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LORNE HONOURS TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS AND its Youngest and Latest Hero



A wonderful evening was had by all Friday night at the Doug and Mary Stirling community dinner. It started with canapés on the top floor of the Cumberland resort with the awesome view that we all love as the backdrop.

Fittingly, it was used to present Mila Guerrero with her award for bravery in saving two Japanese tourists earlier this year. This was an amazing achievement

for a young girl who had come up through the Surf Club Nippers program and put all her learnings to the task. She was 11 at the time she made the rescue! The awards were presented by Sarah Henderson MP, our local Member, and Ian Stewart on behalf of the Committee for Lorne.

We then proceeded downstairs where 180 people enjoyed community spirit, friendship and good old fashioned



partying in honour of Peter and Jan Spring. The idea of a Community Cup was initiated by the Lions Club four years ago to honour and thank locals for the awesome effort they put into our local community. The Cup which is awarded is a sterling silver antique from a Scottish ancestral home which is presented every two years. Past recipients Doug and Mary Stirling and Henry Love were present to see Peter and Jan become the third recipients.

The Cumberland did us proud. I would say it was the best buffet I had been at for many years; fresh food, great flavours and efficient and attentive staff. There was great live music with the Beachniks for dancing late into the evening - what more can a town want? It engenders a feeling for true community spirit and fellowship and hopefully inspires others to join the family and to share their talents and gifts for the good of our town. An event that should certainly continue in coming years

Judith Hishon



A word from the *Chairman*

What a huge weekend in town last weekend with not only the influx of visitors enjoying the Melbourne Cup long weekend but a number of local events that enjoyed great participation from Lorne residents. The Lions Club seaside market provided a spectacular backdrop to Mountjoy Parade on Saturday and with music at local venues it was a solid reminder of the festive times that are in front of us.

It's also the time of the year that our 12 students are heavily committed with their VCE exams as they strive to achieve an ATAR score to open the doors of their chosen study path. A stressful time not only for the students but also for families supporting their children through the intensity of their final weeks at school. At the end of the month it will all be over and the anxious wait begins until that ATAR number is revealed - good luck to all those in waiting!

I have shared with you over recent weeks that our family is at the end of the "school journey" and will be exchanging our part time dual location residency to once again full time Lorne - and that cannot come quick enough. For the past thirteen years our commitment to education has put many miles on cars, extra hours to a day and self sacrifice that many, many parents make for their children, but in return it has been so rewarding to have been in a position to be able to achieve the goals we set.

As the chapter ends so begins the interesting task of dealing with real estate agents as they jostle for the opportunity to be employed as my chosen agent to sell our Geelong property. You may say, "a strange thing to say from someone within the industry", and yes I'd agree, until I was sitting at the opposite side of the table from which I have been accustomed and in

a market where my knowledge levels fall well short of those who work it on a daily basis.

What has surprised me is the lengths that some will go to ensure they secure your business, at whatever cost it may be. In one instance after ongoing dialogue with a young up and coming Newtown agent looking to "own a patch", I was offered his services at zero commission to sell our Geelong property! - what would you do, what a thirty year plus estate agent do?

Well for me it was easy, I would never expect an individual to work for no reward, let alone believe that any person could best represent my interests to the fullest when they fall short with their own pay cheque negotiation. - Interesting conundrum!!!!

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE

ROBIN AND JOHN CHAMBERS



"The last time I died was two years ago," John tells me casually and goes on to describe the life-saving qualities of having his own inserted defibrillator. The last eleven years have been a challenge for him with heart issues but worse is the frustration of having to curtail his passion for participating in active sport and become a spectator. Apart from skiing, golf and AFL football, he now has soccer on his list because of a granddaughter in the Olympic U/14 Development Program in the USA.

Robin and John met at Hampton High School and went on to Toorak Teachers College together. John's first appointment was to Lavers Hill. They married 56 years ago, had three boys and now have five grandchildren.

Promotions throughout John's career led to a position as advisor to the Philippine Government on restructuring technical and vocational education. Another teaching highlight was an exchange year in Toronto, Canada. He was one of the six Australian teachers chosen to go to Canada on this one year initiative; the exchange included houses, cars and jobs, however not families, they went too.

In the 1970's, Robin and John were part of a group of 16 families who formed a cooperative to build a ski lodge at Falls Creek. Most were teachers but they intentionally included an architect, an engineer and a plumber. Chorki's Ski Club was the result. As well as themselves, it was planned to accommodate school groups. Interesting to note the first to use it was the Lorne School. Today, 20 families own Chorki's. It is run to the original formula now incorporating the following generations. All parents are known by their Christian names because when 'Mum' or 'Dad' was called, confusion reigned when all parents responded.

This amazing group also owns Springlea in Lorne, a summer holiday house run on similar lines. The children of these families are close; they have skied and surfed together from the outset.

Robin and John bought their own house in Lorne 26 years ago and have lived permanently here for 20 years. They escape north for part of every winter. Robin loves having family and long-time friends to stay. They enjoy travelling to North America to visit family but necessarily, more recently it's more around Victoria.

Robin describes themselves as 'political junkies'. They especially like to keep up to date with State and Federal affairs.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

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. Book before October 1 and go in the draw for a \$100 Foodworks voucher
- 4 **Lorne Foreshore Market**, local produce, art & craft, books and yummy treats. 10am-4pm. Run by Lions Club of Lorne
- 5 **LAAC Major Fishing Competition number 6**, Lines down at 6am. Weigh in at 12.15pm. Barbecue lunch at LAAC.
- 5 **Deans Marsh Market**, Local food growers & producers, live music, local artists and crafts people, kids activities, buskers. 9am-2pm at Deans Marsh Reserve.

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