

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## Lorne Planned Burn Update

### Autumn 2018

**This autumn, Forest Fire Management Victoria, Parks Victoria and the CFA will be focusing on taking planned burning opportunities around the Lorne community. These planned burns are part of a strategy to ensure Lorne remains a fire ready town.**

As the forest around Lorne is generally wetter than a lot of Victoria, we will likely be burning when other parts of the state are still concerned about bushfire, so you can expect to see ignitions early March.

After a few years of unfavourable conditions, we will be looking to take every opportunity to reduce your town's bushfire risk. We are monitoring the fuels and weather with support from the Bureau of Meteorology. Our forest firefighters will be monitoring the moisture of dead grass, leaves and other fine fuels in the priority burns around Lorne almost every day from late February.

We have also been keeping in touch with the Committee for Lorne and other community members to ensure that our plans have as minimal impact as possible on all the great things happening in and around Lorne.

As you know from last year's Big Hill Track planned burn, the burns around your community are complex and require thorough traffic management planning, community engagement and notifications to locals and visitors. This year, many burns include popular walking tracks behind Lorne, so these will be closed for up to a week or more. Our commitment to your community is that we will minimise the impacts of our work on your lives as much as possible, but acknowledge that planned burns do and will have some impact upon you.

There are quite a few new planned burns on the schedule for this autumn and they need to be properly prepared. This involves treating hazardous trees and upgrading the tracks surrounding them. Our very capable ParksVic teams are working with excavators to treat hazardous trees so if you are on the tracks behind Lorne please adhere to the traffic management in place; it's for your safety.

Complementing our planned burning program, Surf Coast Shire have been working with Lorne residents to reduce the fuel loads in and around houses which further reduces the bushfire risk

to the community. Where possible, Forest Fire Management Victoria and Surf Coast Shire have tried aligning the planned burning and private property fuel management programs to add value to each other's work.

Our combined efforts really do make Lorne a fire ready community and we appreciate your ongoing support and patience as we continue to reduce bushfire risk around your great town.

The planned burns most likely to be scheduled in the next few weeks around your community are the Lorne- Green Break Track and Lorne- Grove Road burns. The map on the opposite page shows the location of the planned burns.

If you would like to be notified by SMS or email when this burn is scheduled, go to [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/planned-burns/planned-burning-notification-system](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/planned-burns/planned-burning-notification-system) and opt in. While you're there, why not sign up to be notified when any of the Lorne burns are scheduled over the next few years.

**David Rourke**  
*District Manager, Otway  
Forest Fire Management Victoria*



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## A word from the *Chairman*

Happy Chinese New Year!!!! – and I have to say that this year, much more so than any previous, the number of our Asian friends on the Great Ocean Road is at levels like we have never experienced before. Mountjoy Parade has a truly international flavour as thousands descend on our coast as part of their New Year Holiday celebration, which interestingly, is never on a fixed date, but the festivities for 2018 are well and truly underway.

Unlike our festivities, which always take place at midnight between December 31 and January 1, Chinese New Year varies each year and this year it began on Friday the 16th of February - the year of the Dog. The celebrations will last for over two weeks and take place on a different date each year because it is based on the lunar calendar. New Year's Day normally falls between January 21 and February 20 each year.

2018 is the Year of the Dog and the Chinese zodiac moves in a twelve year

cycle where those born in 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, and 2018 are also known as Dogs. According to Asian astrology, your year of birth – and the animal this represents – determines a lot about your personality traits. Although each of the twelve animals gets an outing every dozen years, there are different varieties – and 2018 will be the first year of the Earth Dog since 1958. We wish our visitors well

One of my favourite reads is the "Commodore's Notes" which is the regular update from the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club (LAAC). This month, Commodore Keith Miller highlighted the feedback that he has taken on board from the hundreds of members and guests he had spoken with through the busy month of January and the overwhelming sentiment of ensuring the redevelopment of their Club House doesn't become too up-market and lose its character and appeal.

The LAAC is such a great community

hub and the team do a brilliant job of looking after all members and visitors alike. I would urge anyone who is not already a member to become one and enjoy the hospitality and camaraderie that holds this facility in such high esteem across all levels of our social fabric.

The Committee for Lorne hosted our first meeting for 2018 where it was noted that our priority project – "Accommodating Lorne – The Housing Project" is on track for its mid year delivery, and Project Leader Graham Brawn is working feverishly behind the scenes to capture as much community input as possible – stay tuned!

Our next Lorne Community Luncheon has been set down for the Friday the 9th on March at the View at the Lorne Hotel. As always please ensure you RSVP to [nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au](mailto:nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au) with guest speakers to be announced over the coming weeks.

**Ian Stewart**  
Chairman - Committee for Lorne



COMMUNITY  
PROFILE

## GREG TOOTELL

You would have to say Greg and Jan, his wife of 38 years, are passionate about golf. During the summer in Lorne they play every day. For the last 15 years they have organised 'The Lorne Classic', a golf tournament for 40+ players complete with opening cocktail party and a presentation dinner on the final night. Greg's love of the game has taken him on golfing adventures to Scotland, Ireland and Vietnam.

He has also played amateur football in Melbourne and toured with The Galahs. "I loved that. I went with them to Romania, UK, Ireland and to New York where I stayed on and travelled with a friend around the US for a month."

Greg was born and educated in Melbourne. After finishing school he joined the family wine and spirit business and stayed until it was sold. He continued to work in that area but for other companies in similar businesses, until he retired ten years ago.

Greg's grandfather used to take his family to Erskine House before building his own house in the 1920s. His own early memories are connected to the time of bathing boxes, dodgem' cars, roller skating and The Fun Parlour. The Tootells used the old family home for many years before buying their own holiday house in North Lorne. It was lost in the '83 fires but rebuilt quickly.

The Tootells come to Lorne every weekend. They enjoy having their two children and their families come to stay..... just another couple who love the place.

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### March

- 4 Clean Up Australia Day,**  
9am - 11am Register LAAC – 9am
- 8 International Women's Day,** 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Lorne Country Club. Enquiries at Surf Coast Shire – 5261 0600. Bookings at – [www.iwdscs.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.iwdscs.eventbrite.com.au)
- 17 -2/4 Lorne Sculpture Biennale,** a vibrant festival celebrating the best of Australian and international sculpture. A free event on the Lorne foreshore.
- 25 Deans Marsh Festival,** Live music, local harvest, market stalls, dog jumping, kids events, sheep dog demos and much more. 10 am – 5pm at Deans Marsh Oval.
- 29-2/4 Lions Easter Art Show,** at the Senior Citizens Centre.
- 31 Lorne Kinder Easter Market,**  
Located on the Lorne Foreshore 9am – 4pm.

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