

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Our grass roots community organisations continue to be very active in a wide variety of projects for the benefit of Lorne people. Lornecare, under the guidance of Alain Purnell, have a working-bee this coming Sunday to concentrate on the Doug Stirling walking track. The major target of this campaign will be the arum lilies and other weeds that have started to make their presence felt. You can be sure that all the members of Lornecare will feel the watchful eye of "Camel" inspecting their work.

Volunteers are meeting in the Lorne Point car park at 10.00am on Sunday the 16th before dispersing to the work sites along the track. "Lornecarers" can also take a lot of the credit following the recent announcement of the funding for three pedestrian bridges at Lorne's Stony Creek Nature Reserve.

Following periods of extensive lobbying the Surf Coast Shire has received funding to replace all three bridges within the Reserve. One bridge was destroyed in last year's September floods, whilst another was displaced and the third has passed its use by date. The Federal Treasury Department is providing financial assistance to replace the two damaged bridges, while the council and the Federal Government will jointly fund work to replace the third bridge.

The Lorne Business Tourism & Tourism Association (LBTA), through their regional tourism group Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism (GORRT) are involved in hosting and promoting two upcoming events. The first of these events will be held in Lorne at the Cumberland on 19 July; a Business Resilience Workshop and the second event will be GORRT's inaugural Tourism Conference to be held in Warrnambool on Thursday 10 August - Tourism Masterclass! For more information have a look at www.greatoceanroadtourism.org.au/conference.

I thought it was timely to provide an update on the Point Grey Precinct and where the Committee for Lorne (CfL) sit in the process. The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) recently invited the CfL to put forward a delegate, along with other community representatives, to sit on the Project Steering Group under terms of reference formulated by GORCC. In accepting the request on behalf of the CfL, our subcommittee expressed concerns with the format of the agenda for the first proposed meeting of the group.

The endorsed Master Plan 2015 (available on the GORCC website) was thoroughly scrutinised through a process called Investment Logic Mapping which was led by GORCC. This exercise concluded that there is not a viable business case for the funding of the endorsed Plan. The CfL has always supported the views of the major stakeholders through the consultative processes, and will continue to do so and those views are embodied in the endorsed Master Plan 2015.

We have a real concern from the information gathered that this endorsed plan will fail to gain the commercial support it requires. There remain many questions to be answered at the first Project Steering Group meeting - stay tuned!

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LORNE BOWLS CLUB NOW WITH MUSIC AND LIGHTS!

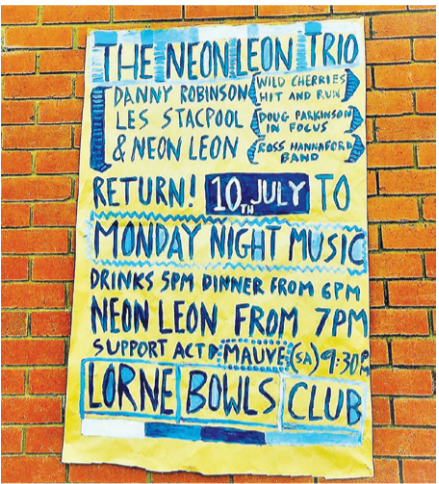
The Lorne Bowls Club has undergone something of a transformation in the past few months.

It started about the time that the committee appointed Jeff to operate the bar and Luke to operate the kitchen. These two worked well together. Now it was possible to sample local beers on tap, a wide variety of ciders and packaged beers and an ever-changing list of wines, together with wholesome, tasty food. Then Anna, Christy and Mercedes, who were working in the kitchen with Luke, conceived the idea of having a music night on Mondays, a night when traditionally the Club would be in darkness especially over the winter months. It was a team effort but Jeff, Luke and the three girls thought it out and created Monday Night Music.

