

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 7 **International Womens Day**, Gender Equity Panel Discussion with Clementine Ford, Jo Plummer & Vanessa Schernickau at Aireys Inlet Community Centre 6-8:30pm. Info 5261 0600
- 8 **Committee for Lorne Luncheon**. Lorne View room. 12 for 12.30pm. Guest Speaker Kate Gillan, CEO Lorne Community Hospital. For reservations, contact: nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au
- 24 **Deans Marsh Festival**, Live music, local harvest, market stalls, dog jumping, kids events, and much more. 10 am – 5pm at Deans Marsh Oval.
- 29 **By The Meadow**, Music Festival in Bambra

POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TAKING A POSITIVE APPROACH

Surf Coast Shire Council formed a Positive Ageing Advisory Committee in October 2018 for a three-year period to provide input and recommendations into the planning stage of Council strategies, plans and policies which relate to older people.

The purpose is to prepare for upcoming Commonwealth Government changes to the aged care and disability service sector. The changes will mean Councils will no longer automatically be the local service provider, as the government moves to a model that provides increased consumer choice.

After hearing feedback from clients, residents and families about possible future scenarios, Surf Coast Shire Council set up a Positive Ageing Advisory Committee to provide feedback on its reform project. The Committee has met 3 times and its next meeting is set for 29 March 2019. Lorne is represented on the Committee by local resident Gary Allen and Deans Marsh by local resident Deb Campbell (pictured).

The Positive Ageing Advisory Committee will collect and consider evidence, ideas and community input about how Council can best create an Age-Friendly Surf Coast where older people are valued, supported and

empowered to live well, including but not limited to these topics:

- Social inclusion, social and civic participation
- Built environment, transport and housing
- Community support and health services

The Committee will represent and advocate on behalf of all older persons from our community, people experiencing financial disadvantage (including people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness) and multicultural and multifaith communities. The Committee will provide input and recommendations on issues which relate to the wellbeing of older people, for the consideration of Council in the development of strategies, plans and policies. Council will consider the Committee's recommendations when making decisions on these strategies, plans and policies. In considering community support and health services, the Committee will consider Council's future role in providing services, programs and facilities to older people, within the context of the federal government's Aged Care Reforms and changing community needs. The Committee will provide advice

to Council as it undertakes Reform Readiness Planning, which may include consideration of:

- Continuation of existing Council services to older people
- Expansion, growth, reduction or adaptation of existing Council services, including creating efficiencies and reviewing fees and charges for current Council services.
- Transitioning clients of identified existing Council services to other service providers over time Supporting the growth of the aged and disability service sector within Surf Coast Shire
- Establishing new or additional services, programs or facilities for older people
- Development of principles that will guide the planning of Council's future role in providing services and facilities for older people.

The Positive Ageing Advisory Committee consists of 10 community members from across the Shire:

Magdalena Wheatland, Torquay
Brian Butterworth, Torquay (Vice Chairperson)
Pam Aylward, Torquay
Elizabeth Bills, Anglesea
Kristen McDonald, Aireys Inlet
Christine Brookes, Aireys Inlet (Chairperson)

Keith Perkin, Fairhaven
Gary Allen, Lorne
Deb Campbell, Deans Marsh
Jenny Mathison, Winchelsea

Additionally, Cr Margot Smith also sits on this committee, along with three council officers who are there to provide relevant project information.

More information on this important project can be found on the Council's website. Use this link - <https://tinyurl.com/surfcoast-ageing>

People who have questions about the project can contact Nicole Langtip on 0432 558 119 or nlangtip@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Robyn Lucas, Surf Coast Shire & Peter Spring, Committee for Lorne



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A word from the Chairman

The World Class Avalon Air Show is another great regional event that provides occasional glimpses along the coast of some of the amazing aircraft that are on display. I know of many locals who experienced the event first hand and were in awe of what they heard and saw. Then there was our lucky group of "local aviators" that experienced the airshow from a very different perspective.

Local pilot Ken Hosking had our local councillor and our former Surf Coast Citizen of the Year as his wingmen as they navigated their light plane from Irrewarra to touch down amidst the action at Avalon for the pre-airshow exhibitions and flying displays. On their return journey a "fly

by" over locals enjoying the outdoors and a cold beer after golf, may not have been quite as spectacular as that famous "tower fly by" in the Top Gun movie, but was certainly a little out of the ordinary and special in own right.

As we gently close the door on summer the activities within our community begin to come in to more prominence as many begin to get a few hours back in their week following an exceptionally busy summer period. Our Lorne bowlers have been prominent in featuring in finals series across all their divisions and as Grand Finals approach, the mid week and Saturday division two teams have already booked the spots in the last dance – good

luck to them all.

The Lorne Football and Netball Club are gearing up for another busy season with the first practice match scheduled for the 23rd of March at the Stribling Reserve Oval. Mark the date in your diary from 1pm to watch the locals in a hit out against Warrnambool Old Collegians as they prepare to welcome in the 2019 season.

While on activities, there's a new one preparing to launch on Sunday the 6th of April - The Lorne Beach Parkrun. Parkrun organise free, weekly 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, safe and easy to take part in. These events take place in pleasant

surroundings and there is no better backdrop than the Lorne course which is focussed on the foreshore with Louttit Bay as the backdrop.

The Lorne event, just like all others around the world, encourages people of every ability to take part; from walkers or those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from juniors to those with more experience; everyone is welcome. To find out more like the Lorne Beach Parkrun Facebook page or go to www.parkrun.com.au where you can register and find out

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne