

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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The Men's Shed Embraces Sculpture

Last week the Lorne & District Men's Shed took the first, major step on what will be a very exciting and innovative project.

Like all great projects, it started life as a bit of an idea, a few tweaks and voilà, a great idea is born. In this case, the germ of an idea was that once the Sheddars had finished the project to install locks on rubbish bins, they might tackle something a bit more challenging. "Let's build a couta boat", was the first thought. Then there was the following thought, "the Sculpture Biennale is coming up, why don't we build an abstract couta boat?" After much discussion and debate amongst the Sheddars as to what an "abstract couta boat" might actually look like, they decided to hold a competition to call for design ideas. Last Friday, the winning designer and his design was announced at a function at the Shed.

The judging panel comprised that "old man of the sea", Gary Norton, Graeme Wilkie from Qdos who doesn't know a lot about couta boats but can spot good design and John Agar, builder and sailor of model boats who can often be spotted at the Erskine River with his latest and greatest project.

Several entries were received for the competition but the judges were

unanimous in the selection of the best entry. In front of a large group of Sheddars and visitors Men's Shed President, Allan Walls, announced Tony Wolfenden as the winner of the competition, presented the prize to Tony and then Tony's maquette, a model of the proposed sculpture, was revealed. Tony had prepared the maquette and also presented sketch drawings for his proposed design, pictured on this page.

In speaking on behalf of the judges, Graeme Wilkie, who is a founding member of Lorne Sculpture Biennale (LSB) said, "Tony Wolfenden, eminent designer, retired Lorne resident selected for his wonderful maquette, a sculpture of a couta boat, or rather the ghost of the hull of a couta boat, a work that echoes of a lost past, of boats, of fishing, of men."

Tony is a resident of Lorne and also a keen sailor of model yachts. He has been an industrial designer since graduating with distinction in London in 1957. He commenced private practice, Tony Wolfenden and Associates, in 1971 and continued in that practice until he retired in 2015. The Practice specialised in Product Design, Special Furniture design, Graphics and Interior architecture for the Government, Institutional and Commercial fields. Furniture design for the High Court

and New Parliament House in Canberra were high points.

The practice was always small, but received 68 design awards from the Industrial Design Council of Australia. In 1995 Tony was admitted into the Victorian Design Awards Hall of Fame.

In the 1980's and for about a ten year period, Tony travelled the world exhibiting and flying a large collection of kites constructed as an all-encompassing hobby.

Since retiring to Lorne he has continued making Kites, and has had a solo exhibition of wall panels and collages at the John Buckley Gallery and is currently engaged with making model yachts.

No wonder that Tony's design has been met with such resounding approval by both the Lorne Men's Shed and the Lorne Sculpture Biennale (LSB)! Graeme Wilkie added, "A rare thing it is to be in a position to have your design manifest into reality and not have to do the dirty work. Our skilled Sheddars are offering to do that. The LSB committee were surprised and delighted to see the accepted design proposal."

Well done to Tony, Lorne Sculpture Biennale and the Sheddars. We look forward to progress reports.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

BRENDAN TUNSTALL

In 1968, Brendan and now wife Denise, seriously connected while working holiday jobs at Erskine House. Brendan as a kitchen hand who thought Denise was the pick of the waitresses on staff.

Brendan was born, grew up, and educated in Melbourne. His career began as a secondary teacher. He found the more he taught Legal Studies the more interested he became in the Law. When Brendan was seconded to teach in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea in 1973, he decided to enrol in a Law degree by correspondence with Queensland University. Teaching in PNG was rewarding because education was considered a privilege and the students were eager to learn. The Tunstalls returned to Australia in 1975 and Brendan taught in Alexandra for three years while continuing his correspondence studies. Denise in the meantime was managing wonderfully with three children under the age of four. However law by correspondence was proving to be a major challenge. He decided to complete his degree at Melbourne University, moved the family to Melbourne, and eventually studied full time to complete his last year of study. He became a specialist in Property law, working as a partner in a Mitcham firm, then with various other firms before semi retiring and conducting his own private practice.

