

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 23 Lorne Dolphins V Warrnambool Old Collegians, Practice match at Stribling Reserve
- 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

A Big Week at Stribling Reserve

A couple of weeks ago, we reported on this page about some major projects underway at Stribling Reserve. The two big projects were the installation of new lighting on the oval and the installation of a new electronic scoreboard. Well, this past week, the good news kept coming!

Naming Sponsor for Electronic Scoreboard announced

With great pleasure, we can now announce that the Lorne Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank is confirmed as the Naming Sponsor of the new electronic scoreboard. Lorne Community Bank has pledged \$50,000 to secure naming rights on the scoreboard. This is a massive contribution to community infrastructure in Lorne. Lorne Community Bank has provided support to many other community organisations in Lorne and this latest donation, which enables us to fund the best scoreboard technology available, is the latest demonstration of their commitment to our community.

Last week, Lorne Community Bank, represented by Chairman, John Knuckey, Deputy Chair, John Tebbutt and Senior Manager, Jeremy Morris, countersigned the agreement together with Ken Hosking representing Lorne Football & Netball Club and Peter Spring, Chairman of Stribling Reserve Committee of Management. This is a huge milestone for our community and would not have come to realisation without the Bank's commitment and support.

Funding for new Sports Pavilions Announced

Last Saturday, Sarah Henderson,

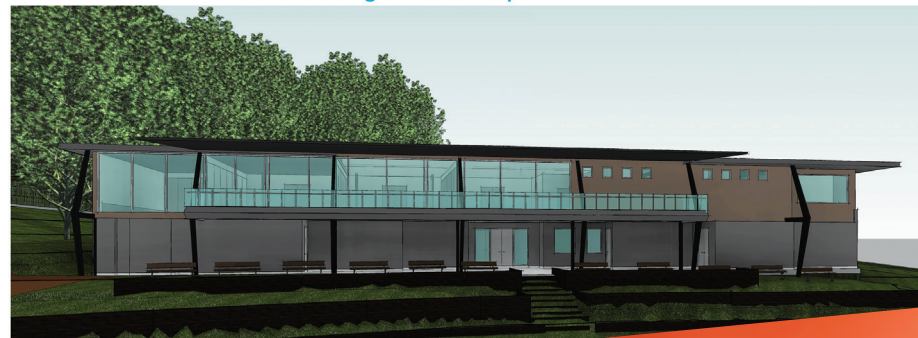
Federal member for Corangamite visited Stribling Reserve and announced to a large gathering of community members that, in response to an application for funding submitted by the Surf Coast Shire to the Building Better Regions Fund, the Shire would receive \$3.27M to assist with a major upgrade to sporting pavilions at Stribling Reserve. Surf Coast Shire has also pledged \$3.27M making a total of around \$6.5M available for this project.

Provision of new and upgraded facilities was recognised as a priority when the Stribling Reserve Master Plan was updated in 2017. The Reserve now serves as a centre for a range of activities far beyond what was envisaged in the 1980s.

We currently have concept designs for two new pavilions. The first will be a new netball pavilion replacing the "Netball Hut" adjacent to the court. The new netball pavilion will be quite a bit larger incorporating proper change facilities, showers, toilets and administration space. Currently Lorne fields six netball teams. On a home game day, that means sixty Lorne netball players and sixty away team players. Current female toilet and change facilities comprise one shower and two toilets! This new pavilion addresses this major issue of inadequate facilities.

The second pavilion will replace the building known as the Leisure Centre. The current building was constructed in the mid 1980s and the only major improvement since then was the installation of a proper verandah to provide shelter. Change rooms and toilet facilities are totally inadequate to meet current demand. In addition to meeting

Stribling Reserve - Proposed New Pavilion



the needs of the Football and Netball Club, there is a wide range of other uses including the School, exercise and fitness classes, social events and a variety of cultural activities. The current Leisure Centre will be replaced with a two-storey building (pictured) providing toilet and change facilities compliant with relevant guidelines for regional sports. The upper level will incorporate a commercial kitchen and associated facilities and a large space capable of being configured to serve multiple purposes. The existing indoor basketball stadium will remain.

Detailed design of the new Netball Pavilion has already begun and it is expected that the construction of the new pavilions will be completed by the end of 2020.

The Stribling Reserve Committee of Management takes this opportunity to thank the Surf Coast Shire for its commitment to this exciting project which will benefit the whole community of Lorne. In particular, we would like to thank the team which worked so diligently to produce and deliver the application to the Building



Better Regions Fund on such short notice. These Shire Officers, together with the Shire Executive Management Team and our Ward Councillor, Clive Goldsworthy, worked very professionally and collaboratively on this project and without their commitment, we would not have achieved this amazing outcome.

The Sponsorship Arrangement with Lorne Community Bank and the success of our funding application for new facilities at Stribling Reserve, are both testimony to very positive working relationships within our community.

Peter Spring

On behalf of the Stribling Reserve Committee of Management

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A word from the Chairman

Labour Day Weekend 2019 in Lorne will be memorable for years to come for so many of our community for many different reasons. Those that continued to enjoy the Indian Summer would think there is no better place on earth than our very special town, while our locals were equally as excited as some won Grand Finals and others witnessed major financial announcements for Lorne. It was a landmark weekend!

The Federal Election is looming, and the May showdown will be on us before we know it and at the weekend our local Federal MP for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson, continued to demonstrate her strong support for the Lorne Community. At the Lorne Bowls Club at 4pm on Saturday, Sarah announced funding under the Building Better Regions Fund of \$85,000 which will be matched by the Club to provide a much-needed new bowling surface.

Then, at 5.30pm came the "big one" at the Stribling Reserve Leisure Centre. An

announcement by Sarah of enormous proportions that is set to provide facilities that Lorne has never experienced. New facilities that will benefit so many from our major users of Stribling Reserve including the Lorne School, the football and netball club, the exercise classes, the basketball, the function center. Stribling Reserve will become a community hub for our town. Sarah announced a contribution, once again from the Building Better Regions Fund, of \$3.27M which will be matched by a contribution from the Surf Coast Shire. These funds will be used to build a Netball Pavilion with all required facilities and a new two-story Pavilion on the site of the current Leisure Centre providing updated facilities all sports and facilities for broad community use. That a total amount of \$6.5m is to be injected into Stribling Reserve is nothing short of brilliant.

I was lucky enough to be a "low key, back row observer" at both these announcements

at the weekend and on the back of the recent promise of \$8m to the Point Grey project there was only one thing more special to me than the total funds promised that really warmed my soul. That was how our town has "come together" to work as one and chase the goals that many perceived as only dreams. These funding promises don't land to create dreams. They are granted to "shovel ready" projects that have been years in the planning involving so many volunteers in or community, and that's something that many just don't realise.

Unfortunately, there was one fellow at the Stribling Reserve announcement who must have not had this knowledge or known of the overall importance of the announcement to the wide spread user base of this magnificent proposed new building. It was sad to hear him question why funding hadn't been allocated to providing new tennis courts at the Lorne Country Club?????

I am still bewildered, and somewhat disappointed, as to the context of the comments, especially in light of the significance to the town of the big picture goals. My current involvement on the Country Club Committee includes a commitment to commence a plan for a formal costing of, and fundraising for, construction of two mod grass tennis courts in the near future. The knowledge that this person is obviously not aware that the Country Club is on privately owned land, that he is not a Country Club Member and has not been a financial contributor to the funds raised so far, prompts me to consider options as we move forward. Not the least of which is a personal invitation to this person to be part of the team which works to deliver the courts – stay tuned!

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne