

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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What's happening at the Men's Shed



On Saturday 4th November, the Lorne Men's Shed handed over a totally renovated trailer to Alain Purnell and Alan Sherlock, representing LorneCare. The trailer had been donated by Great Ocean Road Builders but was in need of some serious "love and attention". The Sheddors cleaned down the trailer, painted it with rust prohibitive paint, totally rewired it, installed new lights and fitted new tyres. The trailer will be of great benefit to LorneCare's future activities, allowing all equipment to be efficiently transported to the location of the monthly working bee. The lockable trailer, now housing all LorneCare's equipment, will be stored at GORCC's Lorne depot, where GORCC have kindly agreed it can be left between working bees.

This is just one of the projects the Lorne Men's Shed has undertaken this year. Another project the Shed has been involved in is the construction of composting beds for the worm farm at

Lorne Community House for Colin Leitch. The Men's Shed has also hosted special events for the Lorne Community Hospital Men's Health Week and Beyond Blue on mental health issues faced by rural communities. Following a request from a member of the community, the Men's Shed have taken over the maintenance of the small court yard garden at the Lorne Aged Care facility. A few of the Sheddors who are keen gardeners are involved in this project.

Currently, the Sheddors are working on their sculpture for the Lorne Sculpture Biennale which will be held March 2018, and Leo Collins is refurbishing very old antique tools for inclusion in our display cabinet.

One of the best training sessions conducted at the Shed was a session on how to make very good barista coffee presented by Kosta, of à la Grecque fame. So now, Shed members are enjoying excellent barista coffee and beautiful Anzac biscuits made by

Maureen Dandy. This helps to create a great atmosphere for Sheddors to gather around the table and have a chat.

The shed is open Tuesday & Thursday between 10.00am to 3.00pm and Saturday Morning from 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

When we are open, you will see a flag flying on the newly erected flagpole. This historic flagpole was previously installed at Anzac Square in Mountjoy Parade. So, for the men of Lorne, if you see the flag flying, please drop in and say hello; you're most welcome.

Don Baldwin

Secretary

Lorne & District Men's Shed



A word from the Chairman

Last week, the Point Grey Steering Group gathered for a very productive informal meeting to hear Andrew Mackenzie from CityLab who, with together with a representative of the Office of the Victorian Government Architect, will be advising the Architectural Design Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Point Grey precinct. This process will be informed by the Masterplan, quantity surveying advice, and specific work undertaken by the Project Steering Group (consisting of 5 Lorne Community Members) and the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC).

A great initiative by GORCC Chairman Ken Northwood was to invite two additional members from the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club as they fine tune their requirements and financial commitments. It was also encouraging to hear Ken reinforce to the group that informal meetings would be called at key milestone points through the EOI and design competition phase to ensure everyone is involved in the process.

Andrew MacKenzie brings with him a wealth of experience having advised on design competitions in every state in Australia totalling 19 competitions in the past eleven years. With over two decades of skill and experience working in the architectural sector, Andrew is well placed to drive the management and delivery of the architectural procurement process.

It is anticipated that the EOI will open in early December and close just prior to Christmas when we are hopeful that applications will number in the range of 25-30. Applicants will then be evaluated and a short list compiled by the end of January 2018. Of those short listed, (hoping to be in the range of 4/5) the successful applicants will be invited to participate in the architectural design competition for Point Grey.

Total of the competition is to ensure design excellence and leave no stone unturned to capture creativity at industry best standards. Those successful candidates will effectively have the

month of February 2018 to complete their proposed design outline, whilst at the same time ensuring they have demonstrated specific knowledge of the key elements of the design process which includes an exhaustive list of no less than 14 key local documents (including the Committee for Lorne's "Achieving Lorne's Aspirations").

A competition jury is being formulated with four of the highest calibre having been appointed and the fifth to be added over the coming weeks. Led by Jury Chairman and leading Australian Architect John Wardle, who has a long history with Lorne, the Jury will complete the evaluation process and appoint a successful applicant by May 2018.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting of the Committee for Lorne December 14th at 5.00pm at the Stribling Reserve - We would love to see you there.

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE

MAXINE MCKEW



Ten years ago, in a Federal election, Maxine made history defeating Prime Minister John Howard, in the NSW seat of Bennelong. Although she had been approached to run in a safe Labor seat, she chose to run in the Liberal held seat of Bennelong. She lived nearby in Mosman. "It was my jumping off the cliff moment!"

Maxine, "a Brisbane girl", went to University of Queensland and became a reporter with ABC radio in the mid 70s. She worked in most Australian capital cities, Washington and New York before her change of career to politics. The story about her time in politics can be sourced in one of her books, "Tales from the Political Trenches". With a similar situation looming yet again in the Bennelong by-election in December, Maxine is watching with keen interest.

After politics, she worked for two years with Philanthropic Social Ventures Australia as the educational director, in Sydney and Melbourne, before being appointed to her position at Melbourne University - Honorary Enterprise Professor in the Graduate School of Education - a position she currently holds. She had spent 23 years in Sydney before making the move to Melbourne in 2011.

Maxine is still a member of the Labor Party but says her political activities now are mainly as a board member of two organisations, The John Cain Foundation and Per Capita. She is also on the Board of State Library of Victoria. Most of us would have heard or read about Maxine, multiple times throughout her busy professional career.

When Maxine moved to Melbourne, she seriously missed Sydney's 'water', so that when friends, David and Mary White, invited her to stay in Lorne, "it was the water that got me". She bought a house in 2013 and with her partner, Bob Hogg, comes most weekends. She has become "a late life convert to horticulture" and enjoys time in the garden. She reads, walks and listens to podcasts to relax.

Apart from the features we all love about Lorne, Maxine appreciates "the town's non whingeing, proactive approach - it's a place that is taking charge of its destiny".

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

December

- 1 **Committee for Lorne Luncheon.**
12 midday for 12.30pm. Lorne View Room at Lorne Hotel. Bookings essential.
Email nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au
- 2 **LAAC AGM,** 5pm start with Presentation of fishing awards at 5.30pm at the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club.
- 16 **Carols on the Lorne,** Mountjoy Parade. Lions Club sausage sizzle followed by Christmas Carols.
- 19 **Lorne Business & Tourism Association AGM,** 8am at Lorne Central
- 21 **Lorne Community Christmas Party,** 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Erskine Paddock
- 27-30 **Geoff Lindsay's Crab Club,** pop up restaurant @ Lorne Hotel. Reservations call - 5289 1409

January

- 2-5 **Frank Camorra's Movida,** pop up restaurant @ Lorne Hotel. Reservations call 5289 1409

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