

As we enter the last official week of summer for many locals it's time to put the "tools down" and get a breather from the exhaustive demands that the summer holiday season brings to so many local people. This year I feel sure that our part time residents, holiday makers and day trippers would have experienced Lorne to the fullest and satisfaction levels at their highest.

As part my "tools down" plan, along with four other great mates, we flew across "the ditch" to rendezvous with our Fijian friends at the Auckland airport and reignite the everlasting friendship and respect that exists among "The Brothers". The three-hour private bus trip down to Taupo soon had us all up to date with each other's past months and family lives and well hydrated for the demanding days ahead.

At Taupo, like Lorne, they also are have their summer lakeside activities starting to slow as their peak season comes to a close, but it was an experience we shared on board MV Solomaar on the expanses of Lake Taupo that left such a great impression. You would think that for all seven of us to catch a rainbow trout in excess of 45 centimetres, experience clay target shooting from the stern of the boat and enjoy great food and beverages for the entire eight hour journey there could be no other highlights - wrong.

The skipper of the boat, Dan Wood; his attention to everyone's specific needs, his knowledge and wisdom openly shared among us all, his Tahitian deck hand Audrey and Dan's open dry sense of humour all contributed to the experience of the day. We were in a region full of so much natural beauty and we were privileged to enjoy experiences not part of the and yet the memories of the people and the way they looked after us stay strong.

Last week, the Stribling Reserve Master plan was presented to the Surf Coast Shire Councillors and senior officers in a formal briefing in the hope that it will gain full Council endorsement and progress to the next stage for public display and comment. After almost twelve months of intensive consultation and planning with all Project stakeholders the collaborative project between the Surf Coast Shire Officers and representatives of the Lorne Community has been a extensive and exhaustive process.

The "Partnership Governance Model" being the first of its kind to be undertaken by the Surf Coast Shire has, we hope, instilled strength of confidence within our local Government ranks that will hopefully enable this model being applied more widely through the continued planning processes of the Surf Coast Shire.

I hope you have entered the date of Friday March 10 in your diary for the first 2017 Committee for Lorne lunch for 2017 and remember that RSVP is a must to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au.



Chairman
Committee for Lorne

FOODWORKS LORNE SPINNERS SET FOR ANOTHER BIG YEAR

Murray to Moyne Lorne Spinners are training hard, on and off the bike, to raise money for Lorne Community Hospitals fundraising campaign 'Living is for Everyone'.

Suicide touches the lives of many people and is a devastating event for family, friends and the broader community. Many of us know of someone who has attempted suicide or died by suicide. Preventing suicide is a serious health issue that we as a community can join together to support.

The Murray to Moyne cycle relay is a 24 hour event which spans 520km from Mildura to Port Fairy in April 2017. The event has run for over 30 years and boasts over 1,650 cyclists and 800 support crew. The Foodworks Lorne Spinners have been have participated in the (M2M) event for eight years and have raised over \$200,000 for specific projects for Lorne Community Hospital.

Lorne Community Hospitals CEO Kate Gillan said, "It is a great effort by community members and LCH staff to give up their time to volunteer and fundraise for their local hospital."

"Funds raised from this project will directly assist Lorne Community Hospital to provide information about suicide prevention, provide health professionals with specialised training, implement web based seminars and strengthen partnerships with relevant support networks. Being the only hospital on the Surf Coast, this program will have a wide reach to local townships and our visiting holiday community."

This year's confirmed riders are Ed Babington (captain of the young blokes) and his team members Alex Gillan, Ed Ashley, Josh Crosbie, Het Ramp, Mark Upton, Harri Muller, Geoff Couper, Alison and Andrew Monotti, Tara and Anders Stenhouse.

The team will be supported by Kate Gillan, Frazer Buckle, Heath Armstrong and partners.

"If anyone is still interested in joining this year's team, we would love to hear from you. Particularly if you are already riding and want to set yourself a new challenge," said Ms Gillan.

We would also like to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors. Without sponsors this ride would not be possible. Firstly to Foodworks who are our official naming sponsors for this year. Acacia Pest Control, Roofline, Lorne Lions Club, Pace Interiors, Great Ocean Road Real Estate, Lorne Aquatic Club and REOS Partners, we cannot thank you enough for your support.

The annual fundraising dinner will be held on Thursday 16 March at The View @ Lorne Hotel. This year promises to offer some amazing auction items, entertainment and a special presentation. For bookings and payment, either contact the Lorne Community House on 5289 4383 or email communityhouse.lorne@swarh.vic.gov.au or search Murray to Moyne on Eventbrite - www. eventbrite.com.au

For more information and to donate, head to https://www.mycause.com.au/charity/133/LorneCommunityHospital. You can also follow the team on Facebook and show your support www.facebook.com/LorneSpinners/

Katy Kennedy
Fundraising Coordinator





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YVONNE MURNANE



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Yvonne first came to Lorne from Geelong with her flatmate who was from Lorne. She was introduced to the boy next door, a fifth generation Murnane, and guess what? Yes, she ultimately married him. They lived in Anglesea for two years. Yvonne worked with a Geelong Accountant and commuted daily. She and Lindsay have lived in Lorne since 1980 when they bought a house. When a job became available to work in the office at the Lorne Fishermen's Co-op for twelve months, she took it. Henry Love was her boss.

Thirty five years on, Yvonne is still working at the job she took next, as an Administrative Officer at Lorne Water Board, now Barwon Water, loving every minute of it. For fourteen years she has also worked as a casual at our supermarket where she is a supervisor.

Yvonne's passion for playing netball was replaced by the arrival of her three children. Once they became active surf club members, she became a supportive parent - and continues to support her grandson who is in Nippers. Yvonne and her children have also been involved with the Lorne Football & Netball Club, Lorne Tennis Club and Anglesea Cricket Club. For the last five years she has run in the Mountain to Surf Run.

Annual holidays revolve around Lindsay's passion – Masters Football. They travel to annual carnivals around Australia and went to Ireland when Lindsay was selected to play in the Masters Australian team in the combination Rules. As an accomplished knitter, particularly of Aran and Fair Isle patterns, she visited the Aran Islands in the spare time she had in Ireland, researching the history of both and discovering new designs. She returned inspired to try more complicated work. When her children were small Yvonne sewed a great deal and enjoyed applique and cross stitching.

Losing a brother to cancer and having a husband who overcame it, Yvonne wanted to do something to help. Two years ago, another brother feeling the same way, joined the Tour de Cure bike ride to help raise funds for Cancer Research. Yvonne caught up with him in Apollo Bay and Geelong during the Adelaide to Melbourne Ride. Listening to the stories behind why the riders and volunteers were part of the group, inspired her to join the official support team for this years ride in March. Even Lindsay's triple bypass in December didn't dampen her enthusiasm for the cause. A successful Trivia Night was held at the Bowls Club. There's another event at the Lorne Surf Club on Saturday 25 February, a group of Lifesavers & Lifeguards as a team will be swimming the equivalent of the English Channel along the Pier to Pub course - 28 laps, this event will take approx 8 hrs to complete. Come down and support them.

For more information visit their Facebook page at the link https://www.facebook.com/P2Penglishchanneleditionteamswim/Let's help her out!

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 5 Clean Up Australia Day, Big Hill car parks to Lorne, 9am to 11am. Registration at LAAC 9:00am.
- Murray to Moyne Lorne Spinners fundraising dinner, 6pm at The View @ Lorne Hotel. For bookings, please contact Lorne Community House on 5289 4383.
- 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.