vital if we are to demonstrate the health and wellbeing value of the project to potential funding partners," Cr Stapleton said.

"We are still actively pursuing all funding options, and the timing is critical now with the election coming up in November."

Community members can visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/aquatic to support the funding campaign.

Council at its September meeting noted an update on the project, with key points including:

- Realisation of the project centres on securing an additional \$7.55 million in funding.
- Since Council's last update in June there have been no further funding commitments.
- Announcement of a new Geelong region Commonwealth Games aquatic venue is imminent, with potential locations for the venue understood to include Armstrong Creek.
- A new aquatic centre at Armstrong Creek would have significant implications for the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre in Torquay North, influencing planning, patronage and revenue.
- Consideration would need to be given to avoiding unnecessary duplication of facilities, compromising of financial performance and inefficient use of public funds for construction and operation of neighbouring centres.

Council's concept plans for the centre, to adjoin Wurdi Baierr Stadium, include:

- Two warm water indoor pools each measuring approximately 20x10m and suitable for learn to swim activities, leisure and hydrotherapy.
- A 25m seasonal pool with provision for it to be enclosed in the future.
- Gymnasium, accessible change rooms and amenities, multipurpose exercise areas and allied health suites which will deliver health and wellbeing benefits and ensure the centre's financial viability.

Council has committed \$5.75 million to the project, combining with funding of \$20 million from the Australian Government and \$13.5 million from the Victorian Government.



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THE LOUTTIT LOOP

BEST NEWS FIRST! Shortly after entirely removing the extra fun area at the Aquatic Club - ripping up the fake grass, removing tables, chairs, planter boxes and contents, and fencing and big trips to the tip to comply with weird orders to do so - we have been forgiven for whatever we did and can reinstall the same situation - but only for a year mind you! Many thanks to Commodore Keith, all his members, the Lorne community, and our local political dudes - Richard Reardon and Dan Tehan! There has apparently been a change of Government Policy for Victoria!

Foodworks tricked us by closing off the meat department for new fridges etc and then the veg department - a few guys with lists from their good wives were a bit tossed and had to use their phones for further instructions! But extremely quickly it was all done and completed and looks marvellous! Jonn and Foodworks team - you rock. Word is that you worked through the nights. We appreciate it.

Still very hard for our traders - can't get staff so can't open their usual seven days! Rumours of the big Ice Cream shop preparing to sell pizzas - even though they already sell them down by the river, but at least we know they'll be great!! Ice cream will also be on offer.

Jorge has been spotted in Anglesea and also in Lorne briefly. Gorcapa has been interviewing for months for someone to open the Swingbridge cafe up again - but I guess there's no rush!

Mestizo rumoured to be turning into a pop-up bar and tapas joint - which will be great!

MoVida's massive renos will soon apparently be relaunched as Totos - following the layout and menu of Totos in Sydney owned by Lorne Hotel owner Justin Hemmes. Frank Comorra will be opening MoVida at The Eureka Hotel in a laneway off a laneway in a growing trendy part of Geelong - off Little Malop Street. Hoping for a March/April launch as they've been busy opening in Auckland!

A mate who subscribes to Choice Mag. reports that the Double Gold Award for white wine presented and judged at the 2022 Melbourne International Wine Show went to - drumroll please - Aldi's South Point Estate 2022 Pinot Grigio!!! Retailing for \$4.99 this great little drop beat more than 1,000 wines from eight countries. Not a bad drop either!

Could you believe that some low lifes stole three two-year old weeping flowering gums from a garden right on the Great Ocean Road?

93-year-old Surf Club member Bill Morton passed away last month. Bill was a big part of the town and played footy in Premiership winning sides for Lorne. He also used to drive buses for Trans Otway. RIP Mate

Born and bred here in Lorne - a guy known as "Wicky" has passed away. His sister Yvonne Burtonwood posted a beautiful farewell on our Noticeboard page on Facebook and many locals added to her words.

Dear Nieta McConachy also passed in the Lorne Nursing Home after many years in gentle care. Many of us have great memories of Nieta who was always beautifully dressed and loved her lipsticks! She was a kind and smart lady and a valuable part of our community for many years. RIP friend Nieta.

Many Lorne permanents were lucky to see a pod of Orcas which came to Lorne to play in October. Just in time for Leon Walker to be able to photograph them for his popular photographic calendar for 2023 (now avail at Café Hah). Commodore Keith fishing in his boat off the Airey's lighthouse watched in amazement as an Orca appeared, grabbed a smallish seal, and proceeded to demolish it. They are the largest members of the dolphin family - grow up to 9.8 metres, and can weigh up to 10,000 kilos. Often called killer whales they are deadly (not to humans) with teeth up to 4" long. Their diet can include great white sharks and their white markings are superb.

