

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



NELSON KNIGHT

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

**Nelson and wife Barbara moved from Melbourne 18 months ago to live in Lorne, to semi retire and be nearer the family with daughter Kate, son Sam and 3 grandchildren.**

Both Barbara and Nelson are "one career" people, with Barbara who always worked in the medical field and Nelson, always an advertising man.

Nelson's career in advertising was mainly with advertising agencies in Melbourne where he worked with ad agencies who produced TV ads, radio commercials and newspaper ads for a wide range of clients including banks, car manufacturers, government departments and many large retailers. Nelson travelled regularly to most areas of Australia to manage advertising campaigns and on many occasions, wrote and directed TV commercials. He also travelled overseas to gain knowledge and one memorable visit was to the world famous home of advertising agencies, Madison Avenue, New York.

Later in his career, Nelson became an advertising executive with Fairfax Media and worked on advertising for The Age and The Weekly Review.

To be successful person in the advertising profession, Nelson said the secrets are to be creative, be a good salesman, gain an understanding of the client's business and the client's customers and be slightly crazy!

Nelson is a member of The Lorne Lions Club, The Lorne Bowls Club and The Lorne Men's Shed, is a keen fisherman and likes classic cars. Barbara is currently too busy looking after grandchildren and the garden to join in any reindeer games.

Not long after coming to Lorne to live, Barbara and Nelson's daughter's house burned down in the Wye River/ Separation Creek bush fires on Christmas Day 2015. This was a traumatic event for the whole family including daughter Kate, Kate's husband Ben and Annie aged 3. Some say it was fortunate Kate's parents Barbara and Nelson were living in Lorne at the time and could help with accommodation and rebuilding their lives, but nothing is fortunate when you lose everything in such a terrible way. They are now going through the slow and agonising process of rebuilding and all going well, will be in their new home early 2017.

Lorne is an amazing place to live and whilst Barbara and Nelson have only lived in Lorne for 18 months, they have made many new friends and enjoy the strong community spirit which is so much a part of the Surf Coast.

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

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| 16 | <b>Premiere screening of Red Dog: True Blue</b> , 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 | <b>Carols on the Lorne</b> , 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.

## DEANS MARSH BRINGS COMMUNITY HISTORY BACK TO LIFE



**In typical low-key Deans Marsh style we all call it 'the footy shed' but that doesn't do it justice really – it is so much more than that.**

Last weekend the finishing touches were added to this historic building by Deans Marsh community members – the final steps in a long project that has attracted a Victorian government grant, as well as much direct involvement by the locals, and yes these final steps were the community's own. Now with a glorious brick paved porch, the Deans Marsh Football Pavilion is in full working order.

We lost our footy team – would you believe the Deans Marsh Blood and Bandages [May 1898 – premiers in 1911 and 1929] in 1958, and so the Football Pavilion, as it was grandly known, stood rather unloved at the Memorial Oval until 2003 when the Council announced the intention to demolish it. Community members and the Deans Marsh Community Cottage Committee though decided the shed was of local historical importance – one of very few similar buildings left anyway in the state – and began what has been a long restoration project.

With help from Heritage Victoria and the Surf Coast Shire Council, the building was saved and restored by Atcorp Constructions and a working group lead by local architect Seona Gunn. Then, the small bathroom was beautifully mosaic-ed by Veronica Phillips and Cath Greenhop in 2007. They lead a team of community artists over several weeks, with locals all contributing ceramic materials for inclusion in the mosaic – another great Deans Marsh community effort.



The Deans Marsh Hall Committee has this year funded necessary glazing work to make the shower fully operational. Then in November, a fantastic effort spearheaded by the Deans Marsh Cricket Club, with the active and financial support of the Hall Committee, saw the beautiful brick paving completed in little more than three days. All the sand-shifting, brick-carrying and laying was done by local people, supervised by local tradesman Roscoe.

Thanks go to everyone involved including The Store for the steak sandwiches for the workers, and the Deans Marsh Community Youth Group who sent over free pork rolls for those laboring on Sunday while the busy Deans Marsh Market bustled around them.

With the Hall Committee and Cricket Club funding the digger, sand, bricks and mortar and all that free labour, Roscoe estimated the Deans Marsh community has saved the Surf Coast Shire Council and its ratepayers a cool \$10,000 in providing these beautiful finishing touches to the project.

As extra space for Cricket Club use, as occasional club rooms for visiting football teams, a venue for Dog Trial organisers and for the flourishing Deans Marsh arts community, the footy shed is now ready to go: fully operational for whatever innovative new ideas our locals and visitors can think up.

Lorne Ward Councillor Clive Goldsworthy said "Congratulations and thank you to the Deans Marsh Hall Committee, Cricket Club and community for undertaking this project, a wonderful example of community engagement and working together as one. The efforts and in-kind support by local residents is fantastic and leads to stronger community empowerment."



**In the next few weeks the Pavillion's paved area will be used as the stage for our wonderful OMM choir at our Carols in the Marsh combined community Christmas picnic held this year on Sunday Dec 18.**

**The shed will also be centre of operations for the Deans Marsh Dog Trials three-day event from January 20 to 22 2017. See you there.**

*From the Deans Marsh community*



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**"Tis the season" – The banner flags of Mountjoy Parade leave no doubt that the festive season is well and truly upon us as we usher in the warmer months of the year. To see the lifeguards on our beach on a daily basis, the growing numbers enjoying Lorne and the Great Ocean Road coastline and fire restrictions forthcoming are all tell tale signs that summer is underway and Christmas just around the corner.**

It's a time of the year when extra pressures are put on our special town and all those people that provide the functions and the services for the influx of our holiday visitors. Our local tradies, retailers and hospitality teams are racing against the clock to be fully prepared for the peak season population explosion and the many associated demands.

It's a hard gig when many service providers will need to cater for population numbers of up to twenty times more than our permanent population base, a difficult task for even the seasoned coastal operators. Equally under the pump are our local Government Agencies that provide a varied number of services year round to the coast and our hinterland.

In the past week members of the Committee for Lorne hosted a productive Government Agency Meeting with the Executive teams of the Surf Coast Shire and Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) as everyone was gearing for the season ahead. It was great to learn that the Shire are in the process of acquiring more of the solar powered compactor "Big Belly" bins to be installed along Mountjoy Parade.

While a conventional wheelie bin holds up to 120 litres of rubbish, the solar compactor within the new bins repeatedly squashes the rubbish, allowing it to squeeze in about 600 litres of garbage. When it nears full, the bin uses cloud technology to alert Shire staff that it needs to be emptied. And in another first, the Surf Coast Shire and GORCC announced they had entered a joint contract with the one supplier for the rubbish collection in Lorne, hopefully increasing efficiencies even more.

Then, when all else fails, we are sooo lucky to have great community people like "Paki" – that is Pakitu Henry one of our local park rangers with GORRC. With a recent rubbish overflow in Mountjoy Parade, Paki, who is employed by GORRC, crossed the boundaries of demarcation to remove the overflow of rubbish from the Surf Coast Shire serviced bins.

This was not only a demonstration of the passion that this great person has for his town but a brilliant example of the co-operation that is needed between all our Government Agencies in breaking down lines of demarcation for the benefit of Lorne and surrounds. – Brilliant stuff Paki!!!!

Don't forget in preparing for Christmas "Shop Local", we have a great range of local businesses and friendly operators to service your every need!

*Ian Stewart*

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