

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



JASON BETHERAS

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Whether you are a member or not, you couldn't help but have noticed the tall, handsome, bronze barista making coffee on the deck of the Aquatic Club over summer.

Jason not only makes great coffee but delivers it with lashings of cheer, indicative of his zest for living. The coffee cart, his latest venture is something he hopes to further develop over the next six months.

A Melbourne lad, Jason's lifetime connection with Lorne began when the town was still a village. When he left school, he worked with the ANZ bank where he came to appreciate there was a whole wide world "out there" to be discovered. So after two years he left, bought a combi van with a plan to work his way around Australia. He got as far as Mildura picking grapes in 40 degree heat and for very little pay. When he received an invitation to a friend's birthday back in Melbourne he gladly accepted. On returning to Melbourne a light bulb moment occurred, due to his existing love of competing and training for running and triathlons he decided to take it on full-time and "give it a crack to be the best I could be."

He spent 12 years competing in events first at the state level, then the national level before attempting ironman contests.

His cash flow came from working in hospitality including management positions which set him up for the next adventure.

He sold up everything, bought two surfboards and set out on a journey to surf around Europe and Asia. That lasted until he ran out of money and returned home.

During the two years he lived in Portugal he met the woman he eventually married. Although separated now they remain strong friends. He returns to Portugal when he can to visit his extended family.

"I have worked at many jobs, mostly in hospitality but for 6 years on the Gold Coast I was an electrical fitter for a small company owned by a fellow I met overseas. I have always preferred to be with small firms for the personal contact rather than being a number."

Jason's day to day interests include surfing, being out doors and staying fit and healthy, music, writing and reading.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

- 31/3-3/4 **Lorne Sculpture Biennale**, running for 3 weeks on Lorne foreshore
- 9 **Lorne vs Apollo Bay football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 23 **Lorne vs Colac Imperials football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 25 **Anzac Day Service Lorne**, at Epitaph Reserve (opposite Kafe Kaos) at 7.30am. 2nd service at the Senior Citizens at 11.30 am and followed by a March to Epitaph Reserve at 12 noon.

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

DOUBLE, DOUBLE BOWLS AND BUBBLES

What a colourful Easter weekend in Lorne when the west coast's event capital turned it on for young and old. An absolutely jam packed holiday period full of activity at every level. Lorne was back to its bustling, busy, cosmopolitan best with so much to do and array of activities to satisfy the diverse nature of all that were lucky enough to be on the coast.

After six years of trying, the Lorne Business and Tourism Association (LBTA) combined with the Committee for Lorne (CfL) to install the long awaited "banner poles" along Mountjoy Parade. The bright orange flags of the Lorne Sculpture Biennale welcomed our visitors with a long awaited sense of belonging and festive cheer. It helped set the scene of one of the most vibrant culturally active small towns on the Australian coastline.

The "banner poles" which had been the long term project of both the LBTA and the CfL, were meticulously cleaned and installed by our local team in readiness for the busy Easter break. We would love to receive Community feedback and support, or otherwise, as we "pilot" their use and plan for the protocols of use moving forward. The installation team acted swiftly on the past support of the community and we want to ensure that remains unchanged. Please feel free to communicate with Chris Tutungi or myself.

Mike Brady's last big performance was at the MCG on Grand Final Day where he belted out his "superannuation song" – Up there Cazaly. That was of course, until he performed in front of the 3000 strong crowd at Lorne's Stribling Reserve on Easter Saturday prior to the Lorne's first home game of the season. It was a huge day for our local club and the volunteers on the day need a big pat on the back for looking after a large crowd never before seen at our local ground.

LNFC President Ken Hosking paid glowing tribute to the Surfcoast Shire, Contractors and the President of the Stribling Reserve Committee, Peter Spring, for the diligent commitment to the plan to rectify the surface of the Stribling Reserve. It was an absolute picture with many commenting that the surface has never looked so good.

Hard to believe that such a big crowd could be in Lorne and yet so little support to our local Police Sergeant David Cooper and his team. Knowing the way these guys have looked after our town over many years and created standards that have made our community such a safe, enjoyable place to live and enjoy, it is disappointing to hear that the "support from above" for strong presence in Lorne has disappeared – stay tuned!!!!

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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

What a wonderful finals week for the Lorne Bowls Club. Victory in the grand-final of both the Midweek and Saturday competitions is a fitting reward for the Club and in particular for the fifty pennant members of the Club. This bowling season we were able to field teams in three divisions, welcome new bowlers both young and mature, attract players from outside Lorne and have both ladies and men playing in all three teams.

The division four Saturday side finished a credible ninth on the ladder, winning seven and drawing one game against one of the eventual finalist teams. The side welcomed six first-year bowlers, with John Russell and John Tuck taking leadership positions to assist the new members. Having a second Saturday pennant side has provided the necessary depth of players to support the division three team and partly explains its undefeated season, as it was not the hard and dedicated training regime!

The Midweek team played Cobden in the grand-final. It is thirty years since the last grand-final victory by the Ladies. Lorne won all three rinks and finished 26 shots clear of Cobden. The final was played in extremely difficult windy conditions, making this result even more pleasing. The team was managed by Merna Smith, with Heather Olney, Jen Dulloo and Merna skipping the three sides. It was a very even performance with all players bowling well at different stages of the game. The team is now promoted to division two for the next season.

The Saturday division three side completed the season undefeated. We played Derrinalum in the grand-final winning by 15 shots – winning two rinks, drawing one and losing one. This is the fourth time we played Derrinalum (a division 2 side in 2015), with most of the games being close. The Lorne team was managed by Michael Causon, with Allan Walls, Peter Steven, Sam Coulson and Michael skipping the four sides. It was a close game all day, with Lorne gaining momentum in the final five ends. The team is now promoted to division two for the next season.

Our year began in a very positive way. The inaugural community cup was a great success with over fifty people competing over two weeks, many of whom had never bowled. We assisted the students and staff of



the Lorne Aireys Inlet P-12 College to include bowling in the curriculum and the after-school program. We gained two new major sponsors – Great Ocean Road Real Estate and the Bendigo Community Bank, as well as maintaining the support of our traditional sponsors – Lorne Electrics, Beach House Gifts, The Lorne Post Office, June Stafford, Lorne Foodworks, Lorne Fisheries, Sue Theodore, Lorne Automotive Services, Surf Coast Optical and the Lorne Pharmacy. We also entered a twelve month contract with Heusos Catering to operate the bar and restaurant.

The Lorne Bowls Club is open to community groups and individuals to try bowling. The barefoot bowls program is run by Jeff Woolley and Janet McLeod (0456 411 222) or simply ask a member to help you have a bowl. It is a wonderful game for all ages, a game that I embraced, but not mastered, two years ago. It is great fun.

The future of our bowling club is very good. Rarely do both pennant divisions win a grand-final in the same year. We have an expanding membership base and with these victories we will attract new members to the Club for the 2016-17 bowling season. My thanks go to all members and bowlers for your support during the year, and particularly to the members of the various committees for your acceptance of leadership positions and for the many demands made upon your time over the year, not just the bowling season.

Gary Allen
President
Lorne Bowls Club

