

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Well it's official, the winter solstice is now complete, the shortest day/longest night is now behind us and from next week it's "down hill" to Christmas - can you believe it? The year has appeared to absolutely fly past at the blink of an eye and probably fair to say the weather pattern has had a fair bit to do with it. To experience a long dry Autumn the way we did appeared to fast track the arrival of winter, but when it did arrive it did so with a vengeance.

The winter weather pattern of the last month has delivered in full force. From extensive rains that had our catchments overflowing within weeks, to monster tides and swells that have changed the coastal landscape. I am certain we will all have various memories and stories of the changes we have seen.

To me, the memories are vivid and one in particular, having grown up with the St George River as an extended back yard. Having spent endless school holidays and weekends as a child with other life long Lorne residents "herding toadies" into the shallows, jumping off the road bridge (being cautious to avoid the pylons of the former bridge) and exploring the "upper reaches".

Today, like never before, there has been a marked change in the river composition of those "upper reaches" (above the bridge). As a child there was never the build up of sand and infiltration of salt water to levels that we have seen of the past decade. All this change may be only minor to many, it is one that resonates strongly with me given the clarity of the past.

As I drive our magnificent coastal road, I notice changes that I am sure many will articulate better than I, but there is an underlying similar characteristic of change. Change that will need to be managed for future generations to come. Another concern of many is the coastal erosion in the Point Grey Precinct that will need to be addressed as part of the plan for the precinct.

We are so fortunate here in Lorne to have the support and structures in place surrounding our Lorne Community Hospital and their ever-expanding plans. Last week I met with Kate Gillan the CEO of our hospital and reinforced the support of the Committee for Lorne and our Community for the fantastic work Kate and her team does on an ongoing basis. I was inspired to learn of their visions for the future as they embark on their new Strategic Plan 2016-2020 along with an outline of the review of the Hospitals organisational identity. Great work!!!!

*Ian Stewart*

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Chairman  
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## LORNE AIREYS INLET P-12 COLLEGE PRODUCTION



**This year the Lorne Aireys Inlet P-12 College has joined with the Lorne Arts and Culture Foundation's Festival of Performing Arts (FOPA) to showcase the amazing and varied talents of our students.**

The College's biennial Production has been a highlight of the school calendar for over twenty years. It is written and performed by the students, and students also take on the roles of back stage, lighting and technical coordinators. Students are inspired, supported and coordinated by highly talented staff members John Waller and Ted O'Neil, working on writing and refining the script, holding auditions, and producing and directing the production!

Without giving away too much, this year's production 'TV or not TV' is a story of some technologically absorbed kids, who are then forced to spend time away from their devices. The kids are plunged into a world of uncertainty, as their technology obsession becomes a reality.

The Production will be held in the Cumberland auditorium over two nights, Wednesday August 31st and Thursday September 1st. We are excited to extend an invitation to community members to attend the Thursday evening performance. The College would like to thank the Cumberland Resort for their generosity in providing this wonderful venue.

The College is offering an opportunity for any community members who may be willing to offer skilled help in the area of sewing for set and costume design, hair and make-up, prop design and sound and lighting. If you would like to be involved, please contact John Waller at the Lorne Campus office (5289 1585) and help make our production bigger and more fantastic than ever!



*Pictured above are Year 11 students and lead script writers for the Production (from left) Max Caon, Brianna Duke and Sarah Everitt*

**Geoff Couper**  
Vice Principal  
Lorne Aireys Inlet P-12 College



GERRY LAWSON

### COMMUNITY PROFILE

**During summer, to earn a bed in Gerry and Sue's Lorne house you have to either swim in the Pier to Pub or run in the Mountain to Surf.**

This year within the family, three grandchildren and three parents completed the run. Four did the swim including Sue, who chalked up her 20th event.

The Lawsons have come to Lorne for holidays from their farm in Deniliquin but since Gerry

'retired' two years ago they have been coming more often. Gerry enjoyed recalling memories of 'unbelievable' times spent in his late teens at The Wild Colonial Club and at The Arab. He bought his Lorne house about twenty years ago and with three children and five grandchildren, it gets plenty of use.

He was a country boy for the first ten years of his life until he moved to Melbourne to complete his schooling. After studying at Agricultural College he worked as an agronomist with CSR and a fertiliser company before at age 28, bought a rice farm at Finley in NSW. Then he bought a bigger rice farm at Deniliquin where he has been ever since. His keen interest in rice resulted in him becoming Chairman of The Rice Marketing Board, of Sun Rice and other food companies over a period of 25 years. He was awarded an Australian honour (AC) for his dedication and service to the rice industry.

After rice, his passion is racing cars. One of a collection, a Lotus 11 Le Mans 1957 was parked under the house barely cold from racing on the Phillip Island racing track. He loves golf and plays with Sue or his mates every day he is in Lorne. He buys and reads all the daily newspapers. He is a member of the Country Club, The Aquatic Club, The Men's Shed and supports the Footy Club.

Gerry has travelled extensively for business and leisure but "There is nowhere better than Lorne and what I especially love is not having to put up with all the hassle at airports to get here."

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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.*

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