

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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Lorne Kindergarten – A Great Community Facility



Lorne Kindergarten has had a busy year delivering their wonderful early childhood program to the attending children. This little kindergarten by the sea provides early childhood education to children from a large catchment area which includes Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven, Lorne, Deans Marsh, Separation Creek, Wye River and Kennett River. It has a 4 year old and a 3 year old program which is taught by dedicated educators Michelle Danks and Crissy Hurley.

The classes offered by Lorne Kindergarten are either delivered in their beautiful classroom and play area, or in their 'Wild Space' area which is based on the bush kindergarten philosophy. The child's interests are the foundation blocks of how the early childhood education program is developed, and the educators engage with children and their experiences to support, extend and deepen their learning experiences.

In the Wild Space area which has

been recently improved by the Lorne Kindergarten community and wonderful Lorne community members, the children have celebrated many events. The kindergarten marked World Environment Day by planting a lemon myrtle tree in the Indigenous food orchard and enjoyed making lemon myrtle tea for morning tea. Reconciliation Week was also celebrated with Acknowledgement to Country around the yarning circle followed by an education session about the local Gadubanud clan and ochre painting. The seasonal food and gardening for early years program has also been delivered in the Wild Space area with children growing lots of delicious fruits and vegetables which have been eaten during meal times at kinder but also offered to take home for the whole family to enjoy.

The children have also been able to participate in a wide variety of excursions and internal activities such as rock pool rambles with Great Ocean Road Coast



Committee, visits from the Melbourne Museum, animal zoo and a fantastic puppet show 'Dreamer in Space' in Anglesea with the Anglesea Kindergarten. Lorne kindergarten children are also connected with and contribute to their local community by visiting the Lorne Residential Care facility to spend the morning reading, talking and playing games with the residents. They have also raised money through fundraising stalls and dress up days to support community days and organisations as such as National Pyjama Day and Red Nose Day.

Enrolments are still open for children entering 2018 programs. Consider Lorne Kindergarten for your child as it offers small class sizes, an exciting wonderful program delivered in aesthetic play areas and a supportive community. If you are interested in viewing the kindergarten's program and facilities please contact early childhood educators Michelle Dank or Crissy Hurley on 5289 1734.

A word from the *Chairman*

The first week of Spring has been greeted in Lorne not by streams of sunshine and increasing warmth but rather social media streams of snow falling in the Otways and single figure temperatures on the back of an "Antarctic blast" as cold as any experienced all winter. Always a magical site in the Otways the light dusting of snow is a picturesque addition to the existing spectacular landscape.

The chilly weather didn't deter the first influx of Spring visitors into town last weekend and many locals returning after their annual pilgrimage to warmer parts of the Country and further abroad. Nor did it stop the surfboard riders entering the ocean in icy waters to experience the large swells that have also greeted Spring.

It was just over a week ago that Lorne surfer Marcel Brundler had that amazing encounter with the aggressive shark at the popular Cathedral Rock surf break and yet the memories of that moment and the freezing conditions still haven't deterred the fanatical surfers from getting "back on the board". The car park at Cathedral

was standing room only on Monday and the fears of the shark appeared a distant memory.

I was fortunate enough to embark upon a pilgrimage comprising two very different experiences. The first was of a great week on the Gold Coast with a group of eight long time Lorne locals (six of whom all attended the local School) and being some of Lorne's best tilers, builders, landscapers, cleaners and hard workers, where golf was the common theme under which we travelled. Stories of childhood memories appeared more colorful than I remembered, laughs appeared to get longer, habits of some had changed but one thread was stronger than ever – the respect and privilege I cherish for everyone of them as great mates!

Then Brisbane to Fiji to round off the second week and to link up with my "Brothers" as we celebrated a milestone birthday of one of our Fijian members and enjoy an experience of another dimension. Mixing with members of the Fijian Business community and being entertained in an

environment like no other, the hospitality and setting was as always – first class! Again, just like on the Gold Coast, the experience that is held closest remains the friendships that are valued so highly among the "Brothers" – We are so lucky!!!!

Upon return it was great to witness the Lorne Dolphins defeat Birregurra in a qualifying final and progress directly to the Grand Final. The Lorne B Grade netballers have also progressed to the Grand Final while our A Grade Netballers play South Colac on Saturday to also progress to the biggest day of their annual fixture – good luck girls!

Don't forget our September 29 (AFL Public Holiday) Committee for Lorne Community Luncheon. Please confirm your attendance to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au.

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE

SANDRA McCOMB



Sandra has been visiting the Surf Coast since 1973, having owned a family house in Wye River, and staying with friends in Fairhaven since University days.

After leaving full-time work several years ago, she decided to look for a house in Lorne. She had kept a watchful eye on the market for two years. Late last year, on a casual visit with grandchildren in tow, she inspected a property for sale. It was love at first sight for them all, the children confirming their approval by immediately selecting the bedrooms they would sleep in for holidays. Sandra sold her Melbourne house and gradually moved to Lorne.

Born and educated in Melbourne, Sandra says she only knew what she didn't want to do with her life so when she saw an advertisement about editing and publishing, a chord was struck. "I literally fell into a career in Educational and Academic Publishing".

She managed international publishing companies which included Oxford and Cambridge University Presses, requiring her to travel overseas three to four months annually. "I have worked in many countries and have had a fantastic career but now I am looking forward to less roaming around the world."

A home on the coast was not the only acquisition Sandra made in recent times; she completed a doctorate in Australian Art History and Anthropology. This year she has written articles for the State Library of Victoria and the Northern Territory Government and is also a Visiting Fellow with the Australian National University, assisting current PhD students.

Work commitments still mean visits to Melbourne and, she hastens to add, to enjoy the pleasures of her grandchildren.

When not writing at her desk overlooking Loutitt Bay, she loves to walk in the bush amongst the gum trees. She is also keen to contribute to the community and has joined the Lorne Historical Society. You know what they say about getting something done – ask a busy person. Welcome Sandra!

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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 aro 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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