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CALLING ARTISTS FOR THE 2023 SURF COAST SHIRE ARTS CALENDAR COMPETITION



Roominating Sarah McLeod More

Artists within the Surf Coast Shire can submit works from **22 August until 18 September** for the chance to feature in the Shire's annual community calendar.

The 12 winning entries will be selected by a panel, with the cover awarded by People's Choice.

The exhibition of works will be held from Friday 14 October to Sunday 30 October at Anglesea Art Space.

Register at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/calendarcomp



LORNE'S COOL, CLEAN DRINKING WATER

All Day I faced the barred waste
Without a drop of water,
Cool, clear water ...

Remember the Marty Robbins song from the 1950s?

Well, give thanks that Lorne has an almost unlimited supply of 'cool, clear water' and we can boast that our reservoirs that supply this life-giving substance are 100% full and have been for some years.

Our brothers and sisters in other Surf Coast centres are not so lucky – signage to conserve water usage start at Anglesea.

In many ways, Lorne's high-standard water is a reflection of its pristine surrounds. The township nestles in a sheltered bay with the magnificent Otway Ranges behind it.

It is at a point about 3km from the mouth of the St. Georges River that Barwon Water sources its supply of water which is then delivered via pipeline to the Lorne Water Treatment Plant on Polwarth Road.

This water source into the Allen Reservoir, Lorne's main holding area, is right in the heart of the Great Otway National Park which surrounds it.

It is then filtered and disinfected, before being fed variously to five tanks, across three pressure zones. Due to the steep coastal terrain, Lorne's water distribution network is relatively complex.

However, Lorne's steep hills have a positive impact on water supply – pressure is excellent, and you certainly won't be standing under a slow-drip shower.

Incidentally, if you feel like a walk, take the western side of the Erskine River up beyond the Kia-Ora camping site and you'll come to the now-disused pattern of pipes used to draw water for the town's supply many decades ago.

During the filtering process, Barwon Water adds chlorine to the water to kill unwanted micro-organisms. Sometimes chlorine reacts with organic matter in the pipes and creates a noticeable taste or smell. The chlorine taste may be more obvious after pipes have been flushed as part of ongoing maintenance.

What causes tastes and odours in drinking water? Barwon Water said that tastes and odours can be caused by a range of naturally occurring compounds present in the water, including chemicals for disinfection, and less commonly, contamination in the water source or distribution system.

"Some examples of naturally-occurring chemicals that might impart a taste, flavour or different mouth-feel are:

- sodium (salty)
- manganese, iron, copper, zinc (metallic mouth-feel)
- calcium (chalky, "thick" mouth-feel)
- geosmin and MIB (earthy/musty).



Lorne Water Treatment plant

Barwon Water said that the first three examples can be naturally present in the water due to the geology around the water source, or it can be leached from pipes in the home. Geosmin and MIB are produced in water sources by blue-green algae (cyanobacteria).

"Letting water stand in a jug (for example in your fridge) will usually eliminate the chlorine taste and smell," the authority said.

Another common move is to let water run freely for a few minutes, especially when you haven't used your home for some time. This will usually clear odious fumes from the water coming out of the tap.

Is it safe to drink? Again, that is a positive yes! Chlorine and chloramine are added at levels harmless to human health. But these two chemicals can react with other components that are naturally present in the water. To ensure the water remains safe to drink, Barwon Water routinely monitor water to ensure it meets the Australian Drinking Water and the World Health Organisation guidelines.

The chlorine levels in the water supply are between 0.2–1 milligrams per litre (mg/L). The Australian Drinking Water Health Guideline Limit is 5 mg/L.

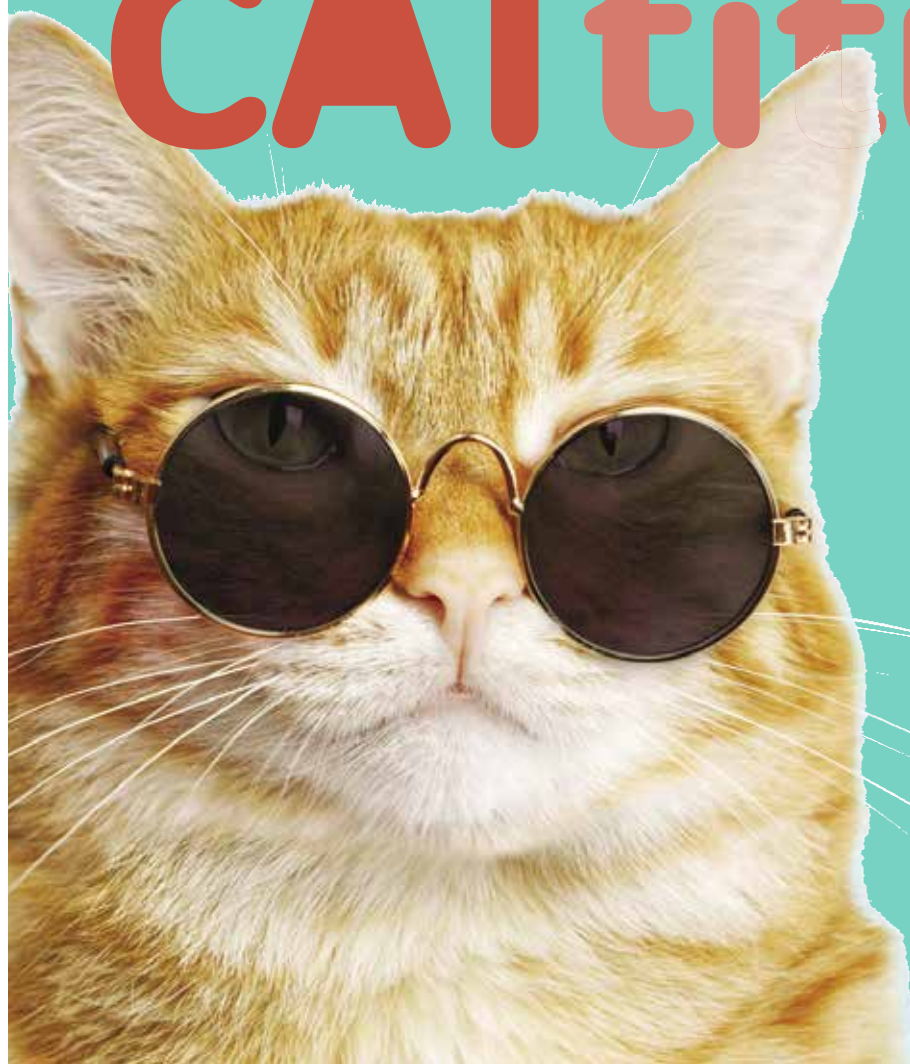
It is important to note that the authority of services of Barwon Water is spread over 8,100 square kilometres, from Little River and the Bellarine Peninsula in the east, to Colac in the west, and from Meredith and Cressy in the north, to Apollo Bay on Victoria's south-west coast.

The authority's network is complex, but Lorne has its own source of water, filtering plant and distribution system, a bonus when it comes to functionality and maintaining high standards.

More information: www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/water-and-waste/water-storages/lorne

JV, JG, Barwon Water and others

CATtitude



Tell us about your Cattitude

In the spirit of keeping cats safe at home we are seeking your views on our current cat curfews and some proposed curfews.

The project aims to improve care for pet cats through responsible cat ownership and to protect wildlife from cat predation.



Here are some quick facts about cats in the Surf Coast Shire:

We hope to keep cats safe from harm, especially from car accidents, disease and attacks from other animals, as well as to prevent predation of native wildlife.

