

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## Lorne P12 College students: Kokoda Trek and Papua New Guinea experience

**Twelve students from Lorne P12 College: Max Caon, Alex Umers, Liam McCauley, Jarred Shaw, Emily Ross, Laura Babare, Aidan Lewis, Noah Lingam, Oscar Caulfield, Patrick Coleman, Phoebe Lingam, Tilo De Bon recently returned home safely after successfully completing the Kokoda Trail as part of their 'Adventurous Journey' component of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.**

School staff members: Simon Scholtes, Tony Speed and Amy Lane accompanied the group. The trip was coordinated by Bobby Hale at On Track Expeditions, with Sergeant Jeff MacDonald from South Australia Police guiding the trip. The local Abuari village elder, Naden Lovei and brother Isaac, including the villagers led and assisted the group safely and successfully across the Owen Stanley Ranges from Ower's Corner to Kokoda, including transport to and from the airport. Without this amazing group, their collaboration,

friendship and cooperative nature, the trip would not have been able to go ahead. The Lorne P12 College participants greatly appreciated the effort by all who supported us. We acknowledge the work of Bill James for his book "Kokoda" as it provided us with an amazing account of wartime history focusing on the events from July to September 1942.

The trip would have not been financially viable had it not been for the support and nomination from The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Australia and the generosity and sponsorship from The Flight Centre Foundation who offer two fully funded trips to schools in Australia! Thank you so much for allowing us to have such an amazing experience.

The trip was humbling, for many reasons. Despite the training we undertook, we still underestimated what was required for such a trip; the mental preparation and resilience given the variables such as the weather, health and fitness. The memories shared about the history and significance of the Kokoda campaign will remain with us all and will be shared with others from the broader school community.

We returned from the trip with an appreciation of the magnitude and the

impact that the Australian victory over Japan at Kokoda had on the outcome of the war. Whilst completing the track gave us an empathy with some of the hardships endured in the war, the reality was that no one was shooting at us, we weren't starving and we were protected from most diseases that debilitated the Diggers and their opponents. Having said that, it was still no easy expedition, yet not one complaint was heard from any member on the trip any time, even when students were vomiting or feeling unwell. Not one! We are so proud of the students for their commitment and resolve.

A dawn service was held at Isurava: led by Jeff McDonald, the 'Ode to the Fallen' read by Noah Lingam and the names of those lost read by Laura Babare. It brought together participants, locals and other tourists for a chance to reflect on the past and be thankful for the today we have. Surely we can now live in a world where these nightmares remain in the past and we can focus on a positive future. Hence driving home the importance of living in a world where all nations and communities can strive for peace and unity.

Lest we forget.

## A word from the *Chairman*

In February next year, the Lorne Cancer Conference will descend into town for its 30th annual conference. This landmark event for our town brings medical expertise from across Australia and around the globe to address the medical fraternity, but it nearly didn't happen. For whatever reason, one of our major Conference Resorts was unavailable to host this world class event and it appeared that they may go elsewhere and be lost to the town.

Enter the Lorne Business & Tourism Association (LBTA) led by their Chairman Chris Tutungi, and with great joint support from the Cumberland's Lee Gordon, Lorne Hotel's Paul Upham and Lorne Central's Bryce Newcombe and their desire not to let the town lose what has been the backbone of our February economy for three decades. The joint efforts of these local business people has secured the 2018 Anniversary event and they should be commended for their efforts.

Our local tourism economy gets such

a welcome boost from the injection of these medical professionals as the peak summer season starts to wind down. Our local accommodation providers, restaurants and retailers all experience the benefits of what these delegates bring to town. In the week prior to the Cancer Conference the same group has also secured the 43rd Lorne Conference on Protein Structure and Function and also, in the weeks following with 2018 Lorne Genome Conference in its 39th year and also the 2018 Lorne Infection and Immunity Conference, all of which unable to utilise their original location.

The impact of this loss to the town would have been immense and I commend the efforts of all involved in banding together to ensure that these landmark events remain in their founding home; Lorne. It is a wonderful example of the community spirit that exists among our local businesses that benefit the broader community - well done and congratulations to all involved!

The 2017 Colac and District Netball

and Football League home and away season is now complete and the Lorne Dolphins have had an incredible pre-finals season with three football teams and three Netball sides all qualifying for finals action. The Netballers have created a "Lorne first" with their A, B and C grades all making the finals series and the footballers senior, reserve and U/17's also playing finals football.

