

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Without doubt, the highlight of the long weekend past was the opening of the Lorne Men's Shed. An amazing afternoon with Federal and State Politicians, Surfcoast Shire Mayor, CEO, Senior officers and councillors all in attendance. The formalities were ably led by Lorne local and Men's Shed President Alan Walls, flanked by his dedicated local committee, all with vast business and entrepreneurial experience.

Under their slogan of "877" they proudly stood before the 300 strong crowd as the well-deserved messages of thanks and praise were covered in detail, and the story of the birth of Lorne's Men's Shed unfolded. For the first time I was able to inspect the "Shed", fully appreciating the level of detail and quality of finish that must surely rank this building in the top three sheds of Victoria if not Australia – A "shed" that everyone can be truly proud of.

The combination of technology and craftsmanship not normally associated with a "Shed" was on full display. From the doubled glazed windows, the acoustic marine ply lining, the finely honed concrete slab, the north facing glass expanses to the security cameras and individual identity access swipes, this was a "Shed" without compromise.

As the formalities unfolded and the gratitude warmly extended to their counterparts at the Lorne Community Hospital Op Shop, it must be noted the commitment and financial support from this legendary local group was simply outstanding. Their president, Mandy Calder spoke passionately on behalf her team as she delivered a message from the heart that reinforced the commitment of the town to the Lorne Men's Shed.

In Mandy's speech was a message that captured so well the experiences of living in Lorne, and one that reinforced what we should never take for granted. No matter what generation into which we fit, the volunteer spirit and Sense of Place experienced in this town is like no other. In Mandy's words "she felt proud to be part of such a strong community" and equally it reinforces how lucky we are to share these same feelings across all generations – so well spoken Mandy!

At our Committee for Lorne June meeting Steve Atkinson kindly facilitated a workshop that focused on our Aspirations for Lorne planning document, both in the achievements to date and how to implement strategies for outstanding actions, whilst at the same time identifying other issues that we need to address.

A full summary of the outputs from this workshop is being prepared which will be shared with you over the coming weeks and further circulated to our community interest groups, clubs and individuals. We were unanimously clear that the immediate priority surrounding the success of the current Stribling Reserve Master Planning project was crucial, not only for our Community but in setting strategic directions for future planning in Lorne.

Ian Stewart
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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

New Services at Lorne Community House

The Lorne Community House has introduced some exciting and fun changes to their services on offer for young families in the community. They are now offering a new format to the Playgroup catch-ups and an amazing new set up for the Toy Library.

Playgroup is now a 'Supported Playgroup' that is facilitated by a qualified worker from Barwon Child, Youth & Family services. Particularly great in winter as activities are set up to keep your kids engaged and reduce the 'cabin fever' wet days can bring.

The facilitation incorporates aspects from "Small Talk", a program designed to expose families to evidence-based strategies they can use to enhance learning at home for children up to age four and is also supported by the Surf Coast Shire.

The program "supports parents as their child's first educator" and "has a positive impact on children's learning and social and emotional development".

Not to mention, it's fun for the kids and parents get some well-deserved time out and a chance to catch up with friends! **Lorne Supported Playgroup is at the Lorne Community House, Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.15am.** Gold coin donation is greatly appreciated.

The Toy Library has been at Lorne Community House for approximately three years and the toys were

purchased through a number of grants. All toys are mostly new and in fantastic, clean condition. Finally they are now housed in a large cupboard that was paid for through another grant from the Falls Festival.

They toys are easy to access, safe and open. Children can see what toys are available and can pick themselves. You can take out a Membership to the Lorne Toy Library by simply visiting the Community House and speaking to their friendly staff.

The Lorne Toy Library is also online, where you can view the toys available and reserve your choices before coming in to pick them up. It's a wonderful resource, which a huge range of choice – great for parents and grandparents who may not want to buy new toys as often... and a great way to give your kids more variety of toys, without the price tag!

Visit the Lorne Community House for **Red Nose Day (SIDS) – Thursday 23rd June**, when they will be making a special discount on Toy Library membership fees and celebrating the day – wear red to recognise this day, meet others in the community and join the Toy Library!

Katy Kennedy
House Coordinator
Lorne Community House



DON BALDWIN

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Don's career in procurement had its beginning in the family company, R.K. Morgan, after finishing school in Seymour.

He worked with them for eleven years before moving to Fluor Australia, a US multinational engineering and construction company. However, the bulk of his 25 years in procurement was spent with BOC Gases in Melbourne until he retired..... to Lorne of course.

There were three highlights in Don's career of which he spoke with passion. The first was his involvement producing a high volume, light, easy to use gas package with an integrated valve regulator known as INHALO and used in patient care.

The second was helping procure the materials for the inaugural helium purification plant in the Southern Hemisphere in Darwin. This involved organising the shipping in of 30,000 tonnes of equipment "delivered damage free".

The third was working on the Westbury project in Tasmania where BOC tapped into Esso's Bass Strait natural gas pipeline and built a mini LNG plant.

Don was introduced to Lorne by his wife of 38 years, Christine. After they were married, they spent every Christmas with her parents in Smith Street until the house was sold. The Baldwins bought their own house in 2011 with retirement in mind and in 2014 moved in permanently.

Don is a member of the winning Lorne Bowls pennant team and Secretary of the club. He is also Secretary of the new Men's Shed and a member of the Aquatic and Football Clubs. He loves the movies and admits to being a serious fan of the Game of Thrones and House of Cards series.

He travelled frequently during his career but has also enjoyed cruising around New Zealand and Australia for pleasure. His plans in retirement include touring Europe, parts of Canada and Alaska.

The Baldwins have two daughters, a grandson and are learning fast about grandparent duties.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

- 25 **Deans Marsh Winter Solstice Celebration**, Music, warm winter treats, kids activities, drumming workshop and more. 5pm - 9 pm at the Deans Marsh Reserve.
- 30 **Lorne Op Shop AGM.** The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Lorne Community and Hospital Auxiliary (The Lorne Op Shop) will be held at 11.45 am on Thursday 30 June 2016 at the Lorne Community House.

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

