

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Without doubt the excitement of the past week has revolved around the white blanket that embraced the Otways for the first time in a couple of years. The consistent cover of snow that fell across a vast expanse of our high country provided a new-found meaning for the name of Lorne as a resort for all seasons. While for some it was the first time they had seen or touched the cold white stuff, for others it was reinforcement of the seasonal climate that makes Victoria so different to any other state.

The many images that flooded the press and social media channels portrayed the Otways in all their magical glory were further enhanced by the winter arrival. It was great also to read the experiences of former Lorne people who rekindled memories of their past excitement around winter in Lorne. One local photographer still proudly displays a photograph taken in the early 1980's of the first early morning vehicle tyre marks in Mountjoy Parade following a light sprinkling of sleet - simply beautiful.

Having been fortunate to be spending time just over 3,000 kilometres north of Lorne over the past couple of weeks, the icy blast in the south doesn't quite resonate to the same levels as it does for those at home. With an ocean temperature in the far North of Queensland at 24 degrees at times, it's hard to comprehend the variations of our seasons within the same country. Such an expansive country with so many small towns just like ours all with their own special stories but it reinforced to me just how Lorne really "punches above its own weight" in so many ways.

Our natural beauty speaks for itself, our seasonal weather offerings are like no other, our sense of community building with ever increasing momentum and our people kicking goals across a number of different fields. Whether it be Jack Steven (and proud supportive parents Peter and Jenny) as part of the St Kilda leadership group, inspiring an AFL revival of the Saints and another Lorne person, Olympic gold medalist Lydia Lassila vying for all Australian selection, or younger generations making their presence felt worldwide, our community should be proud.

But it doesn't just stop at this level as we have great people achieving and reaching to all parts of the globe. Jordan Carroll, coming through our local school system, getting close to finishing his double degree at Melbourne Uni, the Bird and Walding families experiencing weddings in Paris and Columbia respectively. We have young ones backpacking in Europe, others sailing and living on the Mediterranean for the duration of winter, while others keep the "local fires burning".

Our heroes at the Lorne Op Shop, Angelo, Harry and Tucky on the gate at the local footy, Councillor Clive always on the beat, Cynthia with our community profiles for this page and all our other grass roots volunteers – "punching above our weight?– you bet!!!!!!"

*Ian Stewart*

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Chairman  
Committee for Lorne

## Grand Beginning for the Lorne & District Men's Shed



**The Lorne and District Men's Shed opened on Sunday June 12 to loud applause from over 300 guests who were excited to see the interior of the magnificent structure at Stribling Oval for the first time.**

The Shedders were well supported by the Lorne community, local businesses leaders and by 11 other regional Men's Sheds, with some members having travelled as far as Eltham and Beaufort for the event.

President Allan Walls thanked key sponsors including Lorne Op Shop, Victorian Government, Surf Coast Shire, GD Constructions, Lorne Electrics, Lorne Home Hardware, Geelong Community Foundation, and many more. Speakers then included Gayle Tierney MP, Mayor Cr. Rose Hodge, Deputy Mayor Cr. Clive Goldsworthy and Mandy Calder from Lorne's beloved Op Shop.

"Once the speeches were complete and the plaque unveiled there was a queue at the membership sign-up table. We are thrilled to report we now have over 100 active members and a further 20 applications pending. This is a very strong start for our membership drive and I couldn't be happier" said Allan.

Lorne and District Men's Sheddars are now implementing the facility's fit-out phase; a process happily taking longer than first envisioned due to a surprise flooring donation from Dulux Paints on Opening Day. Installation of the new floor is now underway.

The shed interior will continue to look more complete in the coming weeks as equipment is installed in the workshop and furniture added to the sunny Social Room.

"We are currently fitting out the Shed with donated tools and equipment purchased with the fantastic support we have had from the Community. Even though all Men's Sheds are unique, ours is something truly special!" said Allan.

"Major works have been completed outside and around the shed though there remains some landscaping outstanding. The Surf Coast Shire will continue to add a multitude of trees to screen the perimeter and ground cover protect the sloping landscape. We encourage members to assist by getting involved in our next working bee." said Allan

Regular communications will also commence soon. "In the coming months members will begin to receive news and dates of upcoming events via email or by post if they are not online. We will welcome all members to attend the AGM which will be announced in the next month" said Allan.

