

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Yes, even in Paris one can get homesick. After two years working in one of the world's most beautiful cities, for a French multinational, Jane was ready to come home.

Melbourne born and educated and having trained as a chef, her career took various detours before ending up in Human Resources. She transitioned from a vocational career where her passion was training apprentices and "mis en place" to teaching commercial cookery in Victorian prisons and at TAFE obtaining a tertiary qualification in Adult Education along the way. She later moved into the corporate sector and for 15 years worked in a number of roles with Sodexo. She rose through their ranks earning positions from HR Director in Australia, HR Director for Asia Pacific (including two years in Singapore) to Global VP of Talent which took her to Paris for two years.

On her return she made Lorne her home base. Attempts to work from here became too difficult so at the ripe old age of 49 she resigned. She quickly filled her new-found spare time with a range of activities including becoming a member of the Lorne CFA and helping Eddie Babington in various Lorne gardens. She embraced the Lorne Community and got to know many people.

Jane also joined the Great Ocean Road Cyclists (GORCs) and admits to becoming totally addicted. *"The cycling community on the GOR is made up of a wonderful group of people from all walks of life; we are connected by our love of cycling and stay in touch via email and Facebook. Besides a regular weekend ride, the GORC host a range of events throughout the year such as the GORC Classic – a 120km six person time trial starting and finishing in Lorne which attracts 100's of riders from all over Victoria, a Good Friday 2.4km swim, a team triathlon, an annual golf tournament and frequent weekend drinks and impromptu dinners."*

She enjoys travel and her itinerary is always designed to include a cycling experience. *"This year I had the trip of a lifetime. 15 of us rode from Barcelona to Rome."*

During her two year sabbatical Jane enrolled in the Business School at Melbourne University, graduated with a Masters of Enterprise. She is now working as the HR Director for LeasePlan in Melbourne. Every weekend is still spent in Lorne in the house they bought years ago once school fees for her two daughters were out of the budget.

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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
- 16 **Premiere screening of Red Dog: True Blue**, Lorne Theatre at 7.30pm. This is a fundraiser for revegetation at Wye River and Sep Creek. Tickets available at Lorne Theatre and Lorne Op Shop
- 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 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Cultural Connecting Program



Throughout this year, students have worked through a vigorous social justice project that focused on multiculturalism and the plight of asylum seekers within Australia. In true VCAL form, students wanted a 'hands on' approach to help make a difference. They wanted to fully understand the situation overseas, the refugees' plight and they wanted to allow for an opportunity to bring the community together. Students therefore linked into Melbourne Polytechnic and through a series of activities established a long distance relationship with their VCAL students, all new to Australia.

The Lorne VCAL students took it a step further and organised, from start to finish, an incredible camp providing opportunities like surfing, walks and a community feast. All the students threw themselves into writing letters, creating itineraries, menus, student profiles etc. with Dylan McKean as the event manager. The camp was brilliant and exceeded all expectations from both the Polytechnic and Lorne students. There were seventeen languages between the fifteen invited students who had never been surfing, let alone set foot on a surf beach. A challenge! The evening event involved our hospitality team (James, Nathan and Brody) cooking an amazing 'Australian feast' with Finn, Liam, Tom and Dylan waiting.

This sums it up from our guests...

'This was the best day of my life...'

'I have met friends that I hope I will have for the rest of my life.'

'I never thought that I would get into the sea! I cannot believe I stood up on a board.'

'Lorne and its people were incredibly friendly; we had an amazing time and one that I will never forget!'

'The students had a fantastic time and have been talking about it non-stop. They posted many photos on their class Facebook page. The shared experience has served to increase the bond they have as a class and their connection to Australia. Many thanks to the Lorne VCAL students for all the hard they did in organising this trip and making us feel so warmly welcomed. Everything was just fantastic. The students were there at every stage to check on us and make sure everything was okay, as well as assist with the surfing lessons, serve

our dinner and make breakfast for us in the morning. I appreciate how much hard work must have gone into planning and organising everything. To have people genuinely interested in them and their experiences made them feel very happy. They got such a buzz from it. The experience of learning to surf was amazing and something many would never have an opportunity to do if not for this trip. Thank you Lorne!'

Alex, teacher

Thank you to all in the Lorne community who supported the program: the Bendigo Bank and the wonderful volunteer bus drivers, the Lorne Cumberland, Lorne Foodworks, Lorne Lions Club, Lorne Life-saving Club, Phil Sutton, Grandma Shields Bakery, Lorne Central and the Lorne Community Op Shop. It truly is a team effort to be able to successfully run an event on this scale!

Cherie Osta (VCAL Coordinator), the Lorne VCAL team and students.



Those of us lucky enough to call Lorne home, visit on a regular basis or holiday here year on year will not be surprised to see the results of the recent survey conducted by on-line travel magazine travelmag.com. More than 50 travel writers, photographers and industry professionals voted for the three coastal destinations they found most appealing in Australia.

Victorian towns accounted for half of the top 10 with Lorne, Wye River, Aireys Inlet, Apollo Bay and Port Fairy all recognised for their own distinctive character and appeal. Rounding out the top ten included the towns of Broome, Airlie Beach, Byron Bay, Eden and Port Douglas.

To see the Great Ocean Road coastline looking the way it did last weekend, reminding us that summer is not far away, is a continued reminder that through all seasons we are so lucky to be in a very special part of the world. People returned to our beaches in large numbers, live music filled the air and Mountjoy Parade was abuzz.

You may have also notice the hub of activity last Sunday morning on the beach in front of the Lorne Surf Club. In preparation for the upcoming beach patrol season, all active club members MUST attend the annual Skills Maintenance (Requalification) program by the 31st of December each year. Our dedicated group of volunteers are required to keep their knowledge fresh and ensure they aware of any changes and refinements to first aid principals.

If you haven't already, make sure you check out the fantastic Lorne images that adorn the external walls of our fantastically renovated Foodworks Supermarket. The life size images creatively taken by Lorne's Leon Walker are a spectacular sight and welcome to our town – Congratulations to all involved.

For those who are out and about, you would have noticed the major roadworks underway and Wye River and Anglesea. The section of road between Separation Creek and Wye River is the construction site for a 50m long and 3m high retaining wall at the roadside. A rock basket façade will be attached to the wall early next year and the community will be consulted about the eventual look of the structure.

Over at Anglesea, work is also nearing completion on the "township roundabout" which for many years has been the cause of the bank up of south bound traffic on the Great Ocean Road during peak holiday periods. It is hoped that new works will reduce these delays and allow for a smooth flow though the Anglesea township – Let's wait and see!

On closing, this is not normally a birthday column, but the past week has seen our local Councillor celebrate a milestone birthday. From the Lorne Community, happy birthday Clive and word on the Street is that now, more than ever before, your striking community presence will be a colorful standout!!!!

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