

THE COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

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LORNE WARD EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

- 22 Lorne vs Western Eagles, at Stribling Reserve. Seniors game starts at 2pm..
- 22 Deans Marsh Winter Solstice, 5 – 9 pm at the Deans Marsh Reserve.
- 27 AGM - Lorne Op Shop. Thursday 27 June at 11am. Held at Lorne Community House

THE NEXT STAGE OF COMMUNITY and agency cooperation in Lorne

On Friday June 7, two significant events took place in Lorne which demonstrated a new level of cooperation and collaboration between the Surf Coast Shire, Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) and the community of Lorne.

The first of these events was a workshop which brought together over twenty members of the community, together with Shire and GORCC representatives. The workshop was facilitated by a Surf Coast Shire representative and the purpose of the workshop was to scope future work which would address one of the key aspirations contained in Committee for Lorne's document which outlines our Vision for Lorne. That aspiration is related to accommodating Lorne's future. It states; "With our goal of a permanent population of 1500 more evenly spread across all age groups, we will take steps to address the lack of affordable housing that is a significant barrier to achieving the long-term viability and ongoing sustainability of Lorne.

By way of background, in 2009 a report and action plan were produced called "Reversing the Trend – a strategic response to the lack of affordable housing in Lorne". It addressed housing for seasonal workers and permanent residents. This has informed 10 years of stop-start action by community and council. It was time to reflect - what's changed and where are we now? The Committee for Lorne, Council and the Great Ocean Road Coast

Committee have, in recent years, been trying to work more collaboratively on the big issues in town.

Surf Coast Shire Council's Structure Plan (10-year land use plan) for Lorne is due for review and Council is ready to start the process but, after discussion with the Committee for Lorne, has paused to take stock on this issue of accommodation first. The Committee for Lorne has been busy working with Melbourne University (and other research organisations) to explore short and long-term housing options within and around the town.

What have we learned? The Committee for Lorne's vision sets a goal of 1500 people permanently living in the town. In 2006, the permanent population was 967, in 2011 it was 1164, in 2016, it was 1128. Lorne's population has aged in that period – over 50's now represent 38% of the town's population, up from 29% in 2001.

A statistic that resonated with all representatives attending the workshop was that whilst the median age of Australians at the 2016 Census was 38 and the median age of Victorians was 37, the median age of the population of Lorne was 53. Interestingly, if the percentages of population by age group in Lorne approximated those on a national basis, the population projection is around 1500.

So, the workshop addressed the following issues:

- What problems are we trying to solve?
- What outcomes would we like to see?
- What's been done? What do we know? What don't we know?
- What steps should we take?

- Who needs to be involved? What skills, resources and knowledge can they bring?

There was a broad cross section of community representatives including people with young families directly impacted by accommodation and affordability issues in Lorne. This workshop was just the first step in what will be a lengthy process, but it was encouraging to take on board fresh thinking about what will be necessary to attract young families to live and work in Lorne. What new facilities are required? What might be the jobs and work of the future which can be done in Lorne? What would be the impact on the school and curriculum as part of attracting new families to Lorne? The next step is to start to formalise the ideas and actions arising from this workshop and involve more members of the community in developing an action plan.

Later that same day, we were honoured to have as guests at our Committee for Lorne luncheon, Surf Coast Shire Mayor, Councillor Rose Hodge, CEO of the Shire, Keith Baillie and General Manager, Culture and Community, Chris Pike. The luncheon was well subscribed with over 80 community members in attendance. Each of the Shire representatives spoke openly about working with community and facilitating community outcomes. Rose Hodge, who has been a long-standing supporter of projects in Lorne, once again reiterated a commitment to work with Committee for Lorne. Keith Baillie addressed a number of issues impacting



Lorne, including progress of developments at Point Grey. Chris Pike spoke of the workshop which had taken place earlier that day, and the plan to work with the Lorne community, through Committee for Lorne, to help achieve our aspirations for Lorne and in particular, accommodating Lorne's future.

Chris had developed the theme for the Shire's presentations to the luncheon, describing "a new era in community and agency cooperation". Both the workshop and the presentations at the luncheon were encouraging signs that we have indeed begun a new era in terms of turning our Aspirations for Lorne into real action plans.

Peter Spring
Committee for Lorne

COMMITTEE FOR LORNE

A word from the Chairman

Last Thursday we had our third Committee for Lorne (CFL) meeting for 2019 with a busy agenda and plenty of activity continuing in and around Lorne. Without doubt the most discussed and pressing project still on the agenda is the development of the Point Grey precinct. With an endorsed master plan having been lodged with the Surf Coast Shire last November, all eyes have been focussed on the outcome of the process.

As the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC), with their consultants, fine tune the anticipated project costs, it has become evident that Government's promised funding falls well short of the project cost. We are committed to do whatever it takes to ensure that the promised Government

Funding remains allocated to this exciting Lorne project, but it appears very obvious that changes are going to need to be made.

We continue to be committed to the process and the project but are acutely aware of the need to proactively address potential changes to facilitate delivering the building project within the constraints of the funding that has been approved. The coming months are likely to be the most crucial since the announcement by Sarah Henderson of the funding commitment – stay tuned.

A great milestone last weekend for the Lorne senior footballers who defeated Birregurra on their home ground for the first time in 7 years, to take out the Mark Trickey Memorial Cup. A super

achievement by the Dolphins that sees them now in second place on the Colac and District Football League ladder.

As we progress into the last half of the month of June, another annual event is almost upon us. The 2019 Winter Solstice is scheduled to occur on Saturday June 21 at 1.54am in Melbourne. In terms of hours of daylight, this day is 5 hours, 15 minutes shorter than on the December solstice. It's always a great milestone in any year when you pass the shortest day and gradually start to see extra sunshine return.

For those that were unaware the Solstice is an astronomical event that happens twice, once in summer and once in winter, each year when the sun reaches its highest position in the sky as

seen from the North or the South Pole. During solstices the tilt of the axis of the Earth (with respect to the sun) is the maximum at 23 degrees and 26 minutes. Solstices occur on the 21st June and 21st December each year. During Summer the day of the solstice is the longest day of the year and during winter the day of the Solstice is the shortest day of the year.

A reminder that following the very successful Community Luncheon earlier this month, our next function is scheduled for the Friday prior to the AFL Grand Final. We would love you to spread the word and go out of your way to invite others that may attend for the first time.

Ian Stewart
Chairman - Committee for Lorne