

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Its exciting to be able to share with you that the Committee for Lorne (CfL) recently accepted a proposal from Reos Partners for developing an action plan to drive the process in achieving our goals as per our “Achieving Lorne’s Aspirations” document. This would not have been possible without the support from the Surf Coast Shire and their commitment to our ongoing project.

The action plan is one step in an ongoing strategy to ensure the CfL and others in the extended Lorne Community have done the necessary research and community consultation to provide valuable and considered views and positions to the relevant authorities who are playing a role in determining Lorne’s future from a number of perspectives.

The consultants brief requests that the Action Plan be developed in consultation with community groups and individuals relevant to each Aspirational Strategy or linked Strategies in our Aspirations Document. This consultation will take the form of one on one discussions and workshops beginning over the coming weeks and through January.

The intent of the consultations is to best understand what actions are already happening, what actions are planned to happen and how they individually and collectively support Lorne’s Aspirations. The goal is to build the ownership and buy in from our community groups and individuals for Lorne’s Aspirations, and to provide a unique forum for community groups and homeowners to build relationships, to collaborate in new ways and to build a common drive for achieving Lorne’s aspirations.

We invite your participation at any stage through the process and for further information about the project please do not hesitate to contact Alain Purnell at alainpurnell@bigpond.com or on 0417 031 905. This column will be used as a communications conduit for ongoing project updates and other relevant information.

Over the past week the banner flagpoles of Mountjoy Parade have added a touch of colour and festive cheer to the town as we welcome in summer and the latest groups of school leavers. The first weekend of “schoolies” has seen our young visitors in great numbers and very well behaved enjoying the improving Lorne weather. With the sounds of live music in the air and the colour and fashions of the younger generations, it’s good to see Lorne at long last, spring boarding to the start of summer.

After generations, it’s sad to see the fresh seafood shop at Pier precinct close its doors and be lost to the town. The service that was offered by the Raskatos family for many years will not be forgotten and the memories and words from Christos will remain a colourful chapter of our past.

Ian Stewart
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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

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Lorne Police say: “LOCK YOUR CAR, LOCK YOUR HOME”



Over the past few weeks, Victoria Police have been conducting community meetings throughout the region, informing community members about crime statistics in each area and providing an update on community policing activities.

The meeting held at Mantra Lorne attracted a crowd of over 70 people, much greater attendance than at other regional meetings.

Victoria Police were represented by Police Inspector, Peter Seel, Leading Senior Constable Steve Gambetta, and Lorne’s Police Sergeant, Dave Cooper. Peter Seel presented statistics showing that relative to other locations, crime rates in Lorne are exceedingly low. However, the message was loud and clear: it’s not going to stay that way.

Criminals from Geelong and beyond now regard the Surf Coast as an easy target. Houses and cars left unlocked make for easy pickings. In fact, on the

evening of the Police presentation, two cars were stolen from Lorne. Only in the last week, one of Lorne’s hard working tradespeople, had his tip truck and Bobcat stolen. Despite the fact that it was locked and no keys present, the thieves still broke in and drove away.

Steve Gambetta advised that criminals will enter houses to look for car keys and whatever else is handy. He said, “they are brazen and they now know that the Surf Coast is easy pickings because of the number of unoccupied houses and the number of vehicles and occupied houses left unlocked”.


The days of going down the beach and leaving the house unlocked are gone. The days of leaving the car unlocked and in some cases, with the keys still in the car are gone. The community of Lorne needs to be more vigilant in terms of securing property and also being watchful for unusual activity. If you see any unusual or suspicious activity, report it.

Advice from Dave Cooper was that if you need to contact the Police, call 000. Police are patrolling the region 24 hours a day and if you need assistance you should call that number. They can then prioritise your request and dispatch Police from the nearest location.

The attached poster prepared by Surf Coast Shire provides further details and contact numbers to keep the Surf Coast a secure and safe place over Summer.

Everyone attending the meeting left with the clear knowledge that our peaceful village is now a target for criminal activity. The key messages were:

- lock your house,
- lock your car,
- keep a eye on your neighbors’ property
- if you need the Police, call 000.



