

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Together we can build a healthier community



The Lorne Community Hospital is a not for profit charity that raises money to enable the Hospital to provide great healthcare and grow and develop innovative services across our region.

The Hospital's Annual Appeal brings all sectors of our community together to raise funds towards the extra services, equipment and programs that are not covered by government funding.

For the 2018 Annual Appeal, the Hospital's clinical staff were asked to identify two needs; one need with immediate impact, and one need with long-term impact.

Equipment and Facilities Fund

To provide great care in our urgent care department, the clinical staff have requested the need for a portable resus monitor to enable rapid reporting in critical conditions. The flexible bedside monitor meets changing patient acuity and care area needs, as well as maintaining all functions during intra-hospital transport. This important life-saving equipment provides continuous patient monitoring every step of the way.

Acute Nurse Unit Manager, Jason Phieler said "this piece of equipment is vital in the care of critically ill patients. It allows us to continually monitor their vital signs and cardiac rhythm, whilst stabilising them for transfer."

We continually need your help to maintain our facilities and equipment, to provide greater comfort for patients and enable our staff to deliver safer and efficient care that improves patient outcomes.

Active Community Fund

Keeping our community active is one of the Hospital's key goals. Research has proven that sedentary and low levels of exercise were significantly higher amongst people from regional and remote areas. Funds raised this year will go directly towards our 'active services', such as increasing community exercise classes, activities, education and our gymnasium expansion.

"We are passionate about empowering clients to take control of their health through education and exercise plans."

"Our aim is to facilitate and support great initiatives and projects that will help to make

our surrounding communities a great place to live and work", Campbell Craig LCH Exercise Physiologist.

In the past the community's response to the annual appeal has been incredible. Funds raised have injected money into the Wye River/ Separation Creek bush fire appeal, mental health initiatives, facilitating changes to the in-home delivery of services to keep seniors healthy in their own homes plus training for staff and vital equipment.

For many decades the Lorne Community Hospital has directly responded to the contemporary needs of its coastal communities and your donation to this 2018 appeal will help us to continue to be there for you.

- To donate you can either;
- Visit our website on www.lch.org.au and click on the donate button.
- Contact our reception staff on 5289 4300. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

If you have any queries, please contact Katy Kennedy, Fundraising Coordinator on kkennedy.lorne@swarh.vic.gov.au or 5289-4386.



A word from the *Chairman*

As this article goes to print and if everything goes to plan, Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV) will have ignited the major planned burn for the Lorne Cora Lynn Creek region. This major burn of approximately 1721 hectares, which has the goal of reducing fuel levels by 10-30%, has been meticulously planned and although ready to go earlier this week, FFMV have been respectfully conscious of the Lorne RSL ANZAC Day proceedings.

The continuing communication, planned burn maps and information sharing has been first class and we thank the FFMV teams for their ongoing consideration as we near the end of their planned burn program. For further and ongoing up to date information and notifications go to www.vic.gov.au/plannedburn.

As we close down the month of April and look to say goodbye to the mid twenty degree autumn days, May is shaping as another busy month for Lorne. Lorne's

May Music Festival Weekend launches the weekend of 4,5 & 6 of May, while the Great Ocean Road Running Festival closes out the month on the 20 & 21st of May. For further information on both events go to www.visitgreatoceanroad.org.au

Last Friday's Committee for Lorne Luncheon was an outstanding success as Terry Mulder, Co-chair of the Great Ocean Road Taskforce and his team delivered a well prepared discussion on the background and findings of the Great Ocean Road Taskforce issues paper. With over 60 attendees and an extended question time, it was a great platform to learn the background information in what hopefully one of the biggest game changers in management of the Great Ocean Road since it was built.

If you were not able to attend it's still not too late to have your say on the future management of the Great Ocean Road. Go to www.planning.vic.gov.au to download the issues paper and have your say by

April 30. Was great to hear that we had many new faces in attendance in our open community forum environment. I would like to reinforce that these events, like all others that we conduct are warmly open to all who have the interests of the Lorne Community at heart, irrespective of where you live or political affiliation, if any.

If you missed this luncheon make sure you place in your diary our next scheduled luncheon for Friday the 8th of June and remember you must RSVP to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au. And if you, family members or friends, are not on the Committee for Lorne data base (but would like to be) please forward your contact details to the above email address. You will then receive an electronic copy of the weekly "Lorne page" in the Surf Coast Times and broader information surrounding the Lorne Community.

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne



WHO IS LILLIAN?

Lillian's page, The Louttit Loop, in The Lorne Independent is certainly a source of information for those of us choosing not to use FaceBook. It's the first page I turn to very month and each time I wonder how she has acquired such a strong connection to the bush telegraph. Where does she get her news? "Firstly, I love people. I listen everywhere I go. If I'm running short of copy I comb the Lorne FaceBook notice board site, The Surf Coast Times and The Echo for relevant bits."

Lillian actually came to Lorne with the idea of writing, but in 2006 was asked by Jo Vondra, editor of The Lorne Independent, to write a regular half page article about Lorne people. Under his mentorship her association with the publication evolved. Her pseudonym and the current logo of the diving lady, designed by Elizabeth Rickey, are a tribute to the legendary local, Lillian Beaurepaire. In no time her half page became a full page and soon after, the recipient of a Community Newspaper Award.

It's obvious immediately *Lillian* writes exactly as she speaks. "I try to keep the page light, bubbly and harmless. I want to make people happy. I do my very best to ensure I don't offend anyone and mostly I have succeeded. If I am in doubt I will always ask permission". Why the anonymity I ask. "It's just a bit of fun." Well, there is no doubt *Lillian* is a fun person so that makes immediate sense.

She goes north for the winter. One year she sent down an article with a comparison of her destination and our town..... mainly referring to the importance of friendly service. One or two locals took it personally and gave her a bit of 'flack' so she's not in a hurry to try that again..... bit unfair when everything she does is, as a volunteer. It looks like we will miss her June report this year when she escapes again.

Thank you *Lillian* for your generous, regular commitment to our community. Your page adds to the esprit de corps in town, a plus for us all. It especially provides part time residents with an insight into local happenings and an understanding and deeper connection to the place we love so much.

The Louttit Loop not only has a special place in The Lorne Independent but is firmly woven into the fabric of the town.

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

April

28 **Great Ocean & Otway Classic Ride**

May

4-6 **Lorne May Music Festival Weekend**, various events at Cumberland Lorne, The Riverbank Café, Grand Pacific Hotel & Lorne Hotel. Book 2 nights accom at Cumberland Lorne, Grand Pacific Hotel or Lorne Hotel & receive 2 free tickets for 2 people to all events. More info lovelorne.com.au and oztix.com.au

19-20 **Great Ocean Road Running Festival**, Running, music, wellness.

5 **Lorne vs Otway Districts football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm

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