

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE SES

UNIT IS RECRUITING

Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) is a volunteer-based organisation that works 24/7 to ensure the safety of Victorian communities by responding to emergencies and disasters.

VICSES is the control agency during emergency responses to floods, storms, earthquakes, tsunamis and landslides in Victoria, and is the largest provider of road rescue in the state. They also assist Victoria Police in search and rescue operations, and play an important support role during major bushfire responses.

Volunteers also work with the community to build greater awareness, involvement and self-reliance during emergencies.

Lorne Unit is currently recruiting for new members to play a vital role in ensuring the safety of their

community. The Unit are recruiting for both operational and non-operational members who live close by the Unit.

The Unit responds to calls for assistance from Airey's Inlet to Kennett River and in to Deans Marsh. The most common incidents the Unit respond to include flood and storm damage, land rescues, landslide and road crash rescues. They also assist Victoria Police in operations and the CFA during major bushfires.

As a VICSES volunteer, you will receive accredited and recognised training as part of your role. You will learn general rescue techniques, chainsaw operations, how to search, radio communications, unit management, community education, road crash rescue, and flood and storm operations.

Lorne SES Controller Phil Walsh

said volunteering is a rewarding way of helping the community.

"We have a fantastic Unit, based at 40 Smith Street Lorne, which has just undergone a refit and houses some state of the art vehicles and equipment," he said.

"The Unit is a great place to meet new and interesting characters and we always welcome newcomers. One of the things that makes Lorne Unit so great is the diversity of members. We have people from all walks of life including teachers, tradies, retirees and hospitality. There really is a role for everyone," he said.

The Unit meet for training every second Thursday at 7:30pm.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a VICSES volunteer, please contact Phil Walsh, Unit Controller on phone 0414 250 077.



A word from the *Chairman*

What a weekend it was!!!!!! – Five odd thousand lycra clad cyclists descend onto town, local teams in Grand Finals and no power, seldom does this time of the year deliver such diversity. It all began late last Friday as every second vehicle arriving in Lorne appeared to have cycles firmly attached to the roof or rear of their vehicle as they made their way to their chosen accommodation venue for the weekend.

Mountjoy Parade had come to life and Lorne was coming out of winter hibernation and being showcased to thousands of visitors that came to participate and witness the National event. Whether an avid cyclist or a young local wanting to ride the Great Ocean Road in total safety, this was their annual opportunity to experience Australia's greatest coastal route at its absolute best. Our accommodation providers full for the first time since Easter, restaurants with strong bookings, fast food shops and supermarket bursting at the seams and then – no power!

While there are some retailers, and

service providers that don't benefit to the same degree as other local businesses, this world-class event is an anchor festival on our annual calendar, while other events have unfortunately disappeared. To see the town's power supply be severely disrupted through the busy weekend added another financial challenge to local businesses that were fully stocked with fresh produce to cater for the thousands. All this comes with no explanation from Powercor!

I am only too mindful that we live in an environment that is prone to natural events of wind, rain and fire which can cause interruptions to our coastal supply but the cynical part of me has me questioning whether the sudden large increase in usage had any impact on the continuity of supply. We are yet to get a response from Powercor but will continue to request the reason for the fault until known – stay tuned!

The Lorne Football and Netball Club returned from last Saturday's Grand Finals with a mixed outcome and the words of the famous Meatloaf song come to mind – "Two

out of three ain't bad!"

The Lorne girls created history in Colac claiming both the A and B grade premierships and while our B grade girls led from start to finish, our A grade girls had a great come from behind victory. Unfortunately, our senior football side were no match for Birregurra on Saturday but the Club are so proud of the boys in their endeavors and going one better than where they finished last year.

Your last chance to register for our September 29 (AFL Public Holiday) Committee for Lorne Community Luncheon! With newly appointed Great Ocean Road Coast Committee Chairman, and passionate Lorne person, Ken Northwood being our key note speaker this a great opportunity to join together. Please RSVP by Monday to confirm your attendance to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au.

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE

IAN BROWN



"We love walking on the beach with our two enthusiastic border collies and have come to know everyone with dogs who walk there. We even know their dogs' names."

Ian has lived in various parts of Victoria and says he is still a country boy at heart. Ian and his wife, Anne, have been holidaying at Lorne from the time their children were young. So impressed were they by the location, they thought they would like to try living here. They rented a house originally for a year so that Anne, a Psychologist with a practice in Melbourne, was able to start working in Lorne part time. Ian, still on staff at Monash University as Director of the Medical Engineering Centre, came down to Lorne on Fridays for the weekends. Eventually they bought the house they were renting and renovated. Anne tired of commuting to Melbourne transferred her practice to Lorne, working four days a week until retiring last December.

Ian was the first biomedical student at Monash and the first to do a PhD in Medical Engineering. He met Anne whilst they were both at Monash University and in fact were married in the university religious centre. After living and working in Melbourne for many years Ian took up a post doctoral fellowship in Birmingham and then worked in London for six years. During that time Anne trained as an Analytical Psychologist.

On their return to Australia, Ian worked for the Commonwealth Department of Health as head of Medical Devices before eventually returning to work at Monash University. Ian enjoyed teaching but loved research. He says supervising students through their PhDs was a highlight of his career. He also ran a consulting company for the University that included conducting surveys of medical equipment in all Victorian and Western Australian hospitals. This experience is no doubt invaluable for his position on the Lorne Hospital Board.

Ian's interest in the environment, and particularly in projects that affect Lorne, is useful as President of Friends of Lorne. He would love to see some young people get more involved, especially to help with the website for this organization which has been working for Lorne for 51 years. "We need young people to carry us forward to the future."

The Browns have two children. Now with a Chinese daughter-in-law their interest in travel will include China more regularly.

They are members of the Book Club and have been involved in Lorne's Sculpture Biennale.
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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

September

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

October

6 Laurence Mooney live stand-up Comedy, with Dave O'Neil & special guest! Lorne Hotel (View) at 8 – 11pm. Call 03 5289 1409 to book tickets. \$25 Locals/Early birds \$30 on the door.

10 Community Forum, Suicide: Awareness and Prevention, Lorne Senior Citizens Hall, 5.45pm to 8.15pm. Please contact Het Ramp: 5289 4385

28 Mantra Lorne Garden Party, tennis tournament, music, games, outdoor cinema, raffle & silent auction. From 2pm. All money donated to Luke Batty Foundation.

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