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Preamble

For over 200 years across Australia, our Catholic school communities have been stories of “diversity and inclusion, resilience and persistence, commitment to improvement and innovation, great hope and faith in God and the human spirit”. (Extract, Humble Beginnings, Celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education).

Specifically in Victoria, since the first school was opened in 1839, clergy, religious and lay leaders have been at the forefront of this commitment; progressive thinkers with the faith formation, a love of learning and ensuring children and young people are the centre of this endeavour.

Catholic education has been a cornerstone of the Catholic Church's mission, realised through the tireless efforts of many individuals and a commitment exercised in partnership with families and their local parish.

The VACPSP biennial Conference seeks to support the leaders of our primary schools who lead and nurture young people in highly formative years.

The Conference is an enriching, educating and nourishing experience for primary Principals, both in knowledge and faith. The theme changes each Conference and is designed to respond to time sensitive challenges experienced in educational leadership both locally and globally.

The VACPSP Conference has a long-established history of welcoming school leaders and other educators to stories, conversations, provocations and collaborations that reflect what we do best: learn from theory, experience, each other and be open to the voice of God calling us in vocation and mission.



About

Think. Engage. Lead. WITH STRENGTH.

Building on the previous conference themes of Courage and Hope, we introduce the theme of Strength. The Strength of our Faith and the teachings of Jesus and our own saint, Mary McKillop, the Strength of leading differently and justly, Strength in the face of the challenges of today's society, including a focus on the Strength of our indigenous story and spirituality, and our own inner conviction, a Strength that enables us to lead as we do.

This conference journey will inspire, inform and equip you to make a long-term, sustainable and measurable impact on young people and school communities. The conference is underpinned by our Australian faith story and reminds us that "we are custodians or keepers of these stories because we work in Catholic schools" (Askew 2021).

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

At the conference we will explore, learn about and discuss the inspirational stories of an array of exceptional keynote speakers.

Reference: Askew, M. (2021). *From Humble Beginnings*. National Catholic Education Commission.



Conference theme

The 2024 Conference theme is WITH STRENGTH and will inspire Principals to think with strength, engage with strength and lead with strength. In a post pandemic world, with global unrest, teacher shortage, changing social, ecclesial and educational contexts and challenges, Principals are challenged to dig deeper than ever before for the strength to lead their communities.

The 2024 Conference will be underpinned by the strength of leadership of Mary McKillop's story, who was an educator, a pioneer and a leader, someone who had compassion for others, regardless of their position, situation or ethnicity.

"We must teach more by example than by word."

"God loves courageous souls."

- Mary MacKillop

The 2024 Conference delegates will encounter stories of strength to inspire quality leadership.

The 2024 Conference acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples "are the oldest living and continuing cultures on earth and as the First Australians, occupy a unique place in contemporary Australia Society" (CECV 2021). This Conference will support delegates to embrace this story of strength, resilience and hope.

Reference: Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd. (2021). CECV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan. <https://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/getmedia/bd494d6a-2d58-4f9b-94a2-85f3ab75e7ea/CECV-Aboriginal-and-Torres-Strait-Islander-Education-Action-Plan.aspx?ext=.pdf>.



Conference goals

- 1. The delegates will feel closer to God and open to finding strength in God's love**
Through daily prayer, Mass, opportunities for personal reflection and lessons in spirituality, the delegates' faith will be nourished and refreshed.
- 2. The delegates will experience new ways of thinking to draw on inner strength**
Hearing incredible stories from all disciplines and life experiences will stimulate out of the box thinking and new perspectives on the definition of strength. In three days, delegates will benefit from years of knowledge and wisdom that they can transfer to their own life and leadership journey.
- 3. The delegates will find their inner strengths**
Delegates will be challenged to get out of their comfort zone, to look introspectively and be reminded of their own incredible potential by exploring, discussing and engaging with stories of strength and vision. Delegates will leave the Conference encouraged and inspired to embrace their own inner strengths and that of their staff, students and community.
- 4. The delegates will feel empowered by their connection to each-other**
The shared collegial experience will refill delegates hearts as they build relationships and bonds with each other. With the support of their peers, delegates will have the strength and confidence ready to lead their school community.

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Board Member of Catholic Education Diocese of Ballarat Ltd, studied at Fordham University of New York, Former Director of Religious Education , Ballarat and currently Moderator of Star of the Sea Parish, Warrnambool, Victoria.



HELEN HEALY

Dr Helen Healy (PhD; M.Ed; Grad. Dip. RE; B.Ed; Dip. T), recently retired Principal with 45 years experience in school leadership.



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SPEAKERS



ASHLEY FELL
Social Researcher, TEDx Speaker and the Director of Advisory at McCrindle



CRAIG FOSTER AM
Former Socceroo, Broadcaster, Adjunct Professor, Sport & Social Responsibility, Author and Human Rights Activist



THERESA ARDLER
Director of Gweagal Cultural Connections, Indigenous and Spiritual Educator



MITCH TAMBO
Proud Gamilaraay man, Musician, Actor, Presenter, Performer



SAROO BRIERLEY
Best-selling Author, subject of the Academy Award nominated film Lion



JELENA DOCKIC
Former World Number 4, TEDx Speaker, revered commentator and Best-Selling Author



DEBORAH PATTERSON
Former Principal, Coach and Mentor, Author

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HOSTED BY ADAM SPENCER



Adam was completing a PhD in Pure Mathematics at the University of Sydney when he won a national Raw Comedy championship with Triple J, Australia’s youth radio station. He then went to become one of Australia’s most respected, wittiest and thought provoking breakfast radio commentators across Triple J and later ABC 702. His dexterity at being both mathematical - he has authored 7 best-selling books for talented maths students - and verbal - he was voted best debater in the world at the 1996 World Championships - makes him a curious customer indeed. Adam Spencer is currently the Ambassador for Science and Mathematics at the University of Sydney, and his latest book, Maths 101, for Dumb Dads and Desperate Mums, has been released by Hardie Grant.

He likes to describe himself as “nowhere near Australia’s best mathematician - but possibly it’s best known”.

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ASHLEY FELL



Ashley Fell is a social researcher, TEDx speaker and the Director of Advisory at McCrindle. She is the author of two books, Generation Alpha and Work Wellbeing. She is also the host of McCrindle’s podcast, The Future Report. Ashley is passionate about sharing data-led stories that not only educate audiences but inspire them as well.

With academic qualifications in communications and as a generational expert, Ashley understands that leaders need to inspire and engage employees and consumers and connect them with the organisation’s purpose and vision. Her expertise is in training and equipping leaders and teams on how to lead across generational divides; particularly Gen Y (popularly known as millennials), Gen Z and now the newest generation, Generation Alpha.

From topics including future trends, business insights, leadership and communication skills, Ashley delivers over 50 visually engaging, tailored, and research-based presentations annually for corporate, government and not-for-profit clients in Australia and overseas.

**SOCIAL RESEARCHER,
AUTHOR, TEDX SPEAKER,
DIRECTOR OF ADVISORY AT
THE INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNISED MCCRINDLE**

CRAIG FOSTER AM



2023 NSW Australian of the Year, Craig Foster AM is a commentator and part of the Logie and award winning SBS Sport team. He is a former Socceroo captain who played 29 times for the country and is one of the most respected broadcasters, commentators and contributors in the history of the game in Australia. Craig also works in the sphere of social justice through programs with refugee and indigenous children, using football to provide life opportunities. He recently created a global movement successfully campaigning to free a young player from Bangkok Remand Prison, Hakeem al-Araibi. Craig continues to advocate for vulnerable people, gender equality in sport as a driver of change, indigenous rights and social justice.

While always being a prominent advocate for the beautiful game and its social impact on Australia. In 2021, Craig was made a Member (AM) of the general division of the Order of Australia for his ongoing activism for refugees in detention, human rights and promoting multiculturalism.

FORMER SOCCEROO,
BROADCASTER, ADJUNCT
PROFESSOR, SPORT &
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY,
AUTHOR AND HUMAN
RIGHTS ACTIVIST

THERESA ARDLER



Theresa Ardler is a Gweagal Aboriginal woman of the Eora region, Sydney her mother’s country. She grew up in her father’s country the Yuin nation Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay, ACT.

Theresa’s working life has been in education. She has worked across all educational systems in Australia, from the Catholic Education Office, Sydney as Adviser: Aboriginal Education K-12; St. Andrew’s Cathedral School, Sydney as Head of Aboriginal Perspectives K-12; North Nowra Public School as a classroom teacher; the Catholic Education Office, Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese, as the Aboriginal Education Officer K-12 and currently with Trinity Grammar School, Sydney, as a casual teacher and leader in Aboriginal education.

Theresa’s vision is to work towards educating school communities, teachers and students about the richness of Aboriginal culture and Spirituality within Australian society. Theresa holds a Bachelor of Education from the Australian Catholic University and a Diploma in Child Science (TAFE).

Theresa is currently doing a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Educational Leadership with the Australian Catholic University.

As the future of Aboriginal education unfolds Theresa seeks opportunities to work creatively and innovatively in cultural and school environments that can produce genuine and meaningful cultural dialogue.

**DIRECTOR OF
GWEAGAL
CULTURAL
CONNECTIONS**

MITCH TAMBO



As a talented actor and presenter, Mitch’s charm endears him to audiences and brings a sense of joy and liveliness to his performances. As the much-loved host of MusoMagic Outback Tracks Mitch helps highlight positive stories in remote Aboriginal Communities and is a voice for youth, giving them an opportunity to be seen and heard. He also voiced Tez the Echidna in the Outback Christmas episode. Mitch was an extra on Aussie movie Charlie and Boots, and more recently has been a judge on Channel 7’s All Together Now.

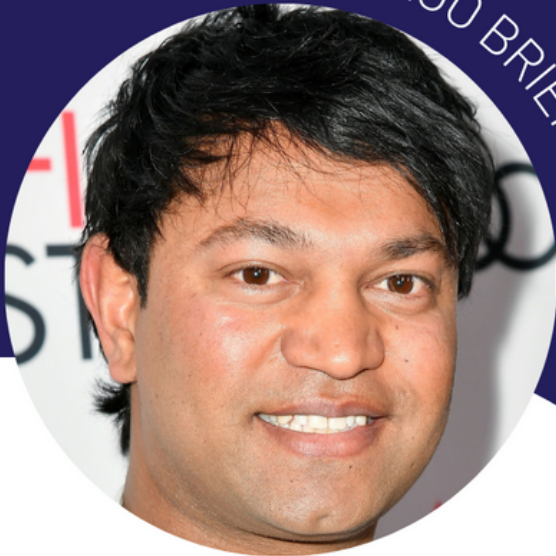
Mitch is an engaging performer and community-minded spirit. His music has moved people the world over and he is passionate about sharing knowledge and experience of his culture. Not content with simply performing, Mitch is championing change and committed to promoting positive Indigenous experiences, walking the path of a true First Nations warrior.

In Tambo’s music you will find great sentiment and stories relating to his own personal journey and story such a Dreamtime Princess which is a celebration of womanhood and challenges men to reconsider how they act, engage and converse with women. He aims to use his voice and platform to raise awareness against bias and celebrate the achievements of women as one of his key causes.

Renowned for his didgeridoo playing, actor, presenter and performer Mitch Tambo is one of Australia’s most talented entertainers. A proud Gamilaraay man, Mitch lights up any arena with a passion and deep commitment to his First Nations culture and the people he represents.

**PROUD
GAMILARAAY MAN,
MUSICIAN, ACTOR,
PRESENTER,
PERFORMER**

SAROO BRIERLEY



Saroo Brierley was born in a small Indian town. In 1986, aged only 5, he lost all contact with his family when he was at a train station waiting for his brother. He never saw his brother again. After living on the streets of Calcutta for 3 weeks by himself, Saroo was placed in a local orphanage and went on to be adopted by an Australian family. He grew up with his new parents in Hobart, Tasmania where he spent the next 25 years. But he was unable, and unwilling, to forget the land of his childhood. Determined to rediscover his past he embarked on a virtual odyssey of his homeland and, after many hours poring over Google Earth, armed only the images that were etched into his brain as a 5 year old, he managed to recognise his home town – and track down his mother. Their reunion in 2012 made headlines across the world, and his full story is recounted in his #1 international bestselling autobiography, A Long Way Home.

The film Lion, based on his autobiography was released in November 2016 to great acclaim. It has been nominated for four Golden Globe and six Academy Awards and stars Nicole Kidman and Dev Patel. Saroo’s is a remarkable story of survival and sheer determination culminating in an intensely moving reuniting with his mother.

**BEST-SELLING
AUTHOR, SUBJECT
OF THE ACADEMY
AWARD NOMINATED
FILM LION**

JELENA DOKIC



Former world no. top 4 tennis player, Jelena Dokic is a living testament to resilience, triumph, and the unyielding spirit of a true champion. Her journey on the court has been nothing short of awe-inspiring, marked by monumental victories and a fearless determination that defies all odds.

At a mere 16 years old, Jelena etched her name in tennis history by orchestrating one of the sport's most astounding upsets, dethroning the formidable Martina Hingis, the world number 1, at Wimbledon. This iconic victory propelled her to the tournament's quarter-finals, a precursor to her consecutive semi-final appearances the following year at just 17—a testament to her precocious talent and steely resolve.

However, beyond the world of the grand slams and the stadium lights lies a narrative of unparalleled courage and perseverance. A two-time refugee, Jelena bore the weight of adversity early in life, navigating a path fraught with bullying and racism. Yet, her most daunting battle unfolded within the confines of her own home—a harrowing ordeal of abuse endured at the hands of her father for over 15 agonizing years, starting at the tender age of 6.

The scars of this traumatic past manifested in the shadows of her success, casting a long, silent shadow on her mental health. It led her to the brink, where the darkness threatened to engulf her entirely. At 22, she stood at the precipice, grappling with the crushing weight of her experiences, contemplating a life teetering on the edge. Yet, it was this very darkness that ignited a resilient flame within her—a resolve to not only survive but to transcend and thrive.

Jelena emerged as a beacon of hope, bravely sharing her story through the pages of two bestselling books, 'Unbreakable' and 'Fearless.' These powerful narratives unmask the raw realities of her childhood abuse, the labyrinth of mental health struggles—diagnosed with anxiety, depression, and PTSD—and the profound journey of reclaiming one's voice and strength, unshackling from the chains of the past. Her words echo as a testament to the immense power of sharing our stories and finding the resilience within to soar beyond limitations.

Beyond the tennis court, Jelena has become an influential voice—a sought-after speaker, a compelling TEDx presenter, and a revered commentator. She graces screens as a key figure in NINE's coverage of the Australian Open and other grand slams, not merely as an expert in the sport but as a living testament to the triumph of the human spirit.

Jelena's story is a tapestry woven from threads of adversity, courage, and unwavering resilience—a testament to the unbreakable human spirit and the undying power of finding one's voice, transcending the past, and thriving against all odds.

FORMER WORLD NUMBER 4, POPULAR TENNIS COMMENTATOR AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

DEBORAH PATTERSON



Deborah Patterson shares her trials and tribulations gleaned over decades of being in schools, the education system and leadership roles. Her book provides teachers, educators and principals with a collection of tips, tools and strategies to help them become the best they can be and the leader that they want to be.

Knitting together stories and providing a whole lot of sound advice, Deborah provides a real insight into principalship and how to be a successful unconventional educational leader.

Deborah Patterson was in education for 46 years and for 22 of those years she served as a principal in schools across Melbourne, Australia. She has held various volunteering positions and received numerous accolades for her work, presentations and leadership. She is an experienced leader, coach, mentor, teacher and writer.

**FORMER PRINCIPAL,
COACH AND
MENTOR, AUTHOR**



DAY ONE: Tuesday 19 March 2024

Time	Venue	Event	Topic
2:00pm	Mantra Foyer	Check In	Accommodation check in
3:00pm	Boardroom One	Conference Registration	Registration opens
6:00pm	Seagrass Lawn* *Weather permitting	Smoking Ceremony and Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome drinks	Welcome drinks sponsored by Australian Catholic University (ACU)



Acknowledgement of Country introduced by Dr Susan Ryan, Lisieux Catholic Primary School, Torquay



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DAY TWO: Wednesday 20 March 2024

Time	Venue	Event	Topic
7:00am	Meet in Foyer	Morning Daily Yoga (Optional) Jumpstart activity (Optional)	Start your day mindful and refreshed
9:00am	Convention Room	Conference Opening and Prayer	Dr Helen Healy with Genevieve Bryant
9:15am	Convention Room	Michael Gray, VACPSP President	Official welcome
9:20am	Convention Room	Conference Master of Ceremonies, Adam Spencer	Introduction, housekeeping and affirmation activity
9:30am	Convention Room	KEYNOTE Ashley Fell	Social Researcher, TEDx Speaker and Director of Advisory at McCrindle social researchers
10:30am	Convention Room	Question time	
10:45am	Convention Room	Platinum Sponsor Compass GM Raffle	
11:00am	Mantra Foyer	Morning Tea sponsored by DOBCEL 	Take time to enjoy a break and speak with the fantastic sponsors
11:30am	Conference Room	National Representation	Gez Mulvahil, ACPA EO
11:40am	Convention Room	VACPSP Highlights Principal Awards 2025	Michael Gray, President Brendan Keeling, Recipient of 2023 Principal Award for Excellence in School Improvement
11:55am	Convention Room	KEYNOTE Craig Foster AM	Former Soccerroo, Broadcaster, Adjunct Professor, Sport & Social Responsibility, Author and Human Rights Activist
1:00pm	Convention Room	Question time	
1:20pm	Convention Room	Premium Sponsor ANZUK GM Raffle	
1:25pm	Mantra Foyer	Lunch sponsored by MACS 	Take time to enjoy a break and speak with the fantastic sponsors



DAY TWO CONT.

Time	Venue	Event	Topic
2:30pm	Convention Room	KEYNOTE Theresa Ardler	Director of Gweagal Cultural Connections, Indigenous and Catholic Educator
3:20pm	Convention Room	Question time	
3:30pm	Convention Room	Premium Sponsors Class Solver	
3:35pm	Mantra Foyer	Afternoon Tea	Take time to enjoy a break and speak with the fantastic sponsors
4:00pm	Convention Room	KEYNOTE Mitch Tambo	Proud Gamilaraay man, Musician, Actor, Presenter, Performer
4:50pm	Convention Room	Question time	
5:15pm	Heritage Ballroom	Conference Mass	Join together to celebrate Mass with celebrant Father John Fitzgerald, DOBCEL Board Member
6:30pm	Convention Room	Time for network functions and network organised dinners	Don't forget to visit our fantastic sponsors on the way out