We have **924** registered cats

We only had 58 complaints about cats in 2021

Our cat owners are generally mindful of the environmental impacts

All registered cats are de sexed

A lot more of our pet owners are keeping their cats inside or in cat enclosures

Tell us more about your 'cattitude' and read more cat facts at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/YourSay

SURVEY CLOSES ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER



Editorial

LIVING IN HARMONY WITH OUR PETS

Jo Vondra

A review of cat curfews is underway at Surf Coast Shire Council under the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-25, which guides how people, dogs and cats can live together in safety and harmony.

Local Law requires cats in urban areas on the Surf Coast Shire to be securely confined to the owner's premises from 8pm to 6am.

Fair enough. The Shire spells it out neatly and precisely in a recent media release – see also the Shire's full page elsewhere in this edition – and most readers would agree that the present laws work quite successfully.

But there is also a need to highlight the difference between a domestic pussycat and one that's gone feral. Big difference between the two, almost different animals.

The late eco warrior Michael 'Camel' Callanan used to amuse listeners with his tales of feral cats, noticed occasionally behind Lorne's restaurants, especially in the warmer months. Never, ever try to pick them up, just don't go near them, he used to warn.

If the authorities want to get rid of them, let them do it. Cat numbers in and around Lorne seem to come and go.

One story goes something like this: visitors and especially

campers like to bring the whole family, including the moggie but then at departure, the cat is nowhere to be found.

The kids are screaming, mother is yelling, and papa has turned into a cursing and bad-tempered not very friendly citizen. The missing cat-creature is blissfully unaware of all this ruckus, and is tense and focused on stalking a mouse, bird or whatever in the lush undergrowth.

A family decision is made: Leave the cat as enough time has been wasted. People will look after it and new model can always be had easily from a wide variety of sources. So they reason. Left on its own, it doesn't take long for the pussycat to turn feral.

Indeed, how different from the warm, silky creature that offered it's back to be stroked and rubbed at a neighbour's house while the good lady dispensed gin-and-tonics and nibbles.

"Look what the darling has brought home for Mother," she used to say proudly as we viewed the dead bird that had appeared on the front doorstep with regular frequency.

It didn't take long for the realisation to sink in that the cuddly, sweet-miaowing creature with its soft paws reaching out and touching gently is a superb, brutal killing machine.

A recent federal parliamentary report says that Australia leads the world with cats being responsible for wiping out 34 species of native mammals and another 74 species now under threat.

Oh the horror, the horror! No wonder the Shire is seeking urgently any suggestions.

SHARE YOUR "CATTITUDE" IN CAT CURFEW SURVEY

The Surf Coast Shire has launched a survey welcoming community feedback on our cat population.

Council is considering cat curfews as part of its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-25, which guides how people, dogs and cats can live together in safety and harmony. Local Law requires cats in urban areas in the Surf Coast Shire to be securely confined to the owner's premises from 8pm to 6am.

In rural areas there are no restrictions as it is difficult to confine a cat to a farm, and they are often instrumental in controlling vermin.

Mayor Cr Libby Stapleton encouraged people to share their views on cat curfews to help determine whether to keep the current rules or to consider changes, including a 24-hour cat curfew. "There are 924 cats registered as domestic pets across the shire, with half of those in the Torquay Ward," she said.

"While we only receive a low number of complaints about cats – we had 58 in 2021 – we recognise that free-roaming

cats can have a negative impact on native wildlife and neighbouring pets.

"As well as helping prevent harm to wildlife, cat curfews improve the health and safety of cats. 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 cat curfew survey can be completed via surfcoast.vic.gov.au/your say before 5pm Monday 12 September. "Whether you're a cat owner or not, whether you live in an area zoned urban or rural, we'd love your input on this topic," Cr Stapleton said. "The rules that outline how cats need to be contained are vital, similar to the state law that requires dogs to be securely confined to their owner's property."

"Ultimately the review of cat curfews will help us create a safer Surf Coast for our community, our cats, and our native wildlife."

SCS media release



October is Positive Ageing Month

To celebrate the contributions, achievements and resilience of older Victorians on the Surf Coast, we are inviting you to get out and enjoy a range of events and activities taking place in LORNE throughout the month of October.



Ageism Awareness Day Morning Tea

Friday 7 October 11am-1pm
@ Lorne Community House

It's time to say yes to ageing and no to ageism! It's time to end ageism.

Ageism Awareness Day is an opportunity to draw attention to the existence and impacts of ageism in Australia.

So put your game face on and get ready to have some fun by attending our games event extravaganza and delicious morning tea...and challenge ageism at the same time!

To register: Contact Lorne Community House on 5289 4383

Registrations close: Wednesday 5 October



Tech Café Lorne iPad and iPhone Tips and Tricks:

Monday 17 October 1pm-4pm
@ Lorne Community Connect

Would you like to learn how to get the best out of your iPad or iPhone? With guidance from volunteer tutors this session will provide you with all the tips and tricks you need to maximise the use of your digital devices.



There will be some time for one-on-one support and a delicious afternoon tea will be served! It's also Get On-Line Week so get on board!

To register: Contact Lesley Goldsworthy on 0437 028 169 or lesleygoldsworthy34@gmail.com

Registrations close: Friday 14 October



Inter-generational Barefoot Bowls Program

Wednesday 19 October 11.15am to 1.15pm
@ Lorne Bowls Club and Lorne P-12

Bowls is a game for all ages and abilities. In October, the Lorne Bowls Club will work with Year 9 students from the Lorne P-12 College to give them a taste of a sport they haven't played before.

The program will run each Wednesday from 19th October at 11.15am for four weeks. PE teacher Vanessa Rogasch and Lorne Bowls Club enthusiast Karen Turner will lead the charge in an outdoor activity that combines movement, mental skill, strength building and team work. And also an opportunity to have lots of fun and meet new people regardless of age or gender. The inaugural event on Wednesday 19 October will feature a special guest speaker and a sausage sizzle to celebrate.

If you wish to join in the fun, contact Karen Turner on 0438 552 595 or karenturner555@gmail.com



For more information about Positive Ageing Month contact our Age Friendly Officer on **5261 0600** or email rsalvo@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

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CREATIVE WAYS TO MEET AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS

Penny Hawe, President, Friends of Lorne

The need for affordable housing for key and essential workers is a critical along the Surf Coast. Many Friends of Lorne members raised this concern in our recent annual consultation.

The Committee for Lorne has shown leadership in this issue, investigating options for both seasonal workers and permanent residents over the last couple of years. But is it possible to increase the number of full-time and occasional workers in Lorne while still preserving the tree canopy, habitat, and non-urban look of Lorne which makes it so special? A win-win for the environment and affordable housing would be an affordable housing scheme that uses existing housing stock, instead of, say, presuming that we need to build more houses.

Affordable housing schemes that use existing housing stock are proving feasible in Queensland resort towns and in inner city Sydney, where property prices are steep. The Sydney scheme, for example, operates within the regular property market. Approved purchasers (key and essential workers) choose a house or apartment that suits their needs, near their workplace, and the scheme (a special kind of not-for-profit legal entity) purchases it jointly with them (shared equity). When it comes time to sell the property each party makes a proportionate capital return. These schemes attract investors and tax concessions.

Various types of affordable housing schemes using existing housing stock will be the subject of an upcoming webinar and community conversation that Friends of Lorne is currently planning in collaboration with the Committee for Lorne, with some event-hosting help from the Surf Coast Shire. There is wide interest in a range of nature-conserving options such as repurposing existing buildings for accommodation, alongside incentive schemes to transfer holiday rental properties to the long-term and/or seasonal worker rental market.

