

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE OP SHOP GOING STRONG

Here we are halfway through 2018 already and 2017 seems to have just ended yesterday!

Over the last 4 years almost \$1,000,000 has been generated by the Lorne Op Shop for the Lorne community. Last year was probably the Lorne Op Shop's most successful year to date. By the end of the calendar year a total of \$179,238 had been returned to the Lorne community, funding a variety of different projects.

Last year, the vast majority of this money, in fact 93% of all projects financed, went to the Lorne Community Hospital (LCH). This included:

- \$50,000 donation to the LCH Annual Appeal
- \$45,552 for a portable ultrasound machine
- \$35,000 for an OT Unit for eye testing
- \$26,032 for furniture, training, etc.
- \$3,454 for wheel chairs, etc.
- \$2,400 per quarter for "Special Treats" for the LCH Aged Care residents

As well as supporting the LCH, smaller amounts were made available to a number of other organisations in Lorne, including the Lorne P-12 College, the Lorne Kindergarten and the Lorne Community House. The Lorne Op Shop also supported the Red Frogs group, who care for young people during Schoolies Week in Lorne, with a donation of \$10,000 to assist them to provide accommodation and food to the large number of volunteers who make up the Red Frogs team.

The Lorne Op Shop continues to be run totally by volunteers. The President, Stella O'Donnell, is a resident of Wye River and has experienced first-hand the trauma that bushfire can cause in a small community, almost losing her house and sharing the grief of others who lost everything in the Christmas 2016 fires. She helps to tie the Wye River community into the work of the Op Shop, which supports the whole LCH area, including Lorne, Wye River and Separation



Creek, Deans Marsh and Aireys Inlet. Our Secretary, Wendy Jarratt and Treasurer, Bill Rees, supported by an executive committee, keep the wheels turning smoothly and the money going out to our community.

Our volunteers put hours of work into running the Lorne Op Shop each week. They take one, or sometimes two, regular weekly shifts, during which time they receive and sort donations, value special items, keep the shop clean and tidy, and of course, serve our customers. Other volunteers make themselves available to fill emergency shifts when regulars are ill or away. Everyone has their own ideas about the best way to do things, and we don't all agree all the time! But, overall, the Lorne Op Shop is a happy gang of people who care about their community and each other, and who work hard to make sure that LCH and other community groups have access to the best health and safety provisions available.

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

August

- 11 **Lorne vs Colac Imperials** football and netball, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm
- 26 **Run the Marsh**, 3km walk, 2km & 5km fun run at Frogwood Arboretum. Register at deansmarsh.org.au.
- 30 **FOPA** – Festival of Performing Arts, featuring comedy, cabaret, magic, music and roving entertainment at locations around Lorne. www.fopa.com.au



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

One of our great local clubs is the Lorne Country Club which, with its small membership base of just over 260, provides and maintains a nine golf course and multiple tennis courts for the use of its members and public alike. It is such a brilliant facility that offers our locals and visitors a fantastic, year round experience, overlooking Louttit Bay. The core membership makes an enormous contribution, volunteering hundreds of man hours on a regular basis to maintain the facilities and resource the licensed premises.

Though the summer months, the Club has been fortunate to have a group of our non-permanent residents give up hours of their holiday time to voluntarily occupy the green fee boxes to collect fees from visitors using and loving the course. The Committee of the Club have been extremely

diligent in maintaining a strict budget while at the same time adding to the facility in negotiating contracts with experienced, well credentialed caterers, again all on volunteer basis.

What many don't realise is that, unlike many other Clubs from where our visitors hail, we do not have the turnover of year round golfers and tennis players to be able to afford the offerings that many expect and are used to with the Clubs with which they may be associated. But for Lorne people, we get used to that, and it doesn't matter whether it be the Lorne Aquatic and Anglers Club, Lorne Football and Netball, Lorne Surf Club, Lorne Community Hospital Shop or in fact most local organisations full stop – its something we do and we are proud of.

Every now and then one of these local groups need a little "extra help" and right

now its our local Country Club who are looking to complete two important projects to ensure the long term sustainability of our Club. The Committee has received expert advice from 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 grants (even though we provide public courts for general use given that, unlike neighboring towns, there are no other facilities), so the responsibility falls back onto our members and wider community to provide financial support for the works. The Lorne Country Club members have done an enormous amount of "heavy lifting" over the years to ensure our facilities are where they are today but right now we need your help.

Both of these projects have been registered with the Australian Sports Foundation, the Club's funding partners, which means all donations are tax deductible, and all donors will be recognised by the Club. I urge you to do what you can to help (www.tinyurl.com-Tennis or www.tinyurl.com/LCC-Clubhouse) and ensure that the facilities of the one of Australia's best Country Clubs with ocean views, are maintained and improved for future generations!

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne

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