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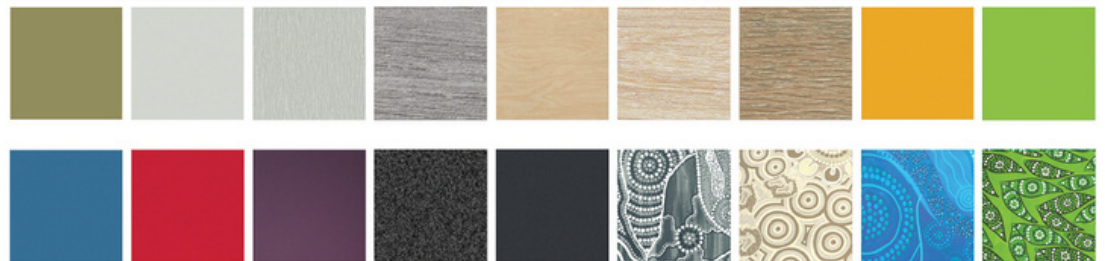




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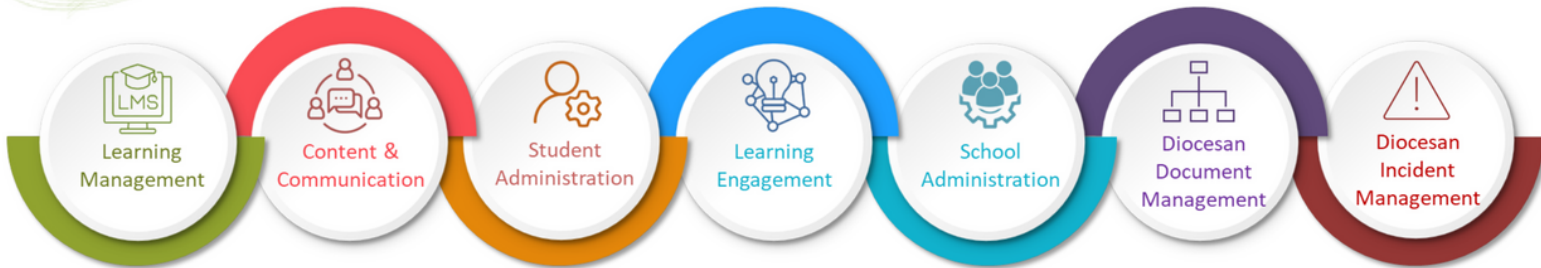
DAY THREE: Thursday 21 March 2024

Time	Venue	Event	Topic
7:00am	Meet in Foyer	Morning Daily Yoga (Optional)	Start your day mindful and refreshed
8:45am	Convention Room	Prayer	Morning prayer with Dr Helen Healy and Genevieve Bryant
9:00am	Convention Room	Welcome	Adam Spencer
9:05am	Convention Room	KEYNOTE Saroo Brierley	Best-selling Author, subject of the Academy Award nominated film Lion
10:05am	Convention Room	Question time	
10:15am	Convention Room	Premium Sponsors The School Photographer ASCA	 
10:25am	Mantra Foyer	Morning Tea sponsored by CESL	Take time to enjoy a break and speak with the fantastic sponsors
			
10:55am	Convention Room	Premium Sponsor CDF GM Sponsor Raffle	



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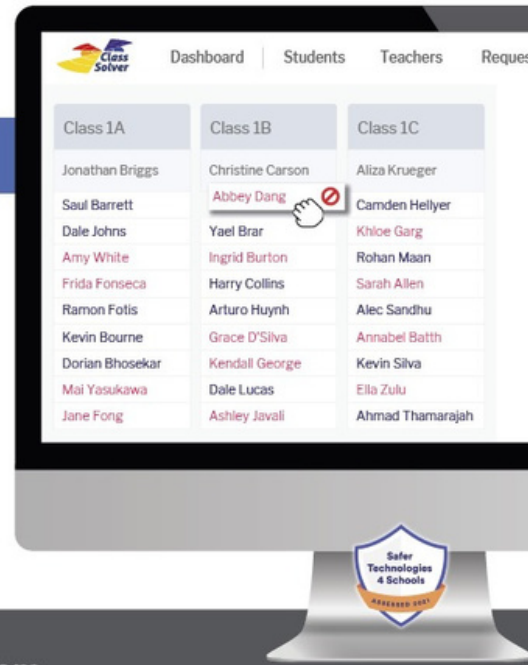
DAY THREE CONT.

Time	Venue	Event	Topic
11:00am	Convention Room	KEYNOTE Jelena Dokic	Former World Number 4, Popular Tennis Commentator and Best-Selling Author
12:00pm	Convention Room	Question time	
12:10pm	Convention Room	Presentation on Mary McKillop Pilgrimage with current Principals Rachel Holdsworth, Olga Lyons and Jamie Walsh	Bringing Mary McKillop's story of strength and courage to life
12:40pm	Convention Room	Premium Sponsors Simon (5 mins) Teeth on Wheels (5 mins)	 
12:50pm	Mantra Foyer	Lunch Sponsored by MACS 	Take away lunches to be collected
1:00pm	Self directed	Principal professional, personal and faith development time	
6:00 pm	Mantra Foyer	Pre-dinner Drinks	
7:00 pm	Convention Room	Conference Gala Dinner (ticketed event) Sponsored by Woods Furniture 	Grace led by Karen Bergin, 2023 Principal Award Recipient for Excellence in Faith Leadership Welcome from DOBCEL Director, Tom Sexton Baker Boys band to perform



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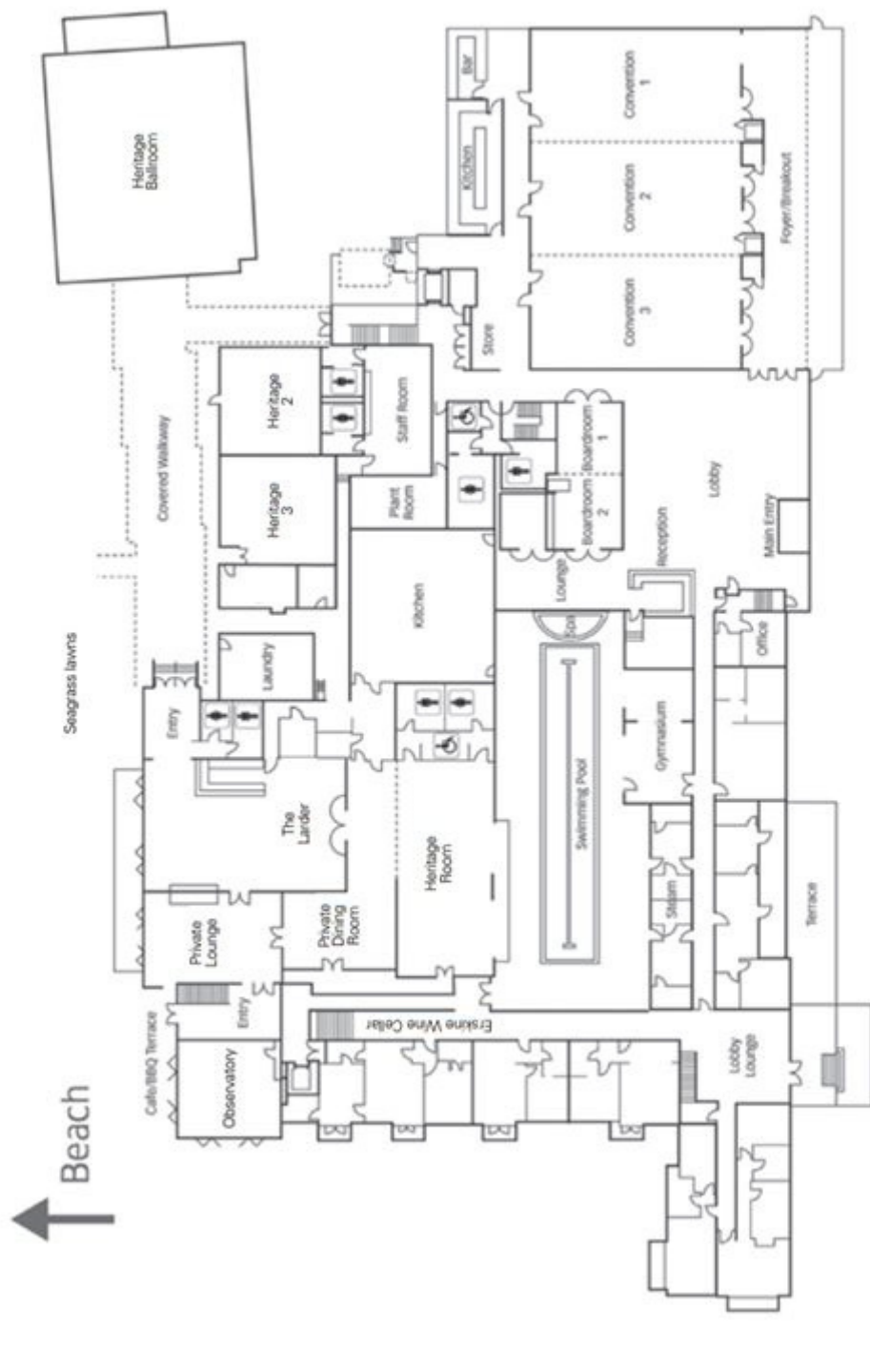


DAY FOUR: Friday 22 March 2024

Time	Venue	Event	Topic
7:00am	Meet in Foyer	Morning Daily Yoga (Optional)	Start your day mindful and refreshed
8:45am	Convention Room	Prayer	Morning prayer with Dr Helen Healy and Genevieve Bryant
9:00am	Convention Room	Welcome Adam Spencer	
9:05am	Convention Room	KEYNOTE Deborah Patterson	Former Principal, Coach and Mentor, Author
10:05am	Convention Room	Question time	
10:15am	Convention Room	Premium Sponsor, Woods GM Raffle	
10:25am	Mantra Foyer Convention Room	Morning Tea sponsored by DOSCEL 	Take time to enjoy a break and final chance to speak with the fantastic sponsors
11:00am		Q&A Panel Discussion VACPSP Conference engagement prize - exclusive giveaway!	Moderated by Adam Spencer, including Deb Patterson, President of APPA, Angela Falkenberg, President of ACPPA, Peter Cutrona, Principals Damian Howard and Gabrielle Espenschied (2023 Principal Award Recipient for Excellence in Community Development)
12:15pm	Convention Room	Concluding Remarks	
12:25pm	Convention Room	Sponsor Prizes and Raffles	
1:00pm	Mantra Foyer	Lunch sponsored by MACS 	Take away lunch Drive safely and see you in 2026!



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Take your time to travel the Great Ocean Road and discover some of the most spectacular scenery, waterfall walks and resort towns in Australia.

Enjoy a picnic overlooking Loutit Bay or head to the bush at Blanket Leaf or Sheoak picnic grounds.

Enjoy a movie at the historic Lorne Theatre which offers the latest films during peak time and school holidays.

SHOPPING & DINING

Mountjoy Parade
Stroll along Mountjoy Parade and browse the various boutique clothing, specialist shops, galleries and cafés.

TOP FOUR WALKS IN LORNE

Teddy's Lookout

Enjoy the breathtaking views from Teddy's Lookout. It offers one of the best views of the Great Ocean Road. Start/Finish: Rotunda at the end of George Street with a 300m walk to Teddy's Lookout.

