

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

One of the highlights of the past week was hearing how local tradie Tom Dawson got among the Southern Blue Fin Tuna when fishing just off Lorne to "bag" four of these magnificent species. Talk among some of our older professional fisherman will reveal that these fish, although occasionally sighted over years past, have never been as prevalent in our waters as recent times, and our local anglers are just loving it.

This extra dimension of angling throws a new twist on fishing out of Lorne but it was Tom himself that provided the biggest twist of all for me. An avid and experienced ocean adventurer, both above and below the surface, Tom was not content to land these beautiful fish by rod and reel alone. Off the coast of Lorne, in the deep blue ocean, with the Lorne township a silhouette in the background Tom in board shorts, mask, snorkel and spear completed what many underwater free divers only dream of, to spear a Bluefin Tuna – amazing stuff Tom!

As one new era opened with the numbers of these magnificent fish, it was on land that another local institution was to come to an end. Ocean Lodge Motel on the corner of Smith and Armytage Street hosted guests for the last time through last weekend's Labour Day celebration. The multi-generational family business had hosted guests to our town since the middle of last century and created memories in the minds of Lorne lovers forever.

The hospitality of the Grange family and their service to the tourism sector of this town has been immeasurable and if it is not the memories that the guests hold strong, I am sure it will be the respect that is held for the family members that have helped make Lorne the place it is today. The gardens and the grounds that have always been so immaculately cared for will stay entrenched in my mind almost as strong as the friendships and admiration I hold for the generations of Granges.

Another great loss over the last week has been the passing of Christos Raskatos and all our wishes are with the entire Raskatos family. In his own words "I'll take my pen and my pad and my bottle and all the love. The malice I'll leave behind" - RIP Christos!

Don't forget the Lorne Football and Netball Club are gearing up for another big season and the countdown to round 1 is well and truly underway. On the 1st of April the Dolphins kick off their season, hosting the Colac Imperials Football Club at the Stribling Reserve. You are all invited to join fellow community members at the Club every Thursday evening and join the growing numbers enjoying Selena's catering and the local spirit!

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Chairman
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DEANS MARSH FESTIVAL – MARCH 26

What:	The 21st Deans Marsh Festival
When:	Sunday March 26 10am to 5pm
Where:	The Deans Marsh Memorial Oval 10 Pennyroyal Valley Road Deans Marsh - just off the Deans Marsh Lorne Road
Who:	Everyone - that's you and friends and family and dogs (on leads – most of the time; see below)
Why?	Because it is great fun for everyone, with fantastic local and guest artists playing music all day, delicious food to take home or eat on the spot, arts and craft stalls, and games to play - castles to jump, faces to paint. And wait, there's more: you - or your dog - could be the 2017 Deans Marsh champion.

Music will play all day from the back of our Wheadon's Transport trailer. Bands include Dada Ono, Gullies, Rondo Big Band, Adam Ben Hickman, Flowers on Fire and John Waller and Lorne school band. As well of course as our homegrown talent: Mountain Grey, Josh Rigg, and our new combo Josh Goddard and the Smooth featuring Louise Brown our famous OMM Choir Mistress in a new guise.

Another feature of the Festival will be the opportunity to view and learn about our wonderful Deans Marsh Curtain and its history. Did you know that the beautiful curtain now gracing the Community Hall is actually the second one Deans Marsh has produced? The first version, created out of old sugar bags by locals during World War 2, and first hung in 1950, is considered such a valuable and lovely example of its kind, it is now held in the Melbourne Museum.

The 'new' curtain, created in 2000 is made up of six panels depicting the history and development of Deans Marsh local flora and fauna, the agriculture, forestry and timber industries, and with contributions from the students of our Deans Marsh Primary School. Make sure you have a proper look while you are

enjoying those wonderful Red Cross scones.