As they say, the rest is history! Now Monday night at the Bowls Club is the stuff of legend. Live music, bring along an LP from your collection or pick through the extensive collection at the Club. Monday Night Music is drawing a crowd from across the generations. Recently a group of local musicians put on a Bob Dylan night to the applause of a packed house. It is a very new arrival on the Lorne scene, but it is an event that is becoming more and more popular within the community.

That's the music, then there's the lights! The committee of the Lorne Bowls Club with the financial support provided through a Federal Government Grant has just installed lights on the bowling rink enabling play at night; initially barefoot bowls and potentially, competition for those with commitments that prevent them playing during the day. Every Wednesday from 12 July, there will be a BBQ and night bowling. It's a great social event and everyone, members and visitors, is welcome. Come along for the experience.

The music and lights have already had a major impact upon the Club. More and more young people are attending the Bowls Club both for the music and the bowling. In recent years, the Lorne Bowls Club has defied the State trend of a 6% decline in membership. We have increased our playing membership by 25%, enabling us to now field two pennant



teams on Saturdays. The encouraging aspect of the growth is the number of younger people now participating.

The Lorne Bowls Club is now so much more than just a bowling rink offering bowls competition for members. The social aspects of the Club, meals, music and barefoot bowling are now integral parts of Club operations and exposing so many more members of our community to the "art of bowls".

The lighting is a vital element in encouraging more and more people to come to the Club and enjoy a meal and the social atmosphere.

Come for the music on Monday evenings. Come for the Bowls on Wednesday evenings. Come for a meal on Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings. Come and enjoy the new initiatives of the Lorne Bowls Club.

Bookings for Music night and Barefoot Bowls 5289 1462.

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Gary Allen
President



RUTH
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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Ruth was six months old when she first passed through Lorne. Her father and uncle surveyed land in Separation Creek. Part payment for their work was one of the blocks they surveyed and on which her extended family built a substantial holiday house.

Melbourne born, Ruth had a sister and five brothers. Her mother decided she should go to a girls' school to make sure she had plenty of "girl" time. However her brothers came in handy during school holidays when she wanted to be part of the action in Lorne, as a teenager. She was allowed to come in by bus but one of her brothers had to take her home otherwise her father would drive in to collect her.

Ruth was a teacher before having a family. She had three children. When they were teenagers she spent ten years working as a volunteer with children with special needs and as an emergency teacher. Lifting children from wheelchairs eventually damaged her back but four years ago she underwent successful spinal surgery.

Sixteen years ago Ruth and husband, Chris, who has relatives living in town, bought a house in Lorne. Since then they have moved twice and now have a large house on a large block to accommodate their children and their families. Last year, a five star cubby house was built by two local builders for her six grandchildren to enjoy. "Weekends and holidays are crazy here. I need the week after to recover..... but I wouldn't have it any other way. I spend 80% of my time in Lorne now and love it".

Ruth loves walking on the beach and in the bush with a passion. She often takes the family to special areas that were childhood haunts in the Grey River area. She is a member of a patchwork group, book and movie groups in Melbourne and is looking forward to becoming involved in the Lorne Community. She has travelled extensively and also enjoys gardening, architecture, interior design and fashion.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

- 15 **Lorne vs Simpson football and netball**
Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 17 **Business Resilience Program**, the showcase is designed to provide your business with tips and tools to develop greater resilience in times of challenge. Hear from industry experts & have the opportunity for 1 on 1 support to review & develop your own plan & resources. At Cumberland Lorne Resort Session: 8-10am Appointments: 10am-12pm. Afternoon Session: 2-4pm Appointments: 4-6pm. Register your interest or arrange a complimentary appointment please contact Jo Birley on 0448 448 666 or jo@gortcom.au
- 29 **Lorne vs Western Eagles football and netball**
Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 22 **80's Comedy Quiz Night**
Lorne P – 12 Fundraiser with Prizes, Trivia, Games, Raffle, Dancing, Fun! Come in 80's dress up. Doors open 7pm for 7:30 start at Lorne Senior Citizens Hall. Ticket \$25 from trybooking.com/287675



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