

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY

25 Lorne vs Irrewarra-Beeac football and netball, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 8.45am, seniors at 2pm

JUNE

7 Committee for Lorne Luncheon, Lorne View Room, 12pm for 12.30pm

Lorne Men's Shed visit to Linfox's Automotive Proving Ground

How often is it we don't know what exciting developments are happening in our backyard and region?

On Friday May 3, on an absolutely beautiful day on the Surf Coast, about 20 Sheddars from the Lorne and District Men's Shed visited the Linfox AARC Automotive Proving Ground near Anglesea.

The proving ground was purchased by Lindsay Fox in 1991 after International Harvester had been in receivership. Did Lindsay have a vision that 30 years later it would be set up as a proving ground for autonomous (driverless) vehicles? Probably not. However, at the time his vision was to have Australia's best proving ground for driver training and testing for new developments in safety for vehicles. Today the proving ground is an evolution of this vision and the Sheddars could see this in action.

The majority of the Sheddars came by bus from Lorne with a few driving their own vehicles. All were made extremely welcome by Ari Suss (CEO of AARC and a senior executive within the Linfox group), Prof David McInnes (an advisor to the Linfox Group on development of autonomous vehicles and previous CEO of AARC) and Bernard Martin (AARC Member - Business Manager).

Ari gave a video overview of the facility – the facility is equal to the best in the world. For those interested in more detail visit the website www.aarconline.com.

David talked about the developments

and challenges in moving to a society where possibly within a decade, the majority of vehicles will be electric and autonomous. Although predictions on the timeframe may vary, there does not seem to be an argument about driverless/autonomous vehicles

Many questions were asked by the shedders. One of Lorne's better-known identities was heard to go up to David afterwards and say it was one of the best presentations he had heard. All shedders would agree. A couple of points to share from this presentation.

- Vehicle manufacturers are redefining their business from manufacturing to providing mobility solutions.
- Vehicles will talk to each other.
- People won't own cars – it will be like calling an Uber. Think of the disruption that this will cause. A few shedders were not quite sure on ownership (but will be autonomous) – maybe this is a generation mindset.
- The most challenging time will be when 50% of vehicles are driverless. David pointed out this is no different from when travel moved from horse to car.

That was just a few points.

Grant Hausler from Swift Navigation a San Francisco based tech firm building centimetre-accurate GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) technology and a cloud-based GNSS Corrections Service to power a world of autonomous vehicles gave a quick overview of why they have established an operation in Australia.

Linfox is now looking at the next stage to develop the digitised infrastructure at AARC for testing of autonomous vehicles.

After the presentations all Sheddars had a tour of the facility and a demonstration of Bosch's ESP (Electronic Stability Program) braking system. Several Sheddars went in the demonstration car being tested on the Ceramic and Basalt tile skid pads.

On the tour of 1,000-hectares, it was certainly noticeable how well the facility is maintained. A trademark of Linfox.

After the drive around a bush barbecue was provided and Rheinmetall MAN and Thales gave the shedders an opportunity to see the massive vehicles that they are building and testing for the Australian Government.

At the conclusion of lunch, Allan Walls thanked the Linfox staff for sharing their

future vision with us and hospitality.

After lunch Keith Miller and Sam Johnson with a couple of other Sheddars had the opportunity to be taken around a section of the four-wheel-drive track with Bernard.

What a great day and experience and many thanks to the Linfox Group.

David Worth

Lorne & District Men's Shed



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What a weekend it was for the Great Ocean Road Running Festival with cloudless skies, amazing sunrises and a full moon captivating all who were lucky enough to be in our region for this fabulous international event. And the great thing about it all was that events like this have a ripple effect that extends beyond just the weekend. On Monday morning, the coffee shops and food outlets were doing a great trade for a Monday in May while those that were still aching from the grueling road events, were wading waist deep in the still, cool waters of Louttit Bay and it was hard to comprehend that this May in Lorne.

For those that noticed the earth moving and machinery in operation on

the Stribling Reserve Oval over the past week, it is just the start of what are the big things to come. With the underground electrical conduits in place, the large concrete pads are being poured for the light towers and framing is about to get underway for the new electronic scoreboard, it's "action stations". The four new light towers, once complete, will provide lighting to a standard never seen here in Lorne and provide an opportunity for night events in the future.

The Stribling Reserve Committee of Management have been proactively managing the construction process and a good early call by their executive has led to the transfer of this Saturday's local football/netball round from the Stribling

Reserve in Lorne to the Irrewarra/Beeac recreation reserve. In return, round 16 fixture on the 27th of July will now be played in Lorne. So, don't forget, if your looking to watch the Dolphins this weekend head to Irrewarra-Beeac, not Stribling Reserve.

Whilst on local sport I love how my late grandfather would share that, in his junior days at the Lorne School, he and his fellow students would compete in their sports and athletics program against the school at Aireys Inlet. Nothing groundbreaking about that you may think, until it is revealed how they managed transport – "shanks pony". That's right, much to the disbelief of my children, the local students would set off early in

the morning to walk to Aireys, complete their day's sport, and then walk home again. Imagine how many stops for phone charging it would take for our children to complete the same journey today?

Don't forget to register for our next Committee for Lorne community lunch scheduled for Friday the 7th of June (prior to the Queens Birthday long weekend) from 12 noon at the View at the Lorne Hotel - certain to be one of our most popular lunch events, so please reserve your spot with an RSVP to nicole@greatoceanroadrealestate.com.au.

Ian Stewart

Chairman - Committee for Lorne

A word from the Chairman