

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

SUE AND RIC ADDISON



Ric and Sue met as teenagers at Ric's then girlfriend's house. Their first date was to The Melbourne Cup! They have been married for 52 years and had two children. Sadly their son died in 2012.

Their family camped in Lorne for holidays when the children were young. The block they bought in Moggs Creek was burnt in the '83 fires but one month later they bought their Lorne house.

The highlight of Ric's career in the construction industry was his ten years as part of Sir Roy Ground's team, working on the Melbourne Arts Centre Complex. Although he left in 1989 he still speaks enthusiastically about being involved in such an exciting project with such inspiring people. When he left Sir Roy Ground's practice, he joined the Buchanan Group in Melbourne for 12 years then in Sydney for a further five years.

Sue went to Business College when she left school, afterwards getting work as a secretary in advertising agencies. She then took time out to have their two children. As an involved Mum in the local school's Parents' Club she was exposed to The Federation of State School Parents Clubs, the President of which was Joan Kirner. Sue joined the organisation as administration secretary. Joan left 18 months later to go into politics. When she became Minister for Conservation, Sue joined her as private secretary, staying in the position as Joan moved to Education and then Premier of Victoria. Sue had worked in politics for six years when Labour lost the election in 1992. She came to Lorne to recover from the disappointment and never went back. "It had been a seven day a week job and I had had enough" However, eventually she was persuaded to become the receptionist / secretary for the Lorne Medical Clinic where she worked for six years.

After flying to Sydney Mondays and returning Fridays for his work for too long, Ric retired and four years ago moved to Lorne permanently. His passion is fishing from his boat and sitting on his deck ocean gazing in warm weather. He's a member of the Men's Shed and Aquatic Club.

Sue is part of the Op Shop team, loves reading and having the grandchildren to stay regularly.

Every winter they drive up the East Coast of Australia looking at what they used to fly over. "We had been everywhere but had seen nothing."

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

December

27-30 **Geoff Lindsay's Crab Club**, pop up restaurant at Lorne Hotel. For reservations, phone 5289 1409.

28- **Lorne Falls Music & Art Festival**, Dec 28 – Jan 1.

January

2-5 **Frank Camorra's Movida**, pop up restaurant at Lorne Hotel. For reservations, phone 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. festivalofcolours.com.au.

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COMMITTEE FOR LORNE RUNS WORKSHOP FOR LORNE P-12 COLLEGE STUDENTS

During 2017, the Committee for Lorne (CfL) sponsored a series of workshops to involve members of our community in the process of updating our document "Achieving Lorne's Aspirations." This is a document now used to present our views of Lorne's future to the agencies both local and state, who oversee planning Lorne's future.

Three workshops were held in Lorne, and one in Melbourne, which was particularly well attended. These workshops were facilitated by Steve Atkinson, a Lorne resident and Australian Director of Reos Partners, an international consultancy who are global leaders in the art and science of systemic change.

Steve and Alain Purnell, committee member of CfL decided that, if our Aspirations Plan was to truly reflect the aspirations of our community for Lorne's future, the views of the youth in our community needed to be heard. Fourteen students from years 5-9 at the Lorne P-12 College participated in a workshop, exploring their views and aspirations for Lorne. It was also attended by Geoff Couper (Deputy Principal) and Alain Purnell. There was lots of energy and enthusiasm from the students throughout the session and surprisingly insightful, interesting and creative ideas.

The workshop was broken up into two sessions:

The first session involved exploring the Lorne's Defining Features (as per the Aspirations document) where the students described what they believed was important and special about Lorne.

The second session involved a model building exercise where four groups of students built their ideal future of Lorne out of LEGO blocks. These models were built to incorporate their ideas about what an ideal future Lorne would look like. The students were also asked to incorporate elements of Lorne's Five Aspirational Strategies (as per the Aspirations document) into their models.

Session 1: Why I love living in Lorne.

After a short introduction, the students were shown Lorne's Defining Features (as per the Aspirations document) in summary form and then asked to comment on what they loved about Lorne and living in Lorne. Here is a

brief summary of their responses:

- I love the way the forest comes down to join the beach and Lorne is nestled in the middle.
- There are friendly, fantastic people and families here. We're very lucky.
- It's a great community with a great school that compares well to other schools.
- I love the forests and waterfalls at the back.
- It's got good internet.
- I love how all the shop keepers know our names.
- I love the pier – it's an amazing part of Lorne. Good fishing too.
- I love it when the tourists come – it's exciting.
- The tourists and great for the shops and businesses.
- The footy and netball teams are great.
- I love all the wildlife around here.

Session 2:

This session was designed to meet the needs of the students in that it drew upon LEGO as a frame for eliciting ideas, concepts and metaphors in a way that is uniquely different to (and cannot be as easily done) using words and lists. Building an imagination of a future state in three dimensions using models can create rich imagery that is impossible to achieve in short periods of time using conventional methods. To read more about this please process, see <https://www.lego.com/en-us/seriousplay>.

Four small teams built their imagination of Lorne in the future as they'd like to see it. At a point in the building process, the groups were paused and then asked to incorporate into their models Committee for Lorne's Five Aspirational Strategies (as per the Aspirations document). These strategies were summarised for the students as:

- a. People working together
- b. Community for everyone
- c. More jobs and successful businesses
- d. Affordable houses
- e. Encouraging visitors

Each team built their model and was then given the opportunity of describing their



model to the whole workshop group. Future aspects of Lorne's future included:

- More upgrades of roads (such as Deans Marsh road) to get rid of pot holes and allow for safe walkways
- A great school
- More people taking care of the bush
- A friendly place to be with lots of people talking to each other.
- Good businesses on the street and more jobs to go with it.
- A big WELCOME sign to make all people including locals and visitors feel welcome at Lorne.
- The whole town is working together like one big business – helping and supporting each other.
- There's an aquarium out near the pier under the water to attract visitors and allow you to see under the sea. There's also a restaurant near the aquarium
- There is a wind farm for creating sustainable energy for the town.
- There is a temple in Lorne to encourage those of different faiths – so we accommodate and welcome diversity in the town and outside people feel welcome here. There is an acceptance of all cultures.
- There is an historic centre where people can come and learn about the history of the town – Aboriginal and Colonial history of the area.
- There is a wide board walk from the beach to the pier with market stalls along the side of it.

All of the models for the future of Lorne built by the groups incorporated ideas from some or all of these strategies. The only strategy that the students did not incorporate and seemed indifferent to, was related to affordable housing. This is not altogether surprising and is probably due to housing affordability concerns being quite removed from the daily thoughts and worries of 10-15 year olds.

I think it was a really valuable session that will contribute to and enrich CfL's work from a uniquely different perspective. We are talking about Lorne's future and these students are the future.

Steve Atkinson
Reos Partners

A word from the Chairman

Hope you all had a very special Christmas and didn't over indulge as it's so easy to do. Christmas Day in Lorne was one to behold, as the cloud cover burnt off during the day, our visitors from all cultural backgrounds descended to enjoy our magical coastal environment. Large groups of families congregated along all parts of our coastal foreshore to enjoy Christmas by the ocean. It was a magnificent site.

And it was a site that is likely to be repeated again this weekend as the New Year Celebrations begin to unfold. With only days remaining in 2017, it's a great time to reflect on the past twelve months and think of what may be in 2018, a great time to plan and set yourself up to stay on track for what you to achieve in the next twelve months. Don't know about you, but I know my first diary entries for the New Year are always allocated to myself with planned vacations and personal celebrations taking priority over all other before a busy lifestyle quickly

fills other spaces.

The Lorne Business and Tourism Association (LBTA) held its Annual General Meeting in the week leading up to Christmas and it's exciting to report the new fresh faces that have come on board and take over the reins from those that have put in so much for so long. Bryce Newcombe takes over the role of President from Chris Tutungi and with an array of fresh faces at their board table, including Paul Upham, Lee Gordon and Luke Nisbet, I'm sure there are exciting times ahead.

This group, like many others in Lorne, have been such a vital part of our town in continuing to promote and encourage visitation to the town on a year-round basis, a huge challenge with such little resource. I feel sure most would agree that the number of "out of summer" visitors has certainly increased over the past ten years and specifically the internationals who are now regulars to our coast.

Our "summer residents" are well truly with us and the town is looking an absolute treat for all to enjoy. The Government Agencies have done an excellent job leading into Christmas in preparing our foreshore, walking tracks and Crown Land Reserves to be in peak condition for the large influx. Our local businesses and Clubs are well prepared to cater and offer all that our visitors need.

The Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club is one such organisation that continues to raise the bar in the services they offer with newly created "grass matting" enhancing the outdoor environment and the "The Anglers" courtesy bus ready to roll. Great to see so many new initiatives across Lorne that are all aimed at improving our visitors' experience – Happy New Year and enjoy Lorne!!

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne