

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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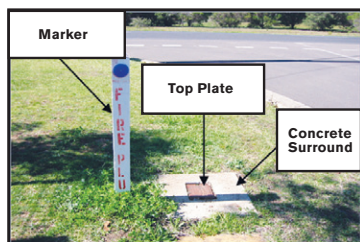
News from Lorne Fire Brigade



Adopt a Fire Plug

Fire plugs supply mains water for firefighting. Fire Plugs are marked by a white post with a blue reflector on it, and may also be marked by a blue reflector in the centre of sealed roads.

If there is a fire plug in front of your home, your plug may be the only one on your street



for 200m. If a fire starts in your house or a neighbour's house the fire brigade may need to access your fire plug immediately to extinguish the fire.

Many fire plugs are hard to find, especially at night when the majority of house fires start.

To assist the brigade:

- Clean-up one metre around your fire plug
- Ensure the marker post is not obscured by plants and the top plate is not covered by lawn
- Keep the fire plug clear of obstacles and do not park a car over top of your fire plug
- Please notify the Surf Coast Shire if your marker post, blue reflectors or top plate appears damaged by calling 5261 0600.

While responding to a fire the fire fighters typically look for the nearest fire plug 'marker', remove the 'top plate', lower a



hydrant into the hole and plug the hydrant into the mains water supply to enable water to be used for firefighting. The easier the fire plugs are to see and access, the more effective fire fighters can be.

If you have a fire plug near your home, your help in keeping it clear will greatly assist Lorne fire fighters. Your assistance is appreciated.

Lorne CFA is in need of Volunteers

The Lorne CFA Brigade needs volunteers to assist with firefighting and more: We are in need of people who are:

- Available to attend fires – Bush Fires and Structural in our local area.
- Available to be actively involved in Brigade activities such as:
 - Conducting Fuel Reduction Burns.
 - Attending road accident rescues.
 - Attending incidents involving hazardous materials.
- Attending other emergencies when called upon by other emergency service agencies - Response to emergencies in Lorne is an average of between 50 to 100 emergency calls per year
- Attend most meeting & training nights - Generally one night per week (Tuesdays)

- Moderately fit, active and enthusiastic or
- Non-fire fighters/Support Roles

We are also seeking people to assist with non-operational support roles these can include - Community Education Programs - Fundraising Activities - Brigade Training - Assisting with the Local Command Facility during an emergency (good organisational and computer skills) - Brigade Equipment Maintenance - Brigade Administration.

Benefits of being a volunteer

- » Develop leadership and people management capabilities
- » Learn new skills that help you in your professional and personal life
- » Receive accredited training including driving skills, pump operations, alarms and sprinklers, breathing apparatus, first aid, advanced bushfire operational skills, fire safety awareness, communications plus much more
- » Meet new friends
- » Be part of Victoria's largest volunteer team
- » Achieve personal goals
- » Put something back into your local community
- » Involve the whole family.

To express your interest just call 1800 232 636 or Submit an Online Volunteer Enquiry at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or Come past the Station on a Tuesday Night at 7.30pm - 40 Smith Street, Lorne

LORNE CFA Brigade is urgently in need of your support. Our local fire service cannot survive without you.

Please help us keep CFA fire brigades strong into the future.

A word from the *Chairman*

A great week for wider recognition of some of the fantastic work being done in our community. I'm sure you have all been aware of the "Partnership Governance Model" that was the implemented for the first time by Surf Coast Shire for the project to develop a new Stribling Reserve Master Plan. This time last week, the project was recognised at a National level at the Australian Institute of Project Management Achievement Awards held in Melbourne to recognise, honour and promote outstanding achievements in Project Management.

The Stribling Reserve Master Plan Project won the Community Service and/or Development category for excellence through the innovation of having community representation in the centre of project governance; and that for the Surf Coast Shire, was a first of its kind. Along with representatives from Lorne P12 College, Stribling Reserve Committee of Management and the Department of Land, Water and Planning, the Committee for Lorne were the Project Owner and in partnership with the Surf Coast Shire as

Project Sponsor, successfully delivered the project.

This move away from the historical approach of community being external to the project governance framework, was highly regarded by the judging panel and everyone involved. Not only does this approach value the strengths of others but also builds skills and mutual respect within the community among all those involved, it provides a solid platform of process for further more complex community planning tasks.

Also over the past week, was the announcement of the "Top 50 Public Sector Women (Victoria) 2017" recognising women's leadership with the Victorian Public Sector. The CEO of the Lorne Community Hospital (LCH), and a valued Committee for Lorne member, Kate Gillan has been recognised for her inspirational leadership role in rural health at a special awards night.

LCH Chair Damien Smith said, "Kate places a very high value and importance on contribution to the community, especially

in the rural health sector, recognising the significance and the important impact that the health services provide in the non-metropolitan areas. The dedication and leadership she has provided to the Lorne Community Hospital over the last 6 years has been exceptional". Congratulations and very well deserved Kate!

Don't forget to mark in your diaries and RSVP for our third Committee for Lorne luncheon for 2017 scheduled for Friday the 29th of September 2017 at the Lorne View. We have specifically targeted this date in the hope that as many of our part time residents are able to be with us given the AFL Grand Final public holiday. We are privileged to have newly appointed Chairman of the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee, and local, Ken Northwood, along with CEO Richard Davies as our guest speakers at the luncheon. Please RSVP to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au.

Ian Stewart
Chairman / Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE

MARSHA BABINGTON



"I reckon you can live in Lorne and never wear a dress. It's so casual here". That was only one of the reasons Marsha gave for loving our town. "We are blessed with our ocean setting and having a perimeter protecting us from expansion".

Marsha came to Australia from Michigan, USA, when she heard there was a shortage of teachers in 1976. Her first appointment was to Mt Beauty, followed by Mildura then Melbourne. In 1979, she took a position at the Lorne School. She taught English and Commercial Studies for six years.

"I lived by a lake for most of my life, so with water in my genes, Lorne looked like a good place to stop". In 1985, she married Eddie.

Marsha has had numerous community involvements beginning with treasurer of the first Lorne Community Association, 12 years as treasurer of the Lorne CFA, five years at the information Centre and lately helps out at the Church.

She is kept busy operating two holiday properties and walking her beloved 11-year-old border collie on the beach. Asked to name her passion she said border collies and kelpies. "In any spare time I enjoy reading historical and biographical books and I love BBC programs. The subtlety and humour of the English appeal to me far more than American humour. Oh and I enjoy my garden."

Eddie and Marsha have a caravan. Annually, they choose an area they haven't been to and just head off to explore. Marsha says her favourite places overseas are UK and South California and is planning to go to Italy and Poland shortly.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

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

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. Book before October 1 and go in the draw for a \$100 Foodworks voucher

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