

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



DON TYRER

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Don and his wife Helen moved to Lorne 20 years ago after losing their house at Aireys Inlet in the 1983 bush fires where they had been for 17 years.

Don, a teacher, held a range of appointments within the Department of Education including four years as the Regional Director of the Barwon, South West region that ran from Geelong through Lorne to Portland and up to Hamilton. Don then held a range of other senior appointments in Melbourne including Regional Director of Western Metropolitan Region, Director of Curriculum and Student Services and for a short time managed the position of Director of Schools.

Following his retirement, Don was appointed a Senior Fellow at The University of Melbourne which then led to working overseas. Don was Team Leader of a range of aid projects especially in Vietnam where they lived for extended times. Don worked for the World Bank, Asia Development Bank and for the governments of Wales, Samoa, United Arab Emirates and Ontario managing a range of national projects over a ten year period.

Don is the secretary of the Lorne Arts and Culture Foundation which is responsible for running and staging the Lorne Festival of Performing Arts (FOPA) and enjoys working with a very talented and hard working group of people. FOPA will run during the first weekend in September and he expects this year's festival will be fun with a range of talented acts being held throughout the three day festival. Tickets are available through FOPA.com.au

He is also on the Lorne school's Master Planning sub-committee where again, he cannot praise the talent and commitment of locals enough. The committee are looking to extensively redevelop and beautifying the Lorne school grounds and work should commence soon.

While having kept their house in Melbourne where they regularly look after grandchildren, they have enlarged their home at Lorne so that the whole family can be together for extended times.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 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@trailsplus.com.au
- 24 **Car Boot Sale**, Lorne Community House from 10am – 3pm.

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.
- 15 **GORC Pipster Classic**, A recreation ride along the iconic Great Ocean Road with 300 riders in teams. For details phone: Garry Smith on 0409 408 568

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

REUNITE, REBUILD, RECOVER

At this time last year, our 2016 annual appeal campaign was underway until the devastating Jamieson Track fire took hold towards the end of the year. Not only did the fires leave a trail of destruction throughout Wye River and Separation Creek but also shattered the communities.

As the Hospital lobbied for assistance from various government agencies for resources, the urgent need to support the townships via immediate health services became evident.

Staff from the Hospital including Health Promotion Officer Het Ramp, and Psychologist Jay Robinson, spent hours conversing with members of the affected communities to identify the main areas the Hospital could assist.

To fund this important and ongoing project, the 2016 Annual Appeal campaign was changed to become an appeal based around Reunite, Rebuild and Recover.

A mail out to our local catchment and those on our mailing list saw a great response with over 250 people donating to the appeal.

Without doubt the most significant contribution again came from the Lorne Op Shop. The support for the Op Shop, the work of its volunteers and the choices made by its Executive team over many years allows them to fund so many of our major and minor projects. The LCH Board of Management and Staff cannot thank the Lorne Op Shop enough for their generous donations.

We also noticed donations coming from parts of the state we have never seen before, so it was decided to take this annual appeal a little broader by including an online fundraising campaign. The more funds we can raise, will allow more to be invested in the health of our communities.

All of these donations have helped us to

provide such important services requested by the community such as;

- One on one counselling
- Free comprehensive health checks
- A 24 hour telephone line
- Assisting and facilitating the community debrief
- Support for the Community Resilience Committee
- IT, telephone and administration assistance.

The Lorne Community Hospital is continuing to offer comprehensive medical health checks to ALL community members of Wye River and Separation Creek.

- All appointments will be completely confidential and free of charge.
- Appointments are available throughout Spring.
- This offer is also available to part-time residents.

Make your appointment at the Lorne Medical Centre on 5289 4333. Ask for the FREE medical health check for Wye River and Separation Creek community members.

For psychological support, contact Dr Jay Robinson on 0416 166 186.

We thank you again for your support of our Annual Appeal. This appeal allows the community Hospital to provide the extra services, equipment and programs that are not covered by government funding.

Katy Kennedy

LCH Fundraising Coordinator

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Well, well, well what an amazing start to spring as the Lorne community slammed the door on winter. Lorne's Festival of the Performing Arts (FOPA – pronounced faux pas) featured an amazing, diverse range of talent and set the trend and buzz for the months ahead. Patrons and organisers have labeled FOPA 2016 an outstanding success with a number of the shows being sold out performances.

In perfect weather conditions the Festival Hub was a hive of activity all weekend as fans attended the numerous breakout performances and gathered around the open fire pits for a bite to eat, a refreshment and to discuss and review the past and upcoming events. Our local children featured as an integral component of the Twilight Chorus, a nightly chorus of singers on the beach.

Combining stunning vocals, the involvement of our young, the crashing surf in the background and the world's best backdrop - overlooking Louttit Bay the Twilight Choir was a very special event linking the feeling to the Festival to the natural beauty of our region, and to me the signature performance! Congratulations to all involved in such a successful FOPA 2016

If you think this weekend might be a bit quieter in Lorne? Wrong! Almost 6000 cyclists will descend into town for the 2016 Amy's Gran Fondo, which has established itself as one of the most popular mass participation bike, rides in the country, attracting cyclists from across Australia and internationally. The event is a qualifier for the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Gran Fondo World series and with the 2017 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in France, the road to the rainbow jersey begins here in Lorne.

The major events of the weekend include the Amy's Otway Tour Criterium in Mountjoy Parade from 4pm, Amy's Wall in Bay Street from 5.45pm on Saturday and then on Sunday, Amy's Otway Tour Road Race at 7.45am and the Wiggles Amy's Gran Fondo rides from 8.30am. Presentation ceremonies for all events take place at the Event Village on the Lorne Foreshore at 12 noon.

Great news that our sole petrol station is on schedule to be open by this weekend after undergoing a major refurbishment, a rebrand to Shell and under new management being operated by Geelong based fuel retailer Riordan Fuels. Their teams have been working around the clock to an endeavor to have fuel reinstated at the earliest opportunity. Their roadside messages on all roads leading to Lorne have provided advance warning of the lack of fuel in Lorne and those in desperate need have appreciated the emergency fuel supplies provided through Paul Spizzica and the RACV.

On a sad note, the past fortnight has seen the passing of four prominent and well-respected Lorne gentlemen. Rick Grant, Noel Russell, Cameron Rust and Steve Politis unfortunately are no longer with us but each and every one of them have in their own way left their mark on our community. Our thoughts and wishes are with the families, friends and loved ones of all!

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