

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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Manoeuvres in the Marsh

Back in 2012 Louise Brown, a teacher and musician living in Bambra, wanted to create a community orchestra. An experienced cellist, Louise established a music practice 16 years ago when she volunteered to start a music program at Deans Marsh Primary School where her three children attended. Birregurra, Forrest and Beeac and Alvie Primary Schools have since adopted her program and all have produced impressive results. Louise has a passion for getting others involved in singing and making music, and so, together with her collaborators, Lisa Jarvis and Jane Gorman, they got together a group of people from the community and decided that the name for the group of singers and instrumentalists would be a derivation of the name of and orchestral pop group from the 70s. And so was formed "Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Marsh" or OMM for short.

Louise has an extensive record of engaging the passion, energy and vitality of whole towns through creative music projects. With the support of Festivals Australia, the OMM Rock Choir went on to produce a large-scale music performance

involving the local community at the Deans Marsh Festival. More than 160 participants performed in this first event, including the voices of a combined adult and children's choir accompanied by of an orchestra of local musicians, marching percussionists, dancers, didgeridoo players and even whip crackers. The lifetime arts experience of Tony Watts and Genevieve Picot was harnessed to stage the event whilst Brendan Brown provided the sound and technical support. Deb Rhodes was brought in to film the entire process and photographers Renee Wigly and Stuart Fry were on hand to capture the many special moments.

When you find something that the community can embrace ... it gets a life of its own ... and there are many social, cultural and community benefits. Since that beginning, the OMM team have unearthed, nurtured, encouraged and delivered over 1000 new performance artists to Victoria's music community..

Performances have taken place at Performing Arts Festivals in Lorne, Deans Marsh, Birregurra, Anglesea, Colac and Forrest. Best of all, the talented individuals

who make up the ever changing OMM Choir and Percussion group have created something that is extraordinary and unique to our region in South Western Victoria.

An upcoming event for OMM is the Deans Marsh 2018 'Carols by Candlelight' which is put on by Deans Marsh Community Cottage and Cricket club each year. Held on Sunday December 17, from 6pm, it is a great family event and a wonderful, music filled opportunity to catch up with neighbors and friends.

Next week, we will continue the story of OMM with news of a new, exciting project planned for early 2018.

OMM Rock Choir



A word from the *Chairman*

Summer's first weekend has come and gone and the weather Gods were kind to Lorne as approximately 35mm of rain fell across the weekend as opposed to the forecasted deluge of in excess of 100mm. It was great soaking rain that will see Lorne looking at its pristine best for the festive season ahead. It also signalled the end for what was a large contingent of well-behaved schoolies that enjoyed the sunshine of the previous week.

December is a great time in Lorne and for many it's a bit like the "lull before the storm" as our traders, hospitality industry, business leaders, tradies and volunteers gear up to service the multitudes that begin to descend into town. Last Friday, a good cross section of our community attended what was our last Committee for Lorne Community Lunch for 2017 at The View at the Lorne Hotel.

Luke Nisbet shared with luncheon guests the vision and the journey that his father Chris and he initiated that will soon become a reality with the late January opening of Live Wire Park on the Erskine

Falls Road in Lorne. What can simply be described as a world class facility on Lorne's door step it is a super exciting man made, eco-friendly, tourist attraction that is likely to attract visitors of all ages from across the State and beyond.

It was also so good to hear that with the opening will come in excess of 10 full time jobs at the Park, the majority of which have been allocated to young Lorne and district people. There will be further seasonal employment opportunities in the fully regulated and professionally trained leisure tourism environment.

Also, making an external appearance at the lunch was the new Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club – "The Anglers" courtesy bus parked outside the hotel, dressed immaculately in the distinctive bright lime green colours of sponsors, Live Wire Park. The new venture created much interest to those in attendance and a diverse question and answer session left everyone full of praise and wishing the Nisbets all the very best with the exciting new venture.

It can't go without sharing, albeit a

greater summary will follow, that a brilliant workshop was recently conducted by Stephen Atkinson of Reos Partners with fourteen students from years 5-9 at the Lorne P-12 College exploring their views and aspirations for Lorne. Accompanying the students was Geoff Couper (Deputy Principal) and Alain Purnell from the Committee for Lorne.

Steve reported that he was most impressed by the energy and enthusiasm from the students throughout the session and commented on how insightful, interesting and creative their ideas were. Furthermore, Steve commented on how valuable the session was and how it will contribute and enrich the Committee for Lorne's work from a uniquely different perspective – more to follow.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting of the Committee for Lorne December 14, 5.00pm at the Stribling Reserve.

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE



LAURA AND ANDREW LORANDI
MASTER JEWELLERS

Andrew and Laura's business, Lorandi Master Jewellers, is situated on Mountjoy Parade, in Lorne.

They are childhood sweethearts and have been together since high school. Together they owned and ran one of the most successful jewellery businesses in Melbourne, prior to deciding to live their dream and move to Lorne.

Here they are able to combine both their passion for fitness and the outdoors whilst continuing to do what they love to do best, creating jewellery pieces for the most discerning buyers.

Recently they have become involved in a partnership in developing the Cuda Bar. Both are excited about what the result will add to the town. Laura is looking forward to her role as designer of the interior.

Andrew and Laura came to Lorne for the quiet life but are still waiting. They are here for the long term, and have no plans to move anywhere. "Lorne is our slice of paradise."

LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

December

- 16 **Carols on the Lorne**, Mountjoy Parade. Lions Club sausage sizzle followed by Christmas Carols.
- 17 **Carols in the Marsh**, OMM choir and performers, BBQ & bar open, jumping castle, BYO picnic rug, chair from 6pm @ Deans Marsh cricket oval.
- 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
- 28- **Lorne Falls Music & Art Festival**, Dec 28 – 1 Jan

January

- 2-5 **Frank Camorra's Movidia**, pop up restaurant @ Lorne Hotel. Reservations call 5289 1409
- 12 **Mountain to Surf Run**, at 8:30am
- 13 **Pier to Pub Swim**, Lorne
- 21 **Festival of Colours**, Colour, Music, Dance, Friends, Food. 11am-4pm at Lorne Foreshore. www.festivalofcolours.com.au

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