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**MONTHLY REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY
JULY 2014**

The Monthly Report to the Community summarises, for the information of the community and other interested stakeholders, all of the many activities of the Shire for the preceding month, ranging from policy development and implementation through to service delivery, the provision of infrastructure, and the Shire's financial position.

Given the scope of the Shire's wide ranging activities, there is a great deal to report. Every effort is made to provide information in a readily understandable, easy-to-read form.

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CEO's INTRODUCTION

SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION : NEW WASTE / RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

The Shire's Kerbside Waste and Recycling Collection Service is one of our largest and most significant, involving 3.6 million household garbage collections and 1.6 million recyclable collections annually.

On 1 July 2014, a significant change occurred with Solo Resource Recovery commencing as the Shire's new contractor.

To ensure that the Shire optimised the potential to **Drive Responsiveness, Innovation and Productivity ('DRIP')** through the new contract, to further reduce waste to landfill beyond the current 58% diversion rate, while optimising the cost-efficiency of the service chain, the Shire:

- completed an audit of kerbside bins to identify residents' present behaviours and opportunities for improvements; and
- researched industry trends and best practice activities.

The resulting contracts provide for further waste diversion through:

- an increase in recycling products accepted in the kerbside bin. Residents will now be able to utilise their recycling bins for empty rigid plastic containers, plastic toys (excluding batteries), small metal items (pots and pans) and plant pots;
- the option of larger recycling bins (360L), providing residents with an opportunity to increase the volume of recycling recovered without the need to provide an additional recycling bin and the associated costs of collecting an additional bin;
- expansion of the school recycling program to include all recycling material and not just paper and cardboard; and
- access to an education officer resource to deliver innovative waste engagement programs aiming at reducing contamination, reducing waste to landfill and maximising at home resource recovery.

The contracts provide additional savings to Council as all the services will be delivered below the projected costs. In addition, through the expansion of the recycling products accepted at the kerb, Council will enjoy a significant increase in income.



The contracts will also drive improvements in customer service with the introduction of a dedicated customer service representative located at the contractor's depot in Rosebud. One of the new features in the collection vehicles is a Global Positioning System (GPS) which provides real time information on the vehicles movements. This has proved an extremely valuable tool for the Shire's Customer Service team who can now provide advice to residents on truck movements in relation to whether the truck has already been in the street to empty bins. Another key efficiency

has been to upskill the drivers to be able to undertake bin repairs providing an on the spot service to the community.

In addition, and in keeping with the Council's *Commitment to a Sustainable Peninsula* the waste collection service contract will also be delivered carbon neutral for the life of the contract.

POLICY / STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT

On every occasion that Council considers a policy or strategy input is sought from those within the communities affected.

This is to ensure that Councils approach reflects community needs, priorities and aspirations.

Two such strategies are the “Unmade Car park Construction Strategy” and the “Private Works on Nature Strips and Road Reserves Policy”.

While these may seem dry topics it is important that Council develops these types of strategies to be “in front of the game”, ensuring that issues don’t arise rather than responding to problems after they have occurred.

The Unmade Car Park Construction Strategy is about the 250 unmade car parks that the Shire has some responsibility. Many of these are in high profile locations and are highly used. The policy seeks feedback about the priority of construction of these and how best to fund the works.

The Private Works on Nature Strips and Road Reserves Policy recognises that road reserves and nature strips are not only highly visible but also highly valuable community assets. What occurs on these can be a concern to residents. Your feedback on what should be allowed and how the process of approval should be undertaken is therefore sought.

If you have an interest in either of these two areas please refer to page 85 and I encourage you to provide feedback.

PENINSULA LINK SIGNAGE

The Peninsula Link Signage Project (on page 52) is another important initiative which will have an impact on both local residents and visitors. The aim of this project is to provide clarity in directing people to some of the Peninsula’s key attractions in a simple and easily understood way. This will not only improve traffic flow but ensure that this is done in a safe and efficient way.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Our continued focus on the efficiency and effectiveness of our processing of planning applications has this month seen:

- a reduction of applications ‘in process’ from 700 to 675 (and)
- a significant focus on ‘out of time’ applications, which will improve overall performance in future months.

PENBUS

An item on page 51 advises that PenBus, the Shire’s unique bus service linking Peninsula young people with Monash University at Clayton, has begun selling advertising space on the two PenBus buses, to help cover costs of this important service. It is pleasing to report that patronage is now steady at an average of 160 passengers per day.

DEVELOPMENT AT THE QUARANTINE STATION, POINT NEPEAN

In late July the Victorian government appointed the Point Leisure Group as preferred proponent for the Point Nepean Quarantine Station \$100M redevelopment project. The Victorian government is seeking community feedback on the Point Leisure Group’s proposal now and until 28 August 2014. For further details on the consultation process and the proposal please visit:

www.depit.vic.gov.au/forestry-and-land-use/visiting-parks-and-forests/point-nepean-national-park.

DRIVING RESPONSIVENESS, INNOVATION AND PRODUCTIVITY (DRIP)

The Shire is committed to enhancing the responsiveness and value-for-money of all of its services, through a relentless focus on innovation and improving productivity. Some of this month's highlights are summarised here:



Emergency Management Relief Trailer

The Shire's emergency relief services are now mobile with the addition of a new mobile emergency management relief trailer this month. The trailer will provide significant flexibility to the Emergency Relief Centre operations by allowing the set up of a mobile Emergency Relief Centre wherever it is most needed. The trailer will be fully functional in time for the 2014/2015 fire season.

Continued Innovation using GeoMedia Smart Client (GMSC) technology

The Shire's use of up to the minute advanced technologies continues to streamline our processes and operations;

- **Capturing War Memorial Zones**

With the impending 100th Anniversary of ANZAC involvement in the Great War (WW1), the Shire is using GMSC technology to electronically record War Memorial zones across the Peninsula, with a view to enhancing their amenity and appearance. The new GMSC Project enables in-field data and condition capture for each Shire asset near a War Memorial, and is able to create a zone around the Memorial. The newly captured information will be used to coordinate maintenance and renewal works.



- **Sorrento Village Assets – Easy Access to Strategic Decision Making**

One of the key benefits of GMSC is improved information flow to maintenance crews out in the field.

The Shire has worked with the Sorrento-Portsea Chamber of Commerce to establish how GMSC can assist with style consistency in asset management in the village. By recording information in GMSC, our maintenance teams will have easy access to up to date, in-field information on preferred styles when replacing individual assets.



An 'example' Existing Style



The 'actual' agreed New Style

New Street Litter Bin Surrounds 'Hit the Streets'

The first of the new Mornington Peninsula Shire street litter bin surrounds were installed this month. As part of a progressive renewal program, the new bin surrounds are designed to;

- Reduce rubbish being removed from the bin by birds and wind
- Reduce the amount of rain that may enter the bin and therefore reduce the weight of the litter, potentially reducing the volume of fuel used to transport the waste
- Make large volume dumping in street litter bins more difficult than has previously been the case



Pelican Park Recreation Centre (PPRC)

The rejuvenation of our PPRC School Holiday program has received positive feedback from program participants and resulted in a 12% increase in casual aquatic entry attendance compared to the same time last year.

New Tourism Signage

Shire departments have worked collaboratively throughout July to improve tourism signage for Shire owned attractions, with the intention of increasing road safety. In consultation with tourist businesses, several signs at the Purves Road and Arthurs Seat intersection have been replaced with a single sign that uses short business name descriptions and symbols to allow the sign to be easily read by a driver of a moving vehicle.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Active, direct engagement with local communities is an essential element of Council's policy development and implementation, and service delivery and community support. Some of this month's highlights are summarised here:

NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC Week was celebrated in July with the theme of "Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond". Celebrations included the Willum Warrain NAIDOC Family Event, flag raising and smoking ceremonies and the opening of an indigenous art show. The community was invited to participate in the

events held to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Recognition for PACE (Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders) and the Shire's Positive Ageing Strategy

Mornington Peninsula Shire prides itself on working with our community and recognising the expertise and opportunity available in this diverse area. A great example of this is the work the Shire does with PACE. This work is instrumental in providing advice and community leadership on a range of issues, concerns and opportunities including the development of our "Positive Ageing Strategy 2013 – 2018". In recognition of this, PACE has been invited to present at the upcoming inaugural "Age Friendly Communities and Local Government" National Conference later this year.

Scooter Education Forum

The Shire facilitated a community forum aimed at mobility scooter users, and people considering using a scooter. The forum provided information on selecting the right scooter, use and safety, road safety for older drivers, safe paths of travel, road rules, batteries, chargers and the recharge scheme.

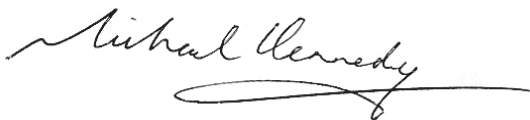
Rebound for Youth and Parents

The Shire along with the Balnarring Village Common commenced a new youth program in Balnarring to broaden community connectedness. The "Rebound" program runs a different set of activities each month including performing art workshops and onstage performances, theatre sports, and costume parties. By extending the program to participants' parents, a greater sense of community can be achieved.

