

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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The Festival of Colours is coming to Lorne!

Due to growing popularity, Sunday January 21st 2018, will see the event celebrated for the first time on the Lorne foreshore next to the Surf Lifesaving Club from 11am-4pm; allowing holiday makers to enjoy the colour and excitement of this unique festival. Bring your smile, an open heart and a white t-shirt for best results.

Every hour in front of the main stage we will throw coloured powder into the air with family and friends. Colour will spring from our hearts and rain from the sky as we dance and sing together! Meet people, enjoy the stage entertainment, have your face painted or fortune told and soak up the festive atmosphere. This fun and relaxing day is a family friendly event. Super delicious vegetarian/vegan food will be available for purchase throughout the day.

The Festival of Colours celebrates the oneness of human spirit, based upon an ancient festival originating in India. Krishna, the God of play, engaged in throwing coloured powders with his cowherd friends. The festival signifies the blooming of colour which manifests when we exchange heart felt friendship. To celebrate peace and harmony between humanity, the members of Hare Krishna Valley are staging this festival for the visitors and community of the Surf Coast. The Festival of Colours is proudly supported by the Surf Coast Shire.

Hare Krishna Valley is a retreat centre and organic farm situated in Bambra, 1/2 hour from Lorne. Based on the principles of Eastern spirituality, the residents practice bhakti-yoga, protect and care for their cows and hold regular retreats teaching vegetarian/vegan cooking, meditation and yoga to educate people on the importance of natural living and high thinking. On the second Sunday of the month an open day is held for the those inquisitive to learn more. www.harekrishnavalley.com.au.

Entry is free! Coloured powder is \$5-10 per person. Vegetarian/vegan food is \$5-12 per person. *This event is alcohol,*

drug, smoking, anger and meat free!
Check out our Facebook page or www.festivalofcolours.com.au for all the action.

The Festival of Colours will be cancelled in the case of Extreme/Code

Red weather conditions.
We look forward to seeing you in the clouds of colour on the day!

Warm regards,
Keshava



A word from the *Chairman*

What a great start to summer in Lorne as the huge numbers of residents and visitors alike experience the summer vibe of the coast. Sun, beach, ice cream, cold refreshments, live music and outdoor living/exercise are all such an integral part of what makes Lorne so special at this time of the year, but there's also another dimension that many will experience this year - "migration of our children".

This year, I have experienced such a wide diversity of what our young ones are doing and no matter which direction our children are heading it is such a big step, such a life changing moment for so many and a time when a tear, or two, will be shed by loving parents. There are some that are travelling solo overseas to commence a "gap year" at an international school, some are heading off for a year of work, others beginning trade careers and many continuing their education journey.

One of our adventurous young locals

is about to enter the Australian Defence Forces, where she will complete her "gap year" and embark on an adventure that so few have ever been tempted to experience - "you're an inspiration Dixie!!" How good is it that our youth of today have such great opportunities to widen their horizons and be exposed to such varied life experiences and are so motivated to pursue their goals.

This weekend the world's largest open water swim, Lorne's very own Pier 2 Pub, takes centre stage in what is sure to be another absolute bumper of a weekend for the 37th running of the event, and for me, like so many others, it will be different. My youngest instead of competing, as she done every year since she was 12, will be completing her first week of University life on the Gold Coast. As the 5000 swimmers charge down the 1.2 km course on Saturday afternoon I, like many, will be viewing the event full of emotions of a different kind, and awakening on

Sunday morning with one less under our roof - my thoughts are with all who will be experiencing similar!

Whilst on the subject of water, I couldn't not comment on the super achievements of our local law enforcers, Michael Atkinson and Russell Harrup, over the past week. While conducting patrols around the Cumberland River area they noticed two children being pulled out to sea by a rip. What unfolded in front them prompted action on their behalf to pull two children and their mother out of the ocean and back to the safety of the sand. An incredible feat for our mostly "land based" Officers and following the example set by Sergeant David Cooper a couple of years back with his St George River ocean rescues - Great work by all

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

COMMUNITY PROFILE

JEFFREY CUFFE



Those who frequent The Swing Bridge Café will recognise Jeffrey's happy face at once. He is the epitome of 'service with a big smile and here is his story.

Jeffrey was born and educated in Brisbane. "I spent 12 months floating around when I left school before deciding to go to Aspen, USA, to snow board. That's where I met Sarah and Jorge Guerrero and they have been my best friends ever since. Jeffrey's five months at the ski resort were followed by a stint in UK, but says that most of the work he found was to facilitate a snowboarding lifestyle.

Five years ago, in the middle of our winter, Jeffrey came to Lorne for the first time, to visit Jorge. Even in the cold, as happen to so many, he fell in love with the location. Just over 12 months ago he chose to have a change of lifestyle and moved to Lorne, where at first, he helped out at the café but is now an employee. This is a considerable change in career path as well, for Jeffrey spent five years working as an electrician and instrumentation technician in coal seam processing plants, mainly in Queensland including Roma, Dalby and Curtis Island. However, the bright side was that after 3 weeks of work he went to Bali for one week. He rented a house there and when it pleased him, could stay for longer periods. He also took time off to visit Lorne and has enjoyed watching the Guerrero children grow up. He says they are like family and feels so lucky to have such wonderful friends. He is considering being based in Lorne permanently.

Since moving to the surf coast, surfing has become the driving force in Jeffrey's life. He has discovered all the best spots for waves. He does admit though that since the age of 15, he also has had a passion for golf and regularly plays locally.

So, what about snowboarding? "Well since I've discovered surfing it's on hold. If I travel it will have to be where there is surf ".
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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

January

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| 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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