

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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PICK MY PROJECT Government Funding for Lorne Community Projects

Recently, the State Government announced an innovative scheme to provide funding for local community projects.

The program is called "Pick My Project". The Government has allocated \$30M to this program and communities throughout Victoria were invited to submit proposals for funding local projects which would make communities better places to live. The projects could include small infrastructure projects, services or events, or programs to improve community and bring people together. For more information on this initiative, visit www.pickmyproject.vic.gov.au.

Eligible projects had to be proposed by a community member and be supported by relevant agencies such as Surf Coast Shire or Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) as appropriate.

Two projects have been proposed for Lorne. The first is to secure the additional funding necessary to install a multipurpose electronic scoreboard at Stribling Reserve as per the Stribling Reserve Master Plan. The second project is to update the external façade of the Lorne Historical Society.

The scoreboard project was proposed by Stribling Reserve Committee Chairman, Peter Spring. While the primary purpose is scoring sporting activities at the Oval, the electronic display will be capable of a variety of applications for community engagement including cinema and concert. Stribling Reserve is also an Emergency Staging Area and the display would be used for community messaging in the event of emergencies.

The Stribling Reserve Master Plan identified that the Reserve is more than just a sporting venue. It is a community hub already providing facilities for a wide variety of community activities.

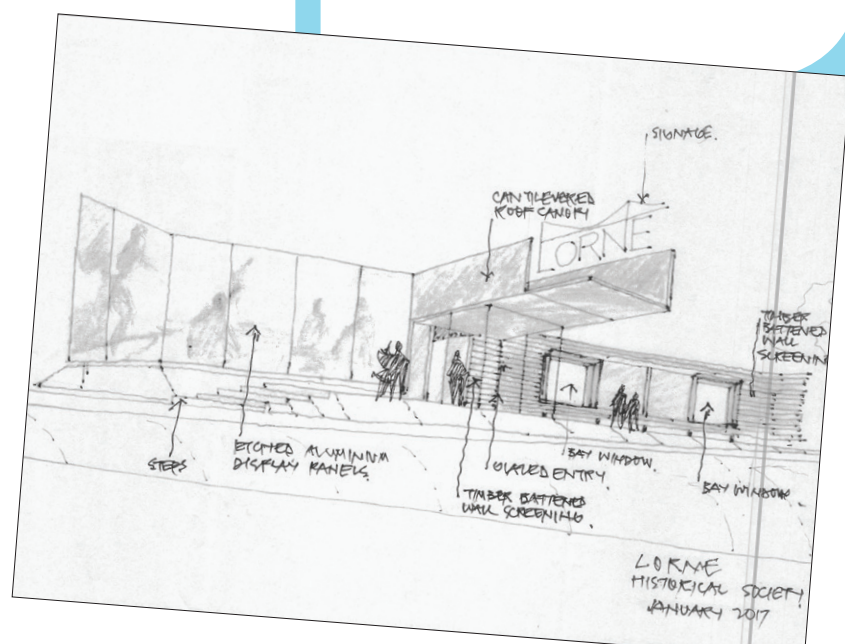
While there have been financial commitments for this project from Federal Government and Surf Coast Shire, success in the Pick My Project initiative will provide the necessary funds to complete the project.

The Lorne Historical Society has for some time been wanting to upgrade the façade of the building. It is one of the first buildings visitors see when they come across the bridge into Mountjoy Parade and it's a very, very tired looking building. Local architects have volunteered their time and have proposed upgrading this façade to something more modern and something which will showcase the Lorne Historical Society. An architect's impression of the proposed new façade is pictured here.

Gary Allen, President of the Lorne Historical Society, has proposed this project. The Surf Coast Shire has committed to match dollar for dollar any funds raised by the Society for this project. A success in Pick My Project would, just like the Stribling Reserve Electronic Display project, provide the funds to complete the project.

At the moment the evaluation team at Pick My Project is reviewing submissions from all over Victoria to ensure they comply with the guidelines of the program. Then the community will be asked to vote on the projects they want to support.

We will keep you posted on the progress



Artist's Impression showing location of proposed Scoreboard at Stribling Reserve

of these projects and if they are successful in the review process, we will inform of how to vote for these

two projects, both of which will be great improvements to amenities in Lorne.

LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

July

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

It's been a big week for Victorian Tourism with the recent news that the Great Ocean Road has overtaken the Great Barrier Reef in visitor numbers - and that's huge! It's probably no great surprise to those who have this region in their DNA, as for many there has never been anything that compares to our sensational local environment. With more and more people, many from international locations, visiting our coastline, the pressures are even greater as to how we preserve our greatest natural attractions.

A number of media articles have appeared over the past month some focusing on the condition and "breaking up" of the Great Ocean Road, others on the lack of infrastructure for our visitors and some on the risk of over development and lack of facilities for the wrong reasons. All of which, in my opinion, make an interesting commentary on our region but not always

with the knowledge and background information surrounding their stories.

One of these interesting reads appeared in the Melbourne's Age newspaper earlier in the week highlighting a number of proposed developments along the Great Ocean Road (specifically targeting the Resort Development proposed at Apollo Bay) "overwhelmingly unwanted" by local communities" and Lorne's Point Grey was one of those mentioned. Some weeks ago, in this very column, we provided a summary of the past ten years where the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) began the journey to explore the most desired options for Point Grey.

The journey, although not always smooth, has continually involved the local community from day one and evolved to where we are today. A number of local representatives have given up their time over ten years and

in my opinion, there is one very clear set of criteria that has been agreed by all. The Point Grey Precinct needs to be tastefully rejuvenated for our future generations, the precinct needs to provide for two separate buildings and the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club should remain in its current location.

It has been time consuming and fulfilling to be involved with GORCC in a process that has identified that the Point Grey Precinct is not being "reconstructed" to cater for large busloads of international tourists as a "fast food" stop and parking bay for 50 seater buses but a development that all of Lorne can proud of. Although we have a Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) approved master plan that effectively delivers the three key criteria supported by our community, the real hard work sits in front of us to deliver the specific "creative and construction"

functional detail of our naturally beautiful precinct without stuffing it up!

If you are unsure of where we are at, or what's been done in the past few years, feel free to speak with one of our Community members involved in the process or indeed myself. As for the input to the specifics of "creative and design" progress don't forget to attend the final GORCC session on Aug 11 from 9-12noon at the Lorne Community House. We all Love Lorne!

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

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