Thanks so much to Stephanie who works at Chop Stix who came with brush and shovel quickly after a glass coffee table top slipped onto the road on its way to the Op Shop. Her quiet "Can I help you" was a beautiful gesture.

Lovely to read that Judith "Hishon" arranged a beautiful morning tea at the Nursing Home recently to commemorate her late mother's birthday. Hope she and Steven are loving their big trip round Oz.

Thanks to Julie Wishart who recently travelled to Fiji, carrying a large bag of excess Bras from our Lorne Op Shop. Can you imagine the excitement when she delivered them? Another bag is being filled for her next visit.

The Pharmacy is changing hands mid November as Randall is hanging up his boots after 30 odd years, much of it 7 days a week 9 to 5! Good luck mate and thanks for all your patience, great music, and always being there for us.

12 year old Odhran ("Oh-ren") Mullen disturbed a Tiger Snake whilst walking on Anglesea's heath recently. When he looked down said snake was rearing up and leaning towards his leg for another attack but Odhran was too quick. The first bite failed to envenomate him luckily, but it took three blood tests over a few hours in Geelong Hospital to relieve that anxiety. And guess what? Odhran now wants to get his own pet snake!! Brave boy!

Basil the naughty runaway dog took off again last week and was seen shortly after running up back to the Mantra lawn - his face and mouth covered in flour he had sussed out at Pizza Pizza. OMG!

It was one of those chilly windy mornings when a group of about 30 staff from Great Ocean Health, or our Hospital and Nursing Home, took to the Ocean to raise awareness for Mental Health Week and how beneficial the act of swimming can be. Good effort.

Dan Tehan passed a bit of time in Lorne last month asking shopkeepers how things were going and what their staffing situations were? Copped an earful about Gorcapa as well!

If you are out walking our tracks and even our walks in town e.g. the Bert Alsop Track alongside the sea - best to don the gumboots. After wet weather there are heaps of puddles and mud everywhere - and when that's dried out gumboots are a great deterrent to snake fangs! Keep your eyes out, and no matter what do not touch, chase or pick up a big or a little snake as we saw one of our touring little girls did last week!

Well done Darren Balderas for staging the Lorne vs Deans Marsh cricket match to commemorate the life of the late Dave Harvey. Sounded like a great gig and the photos are awesome. More members are needed.

The Barefoot Investor was spotted at our Bookshop, making sure they ordered his latest book for kids!

The Great Victorian Bike Ride is from Koroit to Buninyong and will cause some road closures on Friday 2nd December. From Skenes Creek to Hird Street, Lorne the GOR will be closed from 7.45am to 12.30 pm. From 9.30 to 2.00 pm the GOR will be closed from Hazel Street, North Lorne to Fairhaven. So - on Friday 2nd December while road closures are in place, residents within the closure will only be able to access the GOR during an emergency.

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From the Deck by John Agar

THE ECHIDNA TRAIN

It was nearly dark, and he had been to the Country Club for dinner. The headlight beam of his 20-year-old pride and joy shone only dimly in the gloaming light.

What's that ahead? ... the clicking cogs in his brain must have been almost audible ... there is something on the road!

As the brake lights glowed red in multiple pairs of eastern grey kangaroo eyes, their inquisitive heads rising as one along the third fairway, the ancient treasure [an almost-gold Lexus] slowed and stopped. The driver [let us call him Pete] was incredulous.

Now stationary in the middle of the road, he was witnessing a rare event ... an 'Echidna Train' [yes, it is a term] ... but contrary to the Otway panther [the 'he, her, or it' of myth and legend], echidna trains are real.

As two glasses of wine with dinner are hardly likely to induce double vision, one is inclined to believe his count, though this story does vary with the telling ... was it ten, twelve, or fifteen [or half that number]? But, having passed a similar verge-emerging train at dusk only a few nights ago myself [I counted four], the town should be alert that these 'trains of seduction' are out and about. So ... drive carefully, townsfolk of Lorne—for these beautiful creatures cannot skitter away from a Michelin's crush.

Echidnas are one of the most wonderful creatures in this most amazing of lands. Along with the platypus [see: 'The elusive Otway platypus' - Lorne Independent 04/2020], the echidna is the only other animal known to belong to the isolated branch of the mammalian tree known as monotremes. And as do platypuses [though arguments still occur over the proper ending, '-puses' or '-pi'], echidnas uniquely lay eggs.

All other mammals use placental reproduction [like us] or are marsupials and use a pouch [like a roo, or wombat]. But, like marsupials—also confined and peculiar to the continent of Australia and New Guinea—the echidna is uniquely Australian, though one of the four species is found in New Guinea.

Thus, two out of the three branches of the mammalian tree are Australia-specific. I have always thought that to be one of life's great 'how about that' facts.

To explain this, one has only to look at plate tectonics. The Australian Tectonic Plate includes the Australian continent and New Guinea, but not Indonesia or New Zealand. And, as our unique plate has travelled its lonely and isolated course upward from Gondwanaland, it has carried with it a unique set of evolutionary animals found nowhere else in the world—our marsupials and monotremes. Until very recent evolutionary times, land bridges have existed to and between every other global land mass, allowing species to migrate and intermix—but not here in Australia. Herein lies another of evolution's great 'how about that' facts!

The mating ritual of the echidna is quite fascinating. The word 'monotreme' means, literally, 'one hole'. It is called the cloaca. Monotremes have one hole—a cloaca—to serve multiple purposes: those of digestive and urinary elimination, and reproduction. In other words, everything happens 'there and about' ... my 'how about that'—fact three.

During the breeding season, echidna form mating 'trains'. From mid-May to early September, male echidnas actively seek out females to mate with. First, they seek out a mating-ready female and then line up behind her, following her in a semi-orderly line, male upon male. My intuition suggests that she is 'seducing' them by spraying a trail of pheromones in her wake to attract the boys—though I have been unable to confirm that this is so. Known as an 'echidna train', up to ten males may follow [and, if so, Pete saw a maxi-train, for two to ten male echidnas are the norm]. Perhaps to learn the ropes, the smaller, younger males commonly trundle along at the rear of the line.

While exposing the mating habits borders on the pornographic, Tasmanian echidna researchers have described their mating ritual as 'group sex'—one female and many males. This is because the females do not reproduce every year, and there are thus fewer reproductively active females.

When a female is 'in season', she burrows into the dirt at the base of a tree or bush while the males all excitedly jostle about behind, frantically digging 'gripping' trenches and lining up. Finally, one male is ideally positioned to mate, cloaca to cloaca. He transfers his 'sperm bundles' from a penis that, unlike other mammals, is designed only for mating and never carries urine [Google, if interested].

The fertilised egg then remains within the mother's cloaca for a further ten days—where, incidentally, it is exposed to the mother's excretory material—until it 'hatches' when about the size of a grape. The mother then suckles the tiny developing embryo from mammary glands inside her pouch for another three months before the infant 'puggle' is finally mature enough to leave its mother's pouch. Finally, the young echidna potters about in the burrow before leaving to fend for itself after about a year.

Back to our friend Pete. What a wonderful experience ... what a privilege. Though my measly train of four was better than no train at all, I cannot deny my jealousy. Our Otway bush is currently alive with echidna—indeed, I have never seen so many out and about as I have these last few months.

As many residents of Lorne likely have, I have a resident puggle in my back garden that frequently trysts with Blighty, my new Border Terrier. I fancy the echidna has won each match hands down—there have been many pricked Blighty noses and no apparent harm to the echidna—but I do try to keep him away as these unique creatures deserve our respect and space, and not to be frightened by our domestic friends.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

John Ford

Cricket Training Has Started

Lorne's cricket team is now back in action after being in recess since 2016. While the first match of the Colac and District Cricket Association is not until 29th October, the team has already had a good hitout against Deans Marsh in a specially convened match to honour the late Dave Harvey. The following tribute and match report were supplied by Darren Balderas:

"Dave Harvey had played for both Deans Marsh and Lorne teams from 1991 until his passing in 2009, having been a committee person at both clubs. He had also captained Lorne's Division 3 team and in 1993 won both the batting and bowling averages. This is the fourth Dave Harvey Memorial Shield Match, the first being back in 2008.

On October 7th Lorne played Deans Marsh for the Shield in the first 20/20 match played in Lorne under lights, with professional umpires and two fill-in players. Lorne won the toss and bowled, with Deans Marsh making 5/157; Leigh McIlvenny top scoring with 54 and Jensen Monaghan 35. The Deans Marsh bowlers had Lorne under pressure and top scorers were Ryan Heathcote 25 and Louis Coates 18 in a losing total of 5/104. The match was a great success with the man of the match being Leigh McIlvenny. The match will likely be played under lights again next year."

Training is held from 5.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights. I visited last Thursday's session and was impressed with the skills, attitude and camaraderie of the players. The team would still welcome any interested players, and there is still one committee position to be filled. Junior boys and girls are being encouraged to learn the basic skills under the leadership of Ryan Heathcote.

