

The September school holidays are such a great time of the year for many different reasons. With winter now behind us, the days getting longer and the air losing its icy unfriendliness, many begin to return to the coast. Whether it's our permanent local population who have spent the cooler months in warmer places, our non resident locals re-frequenting the town they love or the school vacations adding extras, our town comes to life.

This year the coast had delivered it all with the December bushfires and the snowfalls and we were all looking forward to the calm times till Christmas. That was of course until the rain gods delivered just over five inches to Lorne, and more along the Otway's ridgelines in the week leading into the school holiday vacation. The heavy deluge in such a short time took its toll, creating land slips which forced closures along the Great Ocean Road to the north and south of town but we were lucky that access was maintained via the Deans Marsh Road.

Spare a thought for our neighbors at Separation Creek and Wye River who had "no way in and no way out", the same town that copped the full brunt of the Christmas fires, and we thought we were doing tough here in Lornel We urge you all to support our neighboring communities in any way you possibly can, as just like Lorne, they are well and truly open for business. There is no better drive in the world than Lorne to Wye and Kennett River and any support you can give will be massively appreciated.

Recently I attended the first presentation given by the architecture students from the Melbourne School of Design at Melbourne University as they look to complete their semester's design studio on a master plan and housing design project specific to Lorne. The outcomes of the study program began to illustrate how greater density housing can be achieved in sympathy with the intent of the current planning scheme and the character and natural beauty of Lorne.

We are hopeful that the research and visionary work from these students can be part of a very credible platform to assist in providing options for Lorne's future accommodation requirements. I was so impressed to see the levels of detail undertaken across every dimension, especially given the controls of the Bushfire Management Overlay's affecting so much of our coastline.

A large proportion of the students were international. Some had visited Lorne before, but the majority had never visited. All were were in awe of our natural beauty and noted through their interviews and workshops the passion of the local people to our town. These sentiments were echoed by most as was the feel that the beauty of our bush surrounds was a much of an attraction as the ocean coastline – Thank you University of Melbourne!



lan Stewart Chairman Committee for Lorne



# PROMOTING LORNE AT FOODWORKS

The new, spacious look of Foodworks is starting to take shape after the biggest renovation ever. At the outset, we would like to thank the community for its patience and understanding during this time while we carry out the renovations whilst at the same time, continuing to provide the service and supplies you need.

You can now start to see the additional space we are providing for products and you will also be able to see the new deli and dairy sections as you move around the store. It's exciting for us and we hope for you. Hopefully not long to go now!

In the accompanying photograph you will see the concept design for the front of the supermarket. There will be a community noticeboard and there will also be three panels, each around two metres square on which we would like to have some images that depict the unique qualities of Lorne. We haven't made any decisions as yet on what should go on the panels. We consulted with Committee for Lorne to get their ideas on possible content. In the end, we jointly decided to ask you, the community, to give us your ideas.

Given the prominent position of the supermarket and the number of visitors, we believe that this is a fantastic opportunity to say to people "there's more to Lorne than just the beach". Images that come to mind are photos of old Lorne, photos depicting the fishing and timber industries, photos of the Otways forest and waterfalls; photos that might entice visitors to want to stay and explore Lorne a little more, rather than keep driving on.

Now, we would like your ideas. What do you

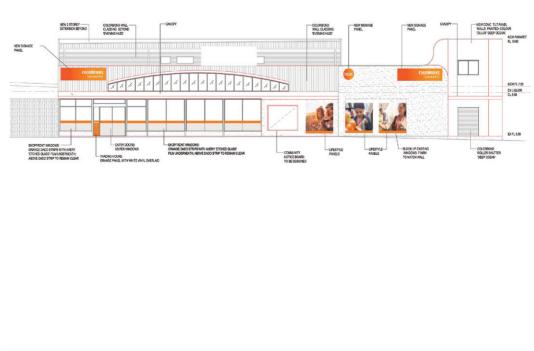
think we should be depicting to our visitors and community? The Lorne Historical Society has an amazing collection of historical photos and some of these might be appropriate. There are many other sources of quality images that showcase our unique environment of forest and sea. But which scenes best showcase our special place? Which images best tell the stories of Lorne?

We would like you, the members of the community, to give us your ideas. It need only be a suggestion of some aspect of Lorne that you think should be showcased. In conjunction with Committee for Lorne, we'll do the rest. We will attempt to source the images which best depict your suggestion.

So we would be grateful if you have some ideas, that you send those suggestions via email to info@ committeeforlorne.org.au or contact the Deputy Chair of Committee for Lorne, Peter Spring, on 0417 514 807. We need to make a decision on the images within about ten days so that the panels will be ready for installation as the renovations come to conclusion. So we urge you to give this some thought over the next few days and contact us with your suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Finally, once again, on behalf of Alex and Susan and the entire team at Foodworks Lorne, thank you for your patience, understanding and most importantly your support while we work to create a bigger and better Foodworks Lorne for you.

## Jonn Stewart Store Manager.





# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Mick says his career in hospitality probably began at age 15, washing dishes as a part time kitchen hand. Now assistant manager of The Grand Pacific, it is clear much has happened in between.

He grew up and went to school in Melbourne. His first job was in an Essendon restaurant; the next was at The Hard Rock Café when it opened in 1995. Three months later he commenced a hospitality traineeship, with the ALH Pub Group. Management jobs at various venues followed until he moved to The Tooheys Group; a few years later he was employed as bar manager at a city nightclub and then with that company's new wholesale liquor business.

Mick's next move was to Queensland. At first he managed pubs in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley, then transferred to Surfers Paradise to be close to the surf. Before long, he returned to Melbourne and worked for a construction company as a labourer and tradies' assistant for three years.

In the summer of 2009, responding to a Lorne friend's call for help, he worked at B-Bar and Grill (now known as the 'Lorne Beach Pavilion'). After the summer, Mick decided 'to pack up his life' and booked a ticket to London. Not one to stand still, Mick used the six months before his planned departure, to take up an offer in Perth to run a backpackers' hostel. When he finally arrived in the U.K., he found a great job with a team who had the contract to lay the athletics track for the 2012 London Olympics.

However, a visit home for Christmas in 2011 ended with a major change to his plans, when once again he agreed to help out as bartender at The Pavilion. Mick has been in Lorne ever since.

His interests include music, playing the guitar and sharing good wine and food with triends. He likes to stay active and enjoys surfing and a hit of golf. His parents are Alpaca breeders and he helps them on their farm when he can. He is just back from Sri Lanka so I suspect he likes to travel as well.

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# LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

# SEPTEMBER

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@trailpslus.com.au.

## 24 **Car Boot Sale,** Lorne Community House from 10am – 3pm. **OCTOBER**

### 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.
- 23 Great Ocean Road Beer and Wine Festival, hosted by the Lorne Hotel. 8 Brewers with the launch of the new Wild Yak and 4 wineries. Daryl Braithwaite playing and supported by Abe Anderson. DJ Reif Hand the local finishing off the night. The ability to taste local beer and wines. Tickets available at lornehotel.oztix.com.au.
- 29 Gold Record Show, Dinner & Show at Lorne Country Club, \$50.00. Bookings essential prior to the evening. 5289 1267
- Golf & Tennis Competitions, at Lorne Country Club. Open to all members & visitors. 5289 1267
  Melbourne Cup Calcutta,

at Lorne Country Club. Bookings essential. 5289 1267 Please forward the dates of your Lorne Ward community event via the contact details at the

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