

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



LESLEY GOLDSWORTHY

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Lesley met Clive at a wine and cheese tasting night in 1980. After marrying and having two children they left for overseas where they lived for 23 years. First in Singapore, then Auckland, back to Singapore, home to Australia for three years, then to Hong Kong before a posting in Jakarta followed by yet another period in Singapore.

The children were very young when they left Australia. They returned to Melbourne and boarding school to complete their secondary education. Apart from holidays, Lesley made many trips back to see them. On one of these holidays in Lorne, filling in time on a 42 degree day, Clive went house hunting, found one and bought it on the spot. Although now significantly renovated it is the same house they have been living in permanently for four and a half years.

"My parents brought the family to Australia as 'ten pound poms' in 1968." After school here, Lesley chose a career in the travel industry, first working as an intern with TAA in their wholesale travel area before moving to a domestic tour company.

Wherever they have lived Lesley has involved herself with Australian Associations helping newcomers settle in and to understand the local culture. She enjoyed her time overseas although at times it was stressful and she missed the children terribly while they were at boarding school.

Lesley learned to play golf while living in Jakarta, never imagining one day she would be president of womens golf at Lorne Country Club. She loves her golf and particularly the community of lady members. The club this year joined the Otway Pennant after a long period without a pennant team. Lesley also enjoys volunteering at the Lorne Information Centre once a week. She took painting classes in Singapore, continuing in Melbourne on her return but has little time at present to pursue that interest.

With Clive a councillor and also deputy mayor of The Surf Coast Shire, she says she has to make an 'appointment' to see him. She finds supporting him is a wonderful way of meeting people and is touched by the way they have been embraced by the wider community.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 5 **LAAC 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
- 8 **LAAC General Committee Meeting**, at the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club. 5.30pm.
- 11-13 **Lorne Film**, It aims to create and nurture film culture in Lorne and the Otway region for the duration of the festival and beyond. Held over 3 days at the Lorne Theatre and Cumberland Resort Auditorium commencing Friday 11th at 7:30pm. All info: www.lornefilm.com.au

DECEMBER

- 3 **LAAC Annual General Meeting**, at the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club. AGM at 5.30pm. Presentations at 6pm

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

SUNDAY 6TH NOV 2016

MANTRA LORNE GARDEN PARTY

Erskine House, which was established in the 1860s with the main building dating from 1939, is of historical, social and architectural significance at State level. Erskine House is historically important as the oldest and largest guesthouse in Victoria. From its beginnings, as accommodation in the Mountjoy family home in 1868, it grew and developed into a large guest house in the late 19th century, with extensive grounds, further added to and extended in the early 20th century. After the 1936 and 1939 extensions were completed by Geelong architects Laird and Buchan, the guest house had developed into a large complex with croquet lawns, tennis courts, bowling, swimming pool, golf course, garden pavilions and boathouse in an open setting of lawns, hedges, shrubberies and large trees. Throughout its 130 years of continuous operation, Erskine House has adapted and changed to the various demands of an increasingly leisure-orientated society, as demonstrated by its various accretions.

Erskine House has significance in the history of the State's tourism as one of the first tourist facilities to be developed in Victoria. It pre-dates the Lorne Township as a venue for appreciating the area's scenic beauty, and has contributed to the development of the town as one of the best-known seaside centres in Victoria. When competition from other guesthouses arose in the late 1870s, the Mountjoys encouraged visitors to their remote establishment by operating a coach service from the train at Winchelsea. In the twentieth century, the guest house developed a strong association with the Great Ocean Road, built between 1918 and 1932, with the dramatic road experience contributing to an increased popularity of both town and guest house. The leisured guesthouse grounds along the seaside and their lofty bush coast backdrop reinforce the exclusivity and aesthetic appeal of the Erskine House experience.

Erskine House is representative of the guesthouse as a social phenomenon, which thrived in Victoria throughout the nineteenth century and declined from the 1950s with the advent of motel accommodation. It has social significance

for remaining on the same site and for retaining elements that relate to various phases of its development.

Article provided by <http://vh.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/69795> - December 2004

In celebration of this amazing historic landmark and milestone – Mantra would like to invite the community to a family fun day out on November 6th 2016. All money raised will go to Mantra Groups chosen charity – Luke Batty Foundation, raising funds and awareness to support families affected by domestic violence. <http://lukebattyfoundation.org.au/>

We have some amazing prizes for our silent auction and raffles including gym memberships, accommodation in Noosa, Bali, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Port Douglas and Palm Cove to name a few. Local businesses have also rallied behind us and provided some fantastic gift packs and vouchers – all our amazing sponsors will be showcased on the day.

We hope to bring the community together for some fun and entertainment before summer and enjoy the beautiful gardens. Entry, kid's games, movies and entertainment will be provided at no cost. High Tea, platters, snacks and drinks are all available for purchase and there will be a doubles tennis tournament on from 11am which is \$25 per team (Pimms cart readily available) – registration is required by 2nd November to jessica.whitworth@mantra.com.au.

Talented local musicians have donated their time to us to entertain throughout the day including Slide guitarist and soulful singer/songwriter Tim Hulsman, Kyle G Taylor and OM&the pea. Thank you for your support!! Is going to be an amazing day and we really hope to see you all there to help us celebrate 148 years of accommodation at Erskine House.

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Mantra Lorne



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The Surf Coast Shire Council elections are now behind us, the Shire Offices out of caretaker mode and it's business as usual. With only one new representative on the Surf Coast team the "preliminaries" and induction processes should be minimal and return to business as usual should be swift. I believe that we as a town and a coast are lucky to have continuity at our local Government level as the relationships and understandings that have been established over the past four years can be further built upon for the betterment of all.

With only one new face on the council team, Martin Duke from Torquay, the foundations that have been created can be fully developed over the coming years. While we all acknowledge that we have plenty of work to do it's also easier to achieve the goals in a stable environment and our recent council elections have certainly delivered that!

It was great to see the visitors in great numbers descend onto the coast for the long weekend and although it may have been slow in getting started, the build up through the weekend passed was great to see. Interesting to see the Vicroads elevated digital signs along the Great Ocean Road and major arterials into Lorne carrying refreshed messages throughout the weekend, albeit with some concern as to what was being reported.

Following the inconsistent and ambiguous messaging that was displayed during and following the Christmas fires, recently surrounding the landslips and then again at the weekend, it's time that we all knew the process for this message delivery and rallied to have some input. Having spoken with local accommodation providers and traders there is still an amount of uncertainty from a number of our visitors that the Great Ocean Road is open.

While the Vicroads signage provides a great platform for communication, it is a growing belief that the management of the messaging needs far greater scrutiny, consistency and input from the stakeholders who are most affected by its content. In assisting the coast return to normality to have the message "Great Ocean Road open" would, in the eyes of many, be far more beneficial than the multiple mixed messages of weather reports and other operational issues.

Don't forget the open invitation from David Cooper, our Lorne Police Station Commander, to attend and participate in a Lorne Police information session to be conducted at the Mantra Resort next Tuesday evening the 8th of November. This meeting will give local Victoria Police members the opportunity to discuss the most recent crime statistics and how police can work with the community to fight crime and road trauma.

The session is scheduled for 7 – 9pm and will focus on crime and road trauma statistics, crime trends and local issues, Victoria Police's intended vision for the next 6 months and Community concerns and expectations of local police. We urge you all to attend

Ian Stewart

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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

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