

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Happy Easter, and what a big weekend it's going to be here in Lorne and there's nothing bigger and more significant to many in our community than the annual Lions Clubs Easter Art Show, Victoria's longest running regional art show. The Gala opening is on Thursday evening from 7.30pm with a \$20 entry fee, which includes finger food and a glass of champagne.

This special local event at the Senior Citizens Centre continues until 12 noon on Monday and will feature over 300 pieces of art on display. The Easter Art Show is the Lorne Lions annual major fundraising event and we encourage all to attend and support our magnificent team at the Lorne Lions Club. When you're done and dusted at the Art Show, head down to the Foreshore for the Lorne Kinder Easter Market with over 100 stalls open for business on Easter Saturday.

It's been a sad week in Lorne with the passing of Michael "Camel" Callanan. Camel fought such a courageous battle over recent years and many of us will never know just how difficult his journey was. The support of his family, friends and the wider community was enormous. Camel was a special person with such super qualities who was respected by all. The best wishes of the entire Lorne Community are with Christine and the boys.

How good was it to see Brae at Birregurra be named the world's 44th best restaurant, an amazing achievement of which Dan Hunter and his team can be so enormously proud. It is a super achievement that has all forms of media buzzing with excitement. It's not only great for the Brae team, but also brilliant for our region.

Whilst on achievements, it can't be unrecognised that the GMHBA Lorne Pier to Pub Lorne Mountain to Surf has won the Arthur J. Gallagher award for the Australian community sporting event of the year. Having just completed its 37th year, the Lorne Pier to Pub is the largest open water swim in the world and it is organised and run entirely by volunteers from the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club.

The race attracts up to 5,000 competitors and, in 1988, it entered the Guinness Book of Records when 3,071 swimmers took part and made it the world's largest open water swim. The GMHBA Lorne Pier to Pub swim attracts swimmers from all ages and from all levels.

Don't forget to get up to Stribling Reserve this weekend to support the Lorne Football and Netball Club in their huge Easter Blockbuster against Birregurra for the Mark Trickey Memorial Cup. Both our netball and football teams are off to an excellent start and are looking to consolidate on their early season form. It will be a huge weekend for the Club, kicking off with the popular Thursday evening "Club meals" at 6.30pm. Easter Saturday will be a great day and there is the expectation of a huge crowd with Mike Brady performing pre-game from 1.30pm.

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Chairman
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REPORT CARD – LORNE BOWLS CLUB TO THE COMMUNITY

The Lorne Bowls Club is in the mid-term of its five year strategic plan. I am pleased to report our progress to the Lorne community. The following things have been achieved:

- We have formed a second Saturday pennant side.
- We achieved on-field success by finishing on top of the division 2 competition, after only one year at that level.
- We have doubled the number of members available for pennant selection.
- We have made barefoot bowling a sustainable activity and fundraiser for the Club in a way that minimises the pressure on members to be involved in the holiday season.
- We have gained two major sponsors for the Club, namely Great Ocean Road Real Estate and the Bendigo Community Bank.
- We have obtained funding and the necessary permissions to take a planning proposal to the Surf Coast Shire for the installation of lights for the green.
- We have attracted younger players to play pennant.
- The Club rooms have been used more by community groups for meetings and the green for social bowling.
- We have an increase of three percent in our total membership, currently sitting at 214.
- The restaurant and bar is operating in a sustainable way, whilst allowing the facility to be used for its primary function, bowling.

Our success in reaching the division 2 grand-final, after only one year at this level, was an outstanding achievement. I must acknowledge that emotions are still very raw after the narrow loss to Cressy. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that the team had a sensational season, finishing on top of the ladder with only two defeats for the home and away season. The comeback staged by the players, after being 33 shots down at afternoon tea, was exciting and a testimony to their spirit and skill. Although disappointed, the spirit at the Club on Saturday night was warm and positive about the new season. Thank you to the many supporters who attended the grand final and encouraged the side. The conditions were not pleasant, but the warmth and strength of the support was greatly appreciated by the players.



The achievements listed above give the Club a solid platform for future sustainability. The installation of lights will expand bowling opportunities for members and the community. Naturally, we were required to negotiate guidelines for the use of the lights with Mantra. The lights can be used until 9.00pm, with special extensions negotiated with the Mantra management. This agreement will be reviewed after the first twelve months. The Club received a grant of \$20,000 from the Commonwealth Government, under The Stronger Communities Programme. This funding must be matched by the Club and from our successful year of trading, we are able to meet this obligation.

This year's season was a long one, and I thank the more than sixty members who played pennant in the four teams during the season. There is one area that we must try to address in the short-term, and that is the number of women playing pennant and social bowls. We are starting a "try-bowls program", starting on Thursday, April 20 at 1.00pm, inviting any women in the community who would like to bowl in a non-competitive environment. Please just turn-up, we will provide the bowls and the welcome.

Gary Allen
President
Lorne Bowls Club

Jennifer
Brown



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Wanting to share her passion for ocean swimming and love of the beach with her children Angel and Jasper surely influenced Jenn's involvement with the Nippers Program, which she has run for the past four years. Introduced to Lorne by her husband Steve Atkinson in the early 90's they holidayed with Steve's parents until 2002 when they bought their own holiday house. Nine years ago Jenn and Steve decided they were sick of the rat race in Melbourne, took a break for a year in Lorne and never went back!

Jenn was born and educated in Melbourne. She completed an economics degree, even went on to do honours commerce and work as an accountant in a large firm before she realised this path was not her life calling. She changed direction and took a job in marketing. She worked in various roles in sales, product development and management before landing her dream job. As a buyer in clothing she travelled regularly to the US and Europe and China. Currently she works with Steve in their Management Consulting Business which can be run mostly from home.

The best part of winter for Jenn and Steve is spent skiing at Mt Buller where both their children train and compete in mogul ski events. Italy and Hawaii are their favourite countries to visit when they travel.

She loves Lorne, swims in the ocean regularly with friends and has taken part in local half marathons. She was also involved in organising the Pier to Pub for over 20 years, did a stint on the Lorne Sculpture Committee and was an active parent at the school while her children attended primary school there.

With work, Nippers and regularly travelling to Geelong for her children's activities time is at a premium.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

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| 13 | Official Opening of the 46th Annual Lions Easter Art Show , at the Senior Citizens Centre. 7.30pm admission \$20 including glass of wine and finger food. |
| 14-17 | 46th Annual Lions Easter Art Show , at the Senior Citizens Centre. Friday – Sunday 10am–5pm and Monday 10am–12pm. |
| 14-16 | The Crab Club at the Lorne Hotel , for lunch or dinner with guest chef Geoff Lindsay. Bookings call 5289 1409 |
| 15 | Lorne Kinder Easter Market , Located on the Lorne Foreshore 9am–4pm. |
| 15 | Lorne Dolphin V Birregurra , Mike Brady to perform live at 1:30pm before the main game - the Mark Trickey Memorial Cup at Stribling Reserve. |
| 16 | Easter Tennis Tournament , at Lorne Country Club 9am - 1pm, entry \$20. Please call John Ford 0418 372 709. |
| 24 | Anzac Eve BBQ at the Lorne Hotel , 'Two Up' and live music. |

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