The season begins with Lorne playing its first two matches away, firstly at Colac, then at Carlisle River, before the first home match on 12th November at 12.30pm. Stripling Reserve is a wonderful venue to watch cricket and we look forward to you being there to support our local team.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Spring golf is finally underway, and the Women's golf group have been entering the Spring SWGA regions golf events, where they have been able to run due to many wet/flooded courses, and have also been on their annual golf trip. Some details of both follow.

APOLLO BAY MEMORIAL SHIELD.

On a unusually sunny day, 2 teams of Lorne women travelled to Apollo Bay and played in this tournament, competing against teams from Inverleigh, Colac, Camperdown, Cobden, Ballarat and of course Apollo Bay. Lorne had the star of the day with Lesley Goldsworthy the overall winner, earning 5 merit points with 35pts and winning B Grade. This was especially exciting for Lesley as she had not played golf for a long while, having just returned from her camping holiday!

Camperdown won the Shield with 93 pts, and our teams came 4th and 5th. For those that have not ever played at the Apollo

Bay course, it is set on the Bay, along the coast, is fairly level flat walking and is very picturesque.

Annual Women's Golf trip.

Every year in October, we head off for a 3 day, 2 night golf trip. This year we thought we'd visit our previous Member/Captain/President - Caz Bartholomew, who has moved permanently to Port Fairy. We had a stunning first day, a wild, cold and windy 2nd day, but we didn't get wet! And we all played through the weather! It felt a bit like we were playing somewhere in Scotland!!

We donated a lot of balls to the Port Fairy Golf Club thanks to the marram grass, and the wind carrying the ball from our intended destination. Another interesting feature of the course on the 18 hole are crab holes surrounded by little piles of earth! Thought they were extremely large worm holes at first!!

The trip was again a great success with 14 women sharing good times on and off the course, in and around the lovely town of Port Fairy. The 3rd morning was spent exploring the local shops - and I think the clothing shops would have been pleased too!!

It's never been just about the golf

Annual Lorne Golf Tournament:

DO you have a golf handicap? If so - consider entering one of the events coming up in the Annual Lorne Country Club Golf Tournament, held in November over three days on the weekend of November 25th, 26th and 27th including 9 hole and 18 hole events for both Women and Men and Mixed events too. Lot's of fun and even some prizes too! Please go to the LCC webpage for event details and entry forms

Coaching Clinics

As mentioned in last months Independent article, to help us get our golf back into shape after the wet winter, or for those new to golf, Lesley has organised some coaching to help us all "Spring into Golf"!!

Vicki Uwland, the golf professional from Anglesea, has locked in 4 consecutive Thursday group coaching clinics she will run here in Lorne, on Thursday October 20th and 27th, November 3rd and 10th, 9.30 - 11.00am, at a cost of \$20 pp.

We would like to extend the invitation to any women from the community that would like to give golf a try, to join us and come along to the clinics and get some guidance before then venturing out on to the course with the women on a Tuesday going forward.

We can provide some clubs etc for the lesson.

Please call Vicki on 0409 432 045 to book in to her group sessions held here at Lorne, or call Lesley Goldsworthy on 0437028169 if you have any questions.

We hope to see some new faces and also those regulars too!

Happy Golfing, Danni De Bon.

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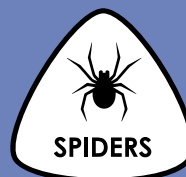
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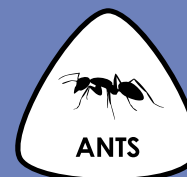