If we want to address both liveability and environmental conservation, all of us need to become more informed about different kinds of pathways forward and their advantages and disadvantages. If you want to get on the list to be sent advance Webinar information details/times, please email committee@friendsoflorne.org.au. Do contact us also if you have thoughts, questions, and ideas to share. Meanwhile, check out the upcoming webinar on the vital role of trees in urban environments that Friends of Lorne is hosting on 4th October.

Help shape our nature strips

We have developed a new Nature Strip Policy and revised our guidelines, due to growing community interest.

The draft policy and guidelines aim to provide clear directions on how residents and businesses can safely landscape and use nature strips.

We'd love to know your thoughts.

View the draft policy and guidelines and share your feedback by 29 September at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/NatureStrip





Jack receiving his award with the Minister for Women and Education at the Convention Centre in Melbourne.



LORNE P-12 COLLEGE

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

Perfect Score!

Jack Belsar-O'Connor has received a perfect 50 in his VCE/VET music subject. This is a huge achievement, as he is only one of four students to receive a perfect score in Music. One of the many benefits of being in a smaller rural school are the staff student ratios across the school, in particular at the VCE level. We have excellent success with all our VCE students and their university pathways.

The maximum VCE study score is 50. The mean (average) study score is set at 30. Students who achieve a study score of 40 or above fall into the top 9% of students in that subject and a study score of 45 or above places a student in the top 2% band.

This is a huge achievement and a great result for Jack who has worked hard to achieve this goal. We would also like to acknowledge John Waller, our amazing music teacher here at the college, as we all celebrate the world class music program on offer.

New Buildings!

We are excited to share with you the latest images of our new \$8.91 million dollar building. You may have seen the fencing going up along Grove Road, and construction will begin in the coming weeks.

This new state of the art building will host the following:

1. Industrial Food Technology kitchen and Dining/Cafe area
2. STEM rooms which include Technology, Science and Maths rooms, multimedia, 3D printing and collaborative spaces
3. General purpose classrooms and central study spaces



We hope to be in the building this time next year, assuming everything goes to plan!



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From the Deck by John Agar

LOVED UNTO DEATH

Recently, my grandson James and I pottered slowly—albeit in my petrol-powered Subaru XV—along the sinuous yet [thankfully] still unmade Benwerrin-to-Sabine track that follows the Otway spine. It is a track we have both come to love very much.

No less than eleven black-tailed ‘wobblies’ [our family name for the black-shirted Otway wallabies that enjoy its lush roadside grass] and two inquisitive grey kangaroos calmly observed our progress. Most did not seek to hurry away but allowed us close and made us feel welcome in their domain.

Now and then, several flights of red and green King parrots and blue and red Rosellas broke cover when startled by the engine, their flight paths darting, dipping, and soaring ahead of us.

It was a feast for eye, ear, and soul; as a grandfather, I loved seeing the light of pleasure and discovery in my grandson’s eyes.

After stopping for a ‘Bush Bunnings’—a sausage and sauce rolled in a slice of bread—at the side of my favourite frog pond, we continued through the towering Mountain Ash, Messmate, and ferns toward our destination ... the Redwood forest on Binns Road just a little upstream from Hopetoun Falls.

I was shocked. The small Redwoods car park was ‘chockers’. Cars, end on end, extended several hundred metres up the narrow road and back over the bridge to the farther side. There were people everywhere. With the wistfulness of a ‘once was’ memory, I recalled my first visit to the same plantation in the 1960s when, even then, they were eerily tall and whispered of greater things to come. Of the six Redwood plots planted from 1929 onwards, the standby by the Aire River Bridge was the last to be sown in 1936 and is the only one that has survived to maturity.

As we walked the silent needle beds—albeit with several dozen others—I craved the once ethereal pleasure of deadened sound, of utter silence, that was once so characteristic of this magical place, but no! Children scampered squealing by, playing chasey and swooshing the needles into unnatural piles as they skidded and banked in flight. Three remarkably buxom ladies—panties and bras their only foil to nakedness—were performing an oil-rubbing ceremony of a dubious kind that did naught for any sense of tranquillity but did demand an aversion of the eyes. Two red and blue Redskin wrappers, a drink can, and a trail of tissues—the latter perhaps left by some modern-day Hansel or Gretel as a marker track back to their car—all shouted ‘remove me’ ... so I did. Down by the Aire, two boys were hurling rocks into what was—once—a pristine trout pool. The magic that had drawn all these people to this most magical of places had self-harmed, killing the magic its magic had once made.

Further on, we came to the seven Apostles—perhaps there could have been twelve in the time of Jesus, but try as I might, I can only ever remember eight, plus an intact London Bridge. A couple of islands—like Mutton Bird Island—could be counted as



Our glorious Otway Ranger

Apostles, but that would be cheating. Where once I roamed free, tarred roads, boardwalks, gravelled paths, and fencing now criss-cross the cliff tops and—oh no—a recent media report noted: “... developers are preparing to start work on a \$200m hot springs and accommodation resort at the 12 Apostles”. Even names have been tamed with ‘the Blowhole’ morphing into a more socially acceptable ‘Thunder Cave’.

Everywhere along this once wild and untamed coast, or deep in the forests that clothe its hinterland ranges, the hand of man is testing the boundaries between the wild, and our perceived ‘right’ to be part of it—even though ‘being in it’ destroys its claim to wildness. This is not a new or Otway-specific problem: the same pressures are being felt at natural sites of beauty, worldwide.

Santorini has introduced a limit of 8,000 cruise liner passengers daily, having peaked at more than 10,000 in the pre-Covid days. Dubrovnik has applied a similar limitation on visitor numbers [8,000 a day] after UNESCO threatened to remove its heritage listing. Gridlock has come to many of the National Parks in the US. And then there is Venice—it tells the most tragic story. In Venice, cruise ships jostle 24 hours a day in the Grand Canal as they tower over spectacular St Marks and rapidly erode the footings of the very sites they have brought their tourists to see.

While our Otway coast is fragile, the hinterland is arguably at even greater long-term risk. Although quotas—like those applied in Santorini or Dubrovnik—are currently unnecessary, our beloved road is in a parlous state and is needing ever-more upkeep and repair as the sea ‘comes for it’. Pay-to-enter toll gates have been mooted for several access roads, with local inhabitant/worker discount lanes based on number-plate identification. Remember, tolls were applied on the GOR in its formative years, so tolls would not be ‘unprecedented’.

One thing is certain. Sooner or later, the piper must be paid, else our much-loved coast, its fragile infrastructure, and its incomparable backdrop will simply be ‘loved unto death’.



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OP SHOP BUZZ

Janet Goud

The rain seems to have been pouring down all August, and all the creeks and rivers of our lovely surf coast are cleaning and clearing themselves of debris. This outpouring of sticks, logs, and trees provides timber along the beaches. This, in my childhood, gave us unlimited fuel to build huge bonfires for New Years Eve on the Kennett River beach. I'm not sure if this is allowed these days. We should get used to the rain as it is predicted to continue throughout the summer. We face our third La Nina season in a row this summer. At least fear of fire will be less intense.

In the Op Shop we have lots of raincoats and boots so you can go "walking in the rain" and not get "soaking wet". We also have many beautiful puzzles, cards and board games if you need to huddle by a warm fire and communicate with loved ones. Or if alone, you can read any of our latest novels on your cushioned sofa. You can do this while wearing warm socks, and soft, elegant knit ware in the latest styles and colours all from the one shop. How lucky we are to have this Op Shop facility in our Main Street.

Visitors to the Op Shop often remark on its excellence for quality items. Some come often to chat with the friendly staff. Children are always welcome and many leave with a few extra toys or books tucked under their arms by the workers.