Erskine Falls

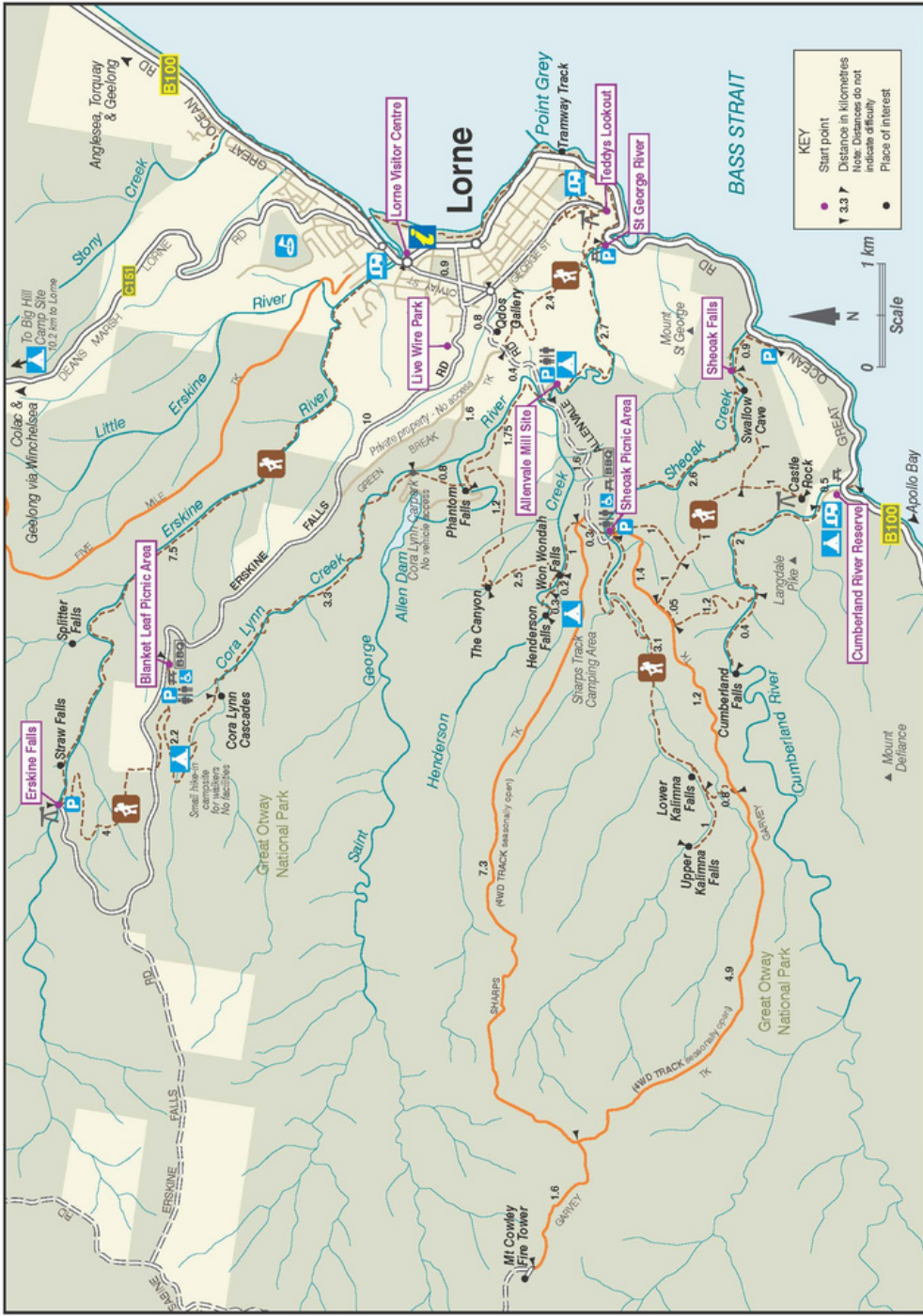
One of the most popular falls in the Otways, drops 30m into the fern lined valley of the Erskine River. It is an easy walk (300m) to the first lookout over the falls, with more spectacular views from the second lookout (700m and some steep steps) further down. Start/Finish: is at the Erskine Falls Car Park, 10km from Lorne on the Erskine Falls Road. Follow the signs from the Visitor Centre up Otway Street.

Won Wondah & Henderson Falls

From the Sheoak Picnic Area a gentle track leads to Won Wondah Falls past giant eucalypts to finish in a fern gully in front of the Henderson Falls. Start/Finish: Sheoak Picnic Area

Mountain to Surf Run

Every year in January, the Mountain to Surf Run is on. The track starts in Otway Street to the roundabout then down Allenvale Road to the Mill site, through the forest to the coast along St George River to the Tramway Track and Lorne Foreshore Start training! Start/Finish: Otway Street, Lorne in an 8km Circuit.



LORNE WALKS & WATERFALLS

Explore the beautiful bush walks around Lorne through the rainforest gullies of the Great Otway National Park which offers more the 50km of walking tracks. For more info pick up a copy of the 'Lorne Walks and Waterfalls Map' from the Lorne VIC.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

000: Police, Fire, Ambulance
Bushfire Information Line and Total Fire Ban: **1800 240 667**



For more information, contact the Lorne Visitor Centre on 1300 891 152.

Friendly staff and volunteers will answer your enquiries 7 days per week from 9am to 5pm. The centre also provides public internet, free wifi, a free accommodation referral service and a retail store.

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Access Township Maps are available from Surf Coast Visitor Centres.



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- Explanation Of Symbols**
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 - Shipwreck Walk Historic plaque
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- For patrolled dates and times visit: www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au
- NO SMOKING or GLASS on any sand area of any beach, all year round.

DISTANCE AND TRAVEL TIMES FROM LORNE

Travel times are a guide only and may vary due to the scenic and winding nature of roads and different weather conditions. Expect travel times to be longer during peak season. (*Via coast)

Town	Km	Time	Town	Km	Time	Town	Km	Time
Anglesea	30	36mins	Geelong	70	1hr 10mins	Torquay	47	56mins
Apollo Bay	44	1hr	Kennett River	22	20mins	Winchelsea	46	41mins
Avalon Airport	91	1hr 52mins	Melbourne	139	1hrs 57mins	Wye River	15	15mins
Birregurra	35	35mins	Queenscliff	90	1hr 50mins	Warrnambool*	208	3hrs 25mins
Colac	57	60mins	Twelve Apostles	140	2hrs 35mins			

HISTORICAL WALKS

LORNE

'A self-guided walking tour highlighting the historical features along Mountjoy Parade in Lorne'

Use town map for reference points and Lorne Heritage Walk brochure for guest houses (* denotes places on Lorne Heritage walk brochure) For further Great Ocean Road history refer to the Historic Bronze Plaques guide, visit the Lorne Visitor Centre or Lorne Historical Society (open the 1st Sunday of the month)

THE LORNE VISITOR CENTRE

UNITING CHURCH*

Stop at the doors to the Lorne Visitor Centre

This site was originally the powerhouse with two large crude oil engines.

ERSKINE HOUSE

Cross back over the river towards the Lorne Visitor Centre. Stop at Erskine House, located on the Foreshore opposite the Lorne Visitor Centre. Erskine House is of significant historical importance as the oldest guesthouse in Victoria and has been in continuous operation for 136 years. These days, the guesthouse is home to Mantra Lorne Resort.

CORA LYNN

Cross the main street and walk across to the two sculptured ladies on the corner. Lorne had two hotels and fifteen guesthouses in its heyday. The Cora Lynn was one of the last early guesthouses still to be seen after crossing the bridge. During 1998 the former Cora Lynn guest house was developed into 26 units.

The two large statues are named Cora and Lynn. These statues were made by Graeme Wilkie from Qdos. The name Cora-Lynn came from a gentlemen by the name of "Hunt" who had a property in Deans Marsh named Cora-Lynn.

LORNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Turn around and face the white Community House across the road (playground at the front of the building). Lorne's Historical Society began in 1968 with sixteen members. There was an earlier society that had a large display of artefacts and memorabilia in the old Library hall on the corner of Smith and William streets. The society now has a permanent photographic display that depicts the whole history of Lorne in the building incorporating the Community Centre. The Society is open on the first Sunday of each month from 1pm to 4pm or on request.

