

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

- 7 Committee for Lorne Luncheon**, Lorne View Room, 12pm for 12.30pm
- 8 Lorne Foreshore Market**, 10am – 4pm
- 9 LAAC Major Fishing Competition 4**, Weigh in at 12 followed by presentations and roast lunch for competitors and members.
- 22 Deans Marsh Winter Solstice**, 5 – 9 pm at the Deans Marsh Reserve.

Lorne Historical Society stages History of Fishing Exhibition in the Fishing Co-op

One of Lorne Historical Society's most successful exhibitions, "Fishy Tales", showcasing the history of the fishing industry in Lorne, is once more on display. This time, the exhibition is being staged in the building which is the very heart of Lorne's fishing industry, the Co-op at the Pier.

Vanessa Schernikau, CEO of Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC), approached the Society with a request to restage the exhibition at the Co-op. The selected location is the fish shop. GORCC refurbished the space, lining the walls, painting the interior and making the space secure. They also installed a video monitor to display a video file of images depicting the fishing industry in Lorne from days

of early settlement until the end of the industry.

Anyone who has an association with Lorne will have memories of the Co-op. It was the place to go to by fresh fish, oysters and crayfish. The blackboard out the front displayed what was available and there was also a blackboard with Christos's latest verse; his observation on current affairs. There was usually something, a shark or a moonfish, hanging from the beam on the loading dock. All these elements went to make up the unique experience of visiting the Co-op. And then, when you entered, on the wall behind the counter, were the paintings of various marine species by Robert Coy. These paintings were a very special part of the shop at the Co-op. When the Society agreed to restage the "Fishy Tales" exhibition in this space, we felt

that the experience for visitors would not be complete without the Coy paintings. So the Historical Society, with the generous support of the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club, acquired the paintings from the Raskatos family, the operators of the Fish Shop until its closure.

The paintings now hang as part of the exhibition. The Society has also taken the opportunity to recognise Christos Raskatos who, together with his brother Bill and Bill's wife Julie and son Stephen, ran the business. Christos was a larger than life character and a visit to the Co-op to purchase seafood was always accompanied by Christos reciting verse or commenting, in dramatic fashion, on affairs of the nation. The Society managed to find a short film produced in 2005 entitled "The Goddess and the Poet" featuring Christos discussing his life and his love affair with Lorne. The film was generously provided to the Historical Society by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image.

We were privileged to have Christos's partner Leanne Moorfoot and his daughter Nikki Popovski in attendance at the opening of the exhibition last Friday. Also in attendance were the Chairman of GORCC, Ken Northwood and the CEO, Vanessa Schernikau.

At this stage, the exhibition will be open each Saturday and Sunday between midday and 2.30pm. We would like to extend these opening hours, given the level of interest and attendance we received when the exhibition was open



in the Society's rooms last year. As a volunteer organisation we are dependent upon volunteer resources to assist us in opening this exhibition. If you would like to join the Society or just help us out by being on a roster of people to be in attendance at opening hours, please email us at info@lornehistoricalsociety.org.au or contact Vice-president, Peter Spring on 0417 514 807

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Peter Spring
Lorne Historical Society



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Without doubt the most talked about event of the last two weeks, and months before, was the Federal Election and the recent results and how they might affect Lorne. No matter what side of Federal Politics you may sit on, I would challenge any Lorne person that didn't support the view that Sarah Henderson's contribution has been huge. Whether it be the Point Grey announcement, the Stribling Reserve funding windfall or the new surface of the Lorne Bowling Green, Sarah's achievements for our town have been without comparison.

There will be some that may challenge any political alliance that I may express, and not being a financial member of any political party, I speak as I see what is best for Lorne. Life in the Public World I'm sure is never easy but I am a great believer, just as I am

A word from the Chairman

here in Lorne, that whatever the political side of the fence you may sit or whatever the views that you may hold, my respect is huge for any person who looks to work for their Country, or a town like Lorne.

Our new Federal Member Libby Coker, who is an Aireys Inlet resident, has very big shoes to fill and we wish her well. For Sarah, who knows what may be next, but I hope she is not lost to public life as she is such a hard worker for the wider Community and the people of Lorne cannot thank her enough. Let's see what the next chapter will deliver.

Remember when the seat of Corangamite was a tightly held Liberal seat from 1945 all the way through to when the Labor Government's Darren Cheeseman ended the 23-year reign of the Liberal party's Stewart McArthur. Since

this time our local Federal seat has been one of the most marginal in Australia with Governments doing all they can to ensure they retain the seat, and this election campaign has been no different, so what will the next three years bring?

As the election results became "fait accompli", I was fortunate enough to be in Far North Queensland for their "Carnivale Weekend" to welcome in the tourist season for the tropics. And as I have mentioned on previous occasions there are so many similarities to be drawn from the far north to the "best in the south".

To frequent hospitality venues and be served by youth with international accents and smiling faces is so akin to the Lorne way of life. As Lorne locals begin to prime and refresh their businesses and services on offer when we come out of winter,

the same can be said for our northern neighbors, albeit at a different time of the year.

So common and yet coincidental is the trend, that I was intrigued to learn that one of the leading front of house team at Movida is about to change his apron for that of a quality establishment in FNQ.

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

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne