

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 26 Lorne Foreshore Market, 10am – 4pm
- 26 Australia Day Social Tennis Tournament, Lorne Country Club 9am – 1pm

FEBRUARY

- 9 Victorian Surf Life Saving Masters State Championships, at Lorne beach
- 23 Victorian Surf Life Saving State Junior Carnival, at Lorne beach

Lorne Community Hospital

Your Donations make a *Difference*

Lorne Community Hospital launched its 2018 Annual Appeal with the theme 'Together we can build a healthier community.'

Your support assisted us to touch the lives of hundreds of people each year – people who maybe facing an urgent health need, a devastating disease, experiencing the joy of raising children, or sadly, saying goodbye.

For the 2018 Appeal, the Hospital's clinical staff identified two needs; one need with immediate impact (equipment and facilities fund), and one need with long-term impact (active community fund).

The Hospital is very pleased to report that over \$150,000 was raised to support our two funds, allowing the Hospital to provide great care for our community, a purpose that continues to drive our commitment and passion.

Two hundred and sixty five people contributed to the appeal and without doubt the most significant contribution again came from the Lorne Op Shop. The support for the Op Shop, the work of its volunteers and the choices made by its Executive team over many years, allows them to continue to fund so many of our major and minor projects. The LCH Board of Management and staff cannot thank the Lorne Op Shop enough for their generous donations.

Equipment and Facilities Fund

With a generous \$55,000 funds donated to this area, the Hospital was

able to purchase a portable resus monitor, to enable rapid reporting in critical conditions. This piece of equipment is vital in the care of critically ill patients. It allows our staff to continually monitor patient's vital signs and cardiac rhythm, whilst stabilising them for transfer.

"This life saving piece of equipment is used on a daily basis and our recently updated machine has provided more functions, allowing us to closely monitor our critically ill patients. The nursing staff cannot thank you enough for your kind donations", said LCH Nurse Jane Wilkeson.

A number of other smaller items were also purchased for the urgent care unit.

Active Community Fund

Keeping our community active is one of the Hospital's key goals. With this in mind, your donations have allowed the Hospital to inject funds into increasing our Exercise Physiologist and Physiotherapy exercise classes, purchase much needed gym equipment and funds have also been donated back into the community to support health and wellbeing activities, such as Lorne Parkrun.

"As a direct result from the annual appeal donations, I was able to implement a Monday morning weekly walk group around Louttit Bay. This has been a great opportunity for locals to meet new people, gather some of my exercise tips and more importantly have fun", said LCH Physiotherapist Bill Reynolds.

General Fund

As with any annual appeal, donors can simply place money into the general fund, which allows the Hospital to direct funds towards areas of need. These funds are spent on staff training and education and minor Hospital works.

We thank you again for your support of

our Annual Appeal. This appeal allows the community Hospital to provide the extra services, equipment and programs that are not covered by government.

Katy Kennedy

LCH Fundraising Coordinator



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A word from the Chairman

We have seen the start to 2019 get underway so quickly that its hard to comprehend that the Australia Day long weekend is all but upon us. A year where summer on the on the coast has been as good as any of recent times and Lorne has been at its absolute best as tens of thousands of visitors have enjoyed the diversity of what we are lucky to experience year round.

Last Sunday, was a day that started for me with the early journey to Avalon for the interstate departure of my daughter as she embarks on the second year of her Degree in Law and Business and on the return to join the steady Great Ocean Road flow of day-trippers that were set to enjoy their day on the coast. A walk

along Mountjoy Parade highlighted the multicultural make up of our visitors today that are so different to many years ago, but there was one common denominator, they were all loving Lorne!

On the hour, the sounds of fun and music filled the air as the Summer Festival of Colors celebrated the human spirit where colored powder was thrown into the air among friends and family. The event was organised by Hare Krishna Valley, the spiritual retreat and rural farm of the Hare Krishna community, who invited the public to be a part of the celebration of oneness of human spirit on the Lorne Foreshore.

As the celebrations of color and music continued 'Sunday lunch diners' were

enjoying our fine offering of culinary options, the sounds of laughter and screams were emulating from the trampolines, the beach, the festival and Lorne was in full flight. Then there's the more adventurous who were "flying" among the tree tops at Lorne's fabulous Live Wire Park while those slightly less game were enjoying our bush walks, waterfalls and less strenuous activities, including retail therapy.

By late afternoon the crowds had begun to shift; to the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club, the deck at the surf club, the B Bar and Swing bridge café were all starting to come to life as stories of the day began to unfold. Early family diners were arriving at the Peak (Lorne Country

Club) to enjoy last light over Louttit Bay and a look and a photo opportunity with our resident kangaroo population.

Others would dine at Movida, Marks, Ipsos, Maple Tree, Mestizo, the Pier or any other of our fine restaurants while family members enjoy the latest releases at the Lorne Cinema as the day drew to a close. As I sat with a cold beer and reflected on what for me, just like so many others, was another day at the 'office', I couldn't but be amazed at what Lorne has on offer! – Happy Australia Day weekend!

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne