

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE



ROSA
RAGUSA

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Rosa has seen a lot of changes to Lorne over the 40 years she has been here, beginning by having annual family holidays in whatever rental property they could get that would accommodate not just them but many of the friends who used to follow them here. "We had so much fun. They were good times", she said.

Sixteen years ago, the Ragusas bought their own holiday house in Lorne. Three years later they moved here permanently. Husband Joe, worked as co- manager of Duetto Apartments while Rosa worked full time in Duetto Ladies Wear. Their four children visited regularly then as now and with the addition of five grandchildren it is often busy at their house.

Rosa came to Melbourne from Italy with her family before she finished her education. She resumed school in Melbourne and studied until at age 14 when she was needed to look after her brother while her mother went to work. However, she quickly realised that situation wasn't going to take her far into the future so she enrolled in night school and took a secretarial course. She completed her qualification but with a long held interest in fashion chose to go into retail. Still hankering after working close to the coalface, she moved to a factory and began manufacturing clothes, selling from the site. "Then at 21, I married Joe, had four kids and stayed at home for 19 years".

After the grandchildren, Rosa's passion would be clothes and shoes

Rosa is a member of the Book Club, enjoys yoga and walking on the beach. They get to Europe every second year and escape north to the warmth in winter.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 10 **Committee for Lorne Community Lunch, at The View at the Lorne Hotel, 12 noon for a 12:30pm start. RSVP only event, \$25 per head luncheon. Please email name & number of those looking to attend to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au**
- 11 **Fun Tennis Morning from 9.30am at Lorne Country Club. Visitors of all standards welcome. \$10 includes morning tea.**
- 12 **LAAC Major Fishing Comp No 2, at the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club.**
- 16 **Murray to Moyne Lorne Spinners fundraising dinner, 6pm at The View @ Lorne Hotel. For bookings, please contact Lorne Community House on 5289 4383.**
- 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.

LORNE OP SHOP GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY

Late last month the members of the Lorne Op Shop were invited to attend the official opening of the newly refurbished Aged Care facility at the Lorne Community Hospital. LCH board members, management, staff, residents and families attended the opening. The Op Shop made a very large contribution of \$200,000 towards the upgrade which enabled the project to go ahead. The LCH Board Chairman, Dr Damien Smith, acknowledged the Op Shop's support with gratitude.

Despite a slow start to the year in January 2016, following the devastating Christmas Day bushfire in Wye River, the Lorne Op Shop had a successful twelve months. In 2016, the Op Shop donated a total of \$352,843 to the Lorne community. The bulk of this (82%) went to the Lorne Community Hospital. As well as the Aged Care upgrade, the Op Shop donated \$50,000 to the LCH Annual Appeal and provided funding of more than \$37,000 for specialised equipment, training, and special treats for Aged Care residents.

The Lorne Op Shop supported a number other community groups and projects during 2016. These included:

- new lightweight safety clothing for the Lorne CFA Brigade (\$4,586),
- a secure play area at Stribling Reserve netball courts (\$6,950)
- completion of the Lorne Men's Shed (\$25,000)
- First Aid room upgrade at Wye River SLSC (\$25,000)
- Carmen's Road Safety Campaign (\$1,100)
- Lorne P-12 College mental health program (\$1,400)

- Lorne P-12 College VCAL award (\$250)
- Carmen's Road Safety Campaign – bus transport (\$700)
- Lions Club – Carols on the Lorne (\$200)

2017 has started off with a bang for the Lorne Op Shop. Business has been very brisk and there has been a great flow of donations in and sales out during the busy summer period. Op Shop volunteers have been working very hard over this time, and our little shop has been open for business every day of the year to date.

After Easter things will slow down a little, and many members take this opportunity to have a well-earned break. Despite this, the Op Shop will remain open every day from 10 am till 4 pm throughout the year, and we welcome any donations of good, saleable items of clothing, books and paintings, home wares, toys and games, collectibles and bric-a-brac. In 2017, the Op Shop has already committed to fund a mobile ultrasound machine for the Lorne Community Hospital at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

The Executive Committee of the Lorne Op Shop would like to thank all our volunteers, our donors and our customers for their ongoing support. This support enables the Lorne Op Shop to continue to channel much-needed funding back into the Lorne community for the benefit of everyone.

Mandy Calder
President, Lorne Op Shop



Dedicated Op Shop volunteer, Clare Russell



Celebrating official opening of Aged Care facility. l to r: Op shop President , Mandy Calder, LCH Chairman, Dr. Damien Smith, LCH CEO, Kate Gillan.



The Labor Day Weekend has arrived just as quick as the summer has passed us by but one thing remains unchanged – the amazing weather pattern has continued. The numbers that have and continue to enjoy Lorne and the coast have been such a welcome return following the fires and aftermath of 2015-16. This time of the year also signals finality to a number of summer sporting activities and Lorne has, and is well positioned, to feature in many season ending finals series.

Last weekend saw the winding up of the Victorian Senior Life Saving competitions with the State Titles being held at the Port Fairy Beach. The Lorne club had a fantastic day both on the sand and in the water and across many divisions. The Lorne senior boat crews had two boats in the A Grade final, finishing first and fifth for the State Title in an event they are beginning to make their own. The ladies finished a credible 5th in the A grade Female boat final and reserve crews also had podium finishes.

Perhaps the highlight of the weekend's competition was provided by the junior members of the team, having progressed through the Club's nipper program, to be super competitive at State Level. Led by Billy Bowden who claimed the U/15 Gold Medal in the prestigious iron man event, Michael Garbelotto in the U/15 Surf Race, Meg Cairns Gold in the U/17 Beach flags plus a number of Silver and Bronze medals, the Lorne Club can be well proud of their achievements.

The Victorian Junior Titles (Nippers) are conducted through this long weekend at the Warrnambool Surf Club and Lorne will be well represented with a strong contingent of athletes making their way down the coast to test their talent against the best in the State. This is always a great weekend for the club as junior competitors, family and friends enjoy the experience of sport, fun and camaraderie together in representing Lorne – Good luck to all.

The season for our Lorne Bowlers is also drawing to an end and our Division 2 side sits clearly in top position on the ladder and with our Division 4A side currently fourth with the finals getting underway on the 18th of March. We wish both sides well as they prepare to consolidate their standing and set their sights on the weeks ahead. Well done to the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club and their members with their great work on Clean up Australia Day!

It was interesting to note the recent resignation of Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's (GORCC) John Carlile in early February. Whilst not always seeing "eye to eye" with John's philosophies, one can only admire and respect any individual committing almost a decade of service to GORRC and our coastline on a voluntary basis. Deputy chairman Kylie Steel has been appointed to fill the position until a permanent replacement is found.

Ian Stewart

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Chairman
Committee for Lorne

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