One such visitor came in to buy some badges for his hat and was delighted to meet our friendly and chatty Sandy Brown.

Sandy says "This gorgeous happy pirate came in on Saturday. He was a very happy young man. This is the dress he created during lockdown. He purchased a few brooches to add to his already 'brooched out' hat. I asked if he was attending a gig in Lorne. 'No', he replied. 'This is how I've dressed for the day'. Got to love an individual with that confidence and style."

I mentioned in the last Buzz our Special General Meeting which was held at Stribling Reserve Community Area. The members passed some long overdue paperwork to update our association, our name, changes to the dates of our financial year, and registration of our incorporated Body with Consumer Affairs. After some serious data entry work by the President Wendy Jarratt and the Treasurer Allan Brown, these changes have been successfully accepted and we are all up to date heading into the future.

The members are also looking at ways to improve and maintain our most valuable asset, our shop. I'm sure you all agree with us that many great things in our community have come from the operation of this little shop. Our latest help to the Aged Care at the Lorne Community Hospital is to replace a workout lift for patients (\$10,000) and we are delighted to provide \$5000 to the newly revived Lorne Cricket Club for equipment.

Keep up the good work by donating before the next school holidays any good quality items we can sell.



THE LOU TIT LOOP

Bit scary having the huge oil tanker ship Maritime Glory parked in the Otway Basin for the last week! Rumour is that she's broken down, but others reckon she's just using some free parking till Westernport is ready for her. Don't waste time on the 'what if's?' Hopefully be gone when you read this rag!

Tripped over an interesting piece of commercial Lorne real estate changing hands. The Age reported that five shops and six apartments at 106-112A Mountjoy Parade fetched \$2mil. more than expected. Investors from Sydney coughed up \$8.3 mil. which doesn't seem too big a price for such superb prime positions on the main drag.

After farewelling her Mum - Milly Fleming - in the Lorne Nursing home, Judith and mate Stephen Hishon set off on their huge adventure round Oz. And on that very first night on the road to Melbourne, dear Milly passed away. Pretty weird, and emotional, but one could say she did the right thing! Bless you sweet Milly. And travel safe Judith and Stephen.

Footballers, netballers and locals just love the Thursday meal night at the LFNC. At the last steak night magic catering team Matt and Bridget produced over 100 meals!! There was no meat tray raffle that night as Wayne was off crook. But luckily, he was back with his plastic bucket for the tickets the next week. Everyone's a winner on these nights and the menu appears on the One and Only Noticeboard on Facebook a couple of days prior.

Now that Doug Stirling has turned 100, he has a new vehicle! Smaller than a car, but with a heap of grunt. Recently he arrived slightly late to a meeting at the Community Centre, chucked a 'U-eee!' scattering gravel and stones galore. Leaping out, he entered. At a trot. He parks his mobility vehicle in his carport and it looks sooo cute! Go Doug!

Have you ever tried a cream filled sponge from Freshwater Creek Cakes? Divine! They've been making up to 150 sponges a day since the mid-80's and guess what? Gluten free sponges are also available, along with GF almond/coconut bikkies and a GF slice! Best to ring to check stock or to place an order - 52645246.

So many Lorne folk find a little niche which is so helpful to the community, and boy oh boy do we appreciate all these tribes. Have you found one or two to keep you busy in retirement in Lorne?

Miah Atwell certainly puts in. He trims, colours, grooms and washes hair all week, then trains a footy team for Lorne, and even steps up to fill in and play on the day - if needed - recently joining his two sons - Harvey and Archie - for one memorable game recently!!!

Ian Walding has been posting some fabulous photos of the under 14.5 team in action. You have to love it when you hear that Lorne loaned Western Eagles at Simpson a few of our players when they couldn't field a full team! The country spirit.

After a solo trip to join half of Lorne at Port Douglas, John Agar has returned to take delivery of his new puppy! Very exciting. Let the fun begin eh John? Some puppy articles would be welcomed by most of us!

Local Writer Anson Cameron is published in the Saturday Age's Spectrum fairly regularly, often referencing Lorne! Recently his column tackled the issue of plastic bottles on beaches - particularly as he'd just visited W.A and began picking up plastic bottles etc. as one does! However, after a kilometre he had to make a big pile above high tide mark as he was overwhelmed by the load. And so the situation continued for a thousand kms over eleven days. As he wrote "the world will soon be all by product, her beaches made of plastic sand." You may be able to google this excellent article.

Yeah! The Lorne Bowls Club is back in business with new kitchen staff and a new name - "Little Picket". Great locals opening night with awesome winter floral arrangements by Luke!!! Rumour is that the Chef has been on My Kitchen Rules! Bookings advisable on: enquiries@littlepicket.com.au - or phone 528911462 from 3 pm to 8pm.

Did you know that all cats over three months of age MUST be registered with the Shire. There are currently 990 cats registered in the Surf Coast Shire - which explains why they are running an online survey on what changes folk would like or hate to see in their current Cat Rules!

Happy Birthday to Harri Muller who turned 80 last month! Harri has many important jobs round the town, one being to distribute the Lorne Independent for which we thank him heaps. He also is the Chief Jigsaw piece checker at the Lorne Op Shop. However, as his kids gave him eight new jigsaws to celebrate his big birthday, he's pretty busy these chilly days.

It's been a wet, long cold winter - particularly on Sundays - causing Lornecare to cancel their monthly working sessions a couple of times.

Lucky old me recently spent time in Umbria and was it hot!?! 39 degrees on arrival. I noticed a few things which may be of interest: Many shops have signs on windows - "No cash sales. Cards only"! Wine bottles still have corks at every price level - and the word is they'll never change! Not as much smoking - mostly only the young! Tipping seems to be non-existent now! Masks are worn on upper arms on everybody - ready to pop on in supermarkets etc! Australians seniors/health cards are recognised, even when purchasing train tickets (online before you go works well) - eg the Leonardo Express price from the airport to Termini Rome goes down from \$26 to \$14! If there is no public transport and you don't do driving in Italy, make it the problem of the next sleeping place and they'll soon rustle up a taxi for you - even if it is a 100km/\$200 trip e.g. to Santo Stefano Sessiano high in the Appenines which was a divine experience! Sulmona is a quaint flat, friendly town on the Rome trainline and new to me! Not so many "gelatos at 5.00 pm" as previously observed! The evening Passegiata is still great - grab the kids and the well-dressed missus and Nonna and off for a slow predinner walk to and through the town square - to see and to be seen! Still the best coffee in the world and a croissant and cappo leaning on the bar is still under \$5! Scooters are the go for young and old - electric of course - and many with a passenger! Chargers for electric cars are attached two to a lamp post outside popular coffee shops - all good! Not many coins being used and as I didn't have one to throw over my shoulder at the Trevi Fountain I guess I won't be going back. Ciao!.....Lillian

SPORTSBRIEFS

John Ford

Junior Dolphins Showing The Way

Lorne's senior football team narrowly missed playing in the finals this season, finishing sixth on the CDFL ladder with only the top five seeing finals action. However the club is well represented with three football teams – Reserves, Under 18's and Under 14.5's – all making the finals which began on August 20th. In addition the Dolphins B Grade netball team has also made the finals.

Lorne's Reserves team lost to Alvie 7.3:45 to Lorne's 5.8:38 where both teams struggled to get clear shots at goal. However Lorne's Under 18's had a convincing win over Birregurra 11.13:79 to 2.0:12. Not to be outdone, the Dolphins U14.5's were relentless in their win over Birregurra 13.10:88 to 3.2:20. All three football teams play their next finals matches on Sunday 28th August at Central Reserve in Colac. Beginning at 9.15am the U14.5's play Alvie, then at 10.30am the U18's play Irrewarra-Beeac, followed by the Reserves at 12.00 against Birregurra.