COWS ON THE MAIN STREET!

Pass Cora and Lynn and walk up this side of the main street towards the shops. Did you know?

Cows were a part of everyone's daily life because there was no effective way to keep the milk fresh. Before W.W.2 cows roamed about the town at will, creating quite a few problems. To stop the cows getting into certain areas, the entire town was fenced. Of note, as you walk up the Mountjoy Parade, you will pass a service station to your right. This was Lorne's second store.

THE MOVIE BUSINESS*

Continue walking up the street and past the service station and stop at the Lorne theatre. The Lorne Theatre was built in 1937 and construction took nine months. For several years this theatre had three large coloured floodlights illuminating the front of the building.

Continue walking up the street and stop at the Uniting Church on your right hand side. In 1892 Andrew Sanger from Bath in England, built St Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church in Mountjoy Parade. St Cuthbert's was lined with Baltic Knotty pine boards that came out as ballast in the old sailing ships.

You will see a gate and a path that leads you up to the Church. This gate is named after Annie Agnes Smith who was an avid horse lover and a benefactor of the Church who installed horse troughs in the main street.

LILLIAN BEAUREPAIRE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Turn and face the Lillian Beaurepaire Memorial Swimming Pool which is located on the foreshore opposite you. The swimming pool on the foreshore was opened by Melbourne City Councillor Ian Beaurepaire CMG in December 1967. The pool was respectfully named after his Aunt Lillian Beaurepaire. Lillian was Lorne's only lifesaver for many years.

THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS

Look to the left of the Swimming Pool. Lorne has seen many interesting and some quite unusual commercial ventures throughout the years. In 1923 a two level theatre was built providing seating for three hundred patrons. Up until 1932 they were showing silent movies on the hand wound projector. The original theatre held dances and a separate skating rink which was built in 1935. Without a roof, conditions became very slippery and it was decided to build a roof on the skating rink and a spectator's gallery. Lorne had a very strong roller hockey team and would clean up most of its out of town rivals. The theatre was later sold to Mr Waterhouse who used it as a fun parlour with slot machines and electric dodgem cars (in separate building). In 1958 the dodgemes building was almost washed into the sea in extremely high tides and stormy seas.

LORNE BECOME COOL

Continue walking up the street and stop at the Arab restaurant on your right hand side. In 1957 Lorne residents and tourists' received their first taste of what has become the town's modern cosmopolitan character. Alistair and Robin Smith rented the dance hall (old theatre) and ran a very successful club they called "The Wild Colonial" and did they pack them in. The Smith family infused a lot of character into the town and their style really caught the imagination of the public. The Arab, the bohemian style coffee shop, was a refuge for beatniks (the coolest thing a teenager could be called in those days) and many others who were lured in by the aroma of Italian coffee.

HISTORICAL WALKS

LORNE

THE GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL*

TOWNS SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Continue walking up the main street, stop at Marks Restaurant and look towards the foreshore. Before Lorne's central car park (next to the Surf Club) was constructed on the foreshore flat, most of the town's sporting activities took place there, as it was a largest level area in town. The local butcher grazed sheep to keep the grass down. The area was also popular for joy flights in biplanes in 1915. Even today, the flats remain the central focal point of the town.

THE CUMBERLAND RESORT

Continue walking up the street and stop at the corner of Bay Street. The Cumberland resort, formally the "Summerland Cabaret" held dances and all you can eat crayfish suppers for .25 cents.

LORNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Look across the road to the foreshore. Lorne's first Surf Life Saving Club was formed in the 1930's. During this time there were four boxes on the beach which stored lifesaving equipment. In 1986 the club was extended and upgraded in 1986, and in 2003 a new architecturally designed Surf Life Saving Club was built.

BATHING BOXES

Look to the right of the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club. Bathing boxes were part of the beach landscape and provided an amenity and a certain beachside charm for almost a century. There were approximately fifty boxes on the Lorne beach. In 1970 all the boxes were removed mainly due to vandalism and unregulated sub leasing.

THE LORNE HOTEL*

Cross the road and stop at the Lorne Hotel. In 1876 the Lorne Hotel was built. In 1919 the hotel was destroyed by fire and subsequently replaced by the new Lorne Hotel that stands on the site today.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH*

Continue walking up the street and stop at the All Saints Church. In 1880 the Anglican residents of Lorne decided it was time to have their own Church. The Church was originally built on the corner of Albert and Charles Streets. By 1884 it was decided that the steep hill leading to the Church was too much for the elderly, so the church was dragged by a team of horses and bullocks down to its present site near the Lorne Hotel.

CALL THE DOCTOR

Continue walking up the street and stop at the Lorne Hospital. You will walk pass the Mountjoy heritage precinct, which years gone by saw many old homesteads and was the site of Lorne's first Police station with the jail near the house called "Weem". Western district farmers owned these lovely old properties. Farmers chose this site in Lorne due to the hill behind them which was protected from the prevailing winds.

In 1904, a first aid kit and two ambulance stretchers were kept at the Anglican Church for public use. At the beginning of the 20th century the township was fortunate to have the services of Dr Barker who visited patients by horse and buggy.

The Lorne hospital was officially opened in 1959, much to the delight of the proud Lorne residents. Ongoing fundraising from the Ladies Hospital auxiliary mainly through the opportunity shop, has funded much needed equipment for the hospital. There have been several additions and alterations since, and the current hospital complex was opened in 200

Continue walking and stop at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

The Pier became a new focal point for the town's people, especially after 1879 when Henry Gwynne built an impressive three-storey Grand Pacific Hotel.

Henry Gwynne suffered a serious blow-out of costs during construction and the estimated \$12,000 ended up costing \$24,000. Opening day for the hotel was January 1880, and Cobb and Co Coaches provided a special express service for early guest.

THE PIER

Cross the road and walk over to the Pier. The Pier was built in 1879, in response to a pressing need for a safe place for many small ships to dock. The main purpose of the pier in the early years was for shipping in supplies and passengers and to take away sawn timber. A new Pier was opened in Easter of 2007 which reflects the look of a 'spaceship' at night.

THE PIER TO PUB

While at the pier, imagine 4000 swimmers entering the water as they swim towards the Lorne Hotel. The Pier to Pub swim race commenced in 1983. Over the past 20 years the event has grown in size and stature and now claims centre stage of a three day program that includes the Mountain to Surf Fun Run and the Surf Boat Race Classic.

TRAMWAY TRACK – Historical Walk extension

Refer to next page.

SURFING

Walk back into town using the path on the foreshore. Lorne has produced some successful surfing champions including Gail Couper and Wayne Lynch. Countless enthusiastic and talented surfers, young and old, have enjoyed the surf at Lorne for perhaps well over one hundred years.

SHIPWRECK PLAQUE WALK – Refer to last page

As you walk along the foreshore, stop at the shipwreck plaques along the way to give you insight into the wrecks and some close calls of near shipwrecks on the dangerous rocks in Loutit Bay.

SWING BRIDGE*

Continue along the path until you come to the Swing Bridge, past the Visitor Centre. The Swing Bridge was erected over the river in 1937. The river bank housed boat sheds and a couple of jetties in the early twentieth century.

GRAVE

Walk over the swing bridge and turn to your right. You will notice a grave beside the Great Ocean Road.

The grave is the site of two young boys - sons of Lindsay 'The Splitter'. The boys died while digging a tunnel in the sand. Unfortunately the sand gave way collapsing on them both.

CARAVAN PARK

Walk towards the caravan park and the bridge.

The caravan park on your left used to be an island in the river, and on the south side of the river was a five hole golf course. As you continue the walk over the bridge, the Kia Ora Caravan Park on the right used to be a large vegetable garden and orchard.

HISTORICAL WALKS

LORNE

Tramway Track

Lorne town map reference: K17-K18-J18

A walking track following the route of a logging tramline that closed in 1935 has been opened jointly constructed by the Friends of Queens Park and the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee.

The track starts at the pier. Interpretative signs are provided along the track together with a mockup of one of the trolleys with a set of the original wheels used. You can walk out and back along the same track or return via the road or via Teddy's lookout through Queens Park

The rails were generally made of timber and placed 65cm apart on timber sleepers but steel rails were used on curves. The wheels of the trolleys were made of steel and had a wide section that rolled on the timber rails and a rim to keep it on track. The driver controlled the progress down hill with a hand brake.

The tramline originally followed down Cherry Tree creek but was later changed to follow the flatter track alongside the St George River. From St George River the tramline then followed the upper

track shown in the old photograph below. The steepness of the track required two teams of horses on the uphill climb that even in those more relaxed times was regarded as inefficient. Hence a much flatter track was constructed at a lower level as shown in the photo. When the Great Ocean Road was constructed it was beside this lower tramline on the landward side. The cut into the cliff destroyed a section of the original upper level track and subsequent widening of the road has destroyed the original track to St George River. Consequently a separate walking track has been constructed to St George River. Here the old tramline track follows alongside the river and by walking this track you can join a track up to Teddy's Lookout and then onto various tracks back to town or the pier. The circuit of tracks is well worth walking.

Where possible it follows the route of an old logging tramline that was used by teams of horses to haul sawn timber from a mill near Upper Kalimna Falls to the pier.

Lorne's Shipwreck Plaque walk

Refer to Lorne Town Map

Schooner "Rebel" 1855, Length 71.8 ft, 2 masted Schooner, Beam 17.9 ft, 104 tons, Built Yarmonth, 1833. **Lorne Town Map Reference: K13**

The Schooner "Rebel", registered at Geelong, was wrecked on the 17.02.1855, during a south easterly gale. The common practice is those days, was for the ship to put down kedge anchors and come in on the rising tide, the ship was position and unloaded at low tide, then reloaded and winched back out on the next high tide.

Schooner "Osprey" 1854, Length 78.8 ft, 3 master Schooner, Beam 20.7 ft, Depth 13.7 ft, 104 tons Built Bristol, 1834,

Lorne Town Map Reference: J14

The Schooner "Osprey" under the command of Captain Hawkins, went ashore with two anchors down early on Sunday morning 18.6.1854. An easterly wind was blowing a gale and huge waves were breaking over the stranded vessel. All hands and most of the ship's gear was saved. When the storm abated, she was left lying on her side, only a few yards out, but badly sanded up. Her owners (Messrs Morrison & Co. Geelong) believed she could be salvaged, but their attempts failed and she became a total wreck. The ship had a figurehead in the form of an Osprey.

Schooner "Otway" 1862, Length 48.6 ft masted Schooner, Beam 13.4 ft, Depth 5.7 ft, 33 tons. Built Hobart, 1850 **Lorne Town Map Reference: J14**

The Schooner "Otway" registered at Geelong, carried provisions for local storekeepers. She was lost near this site when heavy seas and gale force winds pounded her, finally forcing her ashore, where she listed badly, filled with sand and became a total wreck. Bass straight is notorious for many wrecks along the shores. Strong winds turned the shallow waters into mountainous seas and one of its many victims was the schooner "Otway"

Ketch "Henry" 1878, Length 48 ft, 2 master tch Beam 13.9 ft, Built 1854, 32 tons. **Lorne Town Map Reference: J15**

The Ketch "Henry" visited Lorne regularly with provisions, building materials and general supplies. Her cargo was unloaded then timber, wattle bark or ballast was taken on board. The only landing point was a small jetty near the mouth of the Erskine River, but it was found to be more convenient to beach the vessel on a rising tide. After reloading she was winched off on a falling tide.

During a visit in August 1878 a strong wind drove her hard ashore. Efforts to refloat her failed and soon after a rising wind and sea from the east battered her to pieces.

Clipper "Paul Jones" Built Portsmouth, New Haven 1877.1206 tons. Length 221.4ft. Beam 41.2ft. Depth 24.6ft. **Lorne Town Map Reference: K16**

In March 21 1886, she sailed for Calcutta in ballast and was a few miles outside the Heads off Lorne when a wisp of smoke was elected towards the stern. The Master Captain Winn ordered a hatch removed for inspection but immediately this was done the ship burst into flames. Hundreds of sightseers at Lorne, attracted by the billowing clouds of black smoke climbed the hills around the town to witness the end of the vessel. The Captain and his passengers were all landed safely at Port Melbourne.

Barque "Hinemoa" 1908, length 271.1 ft, 4 masted Barque, Beam 41.9 ft, Depth 25.2 ft, 2283 tons. Built Greenock, 1890

Lorne Town Map Reference: K17

The four masted steel Barque "Hinemoa" commanded by Captain Royan, grounded on the 21.01.1908 after losing her bearings due to thick smoke caused by fierce bushfires. The ship sat on an even keel with all sails set until she was towed off the next day by the tug "Eagle". Her sailing days ended when she was torpedoed by a German submarine in the English Channel on the 7.09.1917