FINANCIAL

As the 2013/14 Annual Statements are yet to be externally audited only the Income Statement is included in this report. Unit results are expected to be in line with budget, with any variations reflecting only timing issues in income or expenditure that will correct throughout the year. Larger variances highlighted in the Income Statement commentary and within unit commentary include the early payment of the Workcover premium for 2014/15 in order to receive an early payment discount (the timing of this will be resolved next month), a favourable variance in Rates and Charges raised as charges for supplementary rates were raised earlier than expected and phasing of loan interest paid. All of these variances are merely timing variances and not expected to impact on the year end result.

As the 2014/15 Budget was adopted prior to year end in 2013/14, the carry forwards for Capital Works, Priority Works and Priority Projects were not included in the 2014/15 budget. The listing has now been finalised and included in this month's report.



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Chief Executive Officer

STRATEGIC PLANNING

ACTIVITY CENTRE PLANNING

Mornington Activity Centre Structure Plan

The Mornington Activity Centre Structure Plan was adopted by Council in 2007 and is available on the Council website. The Planning Scheme includes key provisions of the Structure Plan, including mandatory height limits in different areas of the centre. A Streetscape Framework Plan was developed in 2009 and further streetscape improvements have occurred in the area, better linking the commercial centre to the foreshore.

Update: The focus is now on further implementation of the Structure Plan. A major current implementation project relates to the improvement of the laneways that connect Main Street with the car parking areas at the rear of the Main Street shops. Refer to the Urban Design section of this report for further details.

Rosebud Activity Centre Structure Plan

The Rosebud Activity Centre Structure Plan and Urban Design Framework were adopted by Council at the Council meeting on 24 September 2012, and are available on the Council website.

The Rosebud Structure Plan and UDF include the establishment of a new “heart” precinct, which extends from Wannaeue Place, through Ninth Avenue and across Point Nepean Road to a new civic space on the foreshore. The purpose of this element is to provide a clear destination point within the commercial centre, and improved connections between the centre and the adjoining foreshore reserve.

Update: At its meeting on 12 March 2013, Council passed a number of resolutions relevant to the Rosebud Activity Centre Structure Plan and these matters are currently under investigation.

Hastings Activity Centre Structure Plan

The Hastings Activity Centre structure plan is intended to review and update plans for the Hastings Major Activity Centre in consultation with the community and stakeholders. Development of the structure plan is being coordinated with preparation of the Hastings South Coastal Management Plan.

A Draft Hastings Town Centre Structure Plan has been completed with assistance from planning consultant firm Planisphere.

Although there have been delays in the preparation of the Structure Plan, work on the Hastings Centre has already been undertaken through progressive implementation of the long term traffic management plan and the approval of Amendment C91 which has provided additional land for commercial development and associated development contributions to provide for improved public spaces.

Update: On 26 May 2014 Council resolved to commence the public exhibition and consultation process for the draft Hastings Activity Centre Structure Plan. The draft Plan is currently available on Council’s website and formal exhibition will commence on 15 August 2014. The closing date for submissions is 30 September 2014. During September a range of community consultation events will be organized. Details of these will be available on the web page for this project. The consultation process will also involve the first stage of community feedback for the High Street Design Framework. Refer to the Urban Design section of this report for further details.

HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER AND SETTLEMENT PLANNING

Housing Growth Requirements Program

The Housing Growth Requirements Program was established by the Department of Planning and Community Development (now DTPLI) in the context of population growth rates which were significantly higher than those projected in the Melbourne 2030 strategy. The program was intended to consist of three main stages:

- Assessment of the housing capacity of each metropolitan municipality. Consultants acting for DPCD (SGS Consultants) were appointed to complete a housing capacity assessment for each municipality in accordance with a standard methodology. This assessment was to include an analysis of previous housing development patterns, market trends and future opportunities and constraints. The methodology includes a category for townships and rural communities (separate from urban Melbourne) that covers the majority of the Peninsula. Preliminary Housing Development Data (2004 – 2008) was released in April 2011.
- DPCD setting housing growth requirements for each metropolitan municipality based on the capacity assessment and demand trends.
- Development of a framework to deliver on the requirements, including local housing strategies that facilitate housing development and diversity.

Housing growth requirements were intended to be considered in the preparation of municipal housing strategies and any associated planning scheme amendments.

It is understood that draft Housing Capacity Assessment Options were produced, which focused on ways to influence future housing supply and to test the influence of alternative planning frameworks and changes to infrastructure provision on future housing capacity and supply. However, this work has not been released.

The new metropolitan planning strategy PLAN MELBOURNE, released on 19 May 2014, anticipates significant population growth and housing demand over the next 30 years. This strategy, and the current residential zones conversion project, both highlight the continuing need for significant work on future housing provision.

Update: DTPLI provided a report on Housing Development Data to the Residential Zones Standing Advisory Committee in respect of Planning Scheme Amendment C179 – Residential Zones Conversion. However, it did not contain the detailed targets and options that were originally envisaged under the Housing Growth Requirements Program. It is anticipated that further work on housing demand and supply at the State level will be led by the new Metropolitan Planning Authority.

Review of the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ)

DPCD previously provided a grant of \$35,000 for work on housing related issues. This grant has been used to support a review of the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) across the Shire.

Update: Consultants have submitted a final draft which will be reviewed in conjunction with the preparation of the Local Housing and Sustainable Settlement Strategy (see below).

Local Housing and Sustainable Settlement Strategy

The Local Housing and Sustainable Settlement Strategy (LHSSS) was intended to follow on from the State government's Housing Growth Requirements project (discussed above), and to provide a more detailed examination of housing issues, needs and trends at the local level.

However, having regard to change in approach by the State government outlined above, including the introduction of new residential zones and the recent release of Ministerial Direction No.16 on the implementation of the new residential zones (refer DTPLI website), it is considered appropriate to proceed with work on the LHSSS. It is also important to emphasize that the Mornington Peninsula Shire does already have a clear housing strategy, which is contained within the Municipal Strategic Statement and expressed through the policies and zoning provisions of the Planning Scheme.

In this context, the intention of the overall LHSSS project is to provide a coordinated review of housing with other key factors which affect the sustainability and livability of settlements, including access to employment, the availability of transport services, the availability of open space and recreation areas, the demand for community facilities etc. This is consistent with the approach being taken by the Green Building Council of Australia's new (Green Star) rating guidelines on community level sustainability.

The LHSSS will also need to address the key issues of housing availability, appropriate design and affordability. In practice it will also need to identify areas with greater and lesser capacity to absorb changes in housing stock, both in terms of infrastructure capacity and neighbourhood character.

Refer to the Shire website for further details: http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/files/3fb4993f-56fb-4959-9127-a1a500e01b08/Housing_Growth_Sustainability_Fact_File.pdf

Update: Work on the LHSSS is in progress, with demographic and housing trend information provided by iD Consulting and economic and employment profiles provided through REMPLAN consultants. It is anticipated that Amendment C179, the Shire's proposed residential zone conversions, will be considered by the Minister for Planning within the next two months.

Neighbourhood Character Program

The neighborhood character program involves a number of elements that are directed towards increasing the recognition of neighbourhood character and giving effect to the local area character policy within the planning scheme. The main elements include:

- Pilot character studies, intended to test character study methodologies. A pilot study for the Beleura Hill Area in Mornington has commenced.
- A general policy to complement Clause 54, 55 and 56 (Rescode provisions). A draft has been completed and will be considered as part of a future planning scheme amendment.
- Gap analysis/cutting red tape – intended to identify areas under development pressure or where current provisions require revision. This is an ongoing process.
- Local Planning Scheme amendments. Amendments for the Crib Point area (C163) have recently been completed and an amendment for the Mount Eliza Woodland Area (C162) is in progress – see the Amendment section of this report for details.
- Investigation Areas – as part of the zone conversion process Council has identified a number of areas where there is an apparent case for use of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone and a higher level of control than provided under the statewide Rescode provisions. Initial work has commenced on a review of these investigation areas.
- Coordination with the Local Housing and Settlement Strategy. In assessing future housing capacity, attention will be given to the ability of each area to absorb change without significant loss of character or the ability to achieve a preferred future character.

- The preparation of Site Context and Design Response guidelines. The current planning scheme provisions emphasize the analysis and assessment of the existing context as an important factor in the design of new development which respects neighbourhood character. A weakness of the current system is the variability and limited depth of context analysis. The proposed guidelines aim to address this problem and will provide a more rigorous assessment framework (see item under Urban Design section of this report).

Update: The Draft Beleura Hill Neighbourhood Character Study and Draft Design Guidelines were presented to Council on 14 July 2014. Council resolved to commence a public exhibition and consultation process for these documents. Council officers are now organizing the public exhibition process to commence by late August.

Hansen consultants have been appointed to undertake work in relation to neighbourhood character assessment and the development of appropriate planning scheme provisions for three Investigation areas (in parts of Bittern, Mount Martha and Dromana), identified as part of Council's residential zone conversion proposals.

