

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 8 Christmas Market**, Local Art & Craft at The Store Deans Marsh 9am-2pm
- 15 Carols on the Lorne**, St Cuthbert's Church Lorne, sausage sizzle from 6:30pm and carols from 7:30pm
- 16 Carols in the Marsh**, Christmas fun for Community, family & friends. 6pm Deans Marsh Reserve.

Susan Sutton, the Artist and her Art

A book which showcases our environment

A new biography: Susan Sutton: The Artist and her Art, was launched by author Marion Pescud, at Metropolis Gallery in Geelong earlier this month.

The book follows Susan's journey from the aspirations of her early years to the maturity of acclaimed recognition.

As a prominent artist in Lorne, Susan has for many years captured the unique qualities and experiences which embody the true spirit of Lorne. Her paintings have depicted beach scenes, swimmers in the Pier to Pub, the environment of the Otways and landscapes of the Surf Coast to name a few.

In the Introduction to her book, the writer says of Susan: "Her work mostly concentrates on Victoria's Surf Coast along the Great Ocean Road between Geelong and Lorne and the Otway Ranges beyond. She brings life to her work with atmospheric renditions of the region - moody skies over lonely winter beaches, and the sunny energy of summer sands, juxtaposed with lush but subdued leafiness of the bush. With meticulous research, she portrays every element with detailed accuracy.... Integral to all of Susan's work is her mastery of light and exquisite renditions of texture; be it the glassy

reflectiveness of wet sand, the wispy opaqueness of summer clouds or hard urban concrete juxtaposed against softer elements."

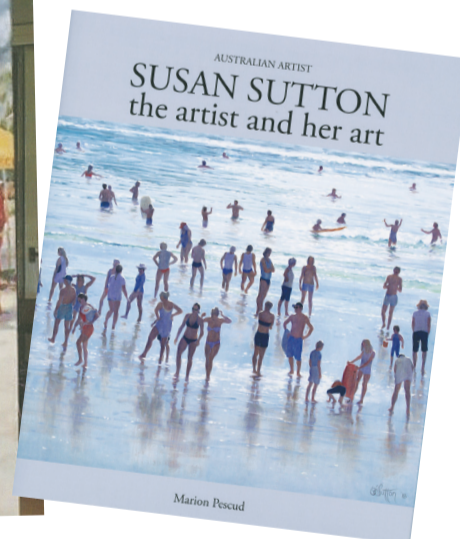
In recent times, there have been two books which have highlighted the heritage and environment of Lorne and the Surf Coast and both have done the job exceptionally well. The first is Leigh Hammerton's book, "Greetings from Lorne". Leigh's book is a tourism history of Lorne using early photographs and postcards from the author's private collection. The book includes a detailed description of all views and a history of tourism

development. The second book is "Written in Stone", by Philomena Manifold. Philomena's book is subtitled, "reading the rocks of the Great Ocean Road." It is a book which explores the geological history of our coastline through text which is both educational and poetic supported by beautiful imagery.

This biography of Susan Sutton chronicles her life and her art, and in that respect, ranges across broader topics than just Lorne and the Surf Coast. But it is the collection of images of her paintings of the life, culture and environment of our region which

makes this book a worthy addition to the collection of books which so capably depict this special place. There are many, many images of paintings of such topics as; Beach, Coast, Lorne, the Otways, Geelong, Sports, Landscapes and Portraits. For those who admire her work, this book makes the variety of her paintings under these and other topics, very accessible.

There will be a launch of the book in Lorne on 8 December at Lorne Beach Books providing an opportunity for people in Lorne to meet Susan. Signed copies of the book are now available at Lorne Beach Books and Qdos.



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A word from the **Chairman**

Well the VCE school year is officially over and many young leavers have descended into Lorne to celebrate the end of their school journey. To see year groups of students walking Mountjoy Parade and enjoying Lorne is such a good thing and I'm sure these memories will stay with them for many years to come.

There are reports of school leavers in enormous numbers on the Gold Coast and at Byron Bay and many at Rye, Torquay and other destinations closer to home, whilst some have travelled further afield to international destinations like Bali and similar. Whatever the destination they all have one thing in common, to enjoy themselves to the max before they embark on the next chapters of their lives

Although we can't speak for the other

destinations I must say, along with other traders along Mountjoy Parade, that this year's group of school leavers appear to represent a generation of well behaved, mature young adults. "Schoolies" seems to have taken on a different meaning from generations past, and I'm sure that for some such an event wasn't even on the radar, while for others much else has changed. I challenge you all to recall if you can the time when your secondary years came to a close - I can certainly remember mine even though it was 41 years ago.

Lifetime Lorne local and great mate Andrew Grange and myself were working at the then very busy Lorne Fisherman's Co-operative and along with a large team, had access to many hours of part time work around the clock. Well before the days of

ATAR scores and the pressures of what your completed score out of 100 would enable you to pursue, we were just keen to know to whether we had achieved Higher School Certificate (HSC) - and that we did.

I'll never forget how our results that came in the mail were delivered by our parents whilst at work and we soon realised a successful school year was complete and "schoolies" was about to begin. Our then boss Henry Love having seen our excitement released us from our afternoon shift and it was time to "let our hair down". A couple of pots at the infamous Fisherman's Bar as the local bush telegraph filtered messages to other local HSC students and then it was off to the beer garden at the Lorne Hotel for a pretty solid session.

With names synonymous with Lorne like

Wheal, Heinze, Grange and Norton to name a few, the friendships that still remain so strong were born in our great school years. Unlike today, our schoolies culminated late that same night and by light of the following day, we were back standing at the bench "spooning" the gut line of barracoutta before their fleshy fillets were skilfully removed by the Katos brothers - Such great years and I hope our visitors enjoy our town as much as we all do.

Don't forget our next Committee for Lorne lunch at the Lorne View on Friday December 7th and is only available by RSVP to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne