

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

28 **Lorne Falls Music & Art**

Festival, Dec 28 – 1 Jan

JANUARY

11 **Mountain to Surf**, 8:30am

12 **Pier to Pub**

20 **Festival of Colours**, Lorne

Foreshore 11am – 4pm

Lorne Community Hospital 2018 Annual General Meeting

2018 has been a good year for the Lorne Op Shop.

Memberships and our business are growing steadily, enabling us to continue to support wide ranging community health initiatives in particular, Lorne Community Hospital. A wonderful part of growing our membership is the establishment of new networks and the injection of fresh ideas, personalities, knowledge and skills.

The Lorne Op Shop owes its success to its volunteer members, where 42 volunteer positions are filled each week for a total of 168 volunteer hours weekly to keep the shop open from 10am to 4pm each day. This is a minimum total of 8,736 volunteer hours each year! Community support, team work, tolerance, commitment to purpose, and a sense of humour are central to our success, day in and day out.

Working alone and with our community partners like the Lorne Community Hospital, we work to support improved health and well-being outcomes in the Lorne and wider community.

A summary of projects financed by the Op Shop over the four years 2014 – 2017 show that 69 projects were approved totalling \$974,233. Lorne Community Hospital accounted for \$823,512 or 84% of the total. Support for the hospital averaged around \$205,000 each year over that period. This pattern has continued over 2017 -2018. To this end we have made the following donations to the LCH

including:

- Annual Appeal donation - \$50,000
- Ocular Tomography Unit - \$35,000
- Aged care garden renewal project - \$79,050
- Hospital bed monitors - \$5,772.00
- Aged care furniture and training - \$26,032
- Hospital bariatric beds and walkers - \$16,168
- Invisalign monitor for used in aged and acute care - \$6,123
- 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitor - \$2,860
- Stationary bike and hire equipment - \$3,628
- Cardiac probe for existing ultra sound machine
- Mental health program (women's health dinner) - \$1,500
- Hospital special treats for Aged Care Residents - \$9,600

Other community projects supported by the Op Shop include:

- Lorne P-12 College - \$600 for food for remote visitors from the St Teresa Aboriginal community
- Lorne Country Club defibrillator - \$3000
- Red Frogs \$20,000 in the last 12 months - \$10,000 last year and \$10,000 this year to help keep our schoolies safe
- Wye River / CFA and Community Garden, community mental health initiative - \$4,434
- Lorne SES chainsaws, space bar and chain - \$1,603
- Lorne fire brigade digital radios, batteries - \$3,494 and a defibrillator - \$3000
- Lorne Parkrun - \$1500



- We also provide in-kind support beyond Lorne:
- The Geelong Mums – baby and children's clothes
- Recycling of surplus stock to welfare organisations
- Rags for local businesses

I extend a special and huge thank you to all the very generous people who donate items to the Op Shop and of course, also to our wonderful customers and volunteers. Please keep up your valued donations and ongoing support that allows us to continue our work in the community.

On a more sombre note, I must add that whilst the majority of the donations we receive are items of merchantable quality, we also receive items, particularly clothing which for a variety of reasons; wear and tear, stains, general condition etc., we cannot offer for sale. WE actually have to pay to have these items taken away for disposal. Over the past 12 months

the Op Shop has spent nearly \$10,000 to arrange for removal and disposal of damaged goods. That's \$10,000 we cannot contribute to our community. We ask you to consider this when you select the items you wish to donate to the Op Shop.

If you can spare some time to volunteer in the shop, we would love to hear from you – permanent, occasional and emergency volunteer shifts are available! We are a happy team and look forward to meeting you. Please call into the Op Shop and leave your details for our Secretary Wendy Jarratt or contact me at stellaod@hotmail.com if you want to become a member of our happy team.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive and Members of the Lorne Op Shop I extend Season's Greetings for a Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Stella O'Donnell
President Lorne Op Shop

COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Within a fortnight of the Annual General Meeting of the Committee for Lorne and only days until the New Year, we have already been actively involved in multiple productive community discussions. The first, with Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) Chair, Ken Northwood and CEO Vanessa Schernickau, was the Point Grey end of year update.

In has been a great initiative to reconvene the original Project Steering Group, and the more recently formed Creative Council, following the lodgment of the planning application with the Surf Coast Shire for the Point Grey precinct. Community representatives are again actively involved in the process. Following on from the "out of left field" funding announcement for the precinct it seems there is still much work to be done.

Our GORCC representatives explained how they are still awaiting directives as to whom will be the custodian of the funding, and an indication of the timing of the funding. Unfortunately, it's just not a case of GORCC and Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club (LAAC) taking receipt of their promised funds and progressing with the project.

To make matters even more complicated, is the knowledge of the upcoming Federal election and the impending new management model for the Great Ocean Road as recommended in the findings of the Great Ocean Road Task Force. With the Department of Land, Water, Environment, and Planning (DELWP) yet to approve the increased size of the LAAC building and the Surf Coast Shire looking to go through the normal planning processes it's hard to foresee too much activity on site over the

next twelve months.

In the meantime, it was great to review the Creative, Heritage and Culture Plan - Meeting Point, as prepared by consultants Andrew Bleby and Associates for consideration by our Community. Albeit too detailed to elaborate on in this column, it is a great step forward in providing the solution to the missing "third component" of the precinct to ensure our past is well preserved. Stay tuned!

At a time of the year when gifts and surprises are a welcome theme among friends and family the Lorne Community also received a surprise, unfortunately not a very nice one! What has risen from our beautiful foreshore landscape is an ugly, albeit needed somewhere, shelter structure at our local skate park. To have this "airborne", out of character structure,

obliterate the visual attraction of our beachfront is a disgrace, and one that nobody seems to know about.

My first thought - "what has GORCC done to us at a time when our working relationship has never been better and their very tasteful work at Anzac Park outstanding" – how could this be? When I dug further, I was soon to realise the Lorne Skate Park and immediate surrounds didn't come under the jurisdiction and management of GORCC. Not sure how this has slipped through the cracks but rest assured we will find out and be seeking urgent remedial action!

Season's greetings and may 2019 be prosperous for all!

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne

A word from the Chairman