

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



JOHN HAYDEN

COMMUNITY PROFILE

When children grow up and go to live in interesting locations, a perfect opportunity is created for parents to visit them and see places they may never have otherwise.

Take John and Paula's youngest son as an example. As a lawyer he has lived in Addis Ababa, The Hague, Israel, China and the US. Their second son is living in Kuala Lumpur so they have travelled widely visiting family. At the same time they are very happy to have their two girls living in Australia to have family close by and to be able to enjoy their grand daughters.

John was born in Barwon Downs. After boarding school he studied Civil Engineering in Geelong and at that time also met his wife, Paula, who was at Geelong Teachers College.

After graduation he worked and lived in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane before moving to Colac in 1981 to join the management team of AKD Softwoods. By 2001 he had become CEO, a position he retained until he retired in 2011. He describes his career highlight as having watched the small to medium size company he joined grow to one of the largest softwood companies in Australia.

It seems to me John's passion is keeping fit. He has been a serious hiker for many years, here and overseas. He has climbed mountains in New Zealand and Tasmania, Mt Kenya, Mt Kilimanjaro and four years ago, walked the Kokoda Trail. He is a cyclist and a regular Pier to Pub swimmer.

One Saturday on a morning bike ride, at the roundabout near the Lorne Hotel, he met a group of cyclists who invited him to join them. They were the Great Ocean Road Cyclists and he has since travelled with them to Italy, France and Spain and following the routes of Tour de France and Giro D'Italia. He also rides alone two or three times a week. Who's game enough to challenge his fitness!

"The wonderful part of living in Lorne is the community spirit and the diversity of people we have met. I am also a member of the Surf Club, Aquatic Club, the Bowling Club and The Mens Shed."

John and Paula now live permanently in the house they bought for holidays in 2002.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

27 **Deans Marsh Market**, enjoy a wide selection of art and craft stalls, local wine & produce, kids activities as well as some wonderful music. At the Deans Marsh Reserve 9am – 2pm.

DECEMBER

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

17 **Carols on the Lorne**, sausage sizzle at 6.30pm and carols at 7.30pm. St Cuthbert's Church grounds Mountjoy Parade.

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

LORNE OP SHOP

A STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY



On Monday this week, the Annual General Meeting of the Lorne Community Hospital was held. The key messages delivered by the Chairman, Damian Smith and the CEO, Kate Gillan focused upon the excellent performance of the Hospital, in terms of both financial performance and quality of care. Lorne Community Hospital has a newly appointed board of management and a Strategic Plan which outlines the vision for the next 10 years. WE are so fortunate to have a facility of such quality and with such diversity of services and care within our community.

During the presentations, speakers from the hospital referred to the amazing support provided to the hospital by the Lorne Community Op Shop. Once again we are so fortunate to have the Op Shop as a key part of our community. A group of volunteers, totally dedicated, who manage to achieve so much within our community. The President of the Op Shop, Mandy Calder spoke at the AGM. She spoke of the commitment of the volunteers, the impact that the Op Shop has throughout our community by providing financial support for projects and the challenges the Op Shop will face in the future. The Op Shop achieves so much and everyone associated with our community should understand the impact they have and why they need our support in terms of donations of clothing and goods. Here is a transcript of her speech:

"Thank you once again to the board of the LCH for giving me the opportunity to speak today. Since I spoke to you at the last AGM we have all, to varying degrees, had a difficult year. The Christmas Day bushfire put huge pressure on our communities in Wye River and Separation Creek, followed recently by major rain events which have further isolated those small communities by causing landslides and road closures. While Wye and Sep Creek have borne the brunt of these emergencies, Lorne has also felt the impact, with lower visitor numbers throughout the year. The Lorne Op Shop, too, has had a lower turnover in recent months compared with last year.

I wonder whether we are perhaps not getting as many high quality donations as we used to? People can now easily sell their unwanted but valuable items – designer clothing, antiques or collectible homewares, artworks, jewellery, etc – online, through sites such as eBay and Gumtree. This may be the beginning of a new era for op shops in general. Now, more than ever, we need people to particularly WANT to donate quality items to the Op Shop to help the Lorne community, rather than it just being an easy place to offload any old unwanted goods. It then follows that we may be able to charge higher prices that reflect the superior quality of the merchandise, showing respect for our donors and making more money for our hospital and community.

At the Lorne Op Shop we pride ourselves on managing to open our shop almost every day of the year. Most small op shops have much more limited opening hours and days than we do. This only happens because our volunteers are so committed to covering shifts for one another. You would be amazed to see how efficiently email and phone communications flow back and forth among our members to find replacements when regulars can't work due to illness, family crises and commitments, holidays and, in the case of our secretary, Stella, the inability to get from Wye River to Lorne.

On a number of occasions when it has been difficult for our members to come to work, I have said to them that it's not the end of the world if the shop doesn't open, but, you know what? It always opens – someone is always willing to step into the breach!