GOOD TIMES
GREAT BREAKS

RESPECT THE PLACE LOOK AFTER YOUR MATES

Surf Coast Summer 2016

Information for locals

Surf Coast’s busy summer tourist season kicks off in mid-November as young people arrive to celebrate finishing secondary school.

Council is working with Victoria Police and other partners to minimise the impacts of this period on local communities and our sensitive coastal environment.

You can help by using the phone numbers and tips listed here to deal with any issues you may confront as a local resident. Have a great summer.

Please visit Council’s website www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au or the Good Times Great Breaks website www.goodtimesgreatbreaks.com for more information.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Dial 000 if:

- Someone is injured, heavily intoxicated or otherwise in trouble.
- You need police assistance with an emergency, anti-social behaviour, or criminal activity.
- You’re being impacted by noise outside prescribed hours.

To report littering:

- Call Council on 5261 0600 between 8.30am and 5pm. Our local laws prohibit glass and cigarette butts on all Surf Coast beaches. General littering is also an offence.
- Call the EPA’s litter hotline on 1800 352 555.

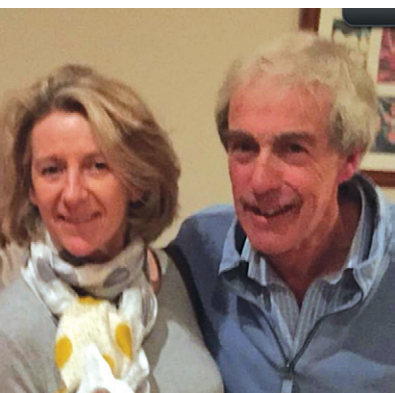
PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

While authorised officers conduct regular patrols, you can help protect the environment by:

- Calling Council to report people with glass or cigarettes on the beach, or consuming alcohol on public land, including roads.
- Reporting illegal campfires to 000. Severe penalties apply to anyone lighting fires in the open – including beaches – during the declared fire danger period. Contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line – 1800 240 667 – for more detailed bushfire information.
- Keeping our beaches clean. Take 3 pieces of rubbish away with you every time you visit the beach. Your small action can make a huge difference.

If see someone in trouble, experience anti-social behaviour, or are affected by noise

CALL 000
At any time



SUSAN AND
EDWARD COLERIDGE

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Susan and Edward Coleridge live on a farm west of Ballarat, but they and their sons, Fred and Alex, consider Lorne a second home. Susan’s family, the Hurleys, have a long connection with the town and have been spending summers here since the 1960s.

Susan began her career as a secondary English teacher. She taught for a few years in country areas, then at Lauriston Girls’ School in Armadale. When the Coleridges lived at Deans Marsh, Susan taught for a while at Geelong Grammar. She now teaches Professional Writing and Editing at Federation University in Ballarat. Her early teaching career was often interrupted by overseas trips and working holidays, usually in the UK and Europe.

Edward, whose roots are in the West Country of England, originally trained as an architect and came to Australia on the First Fleet Re-enactment Voyage in 1988. At sea he gained the role of the unofficial fleet artist, thus avoiding tedious deck duties, and exhibited his paintings in both Sydney and Melbourne during the Bicentenary celebrations. Then he met Susan and when he eventually returned to England he was a married man, and it was from their new home in a log cabin near Deans Marsh. Although Edward has recently embarked on a Ph.D., he continues to paint the landscape.

At home they struggle to control their rural garden, which has spread into the adjoining paddocks and enjoys views of Lake Burrumbeet and the tail end of the Great Dividing Range. Susan likes planting trees and mowing, while Edward tries to create sight-lines in the landscape, keep the home dam weed-free and their sheep happy.

Susan stays fit by walking, swimming and playing tennis, while Edward bikes after the dogs, Samba and Mungee, and runs up the hills of Lorne.

Retirement is not on the agenda but if it ever is, Susan said Lorne would be an attractive option.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

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.