

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

We were all forecasting March to be a big month and last weekend's Labour Day holiday break proved to be huge in many ways. The influx of visitors to our region saw numbers return to levels not seen since prior to the Christmas fires. Whether it be the result of the publicity and exposure of The Today Show which beamed from Lorne's Erskine River mouth, the launch of Lorne's Sculpture Biennale or the continuing efforts of those behind Lorne's Economic Recovery program, the town was alive!

Having walked the foreshore late on Saturday brought an appreciation of the amazing talents of the creators of the very, very differing array of works. Some that were static displays of imagination, others interacted as children and others got close up while others added another dimension to our Erskine River. People of all cultures and backgrounds were enjoying the great display of works against the backdrop of some of Australia's most picturesque coastline.

Then there was the structure that didn't appear to be listed in the exclusive Biennale catalogue as it sat "proudly" near the start line of the Pier to Pub swim. The somewhat "phallic" creation amused many, confused others and had some guessing. But those with a knowledge of past events would have known that Lorne's "wanna be" sculptor, Dick, would no doubt have a piece of work on display not far from his spiritual home.

This event has grown not only as an iconic Australian Arts event but has been embraced by our community across all levels. As the sun began to set on day one of this magical event, the diversity and richness shared is owned by all. To see the Victorian Governor, holiday makers, locals and "wanna be" sculptor Dickie all enjoying the hospitality of the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club, makes for a very special experience on our "Creative Coast" and the Sculpture trail.

The start of the Lorne Football Netball Club season is now less than a week away, with their Easter Saturday blockbuster against Birregurra. This landmark game sees both Clubs link arms and launch the Mark Trickey Memorial Cup to be contested between the two sides when they meet each year for the special Easter fixture. Mark, a life long Lorne footballer, was a senior coach at Birregurra in 1981 & 82 and a Premiership coach in Lorne 1983 and after a courageous battle, passed away at the age of 58 in September 2015.

It will a great day for both Clubs and a display of country sport and camaraderie at its very best. Make sure you get there early as Lorne's No.1 ticket holder, Mike Brady of "Up there Cazaly fame", welcomes the Easter crowd and kicks off the 2016 season.

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Chairman
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Lions Club of Lorne 45th Easter Art Show

The Lions Club of Lorne was formed in 1969 and chartered in 1970. Since its establishment, the club members have worked tirelessly to provide financial and other support to worthy causes within Lorne and also to initiatives of Lions International.

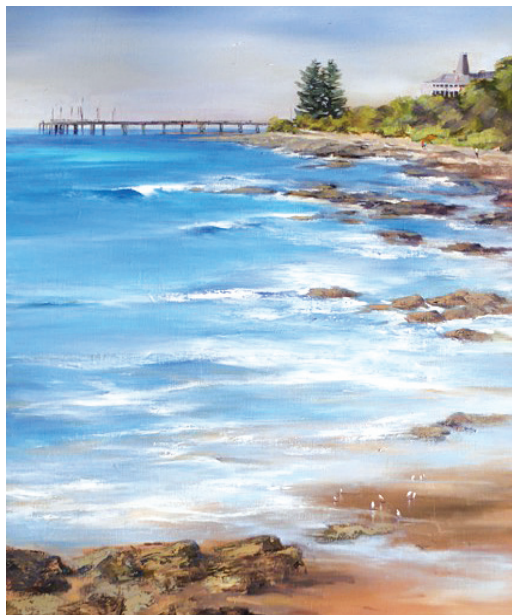
This year in particular has been a very busy time for the small group of Lorne members, who have been very heavily involved in the Wye River and Separation Creek fire recovery effort. Approximately \$80,000 has been spent so far, helping those who were impacted by these fires.

The Easter Art Show is the major fundraising event for the Lorne Lions each year. The entry fee for the Gala Opening on Thursday 24th March at 7:00pm is \$20, which includes finger food and a glass of champagne. Paintings by popular artists often sell out on the opening night, so anyone interested in purchasing a piece of art should come along. The 45th Annual Easter Art Show will be officially opened by Richard Riordan MP - Member for Polwarth. The show is open each day on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday from 10:00am until 5:00pm and on Monday 28th from 10:00am until 12 noon.

