

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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THE LORNE COMMUNITY - CONNECTED AT LUNCH

There were several reasons why the Lorne Community Connect, as an entity, was created.

Membership of Senior Citizens had fallen significantly over recent years and it was time to re-engage with our Community. Hence "Lorne Community Connect" was established, using the Senior Citizens building as its base and following the traditions of the Senior Citizens, such as regular lunches but with a goal to attract a wider and more diverse membership to foster friendship and camaraderie within our community. Indications that this initiative was needed within our community and is proving to be successful, can be seen through the lunch held last Wednesday in the Centre and at the lunches cooked by Christine Walding every first Wednesday in the month.

Last week, thirty-six members, from a wide ranging cross section of the Lorne community, came together and enjoyed a fantastic lunch provided by the Mantra management and staff. This form of social connectedness is priceless. There is much research to support the health benefits of social interaction. However the research was not needed - the benefits were self-evident on Wednesday.

The changed format of the lunches has led to over ninety people taking membership in Lorne Community Connect. Such support is invaluable in not only

providing an immediate cash injection into the organisation, but it also adds weight to any future applications for funding to develop the facility and to support new and innovative programs.

Every third Wednesday of the month, we are offering the businesses of Lorne an opportunity to "strut their stuff" and at the same time to be involved in a worthwhile community service. Mantra becomes the second restaurant along with Luke Morgan's Lawner's Restaurant at the Lorne Bowls Club to become involved.

How many Lorne residents drive home in winter, say around 9 pm, and bemoan the fact that most restaurants are closed? The reality is that Mantra is still open and operating its dining room, which must be one of Lorne's best kept secrets and on Wednesday, they were able to promote this fact.

We encourage more residents to become members; the joining fee is a mere ten dollars and the cost of a two course lunch, is great value at fifteen dollars. It is important that you book the Monday before the first and third Wednesdays. You are able to write your name on the noticeboard at the Lorne Community Connect building (formally known as the Lorne Senior Citizens), or email your booking to lornecommunityconnect@gmail.com

Gary Allen

President

Lorne Community Connect



The Mantra Team (l to r) - Bevan Vahland (chef) Tahlia Brullo, Tegan Friedl and Raj Kakarla (General Manager)

LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

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
- 7 **The Surf Coast Wedding Fair,** A refreshing alternative to the traditional bridal expo with a handpicked collection of sought-after vendors in the wedding field. At The Peak at The Lorne Country Club. Free event 1-4pm.

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— A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN —

The past week has had the Lorne School front and centre of many local conversations and all for such good reasons. Although we may be without an "Official Principal" following the recent departure of Karen Biggelaar, our local "Unofficial Principal" and his team at the school never fail to impress. Two great stories to come out of the school over the past week continue to reinforce just how fortunate we are.

Last week's sell out performance of "The Cockatoos" which was written by the Lorne P-12 College students, and Rusty Berther, had the town raving about its success. Many missed out as show was so popular, and such a great example of the diversity of education on offer here in Lorne.

The second story revolves around a group of our Lorne P12 College Year 9 students;

Laura Wallis, Tasmyn Fulton and Dominique MacLeod. They have a shared passion for the environment, locally and globally. The three students are currently working together as part of their Year 9, IBL (Inquiry Based Learning) Community Action Project, to help save the Indigenous culture of the Mentawai Islands and I share with you their words:

"As Worlds Divide"

The Mentawai culture is one of the most fascinating and richest indigenous cultures. Tragically, it is perilously close to being extinguished by the surge of Indonesia's modernisation. Producer/Director Rob Henry is an independent filmmaker who shares a passion for the environment, social justice and human rights. In 2009 Rob travelled to the Mentawai islands, 150

meters off the coast of West Sumatra, where he lived with an Indigenous tribal community for eight years. Rob's quest for a more meaningful, fulfilling and sustainable way of life, saw him resigning from the daily grind of mainstream city life and embarking on a life changing spiritual journey.

Please join us to be a part of this incredible opportunity to spend an evening watching Rob Henry's "As Worlds Divide" and participate in a Q&A afterwards with Rob himself, led by our three local students from Lorne P 12 College.

Rob's film will be shown on Saturday the 6th of October, the last Saturday of the school holidays at the Cumberland Auditorium. The show will commence at 5.30pm and \$20 tickets can be purchased either at the door or online at Eventbrite,

using this link - <https://tinyurl.com/as-worlds-divide>

All proceeds will go directly towards maintaining the education and culture of Indigenous Mentawai people."

Don't forget Friday the 5th of October's Community Lunch where we have Graeme Wilkie's key note presentation "Bring Me a Higher Love", the new model for the Lorne Sculpture Biennale. We will also be introducing Great Ocean Road CEO Vanessa Schernickau who will share an update on Point Grey. To confirm your attendance please RSVP to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne