

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## Dolphins win 2018 Seniors Premiership

### *An Epic Journey*

**On Saturday last, in appalling conditions; temperatures below 5 degrees, rain, hail and wind, the Lorne Seniors football team led from the start to win the Premiership against their old rival, Birregurra.**

It was a wonderful win; Lorne were not the favourites and in 2017, had lost the Grand Final to Birregurra. This was a premiership four years in the making and is a classic example of what happens when attention is paid to all elements of the Club and everyone works together. A new Committee, led by Ken Hosking as President, started the journey towards this Premiership four years ago.

A series of changes over that four year period set the stage for a great outcome on Saturday. New players, focus on the culture of the Club, new coaches, a fully supportive football department and Committee were the elements of change that contributed to Saturday's win. After the loss to Birregurra last year, there was a very clear focus and intent that 2018 would be different.

Lorne Football & Netball Club began their 2018 campaign in November 2017 with Kane Smartt joining Sam Stavenuiter as joint coach. Former league Best and Fairest and Lorne junior Lewis Hollmer, returned to the club to add much needed fire power to the forward line.

The season kicked off with the traditional "blockbuster" game on Easter Saturday – Lorne vs Birregurra. If you haven't been to the Easter Saturday game, pencil in the date for 2019; it is an amazing spectacle. You will never see a crowd like that at Stribling Reserve on any other occasion.

You will see and hear Lorne's Number One Ticketholder, Mike Brady sing a rousing version of "Up there Cazaly". This Easter Saturday "blockbuster" was yet another initiative of the new Committee and is now a highlight of the season.

On that occasion Birregurra were the winners. Birregurra also won the next time they played Lorne. Lorne only lost one other game for the season; against Simpson. Lorne was in the finals and key player Mark "Chippy" McCormack took out the League's Best and Fairest for the second year in a row. The stage was set!

There was no question on Saturday that the Lorne team was fired up and hungry for the win. Lorne kicked the first 4 goals of the grand final with the aid of a strong breeze. In trying conditions, the two best teams then went head to head in a low scoring "arm wrestle" until late in the 4th quarter when Lorne kicked two quick goals to seal the win. Lorne player Steven Oliver was named best on ground in the 21 point win.

In the midst of the celebrations, President Ken Hosking confirmed that, after four years, he was stepping down as President. He also confirmed that in 2019, Jack Hollmer will be coming back to Lorne as coach. Ken is stepping down at a time when the Club is in a great place. A strong, vibrant, inclusive culture, a great player list, another premiership flag and a Club well positioned for the future.

It's been a long journey but the results are there. Congratulations are due the Ken Hosking and his Committee, the coaches, players and all in the football department and to all who supported the Dolphins in so many different ways.

Here's to a "back to back" in 2019!

### LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

#### September

- 20 **'The Cockatoos'**, Lorne P – 12 College production. Set in Lorne, "a town where nothing ever goes wrong". At the Lorne Cumberland Auditorium at 6:30pm Tickets \$25 from [www.trybooking.com/421384](http://www.trybooking.com/421384)
- 25 **Lorne CFA Kids Fire Safety** session, Fun, games, story-time, and craft activities. At Lorne Community House 3-4pm
- 26 **Lorne Bowls Club –** Community Cup. Competition starts at 5pm. Entry forms and more details at Lorne Bowls Club

#### October

- 5 **Committee for Lorne Luncheon.** 12pm for 12.30 start at The View at the Lorne Hotel. Our guest Graeme Wilkie who will share his vision and direction for the 2020 Lorne Sculpture Biennale. To book, contact [nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au](mailto:nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au)



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## — A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN —

What a big week it's been in Lorne for so many different reasons not least to say the mid twenties feel that Summer's around the corner last Friday, then temperatures around 5 degrees, driving rain, hail and wind on Saturday and then to a mixture of both on Sunday. And while Mother Nature was doing her best to reinforce that Spring delivers all, two very big events concluded successfully.

The mighty Lorne Dolphins defied all odds and defeated the raging hot favorites Birregurra by 21 points to become one of only three Clubs in the Colac and District Football League to win the senior premiership on twelve occasions. The gritty win on a day when temperatures were in single digits, and hail appeared more than once, the Lorne boys turned it on from the first bounce and stayed strong all day.

There were numerous highlights throughout the weekend and none better than images across social media that captured the three Smartt boys proudly holding the 2018 Premiership Cup. Given the commitment of the entire Smartt Family over multiple generations their commitment to the Club, on so many levels, is never forgotten.

It's been a big year for the Club and with retiring President Ken Hosking having brought down the curtain on his term and leaving behind a 'blue ribbon' coach in place for next year, a clear strategic path, great culture and a financially strong balance sheet, the job is complete on Ken's great commitment over the past four years and he needs to be applauded for his efforts and all the tough decisions made over the journey.

Almost as special was a moment on the "Gentlemen's Bus" on the return journey when Henry Love spontaneously broke into the verse of an original Lorne Football Club song. Words I have never heard before "To see Rusty Norton go up for a mark, he goes up in the morning and he comes down in the dark" and many more reminiscent of a bygone era – GOLD!

It was straight back to business on Monday as members of the CfL and Friends of Lorne met with Surf Coast Shire Officers to discuss the review of the Lorne Strategy Plan, 2003. The Shire has allocated funds in the 2018/19 budget to prepare a new structure plan for Lorne and Officers are in the early stages of scoping the project, including the governance model and community engagement. It's great that

discussions have begun and I'm sure there will be plenty more to follow – stay tuned.

Don't forget Friday October 5 for our next Committee for Lorne Community Luncheon at the View@Lorne Hotel. We will have two guest speakers on the day. Graeme Wilkie's presentation - "Bring Me a Higher Love", the new model for the Lorne Sculpture Biennale and other ARTY stuff (Graeme's words) will talk of the plans for the 2020 Biennale. Venessa Schernickau, CEO of Great Ocean Road Coast Committee will be presenting an update on the Point Grey redevelopment project. To confirm your attendance please RSVP to [nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au](mailto:nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au).

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