This event provides artists with a showcase for their work within five categories, with prizes for each category. Art buyers can view a vast selection of work with coastal themes being a popular subject. This year we have approximately 300 paintings from over 90 artists.

Our judge this year is Karen Pegg. Karen works from her artist's studio perched on a crest above her home in the Barrabool Hills, and is inspired by panoramic views across neighboring farmland to the growing city of Geelong and Corio Bay below her in the east, and the distant skyline of Melbourne to the north on a clear day. Many of her paintings and sculptures are commissioned by private art collectors from around Australia and overseas. She offers some works for sale in commercial galleries in Daylesford, and Aireys Inlet and regularly exhibits in group and solo shows in Melbourne and Geelong. She has been awarded several prizes over her long career.

Prizewinners will be announced at the official opening. The categories are: Best – Oil, Water Color, Pastel, Acrylic and Other Medium. Visitors to the art show can vote on the art work they deem to be the



best in the show. The winner of this category will be announced on Monday 28th March.

The Art Show offers interested parties the opportunity to sponsor all sections of the event. All money raised goes directly back into community projects. The event has approved 45 year track record and offers sponsors a successful iconic event.

The Lions Club of Lorne welcomes new members. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month. Members work on fundraising projects which includes barbecues, the iconic snow cone van on the foreshore over summer and there are many social occasions throughout the year. Involvement offers members the opportunity to assist their local community through fundraising and have fun at the same time. If you would like to enquire about sponsorship for the 2016 Art Show or you are interested in coming along to a Lions functions, please contact the President of the Lions Club of Lorne: Belinda Lance on 0429 127 303.

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MARIANNE LATHAM (BROOKE)

COMMUNITY PROFILE

In 1970 Marianne's father bought a bush block at Cathedral Rock, built a weekend house and a tennis court. Without electricity and only hand pumped water Marianne's family enjoyed holidaying in a natural environment until after the '83 fires when it was rebuilt with modern conveniences.

Marianne grew up in Melbourne in an extended family of nine. She was educated at Korowa, taking speech and drama as extras and engaged in all sporting activities available at school as well as squash, tennis and surfing with family.

When her Fine Arts course was compromised by a teachers strike, she and a friend went to Perth. Marianne stayed on and took her first job with a mining company. With knowledge of the share market garnered at family Sunday lunches, she funded a three year adventure working overseas. In London she worked several years with an innovative, fast growing company, which computerised theatre bookings and later, in Teheran, where her brother was working, she taught English.

On her return home she spent seven years with an eminent physician and surgeon, who educated her in medicine, terminology and practise.

At this time she began classical ballet, then modern dance at The National Theatre before switching to the Drama School.

After graduating she studied television techniques and earned small roles in several drama series, TV commercials, 3 major ABC productions and an award winning film. After 2 years cast in "Prisoner", she took a break in Africa until she had to return suddenly to care for her mother.

Marianne worked as a volunteer in the legal fight for Vietnam Veterans compensation related to Agent Orange.

She met Tom in Portsea but only 12 years later did they romance to marriage in 2003. Happily, they purchased a holiday home in Lorne. In 2007 their community involvement included taking over the reins of the second Lorne Sculpture Exhibition committee.

Her interests include ornithology, golf- now a 30 years member at Lorne, swimming, bush walking, the natural environment and art.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 12 - 3/4 **Lorne Sculpture Biennale**, running for 3 weeks on Lorne foreshore
- 24 **Lions Easter Art Show Opening Night**, 7:00pm at Senior Citizens Centre
- 24 **Murray2Moynce Fundraising Dinner**, for Michael 'Camel' Callanan, 6pm at The View @ The Lorne Hotel, bookings via www.trybooking.com/181482 or 0418 725 726
- 25 **Lions Easter Art Show**, 10am-5pm at Senior Citizens Centre, 25-28 Mar
- 26 **Lorne Kinder Fair**, 9am-4pm on the Lorne Foreshore
- 27 **LAAC Major Fishing Comp No 3**, at the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club.
- 27 **Deans Marsh Festival**, from 10am to 5pm

Please forward the dates of your Lorne Ward community event via the contact details at the bottom of this page.

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