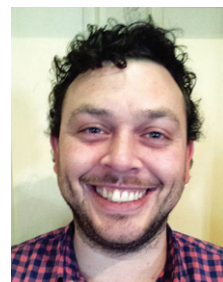


THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



SEAN FUNSTON

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Sean, General Manager of The Grand Pacific Hotel, gained his qualifications, a bachelor in Business and Hospitality, at Latrobe University's Wodonga campus. He worked for five years after that at a well-known restaurant in Echuca, Oscar W's.

In 2011 he decided on a sea change and came to Lorne as manager of Flowers (now Maple Tree). When the restaurant changed ownership, Sean moved to Lorne Beach Pavilion first to work and then to be venue manager. In 2013 he returned to Echuca.

With a keen interest in food and wine and recognising the interest Australians have in Asian cuisine, Sean travelled to Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Singapore to embrace those cultures and learn about their food firsthand.

In the winter of 2015 Sean was approached and offered the role of general manager of The Grand Pacific Hotel and Apartments where he has been able to introduce ideas he picked up from his Asian travels.

Sean's hours are long but when he can take some time off, he likes to play golf at Lorne and Anglesea or jump in the car and explore the surf coast. Such long hours also make it hard to be personally involved in the community but he and the company contribute to fund raising by offering local organizations hotel and restaurant packages to raffle or use as prizes.

"I have been in hospitality for almost 20 years, working at different levels and standards where I have gained knowledge and skills. This is the first time I have been involved with accommodation. It is a different world. I have found that it is easy to fix an issue with a steak immediately but it's quite different with accommodation and guests."

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2-4 **FOPA Lorne Festival of Performing Arts**, Sixth annual multi-arts festival. The event showcases established and emerging artists across a range of genres including; dance, comedy, cabaret, music, theatre, visual arts and spoken word. Various locations around town. More info here: fopa.com.au
- 11 **Amy's Gran Fondo**, Starting in Lorne, the new course takes riders through the Otway Ranges, along a breathtaking stretch of the Great Ocean Road, before finishing on the main street in Lorne. More details here: amysgranfondo.org.au
- 24 **Surf Coast Hell Run**, A breath taking trail running event, nestled in the mountains behind Lorne at Sheoaks Picnic Ground. Runners and walkers are challenged over a choice of 10km and 21km courses, with the option to double or triple the distance to 42 or 63km. Contact: info@trailplus.com.au

OCTOBER

- 15 **Model Boat Regatta**, 9am on the Erskine River at Swing Bridge Cafe. Sailboats and power boats. Young kids welcome. Sail Boats available. Older "kids" welcome also.

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

LORNE AIREYS INLET P-12 COLLEGE PRODUCTION



This year the Lorne Aireys Inlet P-12 College Production is the opening act of the Lorne Arts and Culture Foundation's Festival of Performing Arts (FOPA).

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.

Final rehearsals are taking place over the next week and everyone is looking forward to an exciting

performance with students from Years 3 – 11 in both acting and dancing roles.

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.

Tickets are \$20 per adult, \$5 per child and \$50 for a family ticket and are available from both the Aireys Inlet and Lorne school offices.

Pictured below are the cast of the Production together with Producers/Directors Ted O'Neil (back far left) and John Waller (next to Ted).



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On Sunday last the Committee for Lorne, in partnership with the Surf Coast Shire, hosted the first Stribling Reserve Master Plan Community Workshop. After months of preliminary work, preparation and appointments of consultants the community discussions and requests for input are now well underway. The opening session focused on background to the project, current usage and the likely future needs.

With just under thirty in attendance, participants were encouraged to "think outside the square" in what the future of the Reserve may look like and to whom it may cater for. Those in attendance included a cross section of existing user groups of the Reserve, adjoining property owners, interested community members and the Project Control Group.

It was a very productive session that produced a number of innovative ideas for consideration by the consultants in their master planning process. The common thread of all was the need to ensure the green open space of the Reserve was preserved for future generations. For those that were unable to attend and want to be involved, or if you have any questions about the project or you want to receive project updates please ensure you contact Susan Green, the Project Manager at Surf Coast Shire at sgreen@surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

Last week we reported the closure of our local service station and during the past week it was great to see the signage appear on the construction fences surrounding the site, advising people what was happening. Further discussions with a representative from Riordan Fuels revealed how, in conjunction with our local RACV legend Paul Spizzica, they have bought fuel into town for those requiring emergency supply.

Further work with Vic Roads and Riordan Fuels has seen the erection of elevated digital roadside signs displaying the "Plan your trip - No fuel in Lorne" message to our coastal population on inbound routes to Lorne. These types of messages, and others, combined with the consideration being offered from Vic Roads and Riordan Fuels will hopefully assist in reducing the inconvenience while we await the completion of the new works scheduled for early September.

Now less than two weeks until the curtain comes up on Lorne's Festival of the Performing Arts and to see the opening night gala as a sell out really sets the scene for what is shaping as the best yet. Jump onto www.fopa.com.au to check out the weekend program and secure your tickets while they are still available.

The first week of Colac and District Football League finals has passed with two of our local sides still alive into the week two. Unfortunately our under 14.5 and reserve grade footballers, along with our B Grade netballers, battled valiantly but were narrowly defeated. Although beaten, our senior footballers have the second chance and move through to play Simpson in Sunday's Elimination Final. A big shout out to our A Grade netballers who defeated the highly fancied Irrewarra-Beeac to progress to the next round.

Ian Stewart

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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

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