Once the fit-out process is complete, Sheddars will undertake a variety of workshop days, social events, health seminars and creative community projects to include:

- Gathering together for collaborative and creative meetings on a regular basis
- Developing a plan for regional men's health

monitoring with the Lorne Community Hospital

- Creating workshop projects based on community need and special interests of our membership team (members will be surveyed for their workshop skills and creative interests soon)
- Helping implement community projects like Erskine Paddock park improvements
- Visiting other Sheds to gain ideas and offer and accept support for regional projects (Allan Walls has already attended a Victorian Men's Shed meeting at the Cobram facility)
- Hosting other men's shedders to share information and skills (Sheddars have already hosted two visiting Men's Sheds groups from being Anglesea and Eltham)
- Continuing discussions with the Lorne and Aireys P-12 School to establish how the Shed can provide educational and shared resourcing opportunities for all students interested in trades such as carpentry, mechanics, electrics and many more.

"We will be announcing our opening times in the very near future, and once settled we will have a regular timetable so members can opt-in to programs whenever they choose"

If you have any community based ideas for creative Shed projects or would like to join the Lorne and District Men's Shed contact President Allan Walls at [lornemensshed@gmail.com](mailto:lornemensshed@gmail.com), by post to P.O. Box 348, LORNE VIC 3232 or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lorne-and-district-mens-shed](https://www.facebook.com/lorne-and-district-mens-shed).

**Susannah Sprague & Allan Walls**  
**Leon Walker Photography**



DAVID LANCASHIRE

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

**David was 11 when his life in fine arts began at Circle Studio in Stockport, UK. His developing skills were later valued in commercial art and he worked in Manchester for a short time before he and two friends decided to venture to Australia as 'Ten Quid Poms'.**

They landed in Sydney in the late '60s and purchased an ex Snowy River project Landrover and headed for the bush. They travelled through much of the country, eventually arriving in Melbourne where David presented his portfolio to a company, Art Associates, who offered him work immediately.

A couple of years later a wave of homesickness took him back to the UK - only to find that he missed the Australian bush even more and back he came. David continued working in advertising agencies in Melbourne where, in the early '70s, he met his wife. By 1976 he had established his own graphic design practice and embarked on illustrating the successful children's book series of Practical Puffins. In the '80s, now with two children, he bought in Allenvale (before it became a berry farm) for the family to enjoy beach holidays. "I remember renting surf boards from Sharkey and buying snacks from Beach Bites." Later, they sold the Allenvale land and built on five acres near Erskine Falls where, for the next eighteen years, they spent their holidays, cementing a lifelong attachment to the ocean. For a time the family left Lorne and their three school-age children spent weekends on the Mornington Peninsula closer to Melbourne. But, they still had many connections to the Surf Coast - connections reinforced when their son moved permanently with his family to Aireys Inlet.

David is a world recognised graphic designer whose excellence is reflected in his membership of Alliance Graphique Internationale. His long list of achievements includes designs for postage stamps, a Sydney Olympic poster and world-class museum and exhibition spaces. He has worked alongside architects in developing Indigenous visitor centres in remote parts of Australia. This work is of particular significance to him. Through working with Indigenous people in various parts of the country, he has developed a deep respect for their culture and their connection to country. He and his wife have an ongoing deep commitment to Indigenous culture.

As much of his work took place in national parks, zoos and botanic gardens, his interests also include biodiversity and sustainability. Early last year, David and his wife bought a house on an acre at Birregurra and moved there permanently. David has created a studio where he is continuing to pursue his lifelong passion for painting. He has already exhibited widely and has work in collections around the world. He remains passionate about exploring remote places, connecting with country wherever he is, collecting ideas and material to work with back in the studio. He's off to Esperance next.

How fortunate is Lorne that he is now a member of the Lorne Sculpture Committee.

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### JULY

- 23 **Lorne vs Otway Districts football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 30 **Lorne Comedy Night**, Lorne – Aireys Inlet P-12 College presents a comedy night at the Lorne Surf Club. Starring Rusty Berther (M.C), Damian Callinan, Jeff Green, The Decent People Comedy Improv. Doors open 6:30pm, show starts 8:00pm tickets \$35 from [www.trybooking.com/210160](http://www.trybooking.com/210160)

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

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