

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 11 **Mountain to Surf**, 8:30am
- 12 **Pier to Pub**
- 18 **Sheep Dog Trials**  
– Deans Marsh
- 20 **Festival of Colours**,  
Lorne Foreshore 11am – 4pm

## DEANS MARSH SHEEP DOG TRIALS

*Top Dogs put through their paces*

**Top dogs and their workers are given the opportunity to showcase their skills as part the annual Deans Marsh Sheep Dog Trials.**

The event which has been running for over ten years now attracts a crowd of 300 to 400 spectators eager to watch the dogs demonstrate their skills.

From Friday, 18th January through to Sunday, 20th January, the best working dogs are given challenging herding tasks to complete, including directing a group of sheep around a course full of fences and other obstacles. Don't forget to come to Deans Marsh and have a look at some of the best dogs and handlers from all over the country demonstrating their skills over the school holidays.

About 30 sheep dog trials are held annually around Victoria. The events not only highlight the dogs' skills, but the training, time and hard work put in by their owners. One of the organisers, Jill Stewart, said: "The weekend has always been a great success, we get a good crowd coming to Deans Marsh to watch the trials. This event gives us the opportunity to showcase all of the well-trained dogs and provide the community with a bit of entertainment."

The Novice & Open events will be run on Friday with the Improver, Open and finals on Saturday & Sunday. Also, on Friday & Saturday, at lunchtime, time permitting, there will be a learner's section for anyone who is interested in learning or would like to start trialling, to gain some experience under the guidance of an experienced trialler.

Many of the competitors have represented Australia in the Trans-Tasman trial against New Zealand, so you will see top competitors with their wonderfully trained dogs over the 3 days.

If you watch carefully, you may see the organisers' dogs, Mark's Faith out doing what she loves and Jill's Buzz & Jet showing you how farm dogs do it!

There will be catering for Friday, Saturday and Sunday lunches. Morning & afternoon teas with yummy locally made cakes will be on sale all weekend.

There is a gold coin donation at the gate for entry if you would like to support our trial.

If you have any enquiries ring our organisers Jill or Mark.

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## COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

Happy New Year!!!!!! With the door now firmly shut on 2018, it's a great time to be looking to reflect on the past twelve months, draw on one's experiences, plan and if possible, have an even greater year in 2019. How is your year looking? What have you planned and what are your goals as the first few days of 2019 are prime time to amp up your focus, kick start your passion and stand for excellence? The decisions we'll make in the first month of 2019 will completely set the stage for the entire year and for you all I hope their all good ones!

What a busy past week we've had here in Lorne with all arterial roads into town slowing to a walk and the influx of visitors as strong as any of recent years. Whether it be those that are arriving to use Lorne as their

base for their summer vacation, the day-trippers enjoying a good spell of weather over the past week, the 15 plus thousand descending onto the Falls Festival or the increased numbers of our international visitors we have been "bursting at the seams" and experiencing that unique Lorne summer vibe.

Well into my third decade working in Mountjoy Parade I have experienced a noticeable trend in many of our visitors and their behavior patterns, from their arrival to departure from Lorne and my theory is simple. How many times have we seen visitors arrive to Lorne after a busy, sometimes stressful, build up to Christmas and look to air those frustrations on fellow road users, disrespectfully treat business

operators, employees and local volunteers in retail, service and trade industries that in 99.9% of cases are doing all they can to welcome and look after very need of our visitors.

For a town that has just over one thousand permanent residents it is absolutely amazing to see how within a week we are, all of a sudden, servicing some twenty thousand (more when you consider Falls), with a kind greeting and a welcoming smile. My theory unfolds as our visitors begin to embrace the Lorne "way of life" these frustrations start to erode and relationships with those who service those needs begin to build to the level of respect they deserve.

I love it when "road rage" turns to "road

courtesy" with simple actions of allowing a little extra room for Mountjoy Parade pedestrians to navigate the back to back traffic, allowing that extra vehicle right of access to the choked roundabout or slowing and allowing the exit of a parked car on our busy main street. All these little unexpected actions, that I share with a number of other locals, are certainly well rewarded when you see the smile and thankful wave and smile that go a long in converting the "Melbourne way" to what is Lorne!

Have a great 2019 and love and respect Lorne like all we locals do!

**Ian Stewart**

*Chairman - Committee for Lorne*

## *A word from the* Chairman