

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### June

- 23 **Lorne vs Simpson football** and netball, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 28 **Lorne Community and Hospital Auxiliary Inc. AGM**, at Lorne Community House at 11am.

### July

- 14 **Lorne vs Irrewarra-Beeac football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 28 **Lorne vs Apollo Bay football and netball**, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm

# LORNE COUNTRY CLUB Needs Your Help

**The Lorne Country Club has been a vital part of the framework and amenities that go to make Lorne such a special place. The current course has been praised, cursed and even had songs written about it!**

There is an active community of golf and tennis players and in summer, for manner spending their holidays in Lorne it is an integral part of the holiday activities, bringing permanent aand part time residents together. If you're not sports minded, it offers the best view in town for a drink and a meal. It's a wonderful asset for our town and community but now it needs your support.

The Lorne Country Club was established in 1982 following the amalgamation of the Lorne Golf Club and the Lorne Tennis Club however both sections of the Country Club have been in Lorne for a much longer period.

The Tennis section was first established on the foreshore not far from the existing Surf Life Saving Club, then relocated to Erskine House and ultimately to its current site at the Country Club. The Golf Club was originally located at Allenvale in 1954 and began relocation to its present site in 1969 thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers of the Club who began the building of the course and Clubhouse. A number of these volunteers are still members of the club today.

The devastating Ash Wednesday fires in 1983 destroyed the Clubhouse and other property at the Club. Much of the history and records of the Club were destroyed and a part of Lorne's identity has been lost. Once again volunteer club members rose to the challenge and rebuilt the present Clubhouse and tennis facilities. At this time the Lorne Country Club was established creating a private not-for-profit organisation for the benefit of the broader Lorne community. The Club has over 360 members although all facilities are available for public subject to any golf or tennis competitions being held. The Club has 2 part-time employees and relies heavily on a dedicated team of volunteers to maintain the Clubhouse golf course and tennis facilities. It is imperative that we maintain our facilities to standards that are compliant with council and building regulations and provide safe and enjoyable facilities for all members and guests.

The Committee has received expert advise from a structural engineer identifying a number of structural issues in regard to the Clubhouse. There is also a need to upgrade two tennis courts from red porous to synthetic grass courts. The Club does not qualify for any council or government grants, so it is the responsibility of our community to band together to provide financial support for our club

The Club is now seeking member and community financial support for these

important improvements. Both projects have been registered with the Australian Sports Foundation, our fundraising partners, which means that all donations are tax deductible.

The details of both projects are as follows:  
**Project 1: Lorne Country Club Tennis Court Surface Upgrade.**

*The Club is seeking to raise \$50,000 to upgrade Courts 1 and 2 to synthetic grass courts. Upgrading the court surface will increase participation for players of all ages and abilities, increase court usage and Club membership.*

**Project 2: Lorne Country Club Clubhouse Structural Repairs**

*Seeking to raise \$100,000 to remediate and replace structural supports damaged by termites and replace the skylight windows at the rear of Clubhouse damaged by the weather. This is necessary to extend the life of our Clubhouse.*

All donations will be recognised by the club and can be made by clicking on the following links or by contacting the club.

<https://tinyurl.com/LCC-Tennis>

<https://tinyurl.com/LCC-Clubhouse>

Should you have any questions, or would like to further discuss the above, kindly contact - Greg Matthews, Dale Ridgeway, Clive Goldsworthy or the club on [lornecountryclub@gmail.com](mailto:lornecountryclub@gmail.com)

**Clive Goldsworthy**  
President



## A word from the Chairman

It was only over recent weeks that sceptics have been forecasting a long dry cold winter with the dry summer and autumn weather patterns setting the trend for the months ahead. Well that was last week and seven days is a long time in Lorne's weather cycle as we have all just seen. With just over 80ml recorded in most local rain gauges, tides as high as any seen over the past decade and erosion from the ocean continuing to threaten our coastline.

An amazing sensation when Mother Nature looks to throw everything and more at the coast and when she's performing at her best the seasonal cycles of our weather patterns are well and truly balanced. All of

a sudden, echoes of a wet, cold, extended winter have replaced the optimism that was being felt only a short time ago.

Whatever weather patterns lay ahead there is only one thing for certain and that is that the winter solstice coincides with the date of this week's paper ie June 21 2018 and will deliver us 9 hours, 30 minutes and 40 seconds of daylight - our shortest for the year. The solstice is an astronomical event that happens twice, once in winter and once in summer each year when the sun reaches its highest position in the sky as seen from the North or South Pole. So rain, hail or shine, our days will now only get longer until the summer solstice in late

December.

One of the greatest assets of our town has always been the underlying breadth and diversity of residents and visitors alike. Whether a permanent, part time, seasonal worker or a visitor from another part of our country our community has always been such a vibrant and parochial participant in all that is relevant. I love being part of it and the opinions that vary are such an important characteristic of the fabric of our town.

Through past generations I have learnt from those that came before me that these differing opinions are a strong foundation for what is eventually decided. But we all must be careful that the respect we hold for each other is never dented as opinions differ, and to never forget that the underpinning

passion we all have for our town is the glue that must keep this respect in place.

The current Point Grey Project is a classic point in case and irrespective of the outcome, these values need to be maintained. I am sure we all have our own personal views that are not always perfectly aligned to the proposed outcome. I know I certainly do, but I will continue to listen and advocate for the wishes of the majority of the major stakeholders to the Precinct.

**Ian Stewart**  
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

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