

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Just when you thought that our town might return to a bit of normality the past week has been as busy as any. The large annual medical conference at Mantra had accommodation houses bursting and then the lifesaving activities of the weekend just passed added to the numbers in town. The Lorne Foreshore looked more like the MCC car park on Grand Final Day. Watching the rolling breakers from Mountjoy Parade reminded me that we provide one of Australia's best lifesaving competition arenas.

Last weekend's events started with the Victorian Masters Championships (athletes 30 years old and over) in "lake like" conditions on the Saturday under sunny warm skies. As the wind turned to the south and the sun descended behind the clouds the benign ocean came to life as thousands arrived into town for Sunday's Junior State Championship Qualifying carnival.

With approximately 1500 junior competitors plus family members, friends and supporters, the event was the largest junior carnival of the summer and showcased our spectacular Lorne coastal precinct. Congratulations to the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club who hosted the major weekend without incident and with a lot of work from their volunteer base.

On Friday March 10, the Committee for Lorne (CfL) is hosting our first Community Lunch for 2017 at the View Room at the Lorne Hotel commencing at noon for a 12.30pm start. A great opportunity to catch up and learn from our community leaders about their projects over the past twelve months and what's planned moving forward.

Stephen Atkinson will provide a summary of the process that is evolving as we work to convert the objectives of the Achieving Lorne's Aspirations document into specific actions within our community. Steve has conducted a series of workshops involving 24 local clubs and organisations over the past month to help us understand and identify where we are all at and identify any gaps that exist.

Lorne Community Hospital CEO, Kate Gillan, will provide an overview of the recent and future activities at our great local health service and Cr Clive Goldsworthy will provide an update on his first year of his second term as Councillor for Lorne Ward. You will have the chance to not only congratulate Surf Coast Shire Citizen of the year Peter Spring but also listen to the journey and progress on the Stribling Reserve Master Plan of which Pete has been a major leader.

This is an RSVP only event so please accept our invitation to this \$25 per head luncheon by emailing the names of those looking to attend with a contact mobile number to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au

Steve Atkinson is looking to conduct a further session to provide the important opportunity for all our part time residents to share the work, get further ideas and expand the process. This workshop is scheduled for Thursday April 17 from 9am to 10.30am with further details to come. For all our part time residents, and any full timers that missed earlier sessions, we urge you to mark this date in your diary.

Ian Stewart

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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

QDOS – A JEWEL IN LORNE'S CROWN

Last Saturday night my wife and I attended a concert at Qdos. A trio of young musicians who called themselves The Saltbush Ensemble presented the performance. The group are three of Melbourne's most prominent young baroque musicians performing music from the world of the 18th Century French aristocracy. Each of these musicians has spent years overseas learning their craft. It was a wonderful night of music in an intimate setting. Listening to these musicians performing to the accompaniment of rain pattering on the roof, I reflected upon how privileged I was to be able to attend such a concert, with such accomplished international musicians, in such an environment, in such a unique setting and less than a ten minute walk from home!

I then reflected upon the fact that on the Saturday evening two weeks earlier, we attended "Summer Gumbo" at Qdos; blues and jazz from the deep south of the USA performed by an amazing group of musicians including a blues harmonica player direct from Mississippi and a blues singer with a voice to stop you in your tracks! To accompany the music, creole dishes from the deep south. It was a special night.

Qdos is a jewel in Lorne's crown. What you now experience at the venue on the Allenvale Road is a far cry from the gallery located in the old squash court on Mountjoy Parade many, many years ago. I remember visiting that gallery on several occasions in the early 80's. There was sculpture, paintings, craftwork and, for a period of time, four pot bellied stoves crafted from steel to resemble rotund "Toby Jug" figures. Each stove had a set of steel hands wrapped around the belly; they were wonderful pieces of work. To this day I regret that instead of "humming and haahing", I should have taken the plunge and bought one.

Now, Qdos is located in a beautiful forest setting on the fringe of Lorne and comprises gallery spaces, restaurant, sculpture garden, Japanese style accommodation units, and a wood fired kiln for pottery and ceramics. There is also a small lake surrounded by sculpture and adjacent is a performance stage in front of a natural amphitheatre for outdoor performances. This location and its facilities are a tribute to the vision, passion and sheer dogged persistence of Graeme Wilkie ably supported by his partner, Gillian.

If you stand outside at Qdos and just take in the scope and beauty of the place, I think you will start to appreciate just what an amazing vision Graeme

had. There's always a new project happening at Qdos but everything is in harmony. Graeme's vision for Qdos demonstrates his capacity to believe in what is possible. The same belief he had in the vision for the Sculpture Biennale, which started in 2007. It took Graeme's vision and a team of dedicated, persistent supporters to make it happen but it is now an integral part of Lorne's Arts identity in exactly the same way as is Qdos.

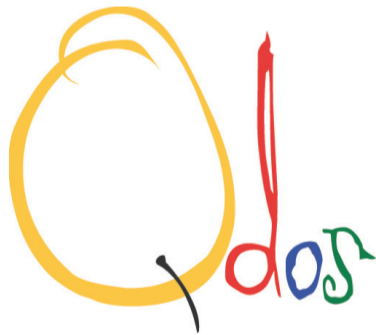
Qdos is a special place. It's a place where the art and sculpture on exhibit is constantly changing. It's a place to go for a wander around the outdoor installations, have a browse and then have a meal in the café/restaurant. On a personal note, I would be remiss if I did not mention that the food prepared in the kitchen by Albert, particularly the seafood linguini, is reason enough for a visit.

This article sounds like a commercial for Qdos. It is. But the plug is not about food or even buying art. It's about acknowledging one of the truly unique attractions in Lorne that it seems not many people are aware of. Yes, it's off the beaten track a bit. But it is a special place and one which demonstrates how one man's passion has resulted in the affirmation of Lorne as a location with a strong arts culture; be it the open space installations, the galleries or the broad range of concert performances staged over the year.

If you haven't been to Qdos, or haven't been in a while, do yourself a favour; it's good for the soul.

Pete Spring

A loyal fan of Qdos



JEFF WOOLLEY

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Jeff was born in Pascoe Vale. His father was a butcher, who wished to work outdoors, therefore he delivered ice to the main hotels in Melbourne including the Windsor and Lou Richard's hotel. His mother currently resides in Lorne.

Jeff attended Hadfield High School in the late 60's and then he qualified in electronics and projection technology at the Royal Melbourne Institute. After graduating, he worked at Village Cinemas, then for 20 years at the Moonee Valley Racing Club where he was responsible for their audio visual system and closed circuit television and finally at the State Film Centre where he met his current partner Janet McLeod.

In 2005, Jeff and Janet moved to Lorne to support her parents, Jock and Audrey McLeod, on their property along the Erskine Falls Road. Jock introduced Jeff to lawn bowls in the 2008/09 season and he was part of the division five premiership team that year. Jeff's other interests include fishing and gardening. He has worked part-time at the Lorne Hotel and Lorne Hardware and Leisure. He currently has the contract to operate the bar, functions and barefoot bowling at the Lorne Bowls Club.

In conjunction with Luke Morgan, Jeff operates Lawners Café at the Lorne Bowls Club. Jeff is responsible for bar operation. They offer a warm and friendly atmosphere and a menu including Luke's curries, pasta dishes and his magnificent desserts. Jeff also offers bowls coaching and a summer social bowling program.

Jeff has twin daughters Ruby and Rosie. Ruby lives in Townsville and Rosie in Melbourne. Jeff's son Redmond came to Lorne when Jeff moved, to complete his schooling. Red currently lives in Ocean Grove.

LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 5 **Clean Up Australia Day, Big Hill car parks to Lorne, 9am to 11am. Registration at LAAC 9:00am.**
- 19 **Wye River vs Deans Marsh Cricket Match, at Stribling Reserve, Lorne at 12:30pm**
- 26 **Deans Marsh Festival, Live music, local harvest, market stalls, dog jumping, kids events, sheep dog demos and much more. 10 am – 5pm at Deans Marsh Oval.**

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