In a way the Curtains sum up our community. Many of us in the Marsh are far from genuine 'locals' - that takes many generations after all. Yet all of us, from many backgrounds, can and do carry on the old traditions and create some new ones too - just like all those wonderful townships across Australia many of us have so enjoyed learning about on Heather Ewart's ABC TV's Backroads programme. And at next year's Festival, we hope to be able to show you all a new and vibrant take on both beautiful curtains...

In its 21st year, we hope to again welcome thousands of visitors to our unique Deans Marsh to enjoy great live music, food and wines from our beautiful Otways region, a unique artisans' craft market, as well as our own brand of human and canine challenges to test skill, agility and perseverance - we all need those in the country don't we?

Kids can enjoy activities all day including making feathered headpieces, pencil case decorating, face painting, and of course the jumping castle. Or they can contribute pictures of their beloved canine friends to our Art Wall, generously sponsored by the Winchelsea Anglesea Community Bank. And parents will love the local harvest tent to taste [and take home] the region's beer, wine and amazing local produce.

For those with a competitive urge, come and try your luck in the Deans Marsh Gift, gumboot toss or sheaf toss. Or enter your dog in our signature Dog Jump or our highly competitive large and small dog races – take the challenge and try to beat our regular champion Elvis the Jack Russell.

There will also this year's new addition: the Top Dog Competition, including prizes for 'most like owner', 'best trick', 'best golden oldie' and top prize 2017 Marsh Top Dog.

Bring your family & friends, enjoy our lovely weather – whatever nature provides for us – and the colourful atmosphere: there is something for absolutely everyone.

Deans Marsh Festival Committee



SAM COULSON

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Sam was brought up on the family farm outside Birregurra with his parents and brothers, Bill and Robin. He attended Winchelsea primary school before attending Geelong College as a boarder. He remembers holidaying in Lorne in his very early years and has been a regular ever since, building a home and eventually retiring here.

After leaving Geelong College, he completed an Associate Diploma of Mechanical Engineering at the Gordon Institute of Technology in Geelong, whilst also working as a live-in House Master at Geelong College.

Upon graduating he accepted employment with Ford Motor Company, thinking he would work there "for a couple of years experience." He retired from Fords forty years later! During those years Sam, and his wife Ingrid, travelled extensively in every continent, except Antarctica, including periods of residency in Korea and Taiwan. His 'Product Development' roles included being Principal Engineer for the range of Mazda based Ford vehicles (extensive visits to Japan), and the design and development of his 'baby', the Ford Festiva. Repatriating to Australia in 1991, he became involved in Vehicle Safety and Emission standards during which time he chaired the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (peak Australian vehicle manufacturers body) Technical Committee. This led to Ford World Headquarters appointing Sam as Regional Manager for Asia Pacific.

Sam has been keenly involved with the Lorne Bowls Club, serving as Treasurer for seven years and President for three, and has been fortunate to be involved in several premiership teams. He was honoured with Life Membership in 2014.

Sam and Ingrid, who was an English lecturer at the Gordon Institute before being seconded to Deakin University, met in Geelong and were married in 1977. Ingrid also enjoys her involvement with the Bowls Club, and other Lorne organisations. Their daughter Annabelle and her husband, Marcus, live in Melbourne.

Sam is the currently Treasurer of the Lorne RSL Sub-Branch, and of the Lorne Anglican-Uniting Church.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

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.

APRIL

1 **Lorne Dolphins V Colac Imperials**, First match of the CDFL Football season at Stribling Reserve..

13 **Official opening of the 46th Annual Lions Easter Art Show** at Senior Citizens Centre at 7.30pm. admission to opening is \$20, including glass of wine and finger food. Art Show open Easter Saturday and Sunday and Easter Monday until midday.

14-17 **46th Annual Lions Easter Art Show**, at the Senior Citizens Centre. Friday – Sunday 10am – 5pm and Monday 10am – 12pm.

15 **Lorne Kinder Easter Market**, Located on the Lorne Foreshore 9am – 4pm.

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

