

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 23 Lorne Dolphins vs 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



LORNE BOWLS CLUB

caps off a great bowling season

What an end to the pennant season for the Lorne Bowls Club!!! All three pennant sides won their respective grand final games, a unique achievement. All three teams will play in a higher division in the 2019/20 season.

The midweek side defeated Cobden by 24 shots, a very comfortable win. The team has two new players, Sheryl Donne and Karen Turner; what a fantastic introduction to lawn bowls. The division 4 team had a thrilling 12 shot win over Cobden (who have been in the past four grand finals and lost – we feel their pain) and the division 2 team had a massive win over Colac Lake, winning by 54 shots. The Club has only been in division 1 once in its history and our entry into the top level of competition will be both exciting and challenging.

Pictured are the winners of the midweek division 3 competition – our thanks to the Colac Herald for permission to use this image. Pictured also are the division 2 and 4 teams after their wins on Sunday.

This success is a fitting reward to the selectors (the most difficult job in any club), our team managers Merna Smith and Peter Jacobs and to our coach Brad Weetman. Our Club is very much part of the Lorne community. The music nights, music bowls, the February Monday markets and the running of the Community Cup in September have all

helped to build this connection. The level of the support and goodwill that we have felt from the community over the finals series has been greatly appreciated by the players.

The grand final victories come at the same time that Sarah Henderson announced that the Club would receive an \$85,300 grant from the commonwealth Building Better Rural Communities Infrastructure Fund. The grant will be matched dollar for dollar by the Club, monies raised over the past three years for capital improvement.

The grant will be used to replace the playing surface, improve the surrounds and shade cloth weather protection. The size of the grant now widens the types of surface the Club can consider. Over the past two years a sub-committee has been considering the options. We must have a surface that will gain Bowls Victoria accreditation, which can be used for top-grade pennant and invitation bowling. The colour of the surface is also an important consideration. Most bowlers favour a darker shade to reduce the summer glare. It can be seen that the decision is not an easy one and it is now as a result of the grant there are many more options...A GREAT PROBLEM!

The new surface, along with the lights installed last year, greatly improves the amenity provided by the Club to our members and visitors. It also provides us with a platform to run invitation



tournaments and to consider alternative extended competitions to offer alongside pennant bowls. These will add to the attraction of Lorne as a tourist destination.

The pennant bowling season is a long one and I am extremely grateful for the effort and commitment shown by the players and members during the year, it has been a thrill to be part of this success and such a great club.

Gary Allen
President



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A word from the Chairman

Over the past ten days I have been lucky enough to be with "my brothers" in the far north of New Zealand enjoying friendships, golf, wine and food and then came the catastrophic news out of Christchurch which still defies comprehension. In the hours after the carnage I was soon to learn that New Zealand has a young female leader, Jacinda Arden, who I'm sure will continue to earn worldwide respect and admiration.

She promptly labelled the worst peacetime mass killing in New Zealand as terrorism and set about reassuring a nation that has been largely unscathed by the violence and fears that have afflicted other countries in the past two decades. A day after the attack she led a multi-party group to visit grieving families and Muslim

community members. Wearing a black head scarf, she hugged relatives and let them set the pace and agenda as she listened and offered comfort.

Arden burst into prominence during New Zealand's 2017 election, feted globally as part of a new wave of progressive, young leaders to enter the world stage. Arden's pregnancy, maternity leave and the birth of her daughter while in office also set her apart, with many people seeing it as symbolising progress for women in leadership roles.

Unfortunately, the memories that I hold will be focused on the tragedies of March 16, 2019 and where I was when it all unfolded, but I will also carry the learnings of a new, young inspiring female leader, Jacinda Arden, of whom I believe we

will hear much more. Three of the most powerful short words she used to describe the feeling will change my thinking forever - "They are us!"

The tragedy of Christchurch gave Adern an opportunity to tell New Zealanders what their country stands for, to dismiss any sense of self-doubt. She said the attack had not happened because their country was a safe harbour for hate, or racism or extremism. "We were chosen for the very fact that we are none of those things", she said in a national address during which her voice cracked with emotion.

"Because we represent diversity, kindness, compassion. A home for those who share our values. Refuge for those who need it. And those values will not and cannot be shaken by this attack" she said! -

Enough said!

What a great fortnight it's been for the Lorne Bowls Club with the icing on cake last weekend when both men's senior pennant sides (Division 2 and Division 4) secured the 2018-19 Premierships for the Club. These two great victories capped off a great season for the club following the earlier premiership victory by the Ladies mid-week division three pennant side.

Add the on-field successes to the recent Federal Government grant announcement for the new green surface and it's fair to say that this would have to be one of the best years yet for our proud local bowlers and good luck and well done to them all.

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne