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Lorne P-12 College Masterplan stages 2 & 3 nearing Completion



This year has seen an exciting year at Lorne P-12 College with extensive beautification of the school grounds nearly completed and the provision of vastly improved playground and landscaped surfaces for our students.

The development of the various stages of the Masterplan for the College grounds has taken place during the past two years and included an extensive consultation process with the school community, input coming from students, parents and staff. The College is fortunate to have amongst our talented parent group, consultant architect Josh Crosbie. Josh has spent countless hours developing and refining the plans and has worked closely with this year's Masterplan sub-committee of Geoff Couper (chair), Karen Biggelaar, Stephen Bayley, Lee Gordon, Matt Neill, Don Tyrer and Tony Speed. Thank you to all members of the sub-committee in giving their time and expertise towards the improvement of the College environment.

Stage 1 saw the installation during Term 1 of the landscaped area in the middle of the College and this has proven a very popular area with students. The project was funded by an 'Inclusive Schools' grant and constructed by Southern Edge Landscapes.

Stages 2 and 3 concentrated on the area extending from the Grove Road entrance to the RSL wing along the Smith

Street frontage. Again, contractors, Southern Edge Landscapes, along with Chris Trigg Plumbing were awarded the tender and at the time of going to print have nearly completed the works.

These works included renewal and replacement of old and damaged storm water and sewerage pipes and construction of a new front fence extending along the length of the Smith Street frontage and half way up the Grove Road frontage. New grassed and landscaped play areas extend west from the fence and a new main entrance to the College has been constructed mid-way along the Smith Street frontage. A new pebbled concrete pathway links the historic archway at the corner of Smith Street and Grove Road with the new entrance and the existing but upgraded entrance near the RSL wing.

Part of these works has been funded through the Department of Education's infrastructure improvement grant and this particularly includes the sewerage, storm water and pedestrian paving.

The College Parent Club have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this project and have been able to contribute over \$65,000 to Stages 2 and 3; an amazing achievement!! These funds have gone towards the significant improvements in landscaping and play areas and completion of the front fence. The



College would like to extend a huge thank you to all members of the Parent Club and anyone involved in assisting with raising these funds.

In 2016, the College applied for a Falls Festival Grant and received \$10,000 which has contributed towards the construction of the front fence. In 2017, another application was made to include indigenous sculptures to frame the new entrance and we were again successful with \$9,000 now going towards this project. The College would like to thank the Falls Festival for making these funds available and the voting public for their support.

Another feature of the area will be a Willow Pod that will be constructed by students under the guidance of local artist Veronica Phillips, this will take place during the first part of 2018. Restoration of the Historic Archway is also a focus of future work and we are aiming to complete this during 2018.

Please take the time to drive along Smith Street and check out the new look Lorne P-12 College. We are all looking forward to the next stages in the ongoing improvements to our beautiful learning environment.

Geoff Couper
Vice Principal
Lorne P-12 College

A word from the *Chairman*

Happy New Year and hoping the festive season has been kind to you as we buckle down for the New Year ahead and what a great time it's been in Lorne. The Falls Festival continues to successfully underpin the Lorne New Year celebrations and cater so well for our youth and young at heart at the event village. This year was no different as thousands descended into town in the days leading up to New Year with all the usual backlogs of traffic but, all in all, things went to plan and New Year in Lorne was a good as any in the past.

I had the pleasure of enjoying the evening's celebrations with family and friends seated at the Pier Restaurant and experienced the fireworks display from the front row and it was of the highest standard. But equal in quality was the hospitality of the Gazis family as they catered for the hundreds of patrons over multiple seatings at their world-class location. As we enjoyed their hospitality I couldn't help but notice the attendance

of local volunteer CFA personnel on "precautionary standby" throughout the fireworks display.

While many celebrated the approaching New Year, this great local team gave up that opportunity to celebrate in order to service the Community they love. Along with other members of our volunteer organisations they are such important contributors to the fabric of our town. Our local "Furies" were on hand throughout the display, which went without incident, and then they were called to action. The residence known by many locals as Mrs Garlic's house on the Deans Marsh Road, was ablaze and our volunteers were in action once again and did a great job in containing the fire in the manner they did.

A big shout out to our LorneCare team who assembled at 6.00am on New Year's Day morning to help the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee clean up the Lorne Foreshore and beach. From all reports

the rubbish left behind wasn't too bad and the LorneCarers and their helpers were all finished by 7.30 am – Great work!

Spare a thought for the commitment of the men and women that serve so well in our local volunteer organisations and your support to them in any way you can is always greatly appreciated by all. When you consider that the level of volunteerism in Lorne is almost double the Victorian average, as confirmed by the 2016 census, it really reinforces the "sense of place" that is so intrinsic to Lorne.

Don't know about you, but I am so looking forward to 2018 with major changes in my personal life; saying goodbye to what was a great chapter as "very part time" residents of Geelong and having realigned goals for the years ahead – Happy New Year, make it the best yet!!!!

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE

LUKE NISBET



Just weeks from now, LIVE WIRE PARK will be open and ready for action in Lorne. Only one kilometre from the beach and just 300 metres from the start of Erskine Falls Road, it boasts an attraction that is one of only five of its kind in the world and it will be one of the largest adventure parks worldwide.

Live Wire Park is a series of rope courses with 90 individual activities. There's a course for children (Short Circuit), one for 16+ years (Super Circuit) and a 525 metre gravity fed roller coaster (Shock Wave zip coaster). A suspended bridge walkway (Canopy Circuit) follows the topography of the land for 140 metres and is compliant for wheelchairs as well. 30 to 40 thousand adventure seekers are expected annually initially who Luke will encourage back to the main street to eat and stay over. Apart from the adventure offered, jobs will be available as well.

Safety at the park is of supreme importance which is managed by daily, monthly, biannual and annual checks from specially trained staff, arborists and the European company who installed the Park attractions.

The brainchild of Luke Nisbet and his dad, Chris, and inspired by a well established French model, they began investigating the possibility for such a park in Lorne, six years ago. With the support of the community and its organisations and the Surf Coast Shire, Luke is very keen to publicly thank everyone who has helped make it happen.

Luke grew up and was educated in Melbourne. The regular holidays he had on the surf coast, as long as he can remember, explained his already strong attachment to the area which, after his parents bought a house in Lorne fifteen years ago, has only strengthened. Completing a degree in Business Marketing he left for overseas and spent months travelling through Europe and UK. He returned home and joined the family business for 13 years before embarking on the Live Wire Park project.

Have you noticed the Aquatic Club bus around town sponsored by Live Wire Park? The anglers will tell you they enjoy very cold beer thanks to a fridge the Nisbet's donated too. Impressively, community minded Luke has also recently been appointed as the treasurer of the Lorne Business & Tourism Association.

Luke is hands on seven days a week Park Director but will travel twice yearly to the specialised French Company who installed the project, to keep up to date with the latest in offerings and technology.

It seemed unreasonable to ask if he had other interests but with the energy he has, guess what? He is fanatical about music loves listening to vinyl and going to gigs. He surfs and hikes.

How will you know when Live Wire Park is open? He is inviting the school and the community to a trial. You will know!

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

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.
- 27 **Lorne Foreshore Market**, 10am – 4pm

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