

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

It's hard to find a starting point for this story so I'll begin in 2006 because that's 'when David met Kelly'. David had arrived from France in 2005, immediately after the European ski season, to work our winter as a ski instructor and improve his English.

He had recently graduated with a degree in business and was also working towards higher instructor qualifications. He enjoyed Australia so much he applied for a visa to instruct again the following year and that's when he met Kelly Fuller, who was studying Podiatry and was a part time ski instructor.

At the end of the season, Kelly took David to Lorne to show him that part of her life. The environment and surfing lifestyle appealed to him but his commitments as a ski instructor at Mt Buller and in France would keep him busy for some time yet. During his six months stays in France he worked towards and achieved his Instructors Gold Medallion. Five years of back to back ski seasons in France and Mt Buller came to an end when Kelly graduated and they decided to settle in Australia.

In 2010 Kelly and David decided to live in Lorne and start a business of their own. Using the family business as a base and starting with a trestle and hotplate in the street; "La Crepe Maison" was born.

Business boomed as their fame spread. Their motto of "keep it simple and do it well" paid off. Their rich French crepes made with butter, full cream milk and free range eggs were a winner and in peak season, customers were happy to wait in line for up to 40 minutes. Now they have a food van which for the last five summers has been in the Big Four Holiday Park at Wye River for breakfast and lunch, in Lorne for dessert and available for parties and weddings.

During Spring, you will find them at the Lorne Bowls Club on Saturdays and Sundays and they will be open every night through January summer holidays (1st - 31st January)

To find out more about La Crepe Maisons opening times follow them on Facebook; Lornecrepes. Off season, David works part time for Parks Victoria which with his love of Nature suits him well. The addition of a baby has made family time a new priority .

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 29 **Lorne Foreshore Market**, local produce, art & craft, books and yummy treats. Run by Lions Club of Lorne.
- 29 **Gold Record Show**, Dinner & Show at Lorne Country Club, \$50.00. Bookings essential prior to the evening. 5289 1267
- 30 **Golf & Tennis Competitions**, at Lorne Country Club. Open to all members & visitors. 5289 1267
- 30 **Major Fishing Comp**, at the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club - lines down at 6.00am. Weigh In at 12.15pm. BBQ lunch & results 1.00pm at Lorne Country Club. Open to all members & visitors. Phone: 5289 1267
- 30 **One For The Otways**, a fundraiser for the Otways at The Lorne Hotel at 7pm. Featuring Nick Barker & The Heartache State, Salmon Guts, Howlin Wind, Mountain Grey and special guest Jeff Lang. Tickets: www.trybooking.com/229035
- 31 **Melbourne Cup Calcutta**, at Lorne Country Club. Bookings essential. 5289 1267

NOVEMBER

- 1 **Melbourne Cup festivities**, at the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club. Chicken & champagne lunch 12.00 onwards.
- 2 **Carmen's story**, Carmen's Road Safety presentation is widely recognised as the best road safety message and is open to anyone age 14 years of age and above. The free presentation will be held between 11.00am & 12.30 pm at Cumberland auditorium William Street Lorne.
- 5 **Working Bee**, at the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club. All welcome 8.00am until Midday.
- 6 **Mantra Lorne Garden Party**, a fun day for the community celebrating 148 years of Erskine House. Tennis tournament, live music, kids games, food & drinks. All money going towards Luke Batty Foundation. Email jessica.whitworth@mantra.com.au

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

COME AND HEAR "CARMEN'S STORY"

AN OPEN COMMUNITY EVENT - ALL WELCOME



I have organised an event for the Otway cluster of Schools; a potentially life-saving presentation called "Carmen's story".

Carmen's Road Safety presentation is widely recognised as the best road safety message available to schools and the corporate sector in Australia.

John Maher lost his daughter in a tragic road accident 18 years ago and since then he has taken his road safety message to tens of thousands of students. Two of our students from Lorne heard John's presentation as a part of their training with the Geelong Falcons. The message was so powerful and moving that both boys and their parents felt the other students needed to hear it. John is a very experienced presenter who uses his own heartache as a vehicle to challenge young people to be responsible road users.

