

# THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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## LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

### MARCH

29 **By The Meadow**, Music Festival in Bamba

### APRIL

13 **Lorne vs Apollo Bay**, First home game of the season at Stribling Reserve.

20 **Lorne Kinder Easter Market**, Located on the Lorne Foreshore 9am – 4pm

# parkrun COMES TO LORNE

**Launching on Saturday 6th April at 8am, Lorne Beach parkrun will see runners and walkers, young and old, fast and not so fast all enjoying the beautiful Lorne beachfront.**

Parkrun is a free 5km community event that is open for all to attend each Saturday morning. Parkrun was founded in 2011 in the UK and now boasts 350 locations around Australia. Participants register online and their results are recorded each time they participate. parkrunners can attend parkruns at any location around the world, and Lorne will attract many visitors willing to experience our unique course.

Meeting at the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club, the trail heads along the foreshore on the very popular path leading all the way to the end of the pier and back. Two laps of this course will see participants taking on an undulating track alongside breath taking views. We are proud to say that, even though parkrun is all around the world, Lorne Beach parkrun is unique in that actually includes a pier!

parkrun Lorne is run completely by volunteers and community members. Carly Enticott and Kristin McMaster are the Event Directors bringing the event to our shores. Carly and Kristin stated, "we wanted to bring an event to Lorne that was inclusive, fun,

community-focussed and promoted physical activity. parkrun seemed to be the perfect choice". They also shared that the event was only possible with the kind donations made by Lorne Community Hospital, Great Ocean Road Real Estate, Lorne Hotel, Lorne Op Shop and Lorne Surf Life Saving Club. "We now boast our own defibrillator for the weekly event thanks to their very generous support"

You can participate with a pram, a dog on a leash and our track is also accessible for wheelchairs. Children under the age of 11 are invited to run, but will need to stay close to a parent or guardian for the event.

The ongoing success of parkrun will rely on the help of volunteers. Kristin and Carly invite anyone who wishes to be involved to get in touch through their website or Facebook page at [www.parkrun.com.au/lornebeach](http://www.parkrun.com.au/lornebeach)

All participants need to register to receive their identifying barcode. Visit the website for more information. See you on the beachfront on the 6th April!



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The 2019 AFL football year is now well and truly upon us as the "footy season", and all that goes with it, replaces the "holiday season" for the next six months. Local football and netball teams are also gearing up for a big year as the Lorne Dolphins fine tune their last-minute preparations. Round 1 of the Colac and District Football League officials kicks off this Saturday but Lorne's scheduled round 1 clash against Birregurra will take place on Easter Saturday, meaning the locals first official hit out will be the 6th of April at the home of the Western Eagles.

In further great news for the Lorne Club it was exciting to read that Oscar Balderas made his debut last weekend with the Geelong Falcons. Unfortunately,

the Falcons were upstaged by the Bendigo Pioneers in the NAB league opener. We wish Oscar all the best for the exciting times that lay ahead.

Its also a time of the year when planned burns by Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV) are scheduled, subject to prevailing weather conditions. In the continuing strong communication platform that exists between FFMV and the Committee for Lorne, we are advised that one of the first burns is likely to be ignited as this article goes to press. This first burn will focus on the area close to town and adjacent to Charles Street and Francis Street and to the south.

Last week, I had hinted that I was abroad

and enjoying the land of the long white cloud which, when sitting back at my desk, seems like an eternity ago, but really only this time week. Might seem strange but it's great to be back and in the last week of March weather like we experienced last weekend was total reinforcement as to why would anyone want to be anywhere else than Lorne!

My journey saw us head to the North of New Zealand with our base for the first half of the journey being Paihia. This town known as the gateway to all that the Bay of Islands has on offer and very much a seasonal tourist town so much like Lorne. At the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, a carved meeting house, a museum and a giant

Maori canoe mark the site of the founding of modern New Zealand and a very beautiful part of the world.

What drives us to continue our journeys is not so much the locations we are fortunate to visit, but the continued camaraderie of lifetime friendships that become even stronger as time rolls by. Although two of our life long friends are no longer with us, their presence is never lost and past memories are always rekindled to ensure their memories remain will always be strong and this adds another "special touch" to our journey.

**Ian Stewart**

*Chairman - Committee for Lorne*

## A word from the Chairman