

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Last month, after having reported the unique arrival of snow behind Lorne, one could be excused for thinking that the arctic blast was complete and the next snow cycle may be a few years away – how wrong!!! Last week, the weather gods delivered the second snow experience within a month and this one was, according to life long locals, the thickest to ever be experienced in our own back yard.

As snow fell to as low as 300 metres beyond Lorne and the white cover became evident from as close as the Blanket Leaf picnic ground, it was no surprise that this was a snow cover like no other. In scenes that were more like the arrival into the Mountain Resorts of Falls Creek and Mount Buller, roads were covered and the normally lush green bush transformed to the scenes of another location.

Not only did this 15cm cover transform the landscape, it also provided the opportunity for many to undertake the activities that our Mountain Resorts are famous for. The arena of the Falls Festival was transformed to a winter playground with snowmen, and women, rising from the ground, and skis, snowboards and finless surfboards carving up the festival slopes.

For adventurous Lorne local Leon Walker, there was the opportunity to complete a “bucket list” goal that many would have thought impossible to achieve in Lorne. All within the time frame of an hour Leon completed a snowboard run at the Falls and then onto his surfboard catching solid wave on the Lorne point. Who would have ever thought?

The Lorne Surf Life Saving Club held their Annual General Meeting last Saturday afternoon and it was sad to see Kevin Van Dueren, President for the past three years, step down from his role at our successful local Club. The work that Kev and his team undertook and the achievements they completed were first class as they continued to build on the success of their predecessors.

One of Kev’s landmark achievements was the completion and official opening of the ultra-modern training and storage facility recently completed in Lorne’s Industrial Estate. If you haven’t seen it, check it out as the structure has created a new standard of design and construction with the Estate.

I felt privileged and honored, along with Richard Knight, to be a recipient of Life Membership of such a successful local club and behalf of us both - thank you. I read somewhere recently where volunteering was said to be thankless job. Sorry, wrong! Firstly, it is not a job and secondly, it’s a privilege to give back to a town and a community that we are all so passionate about!

Great to see that new incoming President is Peter Murrihy, a non-resident Lorne property owner whose three daughters have been heavily involved in all levels at the Club and a very passionate Lorne man. All the best Pete!!!

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Chairman
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LORNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GETS A “MAKEOVER”

Those of you who have visited the Lorne Historical Society’s premises will know that it’s not exactly the ideal space to manage, maintain and display the Society’s collection. Situated in a downstairs room at Lorne Community House, opposite the Information Centre, it has an entrance off the walking path that goes from the bottom of Otway Street through to the roundabout.

It’s a small space and offered limited display capability to say nothing of limited space to store the collection.

Now, with the generous support of the Surf Coast Shire, our premises are getting a “makeover”. Everything in the building was stored in a 20 foot shipping container which the Shire supplied, whilst their tradesman changed the wall configuration to make the space more usable, gave the place a fresh coat of paint and sanded and re-polished the floors. The Shire also covered the cost of installation of reverse cycle air conditioning and through a minor community grant, we received a further \$5,000 to purchase additional storage and display equipment. We are grateful to the Shire for their support and we are confident that when everything is complete, it will be a whole new experience for visitors.

Some time ago, the Society commissioned a professional historian to complete a “Significance Assessment” of our collection. This assessment follows guidelines established by the National Library of Australia. It involves an inspection of the collection, identifying items of national, state and regional significance and reporting on the state of the collection and its management.

The historian found that the Society had amongst its collection a number of items of national significance particularly in relation to the construction of the Great Ocean Road and many more items of state and regional significance.

We have now engaged the same historian, to guide us in management and display of our collection in our newly made over home. We have decided to break the collection into three parts:

- Photographs
- Artefacts and objects
- Research library

For some time now we have been digitally scanning the photographs in the collection; there are over 2,500. In the next few months we will complete the task of digitizing the whole collection. From time to time we will arrange themed displays using the photographs; Ocean Road, fishing, timber industry, guest houses for example. However we will have the added luxury of being able to display a digital image upon request without rummaging through over 100 storage boxes!

We will have special display facilities to display some of the more interesting pieces in the collection and we are currently undertaking an update to the catalogue of all artefacts and objects in the collection.

There is much material pertaining to Lorne and the region in books, written interviews, scrapbooks etc. and this will form part of the research library. We are particularly grateful to Graham and Joan Wheal and Malcolm and Jean Graham for their dedication to maintaining and amassing the collection. Malcolm and Jean Graham produced over 2,000 typewritten pages of extracts from newspapers and other records related to life and events in Lorne from 1840s onwards. This collection, over 15 volumes, has now been scanned and converted to searchable text making it a very accessible source of material for research.

There is still much to be done and we are a small band of volunteers. We welcome any further assistance. The more help we get the sooner the refurbished home of the Lorne Historical Society will open again.

You can visit our website (a work in progress) at www.lornehistoricalsociety.org.au.

If you would like further information on joining the Society, please contact the Society by email at info@lornehistoricalsociety.org.au or by calling me on 0421 077 267

Gary Allen
President
Lorne Historical Society



DIANE SOLOMON

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Diane was born and educated in Johannesburg, South Africa. Growing up, one of her biggest dreams was to come to Australia, the birthplace of her mother.

After school she travelled around Europe and for two years and lived in the United Kingdom before returning home to study for an International Marketing Management Diploma. Her first job was in wine sales then later took further work within the wine industry. “I always had multiple jobs and always in hospitality”.

In 2009, Diane came to Australia to meet her mother’s side of the family. It was an emotional time. She enjoyed the experience so much, she decided to stay and set about exploring Australia. She spent a year in Darwin as a WWOOF’er (Willing Worker on Organic Farms), during which time she met the sister of the then owner of Lorne’s Cuda Bar who suggested she should apply for a job. Diane came and not only worked at Cuda Bar but between times away from Lorne, worked at Chopstix, the Mexican Restaurant, Mantra, Frangos, Bush House Cottages and Chatby Lane Cottages.

“I was always saying goodbye but always coming back.” Meeting her fiancé Callan may have been an attraction too. Returning from an overseas trip and while enjoying a drink at The Grand Pacific, the manager, whom she knew, offered her a full time job in reception, where she has been for the past year.

Diane lists her passions as Nature, people and flavours of the world. She also loves Lorne and was touched by the way the town embraced and welcomed her. She has joined Lorne’s Vocal Group and has performed with them at the Anzac Day service, the Lions Christmas Carols and at Lorne Hospital lunches. She has friends in The Lions Club and helps out whenever she can.

She maintains a relationship with her family in South Africa with an annual visit.

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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.