In John's words: "Carmen (age 18), the youngest of our four beautiful daughters, lost her life in a car crash on 18th Nov 1995. Since then I have waged my own very personal road safety campaign in the hope that other parents don't have to live the life that we live, a life without your child as a result of a car crash.

For the past 17 years, 150,000 secondary school students throughout Australia have heard Carmen's Road Safety Message, and this year at 80 secondary schools, 16,000 students heard Carmen's story, and their lives have been changed forever. They now understand their responsibility as a road user through Carmen's potentially life-saving message.

Carmen's message may save your life, it may save your partner's life, or it may save your child's life?"

I have hired the Cumberland auditorium in Lorne and I am inviting students from our neighbouring schools to the presentation. This presentation is a free event and is open to anyone age 14 years of age and above wishing to attend. It is very appropriate for all students from Year 9 and above. Parents are encouraged to come to the session, as it will benefit all future and current road users. Should any parents or members of the public

express an interest in coming, they would be very welcome.

John Maher is an inspirational keynote speaker with more than 20 years experience as a public speaker at conferences, seminars, PD days, main platform and dinner functions for corporate Australia. John is a captivating and engaging speaker and his personal story will take you on an emotional rollercoaster. As John points out, life doesn't only hand out red roses, and what happened to John and his family is something that would break the hearts and spirit of many. Through the love of family and a fierce determination, John's story is a triumph over adversity.

I would like to acknowledge the manager of the Cumberland, Lee Gordon, who believes the message is so important that he has waived the fee for use of the Cumberland Auditorium

Date: Wednesday 2nd November
Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm
Venue: Cumberland auditorium - Lorne
Cost: FREE

Thanks for reading.
Darren James Balderas

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no one
someone
won't miss.

TOWARDS ZERO



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Another big long weekend coming up with the Great Ocean Road OPEN and the entire coast ready for business. After months of confusing messages and ambiguity surrounding the ability to access various parts of the coast a shadow has been cast that all locals are trying to dispel. Hopefully this weekend will signal the start of the much-needed coastal resurgence with a great weather forecast and many looking to making it a long weekend.

There will be plenty on for all with the Lorne Lions Club hosting their annual Foreshore Market on Saturday and The Gold Record Dinner and Show at the Lorne Country Club on Saturday evening. Then on Sunday the Lorne Country Club has Golf and Tennis competitions for members and guests and from 7pm, "One for the Otways" at the Lorne Hotel featuring Nick Barker & the Heartache State, Howlin' Wind, Mountain Grey, Salmon Guts and Jeff Lang

A massive congratulations to Janet Smartt who last Friday was awarded the Victorian Health Care Association Aged Care Leadership Award at a gala presentation in Melbourne. It was a fitting win for someone who has given so much, to not only the Lorne Community Hospital, but to the entire Lorne Community.

Janet's award was equally acknowledged by her colleagues and peers and is a reflection of the standards and reputation that our busy health care organisation continues to build. For those unaware, Janet and husband Brett, were instrumental in the establishment of the Lorne Surf Club junior program and the backbone of the Lorne Football Club for well over a decade and continue to contribute so much to our community.

Don't forget the Surf Coast Sire "Fire Up Lorne" sessions being held in Lorne this weekend. While Surf Coast Communities avoided physical impact from the fires around Separation Creek and Wye River last Summer, many still felt the heat.

If this has got you wondering how bushfire ready you and your family are, and you'd like to know what was learned from the experience, the Surfcoast Shire would love to join the sessions on Sunday October 30, 10.30 – 12.30pm, Tuesday November 15, 10am – 12pm and 6pm to 8pm. To attend, you must book with the Surfcoast Shire at resilient@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or phone 52610501

Over the past four years many people have, I hope, had some joy in reading this regular page on a weekly basis, but we need your help if it is to continue in the same format. Our profile writer desperately needs assistance in recruiting names to be interviewed for her Community Profile column. Having written over two hundred profiles we need to help Cynthia Wynhoven to ensure the content continues. If you can help I would welcome your call.

Jan Stewart

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