

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## LORNE AQUATIC AND ANGLING CLUB

### An update on design of new club

**The Committee of the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club (LAAC) is working closely with Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) to ensure that the new club facilities to be incorporated into the proposed redevelopment of the Point Grey precinct, will meet the Club's and the Community's needs well into the future.**

In the latest plan for Point Grey, commissioned by GORCC, there will be a new clubhouse of 235 square metres which is larger than the current building. The new building will address current and future accommodation needs and must be compliant with relevant building and design codes.

In order to make this new building compliant with the Building Code of Australia (BCA), the LAAC architects recommended an increase in building floorplan from the current 155 square metres to 235 square metres. The principal reasons were to address the specific needs for a proper kitchenette, liquor control requirements and updated toilet facilities to meet current standards.

If the building had remained at 155 square metres then, after incorporating required design for bar facilities and toilet facilities, including disabled access, the lounge area would have been limited to 10 square metres, less than the size of a normal bedroom!

The Department of Environment,

Land, Water & Planning (DELWP), the land owner, have asked GORCC to justify the proposed increase in area. The LAAC Committee has responded to DELWP's request:

The current building, which was in fact part of the Gracedale guest house, which was located on the site of the Senior Citizens and Lorne Community House, has served the LAAC members and the Lorne community with distinction for the past sixty years, but now has outgrown itself and cannot cater for today's needs of the community and a Club membership of 680, in a safe and healthy environment."

This statement formed part of our submission to DELWP and was accompanied by supporting letters from a large number of Lorne committees and community groups.

The LAAC is a community space which is used for :

- ARTS - Lorne Sculpture Biennale, Festival of Performing Arts.
- EDUCATION – Lorne P-12 College fishing programs, Snorkelling/ Rock Pool Rambles, Boat Rescue, Victorian Fisheries, Marine Radio Base.
- SPORTING – Pier to Pub, Mountain to Surf Run, Fishing competitions, Visiting sport groups- Cycling, Swimming, Football etc.
- SOCIAL – family reunions, birthdays, wakes, work break ups, pre/post wedding activities and a wide range of local and wider community uses.

Even now, some days it can be quite a squeeze as it is and for the future needs of a modern community facility to be met, the larger area is essential.

Let me stress, whilst we are seeking an increase in size for the new clubhouse, the actual size of the area we lease at Point Grey is to be reduced in size.

We are seeking broad community support for our increased size as recognised by GORCC. If they are behind us on this, we hope everybody else will be too.

**Keith Miller**

Commodore

Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club



## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### August

- 26 **Run the Marsh**, 3km walk, 2km & 5km fun run at Frogwood Arboretum. Register at [deansmarsh.org.au](http://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](http://www.fopa.com.au)

### September

- 1 **Surfcoast Wonderfalls Trail Run** Starting at Cumberland River/Lorne from 8am. Distances: 5km 13km 25km 42.2km 52km
- 6 **Womens Health Week Dinner**, an evening out to celebrate all the special women in your life at the Lorne Bowls Club. 3 course meal, welcome drink on arrival and the local duo, The Pickers performing. Ticket \$25 [www.trybooking.com/XHWQ](http://www.trybooking.com/XHWQ) or Community House.
- 12,19 & 26 **Lorne Bowls Club – Community Cup**. Competition starts at 5pm on each of the three days. Entry forms and more details at Lorne Bowls Club
- 15-16 **Amy's Gran Fondo Cycling event** [amysgranfondo.org.au](http://amysgranfondo.org.au)

## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Gotta say this is one of my favourite weeks of the year, and if you were to ask why, the answer is very simple - the last week of winter and the days are getting longer and the mercury begins its journey towards 20 degrees for the first time in months. With it comes an end to the various winters sports programs in the district as finals series get underway and for the Lorne Football and Netball Club (The Dolphins) this year presents a great opportunity for our footballers.

Following on from last season's history making year when both our A and B Grade senior netballers pulled off the near impossible of securing joint premierships, this year the same opportunity awaits our footballers, and more. The Dolphins enter the finals series with all teams well and truly

primed for September, a first for a number of years, with both senior sides finishing second on the ladder, our Under 17s third and our Under 14.5s fourth.

A big weekend coming up in Colac where all sides will pursue their dream to win a premiership. The Central Reserve in Colac will play host to the finals series with our Seniors, Reserves and Under 17s playing on Saturday, with the benefit of a double chance and our "young guns" in an Elimination Final on Sunday. If you get a chance, get over to Colac and support the Dolphins!!!!!!

Always refreshing to hear positives emerge around processes and this week I couldn't help but be so impressed with the enthusiasm expressed by the Commodore of our local Lorne Angling and Aquatic

Club (The Anglers) following their ongoing briefings and discussions with the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC). We have reported on many occasions in this forum over the past five years, the "unfolding" of the Point Grey Precinct Plan and as the Project enters the final phase of analysis and working with the Community feedback, momentum is continuing to build to a positive result.

"The Anglers Commodore" and his working group have been working closely with GORCC Chief Executive Vanessa Schernickau and her team and the feedback and respect for the ongoing relationship and discussions is well positioned to deliver a positive outcome for all involved. Although this is only one element of the Point Grey Precinct it is certainly a great indication of

GORCC's strong desire to work with the Community to deliver a project that we can all be proud of.

The countdown is now well and truly on to the Lorne Festival of the Performing Arts from the 30th of August till 2nd of September. Go to [www.fopa.com.au](http://www.fopa.com.au) to secure your tickets if you have not already done so.

**Ian Stewart**

Chairman - Committee for Lorne

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