

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Congratulations to the Lorne Fire Brigade on the milestone celebration of 80 years serving the Lorne and wider community. A truly magnificent achievement at the forefront of what local communities and the volunteer movement are all about. The achievements and commitment of the Lorne Brigade and its committed volunteers over 8 decades is nothing short of inspiring.

There have been the landmark and catastrophic bushfire events of the early 1900's, 1983 and the recent Christmas 2015 fires that are etched into most history archives but there have also been so many many more. To name a few that have rung loud over many years include the fires that destroyed the Lorne Supermarket, a wing of the Lorne School, the Lorne Surf Club Bunk house (originally in William Street) and the Wye River Hotel, just to name a few.

Then there have been the many structural fires of Lorne homes, the call outs on the triggering of "false alarms", the many assists with search and rescue and the routine escorting of Santa for the local kindergarten. Over many years, the Brigade and their volunteers have many duties that have strengthened this community in so many ways. To all their volunteers of eighty magnificent years the chapter of our local Brigade is one of Lorne's finest.

The Gala event at Manta last Saturday night was a fitting celebration of the milestone birthday whilst at the same time allowing for many of their members to enjoy a belated Christmas celebration and the presentation of their CFA Awards. On behalf of the Community of Lorne Happy Birthday, congratulations and thank you to all !!!!!

On a totally different front the Committee for Lorne, in partnership with the Surfcoast Shire, has been actively involved in the Stribling Reserve Master Planning exercise, which has seen the appointment of the Consultant teams to begin the process – stay tuned. We have also been involved in two, of a planned three business-planning workshops plotting the Investment Logic Map (ILM) for the Point Grey precinct.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee led process, in conjunction with other Government stakeholders, is critical to the development of the business case and to seeking funding for the project. These are further continuing examples of the Lorne Community being involved in the future strategic direction of Lorne.

Last weekend signaled the finale of the second term winter school holiday break and Lorne has continued to have strong visitor numbers. Mountjoy Parade has been bustling with pedestrian traffic and visitors and locals alike, jostling for the limited car spaces. The Victorian Surf Life Saving IRB championships hosted by the Lorne Club added another dimension to town as the "hum of the two strokes" echoed through the coastal landscape.

Lorne, never a dull moment at any time of the year!!!!!!!

Ian Stewart

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Chairman
Committee for Lorne



LORNE CFA CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LORNE COMMUNITY

The 80th Anniversary of the Lorne Fire Brigade was held on Saturday 9th of July celebrating the Christmas that never was and what a night it was, with 220 people enjoying the night at Mantra Lorne.

The Christmas theme set the mood with fire pits, Christmas trees, decorations and a meal themed around Christmas. Guests enjoyed Argentinian canapés presented by Jorge and Sarah from the Swing Brigade Café around the fire pits at the front entrance with a glass of champagne in hand before moving inside to a room filled with decorations, trees and bonbons on the table.

Brigade Captain Frazer Buckle welcomed guests and spoke about the past Captains, the future of the Brigade, the season past and what has been learnt from the Christmas day fire.

As well as celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Lorne Fire Brigade and Christmas in July, the Brigade presented service awards to CFA volunteer members. CFA District 7 Operations Manager Mick McGuiness and Operations Manager Wayne Alymer presented the service awards.

The following brigade volunteers received awards:

- **40 years** Scott Chirnside
- **35 years** Len Tank
- **25 years** Steve Sprague
- **15 years** Ed Babington, Loukas Leontiades, Darren Phieler and Chris Tutungi
- **10 years** Rod Stewart, Frazer Buckle and Marsha Babington
- **5 years** Dee Stewart, Tony Hill, Phil Walsh and Neil Hillard.

Big congratulations to these members and all the Brigade members for your continued service to the community of Lorne and surrounds. Volunteering is a challenging and rewarding service that we provide as a team. We thank the Lorne Community for their continued appreciation and support of our Brigade, as some of the incidents to which we get called can be challenging, tiring and emotionally draining. We love the support we receive from the Lorne Community and cannot thank them enough for the kind words and praise we receive when attending incidents.

Some would not be aware that on Christmas Day, our first call out was at 9am to Allenvale Saw Mill campsite



to an open fire (Total Fire Ban and No Fire Area). Just to enlighten you, the offenders thought it funny and laughed at our crew until the police turned up. Recently, this incident went to court and they were fined \$1000 for their behaviour. Not enough but the fine was paid to the Brigade.

So on closing thank you again to the Lorne Community for their continued support and to all the guests that attend our Anniversary and Christmas in July Gala function, we hope you all a brilliant night.

The Lorne CFA welcomes new volunteer members. If you have an interest in playing an active role in the Lorne community and a passion for helping people in need, the Lorne CFA would love to hear from you and that can be in active role or a brigade support role.

Contact Dee Stewart via email fblorne@cfa.vic.gov.au or register your interest on www.cfa.vic.gov.au just follow the links to volunteering.



HARRY AND PAM

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Retired ex director of nursing at Lorne Hospital, Pam, is still involved but as a passionate volunteer in the Op Shop and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Pam and Harry retired on the same day 22 years ago and are now living at Eastern View in a house they rebuilt after losing everything on Ash Wednesday.

Harry's career as an engineer was mostly spent with International Harvester, whose involvement in the sugar industry meant the family lived between Geelong and Queensland for many years. Their two children were born in Queensland but attended school in Geelong. By the time Pam and Harry retired they had lived in 21 houses. When International Harvester moved to Dandenong, Harry chose to commute from Eastern View collecting others in Geelong on the way..... and that was before the tunnel.

Both are golfers. Harry is a member of the Lorne's "Hackett's Hackers" and Pam plays at Anglesea.

Harry says he likes golf but as a past cricket player admits he loves cricket. He has his own fully equipped "men's shed" evidenced by furniture items around the house and a tree house in the garden for their six grandchildren. Pam loves working in the garden and the paths Harry has created throughout have been named after each of the grandchildren.

Opera is a passion in their lives. As well as attending performances they enjoy home opera nights with friends, dressing for the occasion and sipping champagne. Cooking and entertaining are a large part of Pam's life.

They are travelling as many times a year as possible "while still able". Their destinations have included most of the world but without exception, wonder at the beauty of their own environment on their return.

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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 (MC), Damian Callinan, Jeff Green, The Decent People Comedy Improv. Doors open 6:30pm, show starts 8:00pm tickets \$35 from trybooking. com/210160

AUGUST

6 **Lorne vs Simpson football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm

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

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