The Dolphins B Grade netball team narrowly lost to Simpson in a very tight elimination final. After each quarter Lorne trailed by as little as two goals and struggled to play their best netball. At three quarter time Simpson had extended their lead to five goals. Lorne then played an almighty last quarter where they outscored their opponents but just lost 42 to 40. Lorne players were disappointed to have not played better, but have vowed to come back even stronger next year.

Cricket Training has started

Cricket training began on 23rd August at Stribling Reserve. This signified the resumption of the Lorne Cricket Team after being in recess since the 2016 season. Training takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 5.00pm and all intending players and helpers are most welcome. The Colac and District Cricket Association first match is scheduled for Saturday 1st October, with all matches being one day format.

Junior players between 5 and 10 years of age can enrol in the 'Woolworths Blast' where boys and girls will be taught the fundamentals of the game. Initially the focus will be on learning basic bowling and batting skills, with Ryan Heathcote taking charge of this junior squad.

Darren Balderas heads an enthusiastic committee and has played a significant role in the team's 'resurrection'. He has navigated and clearly articulated the steps necessary to reregister the team including establishing funding sources to cover costs of registration, insurance and the playing equipment required.

We are all looking forward to cricket being played this summer on the rejuvenated Stribling Reserve. Ring Darren on 0418 379 736.

Women's Golf

Continuing through July and August it has been a cold, wet and windy winter in Lorne this year, which has continued to make our course very wet, and often as not - impacts our Tuesday Women's Comp. And I declare - we are not fair weather players - but it has been WET!!

So we have where possible, continued to play 9 holes and have a catch up after in the warmth of the Clubhouse. And on other days - it has been a coffee or two at one of the local cafe's. Therefore we have no club comp news to impart.

Regional Comps:

A team of 3 entered the Inverleigh Rose Bowl held in early August, which was a Stroke event, played on their unusual sandscape course. A big congratulations go to the Lorne team who won the competition, beating 13th Beach team by one point!! And where one of our newer members - Bronwyn Halpin - won the C grade division.

This was the 71st Inverleigh Bowl, and it is the first time that Lorne has won the event. Congratulations to Chris Angus, Jenni Miller and Bronwyn Halpin.

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.

Cheers, and happy Golfing, Danni De Bon

Amy's Gran Fondo

The cycling event Amy's Gran Fondo will take place in Lorne on Sunday 11th September. There will be four events ranging in distance from 14 km to 130 km providing opportunities for recreational and family cycling, as well as group and open racing. It is marketed as "Australia's most spectacular and safest cycle event.....Ride a closed Great Ocean Road". We hope that cyclists enjoy this event, and for all other road users on this day please check the times and direction of road closures to reduce your delays.

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



Massage & Bowen Therapy

Contact the Lorne Medical Centre on 5289 4333. Private Health rebates apply.

Friends of Queens Park and LorneCare supporters

A working bee will be held in Queens Park on Tuesday September 6th commencing at 9.30 am for planting 150 tubestock plants.

It's a collaborative project under the direction of the land manager of the Park the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority, Barwon Water and ourselves.

We would love to have as many volunteers to help. The working bee should run for no more than 1.5 to 2 hours, which should mean we will be finishing up by approximately 11-11:30am. For those who do plan on coming to help, we will be meeting beside the tanks.

Please ensure that if you are attending you:

- Wear appropriate closed toed footwear
- Long pants and a long-sleeved shirt is recommended
- Bring wet weather gear if the forecast looks like rain
- Bring your own gloves and a water bottle.

There will be a sign in sheet on the day and it is a requirement of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority that anyone working on Authority managed lands must be fully vaccinated against COVID19. Please ensure that you can provide proof of vaccination on the day.

John Wilson

Swooping Season

Be prepared, not scared of swooping this bird breeding season

Victorians are being reminded that with spring just around the corner, native birds such as magpies and masked lapwings may begin swooping during their breeding season - but there are steps we can take to remain safe at this time.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Senior Wildlife Projects Officer, Abby Smith, said some native birds swoop to defend their eggs and young for the six to eight weeks until they leave the nest.

"Swooping can catch us by surprise, but it is normal behaviour for some territorial birds," Ms Smith said.

"Swooping is basically a scare tactic to warn people and animals not to come near their nesting young. Birds may swoop people or animals, so be mindful of your dogs too.

"However, not all birds swoop to protect their eggs and young during the breeding season, so don't be concerned simply because there are magpies or other common swooping birds in the area.

"During this time of year less than 10 per cent of birds actually swoop and even fewer make contact.

"If you are worried about being swooped, you can do a few things to protect yourself."

Tips to avoid being swooped:

- Know your local swooping hotspots
- Avoid the area if possible
- Move quickly, but do not run
- Cover your head with a hat, helmet or umbrella, but don't wave it around
- Do not harass or feed birds

To plan your route around known swooping hotspots or to report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map, please visit <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds>

All Victorian native wildlife is protected by law, and it is illegal to harass or harm native birds and other wildlife without authorisation.

Wildlife Victoria media release

Minister turns down regional bus service extension

It seems that the Department of Transport does not believe a regular bus service between Lorne-Deans Marsh and Colac would be commercially viable.

However, Deans Marsh will continue to push for an extended regular bus service, according to the town's pressure group spokesperson, Juliet Beatty.

"We have learnt that both Surf Coast and Colac Shires will be continuing to lobby for this extension. I have been informed by the Surf Coast Shire that they have recently engaged someone as the Strategic Interactive Co-ordinator.

"One of the main responsibilities for this person will be to examine additional public transport services within the region" Juliet Beatty said.

"I have been in touch with the DoT Manager, Transport Services and Analysis Modelling asking for the patronage data from previously undertaken trials. They were able to send me the daily patronage figures from 2016 to 2022.

Patronage during this period has doubled".

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

Juliet Beatty

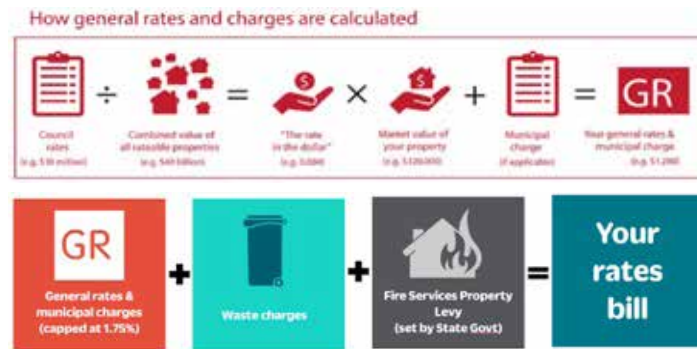
FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

For the Lorne Ward - Cr. Gary Allen

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The following are frequently asked questions regarding the rates for 2022-23

Q: How are my rates calculated?



Q: Why didn't my rates go up by the rate cap of 1.75%

A: The Council's rate increase aligns with the Fair Go Rates System cap which allows an average rate increases of 1.75% for the 2022/23 financial year. Movements in property values can affect the rate increase for individual ratepayers. However, across the Shire the average rate increase is 1.75%. Waste charges and the Fire Services Property Levy also appear on a rates notice, but they are excluded from the rate cap.

Q: How is my property valued?

A: The valuer-general Victoria performs revaluations on all properties in Victoria annually, they have contracted Opteon, a property and valuation and advisory service, to conduct the revaluations in the Surf Coast Shire. Property owners have 3 months from the issue date of their initial rates notice to challenge the valuation. The property value is used to calculate rates.

