

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 5 **Committee for Lorne Luncheon.** Come along at midday for lunch at Lorne View and hear Graeme Wilkie unfold his vision for the next Sculpture Biennale - a whole new approach! Vanessa Schernikau, CEO of Great Ocean Road Coast Committee will provide an update on the Point Grey redevelopment project. Bookings essential - Contact Nicole at Great Ocean Road Real Estate - 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.
- 9 **Seniors Festival High Tea.** Join us for morning tea in recognition of the senior members of our community and the enormous contribution they make. 10.30am at Lorne Community House.

Lorne Bowls Club Community Cup

Another great event in Lorne

Over the month of September the Lorne Bowls Club conducted the fourth President's Community Cup, sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank.

The Club is extremely grateful to the bank not only for the funds to stage this three week event, but for the overall level of support that it gives to many organisations in the Lorne Community and the wider district. Smaller rural bowls clubs do find it difficult to gain business support. In Lorne we are very fortunate not only to have the Bendigo Community Bank's support, but also that of the Great Ocean Road Real Estate (our major sponsor) and the newly gained support of Live Wire Park.

This year the event attracted a record level of participation, in fact in its current format we were unable to have any more community members participate and registrations were received with minimal effort from the club organisers. The main purpose of the event is to introduce the sport of lawn bowls to a wider audience, in turn encouraging increased community engagement and providing another way to have fun.

Each team contained at least one non-pennant player. However, many teams had two novices and two teams were totally comprised of non-bowlers.

For example: Paki Henry, Jack Ngatai, James Harding and John Pene formed a team called "Hi Marks" that did not win a match, but they had a great time, tried hard and really enjoyed playing the game. Another team led by Robert Staley rotated new bowlers from three others - Will Butler, Marie Modrego and Pablo Aldabalde. Called "Ye Olde Bowlers" they won games and had a higher overall score than another team that I shall not mention!!! The number of young bowlers participating highlighted to me one of the great strengths of lawn bowls - it is a sport that at all levels can be intergenerational.

I wish to thank Steve Donne and Jeff Woolley who assisted me with the running of the event, Luke Morgan who gave generously of his time to cater for the final night and to the members of the Lorne Community whose support has now ensured the ongoing placement of the event in the town's sporting and social calendar.

Gary Allen
President
Lorne Bowls Club

Photo of winners

Cr. Clive Goldsworthy presented the prizes on the final night and pictured with him is the winning team of Sam Coulson, John Langdon and Tim Foord. The winning team not only collected the cup, but also \$450 for first prize. They bowled very well over the three Wednesdays, winning five and drawing one game. Their aggregate score of 139 points was well ahead of the second placed team of Jeff Woolley, Jeff Reddie and Toby Johnson who scored 125 points, followed in third place by Steve Donne, Sheryl Donne and Karen Turner scoring 117 points. Three additional teams won a nightly prize of \$150.



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A special weekend has passed with the culmination of two of Australia's biggest biggest sporting events of the calendar year, the AFL and the NRL Grand Finals. With over 100,000 and 70,000 fans respectively at the events, it would be hard to pick the major highlight. For me, it did not come from the on field action.

In the wake of the unfortunate dismantling of the Collingwood premiership banner pre-game by an extraordinary wind gust, Nathan Buckley diverted from his pressure driven pre-game preparation to go out of his way to comfort a distraught female senior cheer squad leader - absolute class act!

Then on Sunday, to witness Melbourne Storm convincingly go down to the Sydney Roosters and witness senior Storm players express emotions and good wishes to former

team mate Cooper Cronk was reinforcement to me why both these clubs are enjoying success and by the way, I am not an avid Collingwood or NRL supporter. It's these "little things" that make such a big difference.

It only seems like yesterday that the Shire of Winchelsea was dissolved as the Surf Coast Shire emerged, while parts were consolidated into other Municipal structures. As Lorne "found its feet" and built new relationships, so would our Community journey evolve with strong Community involvement through until 2003/2004, but then all went quiet. No local Council representation, many local community groups not looking to work as one and when we look back, it was like a lost generation.

And the first half of the next decade saw all that begin to change across many different levels. It has not all has been smooth sailing,

but that's OK, as I am yet to hear anyone disagree that we are not in a better space today than we were back then. There will be some from "outside" and probably some from "within" that are not 100% happy with the way our town is represented and that's OK too, as only one thing is certain and that is "no one is precluded from rolling up their sleeves and being involved".

There is so much going on in Lorne and so much great work being done by so many different people but there are some who don't agree, and that's OK as long as they are also "putting in". This town is a Community that gets things done, looks after its own and supports its majorities while being respectful of those who are actively involved but who don't always share the common view. Where my patience runs short is where there is

criticism without action, words without verbs and a belief that "sit back and it will be done".

The Lorne Country Club, is currently a great working example, where their tennis and golf members are both actively involved in improving their own facilities with working bees and development of a strategic plan to address dwindling financial resources and assets in disrepair. It comes at a cost and quite often criticism can erode the work of the strong and committed -but in this case not. Those committed members are applying themselves diligently to the tasks at hand, in the face of lack of support and criticism and achieving great things. Well done to all of them and keep up the good work!

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne