

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### 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

## SEA TO SAND RETURNS

**AFTER MONTHS** of organising, fundraising and researching, the Lorne P-12 College VCAL students finally made it to Santa Teresa, Alice Springs, to what has turned out to be a life changing experience. For most of our students, this was the first time that they had been to Central Australia and the first time they had stayed in an Aboriginal community.

After the long drive through the red desert to Santa Teresa, the students quickly immersed themselves into the local school's program. Throughout their stay they embraced the Aboriginal culture with respect and interest. Oven cooking, craft, the equine program and shared stories during a desert sleep out, the students made strong and lasting friendships.

By having this heart connection with the Santa Teresa community, the Lorne students felt a strong desire to give back. They are now planning a week in October for the Aboriginal students to come and experience what Lorne has to offer. For many, it will be the first time they have seen an ocean let alone travelled so far.

Through this dynamic, integrated, VCAL program we have linked in with the community, both local and wider. Organisations such as Bendigo Bank and Colac and Torquay Rotary clubs, not to mention our wonderful locals, have made all this possible. From this connection, students have grown emotionally and academically and have been exposed to experiences that have demanded team work, flexibility, commitment and celebration. All real life work ready and employable skills. We thank you all for your support and welcome new partnerships as we prepare for our guests later in the year.



## NEWS FROM LORNE

# P-12 College

### Lorne P-12 College Celebrates New Front Play Area

The Lorne P-12 College has completed extensive work during the past year to improve the aesthetics and functionality of the Smith Street frontage, including a new front entrance, a new boundary fence and refurbished creative play areas, both grass and hard surface. In addition, a number of damaged storm water and sewage lines were replaced.

Our contractors, Southern Edge Landscapes and Chris Trigg Plumbing completed the works and the school community can be proud of the upgrade.

A huge thank you to our Parent Club for their amazing work in contributing over \$65,000 towards the completion of the project and to the 2016 Falls Festival Grant from which the College received \$10,000.

Also thanks to our consultant architect Josh Crosbie and the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee in

developing the plans for the area.

Through the 'Artists in Schools' program local artist Veronica Phillips has worked with our students to construct a 'willow pod' at the northern end which beautifully complements the front area, a big thank you to Veronica for her imagination and creativity.

Further works will be completed this year on the Smith Street frontage. A sculpture designed by Glen Romanis and Mark Tringham will be installed to complement the front entrance with \$9,000 of funding towards this coming from the 2017 Falls Festival Grant. The historic archway on the corner of Grove Road and Smith Street, which dates back to the College's jubilee in 1929 will also receive a much needed straightening.

The play areas will be further upgraded with the addition of line markings, including giant chess, goanna hopscotch, 8 square and snakes and ladders.



From left: Mella Morgan, Julie Pocock and Anna Crosbie (all Parent Club) Don Tyrer (behind, buildings and grounds sub-committee), Kate Walker (Parent Club), Lee Gordon (School Council President), Nicola Muxworthy (School Council and Parent Club), Chris Burton (Falls Festival), Josh Crosbie (architect), Geoff Couper (Assistant Principal) and Karen Biggelaar (Principal) celebrate the new Smith Street frontage of the Lorne P-12 College.



## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**I THOUGHT** it was topical to continue the discussion about "mother nature" and just how important our environment continues to be not only for us, but also for the future generations ahead of us all. We have spoken about the weather patterns, the tides and natural progression of change that has been somewhat out of our control, and I can understand that. But there is another element that has been "swept under the carpet" for too long that we can change and have some influence over.

Recently a work colleague of mine returned from a short stay to Bali and being an avid, mad keen surfer was disgusted to experience the ever increasing amount of pollution,

especially plastics, that were evidenced in Balinese waters. I'm sure we've all seen ongoing evidence of this world-wide problem and yet not too many have been prepared to implement and support change to help our environment, and I, to a degree, am guilty!

I have been extremely fortunate to have experienced Sri Lanka over recent weeks with very good Lorne friends and it was here that my learnings and appreciation for the range of problems we are creating went to another level. It was at the Mahamodara Sea Turtle Hatchery and nursery that my complacency was finally to end. It was not this single beautiful endangered species that was the sole driver to ignite my motivation for change

but a combination of factors that I could no longer live with, not the least being how may our Lorne environment look for further generations if we do not initiate and embrace change now.

I am conscious that we don't have turtles in Louttit Bay, but I am concerned that for future generations, our own unique environment needs to be preserved as much as any other. To learn that Turtles, which feed on Jelly Fish are unable to distinguish between their preferred delicacy and a plastic bag is as much concern as seeing a plastic bag, bottle or cup washing up on the beach in front of the Lorne Surf Club or being entangled in the weed beds beneath the pier. It is a stark reminder that we must change.

It was almost twelve months ago that Sarah Harbison led the push for Lorne to go plastic free and ensure every chance of retaining our greatest natural assets are protected with

the respect they demand. It's been a big step forward for Lorne and one that now needs to go to another level, and the Committee for Lorne are hopeful it will.

And following on with a bit of trivia I learnt that a turtles heart only beats every 9 minutes, and I feel sure that if you can help make a difference that your resting heart may be in the low range of the Australian average that sits within 60 to 100 beats per minute!

**Ian Stewart**  
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

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