Q: What is the Fire Services Property Levy?

A: The Fire Services Property Levy, which is included on the Council's rates notices, is collected by councils on behalf of the State Government and used by them to fund both the metropolitan and rural fire services.

Q: Do pensioners get a rates discount?

A: Eligible pensioners can apply for a pensioner rebate of up to \$253 and an additional concession of \$50 is available on the State Fire Services Levy. This only applies to eligible pensioners who live within the Surf Coast Shire. It does not apply to Health Care Card holders.



Q: Why do I pay rates for services I don't use?

A: Like all levels of government, local councils fund a wide variety of services and programs to benefit the community. Similar to the way taxes paid to the Commonwealth and State governments are used for the common good, the Council's rate income is collected to facilitate the provision of services and infrastructure to help the local community.

Q: What do I do if I am experiencing difficulty paying my rates by the due date?

A: The Council's Hardship Policy establishes a framework by which the Council offers relief measures to ratepayers who endure significant hardship in meeting rates and charges payments.

If a ratepayer is experiencing financial difficulty paying their rates and charges, they can contact the Council's Revenue Department on 5261 0600 to confidentially discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Council's Hardship Policy is available on the website.
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THE BEAUTY OF FERNS

Douglas Williams

Since mosses are plants that don't flower they don't rely on other organisms like bees, beetles, ants or moths to fertilise the blooms they don't have. Instead, ferns release spores in order to reproduce which is the purpose of all living things. Fungi do this too but they aren't classified as plants.

The first land-based plants were the mosses, then came the ferns followed by conifers and cycads and ginkgos. They all evolved from algae which reproduce via sperm which swim across to eggs and can also self-fertilise and this is the reason ferns are so often linked to wet habitats according to Dr. Leon Pirrie of Waikato University who lives in a nation that has a great many ferns.

In Maori culture they stand for power and the unfurled frond (koru) is a typical symbol in Maori art. In Japan they represent fertility and posterity.

Gullies in the temperate rainforest of the Otways are made to order habitats where tall tree ferns are colonised by smaller ferns and ground ferns stretch as far as the eye can see. High humidity makes for ideal growing conditions and propagation opportunities. Maits Rest just south of Apollo Bay is not only impressive in this regard but easily accessible and highly recommended for a first visit or a return visit.

They are not confined to damp habitats – shield and fishbone ferns and even bracken fern get along comfortably in drier conditions – and in this environment they reproduce asexually meaning they self-propagate. Wind will act as the regular vector for spores to get around and not much of a breeze is needed to waft them along since they are practically microscopic. The brown growths on the underside of fronds each contain many thousands of spores.

The first plants to appear did not have flowers. Flowering plants, which dominate the plant kingdom today, evolved a very long time ago, possibly two hundred and fifty million years ago according to evidence of fossilised pollen grains. Dinosaurs were still roaming about as they are said to do, roaming about and munching first on fern fronds and later on leafy plants too but they are millions of decades gone.

In this context, ferns are very old indeed, much older than most living things. They have survived the fluctuations of climate through ice ages and high temperatures when all the ice melted and while different varieties have appeared over time they are still pretty much the same plant as they have been for eons. Adaptable and hardy, they can be as small as a tea cup or as tall as a house.

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- Promoting healthy eating and active living

We feature Local Legends in digital channels and local media showcasing the great work they do.

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Men of the Lorne Men's Shed:

BILL YOUL

Continuing our profiles on the Men at the Lorne Shed

Bill Youl has been Secretary of the Lorne Men's Shed since 2019. Born at Foster in South Gippsland where he went to school before finishing his primary education in Bendigo. "Dad had Polio when he was young and had to get to a warmer climate and chose Bendigo".

Bill was a scientist by profession and started his working life with the CSIRO in 1972, involved mainly on the influenza virus. After several years, Bill changed directions and entered the teaching profession in the secondary system. He was with TAFE for ten years before changing directions yet again – he became a quality assurance manager for the giant food company Kraft at Strathmerton. Bill was only 42 years of age at this point.

"We spent most of our time living in the 'bush' as we wanted our kids brought up and educated in the country", Bill explained. The family moved back to Melbourne when Kraft gave Bill a role in the Asia-Pacific region and they spent the next five years moving about in China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand where Kraft had factories and other operations. "A big part of my job there was not food but 'people safety' in their workplace, and interestingly they had a far better record over there than in Australia." He worked at Kraft for fifteen years.

Bill and wife Eve had always been keen to have a place on the coast and at first considered somewhere in Gippsland, but the Surf Coast was much easier to get to from their home in Brunswick. They fell in love with Lorne. "When we looked along this coast (the Surf Coast), we realised there was no comparison between Lorne and the other coastal towns. This was by far the prettiest little town, and it's has a lot going for it."

The family have had a home in Lorne since 2008 and travelled between Melbourne and Lorne quite regularly since Covid. Lorne has been their permanent residence for the last five years.

Bill was aware of the building of the Lorne Men's Shed by reading regular articles in the 'Lorne Independent', so he paid his membership quite early but because they were not in Lorne on Shed days very often, Bill would only call in occasionally.

"I witnessed all the drama associated firstly with the Sheddars trying to get approved and build, and the protestors causing all sorts of difficulties. I just admired the people involved, how persistent they were considering the dramas happening at the time".

The Shedder's then Secretary, Don Baldwin, had not been well and wanted to step down and a replacement was needed. "No one seems to want to be a secretary, and no one was keen about taking it on including me, but I do know a bit about computers and with my background it was relatively easy for

me, so I accepted to do it."

Bill soon showed his pro-active side. During the Covid lockdown, Bill organized a weekly 'Zoom Meetings' for any members who wanted a chat and keep in touch. "It was a great way to keep up morale and communications ... and it was a bit of fun too. Members sent in jokes and stories and I would pass these along!"

Bill commented it was wonderful how the Shed indirectly drew people into the community. Coming to a smallish town later in life and being retired, can be difficult to meet new people, but the Shed opened its doors to people who may not have met otherwise.

The Kindergarten made contact with Bill to see if the Sheddars would make them a 'Mud Oven'. After that initial contact Bill became the 'go to' man for the Kinder where other bits and pieces were needed including some toy repair work, which Bill and others were able to do. "Helping at the Hospital, the Kinder, the Op Shop and other things, makes you feel are part of the community", he said.

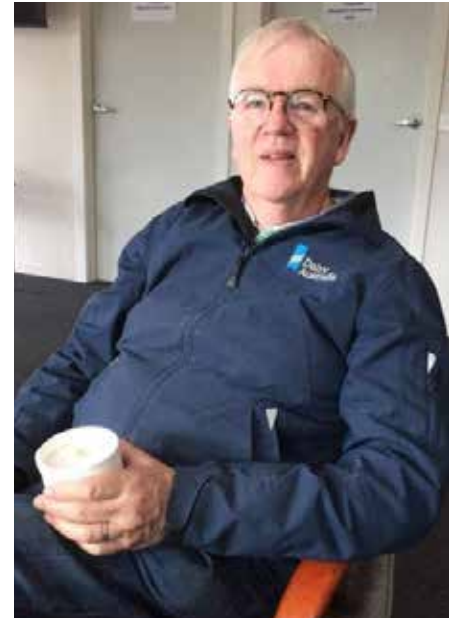
It was Bill who introduced Ashly Brown to the Shed, our youngest member ever at twenty-six, having finished architecture at university but locked into Lorne during Covid. He came to the Shed to meet people and teamed with Bill for several projects. "He was full of enthusiasm and was fun to work with", Bill commented.