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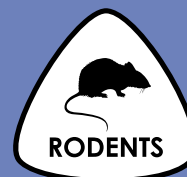
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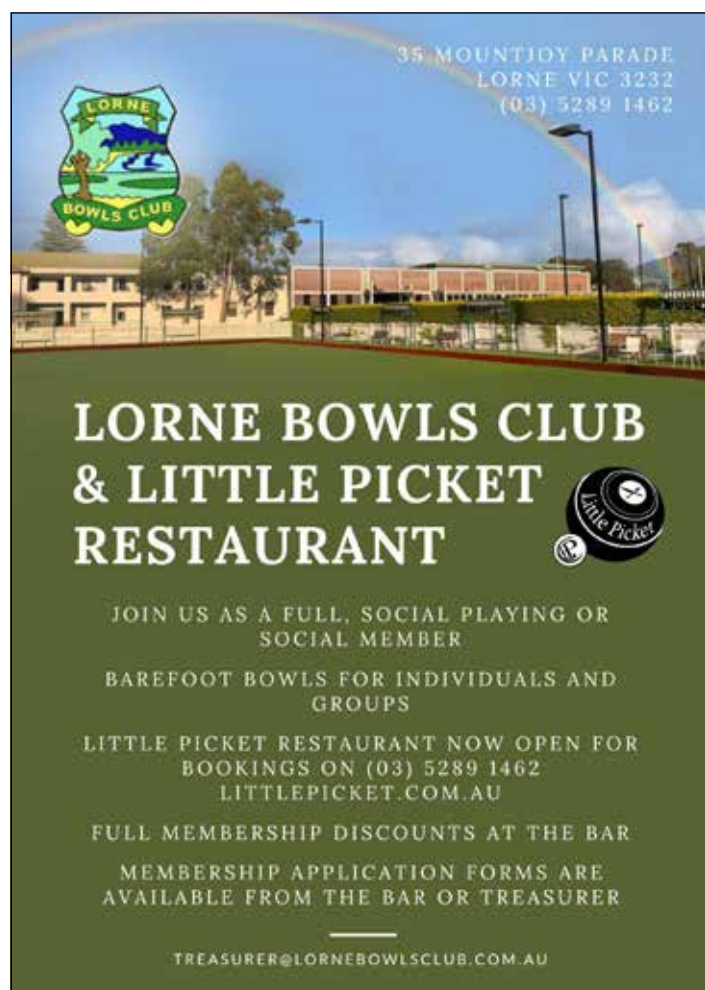
Putting a gloss on our seats of recreation and recuperation are two of the latest projects being tackled by volunteers from Lorne's Men's Shed.

David Lawler, shown here with one of four benches that have been restored at the Shed for the Bowls Club, says some of the benches, used by players and visitors, date back to the 1980s and are of historic interest.

'For example, one was donated by former proprietors of the Grand Pacific Hotel, Angelo and Stavroula Kambouris. We're giving them a new lease of life and polishing up the memorial plaques,' he said.

A similar project is being carried out for seating at the hospital, so patients and staff can enjoy the benefit of spells outdoor as the weather improves.

While their work on the new timber facade for the Lorne Historical Society on the main street is temporarily on halt, Sheddars have decided that this time of year was also a good time to do a round of the golf course — building and installing new signage for fairways and holes!



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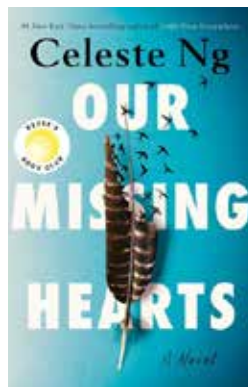


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Picks of the Month



FICTION: *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng



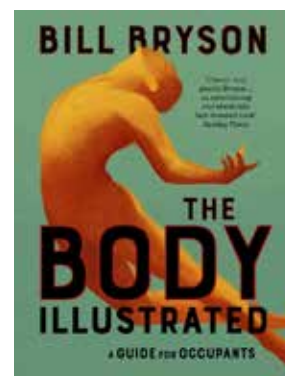
From the #1 bestselling author of *Little Fires Everywhere*, comes one of the most highly anticipated books of the year – the inspiring new novel about a mother's unbreakable love in a world consumed by fear.

Our Missing Hearts is set in a dystopian near future where authorities take children of dissidents and libraries have been forced to remove books seen as unpatriotic. Bird Gardener's mother disappeared when he was nine; for the last three years, Bird and his father have lived a quiet life of conformity that doesn't draw attention. But when he receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, he is pulled into a quest to find his mother.

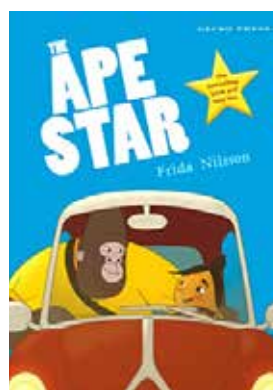
NON-FICTION: *The Body Illustrated* by Bill Bryson

This is a new, beautifully illustrated edition of the Number One Bestseller and Sunday Times Science Book of the Year, which takes us on a head-to-toe tour of the marvel that is the human body.

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CHILDREN'S FICTION: *The Ape Star* by Frida Nilsson



In this award-winning chapter book about prejudice and justice, an orphan girl is adopted by a gorilla who lives in a junkyard and a surprising friendship grows between them.

Jonna lives in an orphanage and dreams of being adopted. One day, a beat-up old car pulls up. The door opens and out step two thick hairy legs with muddy boots, followed by a belly as round as a barrel, and finally, a head like an overgrown pear. It's a gorilla! Surely the orphanage won't let a gorilla adopt a child. But, to Jonna's horror, the gorilla chooses her...

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