Under the leadership of President Ken Hosking, the Dolphins year has continued to build the momentum, atmosphere and culture of the Club, raising the bar to a new benchmark in country sport. The fully inclusive Lorne Dolphin's Community Club welcomes all with open arms as they embark on their 2017 finals campaign. We wish all participants the very best of luck and hopefully can report further on their successes over the coming weeks.

**Ian Stewart**  
Chairman / Committee for Lorne

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

LORIS YORKE



Loris is 93, and to become a pharmacist in her day, she had to start as an apprentice in her local "chemist shop" and study by correspondence for two years. Then it was off to Melbourne for a further two years, where she worked in East Kew while she studied at The Pharmacy College. Except for this time in Melbourne, Loris lived in Ballarat for 53 years.

After the war, she met and married Gordon, an Arts Diploma graduate of the Ballarat School of Mines. He had joined the RAAF and qualified as a W.T. Air Operator, serving in Darwin, New Guinea and Goodenough Island.

"His last posting was to The Duke of Gloucester's flight based in Canberra. The Duke was Governor General of Australia at that time."

The well-known Ballarat company, 'Lance and Yorke Radio and Electrical' was Gordon's next project. It was created with a partner who just happened to also be a radio amateur (aka Hams), a hobby Gordon enjoyed until his death.

Three years after they were married, Loris produced the first of four children, two boys and two girls. For the next 13 years, she chose to become a full-time housewife and mother, resuming work after that with occasional locums in Ballarat and later on in Lorne.

Forty years ago Loris and Gordon moved to Lorne, to the holiday house they had enjoyed for ten years. "For eight idyllic years we travelled Australia and overseas during the winter and spent our summers here." Then Gordon had a severe stroke. "With help from family, friends and our wonderful medical and nursing staff and carers from Lorne Hospital, I was able to care for him for the next 25 years. Seven years ago I was widowed."

Loris has 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. One son lives in Lorne but the rest of the family are spread between Melbourne and Apollo Bay. In recent years Loris has travelled to Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Turkey.

Life is a joy for Loris. She is a volunteer at the Op Shop and the hospital. She plays Mah-jong, works out in an exercise group, is a member of the Lorne Garden Group and the Church. She loves books, films and television dramas. Then there's the Monday hospital bus trips..... "We are so lucky to have these on offer. To be old in Lorne is a privilege."

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### August

27 & 28 Anglesea's 27th One Act Play Festival, 14 short plays over the weekend from regional Victorian theatre companies & Anglesea Performing Arts & Torquay Theatre Troupe. [www.angleseaperformers.org.au](http://www.angleseaperformers.org.au) Tickets \$10.00 per session (3-4 plays) or \$30.00 entire weekend of 14 plays.

### September

13/20/27 Lorne Bowls Club Presidents Community Cup, Great fun! Great prizes! Teams of 3 must register by Monday 11 September. Play will commence at 5:00pm. Entry is \$60 per team. Contact: Leigh McIlvenny - 0435 713 746 or Gary Allen - 0421 077 267

16 & 17 Amy's Gran Fondo, starting in Lorne on Sat arvo with Amy's wall hill climb and in Apollo Bay the Cyclo Cross. Sunday - starting in Lorne, the course takes riders through the Otway Ranges, along a breathtaking stretch of the Great Ocean Road, before finishing on the main street in Lorne. More details here: [amysgranfondo.org.au](http://amysgranfondo.org.au)

29 Committee for Lorne Luncheon, at The View, Lorne Hotel at 12pm for a 12:30pm start. RSVP to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au

### October

10 Community Forum, Suicide: Awareness and Prevention, Lorne Senior Citizens Hall Time: 5:45pm to 8:15pm. Please contact Het Ramp 5289 4385

### November

3 The 2017 Doug & Mary Stirling Cup, Presentation Dinner honouring Jan & Peter Spring, Cumberland Lorne from 6:30pm \$85 per person. To reserve seats, or tables of 10, contact Margaret Cartledge on 0408 599 336 / [margcartledge@hotmail.com](mailto:margcartledge@hotmail.com). Book before October 1 and go in the draw for a \$100 Foodworks voucher

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