And all this work, and it IS work, is for one thing - to make a meaningful contribution to our community. To make life for our cherished older citizens in the Aged Care at LCH a little sweeter and happier, a little more comfortable, a little safer. To make the amazing work that our hospital does in both our close and extended communities more efficient and more accessible. And to assist the work that so many others do for our community – the Men's Shed, the CFA, the Lorne Aieys P-12 College, the Lorne Community Arts and Culture Foundation, the life saving clubs and more. These organisations are the beating heart of our town.

So, in the last 12 months we have supported the following projects:

Towards the general refurbishment of the Aged Care facility at the LCH - **\$200,000**

For new furniture for the Aged Care's refurbished lounge area - **\$18,900**

Towards the LCH annual appeal for bushfire recovery - **\$50,000**

For an upgrade to the Wye River SLSC's First Aid facility - **\$25,000**

For completion of Stage 2 of the Lorne Men's Shed - **\$25,000**

For equipment purchases and upgrades for the LCH, including a new hoist, a blood fridge and spirometry machine - **\$60,000**

Lorne Football Netball Club for a secure children's play area beside the netball court - **\$6,950**

Lorne Aieys Inlet P-12 College including funding for a literacy intervention program, and for teacher training in youth mental health - **\$4,590**

Festival of Performing Arts Community Singing Project - **\$5,000**

TOTAL funds distributed in our community in 2016. Over \$395,000

I spoke earlier in the year at the official opening of the Lorne and District Men's Shed, about the role that such organisations play in providing a sense of belonging, camaraderie, support and friendship to their members. The Lorne Op Shop is no exception – I belong to a group of people who care for one another, who help one another, and who want to work together for our community. This year, two of our much loved members passed away, others of us have lost beloved husbands, and some have had to deal with ill health, surgery and family crises. But throughout it all, the little Lorne Op Shop has remained open every day and has continued to strive to generate as much support as possible, both financial and in kind, to our community, and I am sure it will continue to do so for many years into the future. We are always looking for new donors and new members, and everyone who wants to join us or support us is very welcome."

A European visitor, unfamiliar with the concept of Op Shops, commented recently, "Op Shops are a highly virtuous system that regenerates goods, offers them under new value light, turns them into social infrastructure and in the process, involves community elders in a job in which they interact with others and at the same time, shows that older people are as much carriers of values and social utility as the goods that they recycle.

When I asked the three ladies at the Op Shop to be photographed to tell this story, they have not had any hesitation and laughed gladly, proud of the recognition of their work, but a word came immediately up to my mind: dignity.

The final result is a community that makes its own "system", in which the interactions between the different levels are such that it is obvious that nothing would work without the other's contribution", he said.

So that's our Op Shop and we should be very proud of it. They members of the Op Shop deserve our respect and support.



Last week Lorne Police Station Commander David Cooper hosted the Victoria Police Lorne Community meeting at the Mantra Resort with outstanding support and success. The large community gathering were addressed by Surf Coast local area commander Inspector Peter Seel on local crime and road trauma statistics and issues.

The underpinning message was that Lorne's crime rates were considerably less than other towns in the Surf Coast Region but we can't afford to be complacent ensuring we continue locking our cars, homes and keeping valuables out of site. Both senior members of the force were extremely complimentary and grateful for the support shown by the Lorne community through the turnout on the night.

It was an evening that was very well received by those in attendance and the support and respect shown for the Lorne Station Commander and his local team well and truly reinforced to their Regional commander. The message was clear that our local members rely on feedback from within our community to assist in keeping our local crime statistics as one of the lowest in the region

It is the time of the year when most of our local organisations and clubs host their Annual General Meetings and most recently the Lorne Football and Netball concluded their official duties for the 2016 season in preparation for 2017. President Ken Hosking reported to the members the continued success of our local Club both on the on and off the field.

In the football department to have Lorne juniors take out the U/14 and U/17 league beat and fairest awards, the reserve and seniors teams both make finals while to see our A grade netballers make the Preliminary Final was a landmark achievement. Ken accepted the nomination to lead the Club for the third successive year and with his team remaining relatively unchanged, he is looking forward to continuing the progression of our Club.

Whilst on local sport, there have been two great achievements over the past week with the Lorne Country Club Ladies representative team led by their President Lesley Goldsworthy taking out the Thirteenth Beach Golf Club Annual Ladies Bowl. This was an outstanding performance by our three local lady golfers up against the full field of the best golfers from the biggest Clubs in the District. Lesley also took out the individual honours for best score of the day – well done ladies!

Newly appointed Lorne Bowls Club Coach Leigh McIlvenny performed brilliantly at the recent Victorian Open Men's singles bowls championships in Shepparton. Leigh made it all the way through to Semi Finals only to be defeated in a great match by Commonwealth games bronze medallist Matthew Flapper who went onto successfully win the championship in the final. Super effort Leigh!

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