

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



LINDY JOUBERT

COMMUNITY PROFILE

New President of Lorne Sculpture Biennale, Lindy Joubert, recalls with fondness the halcyon student days of working as a waitress at the Arab in the 60s.

Although she stayed in Mrs. Kelly's Guest House with the other waitresses, she spent some time with the Smith family who owned the restaurant. Steve Politis, the coffee maker, asked Lindy and Jane (also a waitress on staff) to be bridesmaids at his wedding although they had never met his bride, Irene. Steve eventually bought the business and friendships continued as with her connection to The Arab. Another Arab staff member, George Vassilopoulos, moved to the Abominable Snowman Restaurant at Mt Buller, which he also ended up owning. His wife Elena became Lindy's bridesmaid when she married.

Sydney born but brought up and educated in Melbourne, Lindy studied painting and graphic design at RMIT and in the US and gained a teaching qualification at Melbourne University. Her first job was a book designer, the second as a senior lecturer in design, a position which she holds today but in the architecture faculty at Melbourne University.

Lindy is also a practising artist having had 37 exhibitions including an impressive six in New York.

She is a founding director of the UNESCO Observatory (multi-disciplinary research in the arts) and travels extensively in that position, leaving the country six times in 2016. Most destinations are remote countries, including Africa, Iran, Tiwi Islands, PNG and Lapland, all of which she loves and couldn't choose a favourite.

She is Vice-President of The World Craft Council (Asia/Pacific region- South Pacific) and says, *her interest in the arts is now used instrumentally for community health and development*.

Lindy's vast experience in the arts, and as a facilitator, including organising a number of international conferences for UNESCO in the Asia Pacific, stands her in good stead to lead the committee for the 2018 Lorne Sculpture Biennale.

She has two adult children, four grandchildren and a dog called Daisy, who is clearly a close friend.

Admitting that exercise is critical, her main exercise is making sure Daisy gets her daily walk.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

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| 20-22 | Deans Marsh Dog Trials , at the Deans Marsh Reserve |
| 22 | Vivaldi Concerti Virtuosi , Lorne St Cuthbert's Church |
| 25 | Live Stand Up Comedy
Dave Hughes, Dave O'Neil & Brad Oakes 8pm at the Lorne Hotel.
Tickets: \$25 locals, Early Birds \$30 on the door. Phone 5289 1409 |
| 27-29 | Cadel Evens Great Ocean Road Race |
| 28 | Lorne Foreshore Market , Lorne |
| 28 | Summer Gumbo Festival , Qdos Arts from 6pm. A Southern feast of blues, jazz, arts, food and drink. Phone 0438 742 095 for bookings |

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



Stribling Reserve Master Plan Draft

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STIBLING RESERVE – PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Last year, we reported that the Surf Coast Shire was embarking upon a project to develop a new Masterplan for Stribling Reserve. That process is almost complete now and in the next few weeks, the draft of the Masterplan will be on public exhibition for comment.

The approach to the development of this new Masterplan has been different from other similar projects. The Stribling Reserve Committee of Management proposed to the Shire that, given the importance of Stribling Reserve as a community asset, a sound approach to planning would be to involve the whole of community right from the start rather than at the review phase. The Council agreed with this proposal and as a result, the Project Owner became Committee for Lorne, rather than the Stribling Committee of Management.

This new approach meant that there has been wider consultation with users of the facilities at Stribling Reserve and the community, which has resulted in a much better understanding of how the community views the Reserve and their expectations for the future. The use of facilities has increased significantly in the past few years and there is a much more diverse range of activities.

Traditionally, the Reserve has been the home of the Lorne Football and Netball Club. Football and Netball now have a full complement of teams for all age groups and abilities. In addition there is women's basketball, a number of fitness classes and various other activities. The Lorne P-12 School is also a major user of facilities throughout the year.

The new Masterplan will reflect these needs and future trends in usage. Having the plan in place makes it much easier to approach funding agencies including State and Federal Government; they can see where the money is needed and why.

The three photos of the netball court show the

transformation that has taken place over the past few years. A better playing surface, spectator galleries and proper lighting have all helped to make the court a safer and more inviting venue. Even the "fix up" of the scorer's hut, has added character to the venue. It was one of the original bathing boxes on the beach so we have retained a small piece of history as well. This transformation was as a result of a plan presented to the Shire to upgrade the netball facilities as the numbers started to grow.

The redevelopment of the Oval, including installation of new drainage, was also a significant project designed to improve the amenity of the Oval. There were a couple of problems initially, but now, we have an excellent playing surface that is regarded as amongst the best in the region.

The Stribling Reserve Masterplan will apply the same approach for the whole of the facilities within the Reserve. At the moment we are securing funding for two significant projects; upgraded lighting for the Oval and an Electronic Scoreboard. The agencies who provide funding for such projects like to see "shovel Ready" projects. In other words "if we give you the money, is the plan in place and are you ready to start the project?"

With the new Stribling Reserve Masterplan, we will be "shovel ready". The community consultation highlighted how much the community values this open space in such a central location. The Masterplan will respect that whilst at the same time ensuring that the Reserve and its facilities caters for community needs well into the future.

We will let you know when the plan is on exhibition and we value your feedback

Peter Spring
Chairman
Stribling Reserve Committee of Management

Last Friday night was the night that the who's who of the football world came to Lorne as part of the Lorne Football and Netball Club's major yearly fundraiser at the spectacular Lorne Hotel View Room. In front of sell out crowd, Channel Seven's football anchor man and Lorne local, Brian Taylor (BT), compered the event with a level of professionalism and entertainment normally not experienced outside of the Melbourne circuit.

BT interviewed the delightful Footy Show Co-host and Geelong's No.1 Ticket Holder, Rebecca Maddern, and Brendan Fevola along with a number of successful, prominent non-resident Lorne property owners that enjoy making a valuable contribution to the town they love. Also adding the football flavour of the night were ex-AFL players Mick Martin, Rick Barham and Gary Keane. Guest speaker, Sam Keckovich, gave a very witty and eloquent presentation.

The highlight of the fundraising activities came in the form of the auction of two surfboards both with very different stories behind them. The first was a Rip Curl board used by Mick Fanning at his most recent World Tour Event, complete with wax and leg rope and the second was a magnificent long board purpose built for the evening's auction.

Five times Australian long board champion, renowned board shaper, former Lorne Footballer and father of two Lorne netballers, Greg Brown, produced the magnificent board in the colours of the Lorne Football Club to be proudly displayed prior to being sold. The proud owners invested \$6,500 and \$4,500 respectively for these "one off" collectors items.

A huge thank you to Brian Taylor and Michael Turner who spent many hours in co-ordinating the event and assembling an array of talent seldom seen on the coast. The Lorne Football and Netball Club, through President Ken Hosking, expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the great contribution made by these guys in giving back so much to the town they love.

A sight to be seen during the week was the transition of the white lights that line the Lorne pier to a striking display of colour. One had to look twice as this new dimension of colour painted a landscape not previously seen, but it was spectacular. To date, I haven't learnt of the source or the reason for the change but I am sure the coastline grapevine will reveal the story in the not too distant future.

The local garlic growing competition that was judged pre Christmas at the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club has gained national recognition following the colourful article written by Anson Cameron that featured in the Melbourne Age recently. Titled "Fighting the Good fight – in the garlic wars" the article is a must read and is currently on display on the Lorne Community Notice Board Facebook page for those that missed it. I love the fascination that the author has with Merry Chuck's toes!!!

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