

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

I have to admit that I love it when I see success from any level from within our community and it's probably fair to say that we "bat way above the average" when it comes to delivering results at the top end of the spectrum. No matter what the platform, we consistently appear prominently in a varied array of activities whether it is sport, festival or artistic.

This week I wanted to share an outstanding achievement on Queensland's Sunshine Coast at Alexandra Headland at the Australian Life Saving Championships. In the first instance, not only in the knowledge that the Lorne Surf Club was taking a large competitive team but for the first time also a U/15 junior team to Life Savings premier event.

With in excess of 7000 competitors representing 313 Clubs from around the country, the elite of the Surf Club members compete to be the best in Australia. The nine day event kicked off last weekend with the youth championships being held at Maroochydore Beach. In the blue ribbon iron man event, Lorne's William "Billy" Bowden put in a super performance to secure the silver medal in the U/15 event. Congratulations to Billy and his family, non-permanent residents, who are great contributors to Lorne.

Equally impressive, albeit on a slightly different level, the ongoing work at Lorne's Men's Shed and the hive of activity as the building nears completion. You cannot pass the site without seeing "Shedders" busily fine tuning the finishing touches of their prized asset as their prestige building emerges more like a corporate facility as opposed to a shed. I think it would be fair to say that there would be no better Men's Shed building in Australia and if there is I'd like to know where!

Last week, the partnership officially commenced with the Committee for Lorne (CfL), on behalf of the Lorne Community, and the Surfcoast Shire in a ground breaking milestone as the Partnership Model Project Control Group for the Stribling Reserve Master Plan conducted Meeting Number 1. We see this as a very positive step forward in being a "pilot" program as to how future community planning activities can be conducted between Government Agencies and our local Community.

I have a strong commitment to use this platform, and others, to keep everyone well informed of the process and the progress. If all goes to plan, the Master Planning process will see closure and completion in the last half of 2017. Stribling Reserve is Crown Land, temporarily reserved for cricket and public recreation, managed by the Surfcoast Shire and has a license for use by the Lorne-Aireys Inlet P-12 School – it was reserved for these purposes in 1880!

Ian Stewart

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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

Lorne Football & Netball Club A Great Example of Country "Footy"

Last Saturday, the AFL responded to another of those "wild ideas" from that great ambassador for Australian Rules, Kevin Sheedy. The man responsible for the legendary Collingwood/Essendon clash on ANZAC Day and "Dreamtime at the G", proposed that the time was right to recognise and celebrate what football means in the country. This time a clash between the two teams with the strongest country supporter bases, Geelong and Essendon. As you walked into the MCG there was a real country atmosphere; tractors and other farm equipment on display, food stalls selling country fresh produce and an enormous contingent of volunteers from the CFA. Kevin spoke of the importance of football in the country and what it meant to small communities. Football was a family affair and it brought communities together; just what was needed in times of hardship like drought and fire.

Listening to the ABC Couldabeens on Saturday morning, they too celebrated country footy. They spoke to the coach of Nullawil, and for those who aren't sure, it's half way between Shepparton and Mildura. Nullawil plays in the Golden Rivers League and an away game against Hay in NSW, means a 300km drive to start the day! He spoke of the trip to Hay, the fact that Nullawil fielded 4 Footy teams from juniors to seniors and 5 Netball teams, once again, from juniors to seniors. He spoke with real optimism about their chances on the day, but more importantly he spoke of the true meaning of country sport as a means of helping to bond communities.

I paused to reflect on the importance of the Lorne Football & Netball Club (LFNC) to our community. This year, there are 64 registered Netball players. There are six teams; three juniors and three seniors. On a training night, there are netball players everywhere! A couple of Lorne ladies have volunteered to assist with babysitting duties while Mums are training. This job of keeping the young ones occupied has recently been made a lot easier by the construction of a small play area, with equipment, adjacent to the netball court. Stribling Reserve Committee agreed to fence the whole perimeter of the court and netball hut to make it a secure space and local tradespeople volunteered their services to excavate the space, build a retaining wall, install a secure fence with childproof latch and install play equipment. The Lorne Hospital and Ladies Auxiliary (Op Shop) very generously donated funds to purchase the equipment. At this point, I would like to recognise the amazing contribution of Carly Enticott in making this project happen. Well done, Carly!



On Thursday night, when both football and netball teams train, Selena Walding prepares a meal for the players and any visitors who want to attend to watch training or just come down for a very family friendly social night at the Leisure Centre. When visitors and players and support staff are all gathered for a meal and waiting for teams to be announced, you can see first hand the importance of footy and netball in our community. It's a very social occasion and everyone is welcome, so if your looking for something to do on an otherwise quiet Thursday night over winter, why not come down about 6pm, enjoy a drink and a meal and be part of a great community event.

The Lorne Football and Netball Club has received amazing support from the community in recent times and that support has strengthened and grown the great sense of community that the Dolphins enjoy. Country footy is very much alive. It is a vital part of the lifeblood of towns like ours and we are very lucky to have the players and supporters that contribute to make us such a great Club.

Don't forget, home games for the next two Saturdays – April 23 & 30. We hope to see you there and don't forget to come and see us on Thursday nights.

Ken Hosking
President
Lorne Football and Netball Club



DARYL COLLINS

COMMUNITY PROFILE

A country boy from Hopetoun, Daryl worked with BHP for 35 years after graduating from Geelong Grammar and Melbourne University.

His various jobs took him all over the world and around Australia. After leaving BHP he worked as a CEO for a corporation in Melbourne before retiring in 2011.

Surprisingly he still loves to travel, except it is for pleasure or to visit family living overseas.

In 1970 he married Maureen, had four children who have produced ten grandchildren. After returning from living in San Francisco in 1998, Daryl and Maureen purchased a property in Smith Street. In 2004 they demolished the house and built two houses – one of which they occupy today. When in Victoria they spend as much time in Lorne as they can. In winter they escape to Palm Cove for a few months.

From an early age Daryl spent holidays in Lorne with his family in a caravan and then occasionally visited relatives before he bought a house of his own.

He is a member of local sporting clubs and supports the Lorne Hospital. He loves reading, walking, golf, the beach and gardening while down here and even tries a bit of cooking .

If Daryl has a passion it is a zest for life and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He has a network of old friends who have houses in Lorne.

"Lorne is a special place and I feel very attached to it."

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

23 **Lorne vs Colac Imperials football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm

25 **Anzac Day Service Lorne**, at ANZAC PARK at 7am, followed by a Gun Fire Breakfast at Lorne Bowls Club - All welcome. 2nd service at the Senior Citizens at 11 am, followed by a March and Wreath laying Ceremony at ANZAC PARK.

30 **Lorne vs Western Eagles football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm

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14 **Lorne vs Irrewarra-Beeac football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm

15 **Great Ocean Road International Marathon**, the Great Ocean Road will be closed between Lorne and Apollo Bay from 7am to 2:30pm, detours in place. The Lorne township will remain open.

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

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