

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE BOWLS CLUB PRESIDENTS COMMUNITY CUP – 2018



Wednesday the 12th of September is the start of the 2018 Community Cup at the Lorne Bowls Club, sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank.

The competition, in its fourth year, has been a very successful way to start the bowling season and a fun low-key way to introduce the game of bowls to members of the Lorne Community. All you need is to partner with an experienced player, have a pair of flat-soled shoes and we do the rest.

The competition is held over three Wednesday afternoon/nights, commencing at 5.00 pm and we play for nightly and competition prizes totaling \$1,200. The rules will be explained by the team captain, we will supply the bowls and if you wish coaching is available the Friday before the competition begins. Each team must have a member who is not a pennant player. You can also arrange emergency players if you cannot commit to all three nights. The dates are:

Round One – Wednesday 12 September
Round Two – Wednesday 19 September
Round Three – Wednesday 26 September

In 2017 the Cup was won by Kevin Van Deuren, Peter Barraclough and Matt Neill.

Whilst playing pennant is a core activity for our Club, we have tried to adopt some new approaches – we now have the Community Cup as a regular part of the fixture, we are playing games under lights and adding new games, for example the recent 2/4/2 night competition.

Bowling Clubs must stay in touch with generational change:

- We have begun **Lornebowls2020**, which aims to “put everything that we do on the table for discussion”, and for this feedback and new ideas to be used to focus our efforts to make the Club sustainable into the 2020's. The aim will be to launch Lornebowls2020 at

the 2019 AGM.

- We have maintained our membership level, but the growth in social playing members has been significant during the past year.
- Monday music nights run by young community-minded people.
- The ladies have been proactive in recruiting more members, with excellent numbers attending Monday afternoon bowling.
- The installation of lights has already extended the use of the green in winter.
- Barefoot bowling continues to be a popular form of bowling and a solid source of income.
- Audience support when pennant bowling is at home is the envy of many clubs and the introduction of music is appreciated by most.
- Scheduling championship games, when possible, on a Friday evening with a BBQ has increased the members watching. Having a ladies and men's championship final at the same time was a great innovation.
- The introduction of dollar oysters was very successful on Friday nights in June.

Smaller bowling clubs are reliant upon sponsors.

The Great Ocean Road Real Estate and the Bendigo Community Bank continue to be the largest sponsors of our bowling program, sponsoring bowling events and the daily costs of running the Club. They are joined by smaller, but non-the-less very valuable sponsors – Lorne Electrics, Beach House Gifts, The Lorne Post Office, The Stribling family, June Stafford, Lorne Hardware and Leisure, Lorne Foodworks, Sue Theodore, Lorne Breakdown and Towing Services, Stephen Hishon Celebrant and Lawners' Café and Bar.

In a lower profile sport these sponsors ensure that we remain an important part of the social and sporting framework of the Lorne Community.

Gary Allen
President
Lorne Bowls Club

LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

August

- 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

September

- 12 **Lorne Bowls Club – Community Cup**. Competition starts at 5pm on each of the three days. Entry forms and more details at Lorne Bowls Club
- 15 **Amy's Gran Fondo**, Cycling event. amysgranfondo.org.au



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

There's been some very interesting commentary across the press in recent weeks promoting how, if elected, the Liberal Nationals Government will create a new Great Ocean Road Authority to manage designated Crown Land along the Great Ocean Road. This new authority would supposedly replace existing organisations including local government, Parks Victoria, DELWP and the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) that currently manage Crown Land along the coast.

According to the leader of the State Opposition, Mr Matthew Guy, who openly recognises the Great Ocean Road as one of Victoria's greatest assets and the longest war memorial in the world, has commented “Governments have a duty to ensure that icons like the Great Ocean Road are looked after and maintained; a Liberal Nationals

Government I lead will make sure that happens” he said.

Local Member for Polwarth Mr Richard Riordan commented “Local residents, businesses, and tour operators within the region have been asking for a more coherent and cooperative approach to management of the area. These reforms deliver the necessary changes to help boost the local economy, protect and create jobs, and ensure the future of this marvellous environmental asset”.

This vision is a view actively shared by a number of local people and organisations but is not likely to evolve overnight and we need to stay supportive of the Governance Structure that exists today. GORCC, for example, is a not for profit organisation that consists of a volunteer board that give up their time for an environment they are

passionate about, in working toward their vision of “World-leading environmental protection and coastal experiences for all.”

The GORCC Board has, over the past two years, been as aggressive towards delivering a Point Grey outcome as at any stage of the previous ten and the have taken the Community along with them as they strive to create an outcome that everyone can be proud of. This collaborative approach is one that must underpin whatever Governance Model is adopted in the future.

The same can be said with the Surf Coast Shire (SCS) and their award winning Governance model for the Stribling Reserve Master Plan. In their award submission documentation they summarised as follows, “Tensions have long existed between Government Bodies and the Lorne Community in relation to the provision

of public services. Recognising this, a partnership approach between the Lorne Community and the Surf Coast Shire was formed to develop the Stribling Reserve Masterplan”.

After lobbying extensively for a review of the Lorne Structure Plan 2003, we are excited to hear that the process is about to begin and we are hopeful that the success of the Stribling Reserve Master Planning process and the changing attitude of the Surf Coast Shire towards Community Partnerships will create a great pathway forward!

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

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