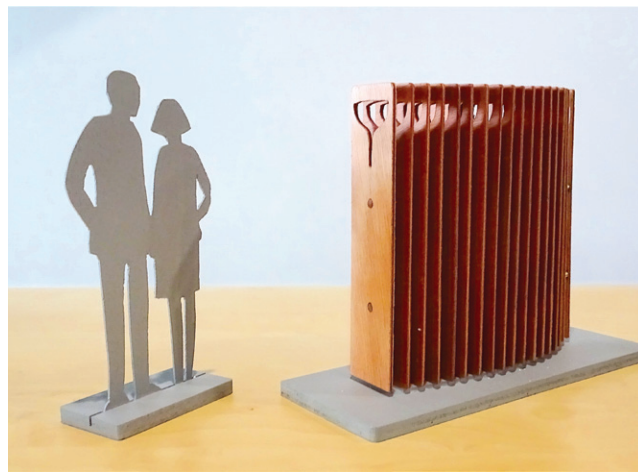
Denise's parents had a house in Lorne to which they eventually retired in the 1980s. Denise and Brendan spent many happy family holidays with them. In 2010, Denise inherited the house from her mum Molly Smith. In recent years, they have been spending half their time in Lorne. Now being blessed with five grandchildren they have been happy to provide grandparent help so trips to and stays in Melbourne have been more frequent. Particularly so while the grandkids are under school age- we are on duty for the grandchildren.

Brendan's main interests are in the sporting domain. He is one of the 8am swimmers heading out towards the pier, plays competition tennis in Melbourne, doesn't mind a hit of golf now and again and now loves watching the Lorne Dolphins playing footy. Kicking the footy with the grandchildren is also a favourite.

Over the years Brendan has been a member of Lions Clubs and is a former President of Rotary and a Paul Harris Fellow. For the last three years Brendan has been on the Lorne Anglican Uniting Church Parish Council, recently having served as chairperson. He is on the committee of the Men's Shed. Both he and Denise are VCC Emergency volunteers.

The Tunstalls have travelled overseas on a number of occasions but since retirement have enjoyed travelling around Australia in their caravan. On separate occasions they have driven to the West and up to Broome, to Darwin, Kakadu and the Outback and to the Bundaberg/Noosa region. Brendan is eager to do at least one more trip to the South Australian peninsulas and the south of West Australia.

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A word from the *Chairman*

On Monday of this week the Lorne Community lost one of its favourite and greatest servants from within of one of our most respected families. Joan Wheal passed away peacefully at the Lorne Nursing home leaving behind an indelible mark on the history of Lorne. Having grown up with her eldest son Peter, the hospitality of the Wheal family has been an experience that has been with me all my life, and there are many Lorne families that have been touched in similar ways.

One of the favourite stories that Joan shared with me, that I continue to hold close as a fine example of the heart of this community, relates to the work and commitment Joan made over many years to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lorne Community Hospital, today known as the Lorne Community and Hospital Op Shop. You may remember when the "Op shop" traded in a dwelling on the ocean side of Mountjoy Parade in the line of commercial properties bookended by the Caltex Service Station on the Mantra boundary

and the Ampol on the Grove Road Corner.

Joan and her colleagues were instrumental in the purchase and relocation of the "Op Shop" to where it continues to operate so efficiently with continued community support today. I recall so clearly the way that Joan articulated to me the way her team produced a funding campaign that was the first "sell a brick" campaign that I had ever heard of - albeit papier-mâché bricks that the ladies could make themselves.

The wishes and thoughts of the entire Lorne Community are with Peter and the extended Wheal Family. It was so fitting that Joan was able to enjoy her final years under the impeccable care of the team at the Lorne Nursing Home. Such a special facility that Lorne is so privileged to have and Joan's work over many years has certainly been a contributing factor to its existence. RIP Joan Wheal.

Thought I would share with you a tragic situation that unfolded in Thailand when

an Australian man fell from his parachute while parasailing at Kata Beach. Keeley Murrihy, daughter of Lorne Surf Club President Peter, witnessed the incident and led the rescue and treatment, displaying amazing composure, strength and compassion during what were his final moments. An incredible young lady displaying all the skills learnt through her life-long association with the Lorne Surf Club.

One of the outputs from the recently conducted Melbourne Forum for our part time Lorne residents was the desire for many to be able to attend one of our Friday Community luncheons which have historically been held on a week day. Our next luncheon is scheduled for the public holiday on Friday the 29th of September. To reserve your place please RSVP to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au as this luncheon is likely to be a sell out.

Ian Stewart
Chairman / Committee for Lorne

LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

- 22 **80's Comedy Quiz Night**
Lorne P-12 Fundraiser with prizes, trivia, games, raffle, dancing, fun! Come in '80s dress up. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start at Lorne Senior Citizens Hall. Tickets \$25 from trybooking.com/287675
- 29 **Lorne vs Western Eagles football and netball**
Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm



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