

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## LIVE WIRE PARK COMING SOON!

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The Lorne community (and surrounds) are wondering what exactly is happening at 180 Erskine Falls Road. If you don't already know, Live Wire Park is what is happening. Live Wire Park is going to be an electrifying world class tree top adventure park aimed at entertaining people who enjoy nature and adventurous pursuits in one of the world's most beautiful regions.

The park will be made up of four main attractions. Two extreme ropes courses (one for youngsters and one for mid-teens and adults), a suspended canopy walkway and the Shockwave Zip-coaster; which will be the most extreme roller coaster zip line in the world.

Throughout this five year journey, we have had tremendous help and support from the local Lorne community, in particular the Surf Coast Shire, the Committee for Lorne, Lorne's Ward Councillor, Clive Goldsworthy and other passionate supporters. I can honestly say that without this support, Live Wire Park may never have received the Victorian Planning Minister's approval. Meeting and including the local

community has been one of the most satisfying elements in the realisation of this project and is something I am looking forward to expanding as we move forward. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of those involved in getting this project across the line both in actually making over and above efforts to help and to those who have voiced their enthusiasm.

A team of eight French specialist builders are temporarily calling Lorne home over the next couple of months and we have engaged local businesses to feed and accommodate "The Frenchies". This team has built over 400 parks worldwide and are considered to be leaders in the industry, delivering thrills and experiences to people all over the globe.

A further team of six specialist builders arrive to Lorne next week to begin the installation of the Shockwave Zip-coaster. This thrilling attraction travels throughout the treetops at jaw dropping speeds, turns corners and guarantees an eye watering, white knuckled experience for those brave enough to take it on. It will be one of only five of these particular zip lines worldwide.

Live Wire Park has been designed to have a minimal ecological footprint on the land it sits on. We are harnessing our own power and water and are also treating our own waste on site. Passionate local contractors have been engaged to take on construction of the on-site administration and harnessing buildings. Local expertise has been critical in facing and conquering challenging design situations and obstacles on site.

We will also be hiring soon (in the next few weeks) and are now accepting

applications from enthusiastic, energetic and cheerful regional locals. Please send through your CV to [jobs@livewirepark.com.au](mailto:jobs@livewirepark.com.au)

Further information and updates on what is happening at Live Wire Park can be followed on Instagram and Facebook at [@livewirepark](https://www.facebook.com/livewirepark).

We are looking forward to opening Live Wire Park and presenting a world class attraction to the already stunning Great Ocean Road region.

Luke Nisbet



### COMMUNITY PROFILE

PAULA and WAYNE JUDSON



Paula's mother's grandfather was artist, Frederick Straw. He regularly stayed with the Mountjoys at Erskine House and painted the area around Lorne. A little further down from Erskine Falls, are some smaller falls named after him – Straw Falls.

When Paula was 18, her parents bought a house in Lorne. She and her three sisters spent memorable holidays there together with their friends. As they married and had children, the tradition continued until things began to get somewhat crowded. 25 years ago Wayne and Paula bought their own house. It became a place of peace and rest, disassociated with work and where they can talk, make plans and walk on the beach. They renovated the house so there's plenty of room for their family to come and stay.

Both are Melbourne born and actually went to school together. Paula studied graphic art at RMIT and taught for five years before having children. With a passion for plants, she once stood in front of a bull dozer, baby in arms, to stop natural vegetation being removed at Mt Martha. She won a compromise.

Wayne began studying architecture then switched to a building degree. His career has been building major commercial projects. When he sold his business, he bought a vineyard on the Mornington Peninsula. He says 'retirement' then became a non-event.

An award-winning footballer in his day, Wayne now gets exercise building granite structures at his home and the winery. Apparently he cooks a mean paella too!

The Judson family has travelled widely. When the building industry closed for Christmas, Wayne said they used to take off somewhere with the children – Italy being a favourite. Along with family their interests are hiking, camping, sailing, gardening and travel.

I can see why they come to Lorne to rest.  
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### LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

#### October

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

#### November

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

5 **LAAC Major Fishing Competition number 6**, Lines down at 6.00am. Weigh in at 12.15pm. Barbecue lunch at LAAC.

### A word from the *Chairman*

Lorne has such a great array of community assets and the level of volunteerism in this community is nothing short of remarkable. As confirmed by the 2016 census, our community offers its time on a volunteer basis at a rate almost double the national average. It's no wonder we have such an incredible sense of place and pride within this town and last week I was privileged to experience another great example of just this.

Having followed the progress of the Lorne Men's Shed construction and attending the official opening, that is about where my involvement with our local "shedders" has started and stopped. That was until last week when proud Lorne Men's Shed President, Alan Walls, gave me a personal guided tour of our facility. I had regularly noted with interest the gathering of locals at the shed and the work that they had been doing in the great local project of "cocky proofing" our rubbish bins and other projects.

On entering the "shed" (surely one of the best in Australia) it was the pride in presentation of what lay before me that reinforced the passion and pride of our local shedders. A multi purpose room that would hold its own against any purpose-built community room on the coast of Victoria and a general workshop area more organised than most commercial operations would aspire to – what a sensational facility and congratulations to all involved!!

Following a meeting hosted by the Lorne Business Tourism and Traders Association (LBTA) with the guest Richard Riordan, we learnt that the recent power loss over the Amy's Gran Fondo weekend was potentially an experience that will occur again unless certain changes are made. We heard that there are two main power supplies that come into Lorne, one from Colac and the other from Waurin Ponds and these assets are in need of upgrades.

Depending on which supply line feeds your precinct will determine how long you

would have been without power and on the "Amy's weekend", residential dwellings were less effected than our commercial precinct. We are told that currently, there is no ability to zone the supply to "priority areas" or dedicated zones within our town boundary. We heard, and can accept in our environment, that weather events and falling trees and debris are ongoing maintenance issues that can be dealt with. However, we believe it's unacceptable that our town has to put up with sub-standard supply assets that struggle to cater for surges of increased numbers. The LBTA is continuing to pursue the issue.

Our local Councillor Clive Goldsworthy is away on a very, very well earned month's break and in Clive's absence any urgent matters should be directed to Lisa Thompson at [LThomson@surcoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:LThomson@surcoast.vic.gov.au).

Ian Stewart  
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

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