Bill believed the Shed has become, from a health point of view, a wonderful resource for the community and will continue to be. "We have several regulars who don't come here to 'build things' – rather they come for the camaraderie and coffee and a good chat. And that's enormously important."

As for the coffee, Bill said "it's a very good machine donated by a local restaurant and John Bliss has developed into an excellent Barrista along with other 'assistants'. Max Pitt brings Boston buns which is a lovely gesture but possibly not very good for us.

"So, the room at the coffee break is always a lot of fun".

Garry Fenton



Bill Youl



Keith Miller
Commodore



Outer Sanctum Debauch

We are extremely disappointed with GORCAPA's decision to force us to remove the outer sanctum later this month.

COVID hasn't magically disappeared, it's actually getting worse. We are taking up no car parks, it's a lot safer and more comfortable for our members and visitors and everyone loves it.

It makes no sense at all, for the last 61 years, our lease area has included the footpath and grass area out the front of our clubhouse right to the edge where it drops down to the sea which is just plain silly.

All we are asking GORCAPA to do is swap the lease areas, it's not really that hard but for some reason, they are refusing.

By coincidence, both areas are 40 square metres so we aren't trying to take more land.

We've had a few hospitality businesses in Melbourne contact us to tell us that their local councils have allowed them to retain their extended outdoor areas for safety reasons even though they are taking up car parks which we are not.

I sent individual emails to each of the 12 GORCAPA board members and the minister in charge of GORCAPA explaining our club's function and how it would benefit everyone if they just swapped the lease areas. I received only one reply which was from the chairperson of GORCAPA but no one else.

I did a bit of digging and it appears that for some reason the emails may not have been passed on to the board members.

I've also been in contact with Richard Riordan, Dan Tehan, Sarah Henderson, Libby Coker, Lily D'Ambrosio and Dan Andrews. It just defies all logic that GORCAPA won't even consider swapping the lease areas. Hopefully common sense kicks in soon.

Club News

I'm writing this while I'm on my way to the Simpson Desert on a 4x4 boys camping trip, then driving over to Magnetic Island to go Scuba Diving all the way down the east coast,



The Club is still opening six days a week, only closing on Tuesdays and as is the norm for this time of year things are pretty quiet. We are still running the happy hours on Wednesdays and Fridays with a free sausage sizzle and seafood raffle every Friday evening.

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

Winter Fishing Comp 3

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We had near perfect conditions which was great for August so we had a good number of both Boat and Pier Anglers. The Pier fishermen dominated again which is becoming commonplace.

As is the tradition we served up a magnificent free mixed grill for lunch.

Upcoming Events

Our next fishing comp is a Winter Cup Competition Number 4 on the 4th of September, sponsored by Surf Coast Gardening and Mowing, Rob Dalziel.

This is our final winter comp, and the scores are pretty close so it will go down to the wire.



There's a new Catcher in town. Luke Nisbet has taken the title off his old man. Time will tell if this is permanent or not. This is Luke with a huge Blue Morwong or Queen Snapper he caught last week.

Lorne Cricket Club Has Reformed

Darren Balderas has been busy reforming the Lorne Cricket Club and has entered a Division 3 Senior team in the Colac and District Cricket Competition. The season starts in October and training starts on the 23rd of August.

They are also going to start up a junior team so anyone out there who is interested please call Darren on 0418 379 736. They are chasing sponsors and anyone out there that can help them.

We have just donated \$3,000 to help get them started.



Me handing Darren Balderas a donation of \$3,000.

Fishing Report

We've had a pretty good run with the weather over the last few weeks so there's been quite a bit of fishing going on. The big snapper have become a bit scarce but there's plenty of nice pan sized pinkies about with the occasional Blue Morwong and Nannygai being landed as a big catch.

There's been a good run of big School Sharks, Gummies, Flathead and Trevally.

The Pier is producing good catches of Salmon, Trevally, Snapper, Grass Whiting, Warehou and the odd King George Whiting.



John Higgins with a Blue Throat that was dumb enough to accidentally get caught on his hook.



Kevin Dineen doing a great job on the barby.

PEDAL POWER

New Council Cycling Strategy

Surf Coast Shire Council has adopted a five-year plan to help improve cycling safety throughout the region, while encouraging healthy and connected communities through an integrated cycling network.

At its August meeting, Council approved the Surf Coast Safer Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2027, which aims to make it safer and easier to move around our towns and natural environment, while reducing car dependency and greenhouse gas emissions. Surf Coast Shire Councillor Mike Bodsworth welcomed the strategy, saying it would provide real options to use high priority cycling corridors, while making it safer and more attractive for residents and visitors alike to choose pedal power over their cars.

“This strategy paves the way for a more cycle friendly region that not only reduces transport costs, gets us fit and helps

connect us but also showcases our cycle ways to visitors keen to appreciate our cleaner, greener lifestyle,” he said.

The strategy, prepared in consultation with the community, external stakeholders and Council’s partners over the past 12 months aims to address the ongoing and emerging cycling safety issues for the shire over the next five years.

It seeks to improve planning for cycling in new developments to ensure safe and appropriate infrastructure is delivered, which connects to an overall cycling network. Funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), the strategy aligns with and enhances state and federal priorities using the TAC’s Safe System approach, including an action plan shaped by broad consultation.

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CALLING LOCAL ARTISTS FOR 2023 CALENDAR

Local artists are invited to enter the Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar competition, which will see 13 pieces selected to feature in the popular publication.

Entries for the competition are now open Surf Coast Shire residents or ratepayers invited to submit their artwork.

All entries will be on display at the Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar Competition exhibition, held at Anglesea Art Space from 14 October to 30 October.

Judges will select 12 works across the three categories – Open, Installed Sculptural, and Child/Youth – while a people’s choice vote will determine the piece that will be on the cover.

Entries for the calendar competition are now open and will close Sunday 18 September. For more information and to enter, visit surfcoast.vic.gov.au/artscalendar2023.

The 13 winning artists will receive a cash prize and artist acknowledgment in the calendar.

The Surf Coast Community Arts Calendar Competition exhibition will be held at Anglesea Art Space (2/103 Great Ocean Road) from 14 to 30 October.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

More regret on Pier Restaurant closure

I write with a saddened heart to learn of the demise of Lorne's best restaurant, The Pier and I guess farewell to it's most renowned icon of fine dining, Spiros (Sammy) Gazis, Angelo and family, also Miguel and Johnny.

Buying our home in Lorne 30 years ago, despite becoming just locals (weekenders) we quickly integrated through the Country Club playing golf and tennis and enjoying NYE and other social life.

Having spent our youth vacations and later holiday rentals cemented our love for Lorne that included enjoying the 'unique' Picture Theatre, Ron Todd's Pacific but mostly, The Arab where youth enjoyed the mysteries of life 'under the canvas out the back'.

Here, we first met Sammy, learning of his apprenticeship arriving from Greece as a 14-year-old at Pellegrini's in Melbourne, learning hospitality, opening his own Bourke Street shop before his sojourn to Lorne, his beloved

hometown he never left.

Inarguably, through his success with first The Arab and then The Pier, each of them becoming legendary, Sam had no peer in the town, indeed generally acknowledged as a major tourist draw card for Lorne even credited by many as the saviour of the town during the destructive Covid shutdown.

Lorraine and I have established a warm friendly relationship with Sam, family and staff over the years, inevitably dining there and spending most of the time 'chewing the fat'.

Like many, I have fought the iniquitous GORCC since inception as everything they've done/ failed to do has resulted in some negative impact on Lorne, its attractions, it's people and morale.

They should indeed hang their heads in shame that their final mismanagement has succeeded in ridding Lorne of one of its finest entrepreneur - a very sad day for Lorne and us personally as coming down will never be the same again.

Alan Chipp - Dorman Street

THE LORNE BOWLS CLUB WELCOMES THEIR NEWEST RESIDENT

The Lorne Bowls Club has welcomed Little Picket to the club house at Mountjoy Parade – chefs' Jo Barrett and David Osgood newly opened restaurant and bar.

Jo Barrett and Louise Daily, chefs from sustainable house "Futurefoodsystem" and award winning Yarra Valley restaurant 'Oakridge winery' are now cooking produce driven bistro fare from the kitchen.

Beer specialists David Osgood, known for his work at GABS and The Three Blue Ducks, is behind the bar serving a range of beers, Australian wine and spirits. "We are looking

forward to having a restaurant where the club members and locals can feel at home and the people visiting Lorne can get a taste of what the Surf Coast is all about" explained chef Jo.

David added: "I'm excited to see all age groups come together on the green. I have fond memories as a kid bowling with my granddad. I can't wait to see others have experiences like that".

A spokesperson for the Club said for people to feel free to drop in for barefoot bowls, a drink and a bite to eat, otherwise bookings can be made over the phone 5289 1462.

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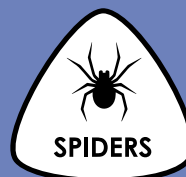
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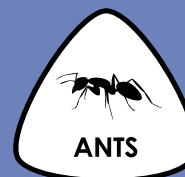


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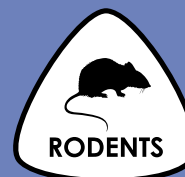
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PSA President slams cash-for-vapes proposal

Following a proposal to offer cash incentives to pharmacists for stocking, dispensing, and recommending nicotine vapes in community pharmacies, the PSA National President Dr Fei Sim did not hold back in her criticism of the proposal.

Dr Fei Sim said that 'Big Tobacco cannot be trusted with the health of Australians'.

The VEEV Pharmacy Program, facilitated by pharmacy IT solutions company PharmaPrograms, proposed to pay pharmacists a 'readiness payment' of \$275 for ordering \$250 worth of the Philip Morris International (PMI) VEEV vaping products and other PMI-supported devices.

Further proposals included a \$5 fee for referring patients to a GP for a vaping prescription, \$10 for patient education relating to VEEV devices and \$5 for every new vaping script dispensed.

With growing concerns around increasing vape use in young Australians, the measures were introduced to restrict access to these products.

Health organisations, including PSA, were quick to slam the PharmaPrograms vaping program.

PSA National President Dr Fei Sim came out swinging: 'PMI's offer of financial kickbacks shows clear contempt for our profession and our dedication to the health and wellbeing of our communities,' the President said.



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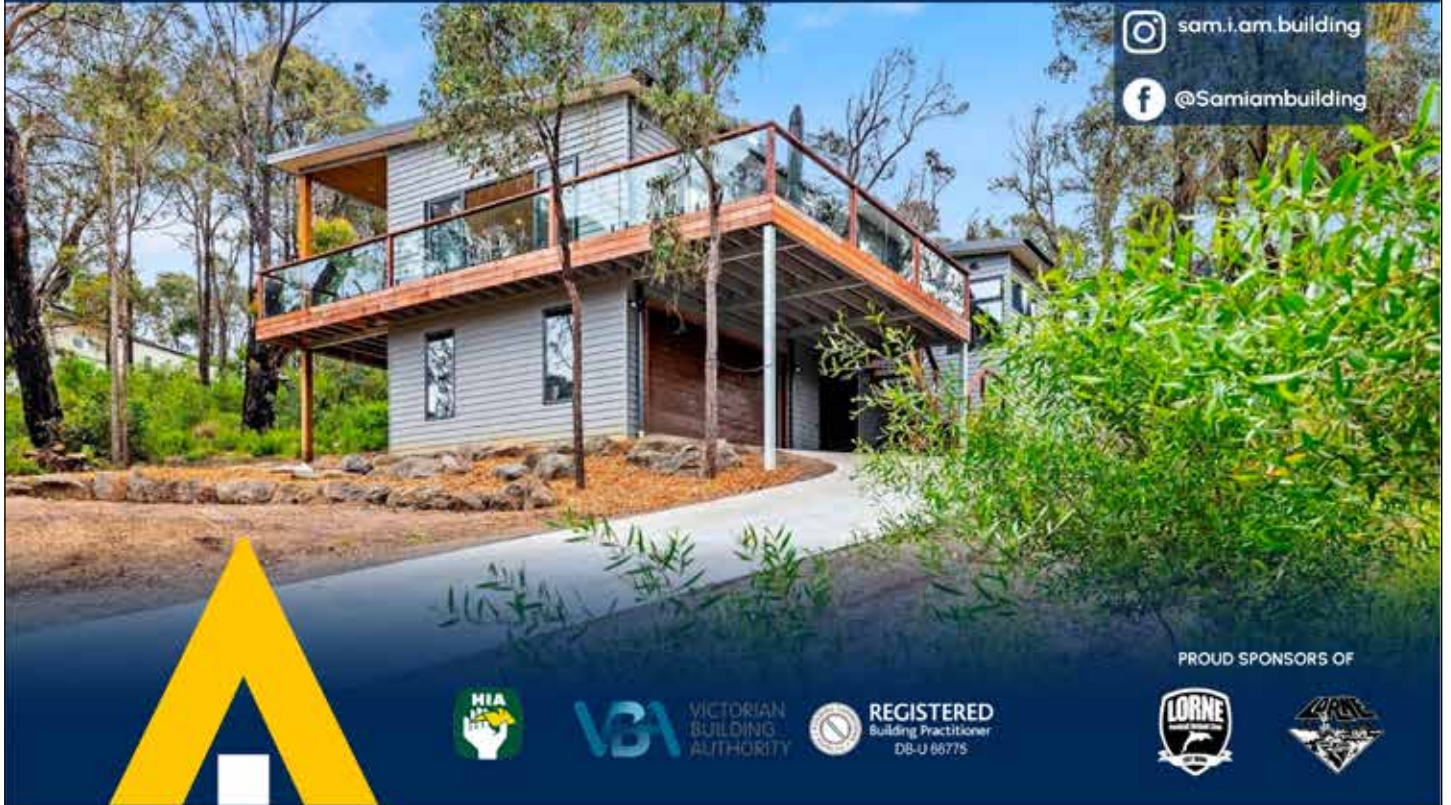
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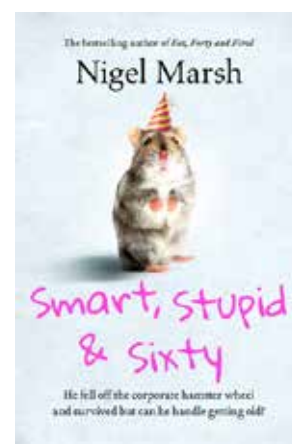
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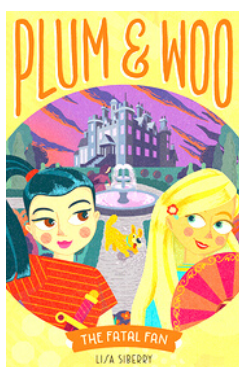
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In *Fat, Forty and Fired*, Nigel wrote about falling off the corporate hamster wheel and surviving. Now that he's approaching sixty, he can't help but notice it's been a while since he stepped onto that wheel with other hamsters. Could it be that Nigel's most successful days are behind him? Or is conventional success simply that – conventional success? And is it possible that his happiest days lie ahead?



CHILDREN'S FICTION: *The Fatal Fan (Plum & Woo #3)* by Lisa Siberry



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