Sorrento Township Planning

Following the formation of the Sorrento Township Planning and Consultative Committee (STPCC), Council officers have provided support for community based planning activities, focused primarily on the development of a vision for the Sorrento township and an action plan to address a range of issues, including development and landscaping guidelines which reflect the historic seaside character of the town, traffic and parking management, and the future of the Morce Avenue area.

The STPCC is also aware of the demographic and population distribution trends which will shape communities into the future and seeks, in the longer term, to develop policies which will produce a more balanced and sustainable community profile in Sorrento.

Council has expressed support for the work undertaken to date on a draft streetscape concept plan (prepared by Hansen Partnership) and has recommended investigation of available implementation options, emphasising however that there is no commitment to funding capital works outside of the annual budget assessment process.

Update: The construction of (Stage 1 of) Darling Plaza, one of the key elements of the streetscape concept plan, has recently been completed and the Sorrento Post Office building has recently been included in the Sorrento Historic Precinct Policy as a specific contributory building.

Crib Point Township Plan

Council, in conjunction with Hansen Partnership, Barraco Wright and NMBW Architects has prepared a township plan and design framework for the Crib Point Township, having particular regard to:

- the increasing number of multi-unit applications in the Crib Point area, with the potential to have an adverse impact on the neighbourhood character of the township;
- the cumulative loss of vegetation within the township;
- the limited range of retail and other services within the town;
- possible changes as a result of the Port of Hastings Strategy;
- the possible location of the Otama submarine at Crib Point (Stony Point).

Following completion of the draft Township Plan in December 2012, Council considered a complementary draft planning scheme amendment (C163), which proposes the introduction of three new Design and Development Overlays (two for residential areas and one for the commercial area) and a Vegetation Protection Overlay over the whole of the township residential area.

While the VPO has been approved and the DDO provisions have been adopted and referred to the Minister for Planning for approval, the introduction of the Crib Point Township Plan as a reference document (C163 part 3) has been deferred pending further consultation with key port planning agencies, including the Port of Hastings Development Authority (PoHDA).

Update: Discussions with PoHDA are continuing.

Bittern Community Consultation

Council has completed a community consultation project focused on the Bittern township, seeking community input on local issues and opportunities. Communication consultants, Collective Possibilities assisted in the project which included a number of focus group sessions, interviews (vox pops) at the Community Market and a consultation “summit” which was held at the Bittern Hall. The input received through this project will assist in the development of a number of projects in Bittern subject to further community consultation.

Update: A report outlining the project and its outcomes was presented to the Council meeting on 26 May 2014. As noted above, a small part of the Bittern township has been identified as an Investigation Area as part of the Residential Zone conversion process and work has recently commenced to assess this area and develop appropriate planning scheme provisions.

GREEN WEDGE PLANNING

Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP)

The Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) is intended to provide for the integrated land use planning and land management of the green wedge. The project is supported by a Community Reference Group and a Technical Reference Group of government agencies. The State government has also established a Peri-Urban planning unit which is responsible for green wedge management plans at state level.

In June 2011, Council adopted an interim policy in relation to Dwellings in Rural Areas which is used to guide decision making by officers under delegation. Recent discussions with the Port Phillip and Western Port Catchment Management Authority regarding the current preparation of the Regional Catchment Strategy have also indicated significant opportunities for coordination with the Green Wedge Management Plan.

In the context of the Minister’s zone reforms (see below), the consultation that has been undertaken through the *Plan Peninsula* process and the preparation of the Peninsula Planning Statement, it was considered appropriate for Council to adopt an interim Green Wedge Management Plan to reflect Council’s existing policy positions.

Council adopted the Interim Green Wedge Management Plan in September 2012.

Update: The interim Green Wedge Management Plan will be subject to community consultation and review following release by the Minister for Planning of the Mornington Peninsula Planning Statement, which is expected to occur by October 2014.

PORT AREA PLANNING

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has consistently supported the further development of the Port of Hastings in principle. However, this support has been conditional on satisfactory resolution of the issues raised by the community, particularly ensuring that Hastings is further developed as an environmentally sustainable “green port”, and that the necessary transport infrastructure is

provided ahead of demand to avoid adverse traffic and rail transport impacts on the Shire's townships. The business case should also clearly identify the economic benefits to the Shire and the south east region.

Further planning for port area development is ongoing, with the Port of Hastings Development Authority (PoHDA) established in January 2012 as a state owned enterprise, with Mr. Yehudi Blacher as the inaugural board chair and Mr. Michael Lean as the CEO of the Authority. The primary role of PoHDA is to advance planning for Hastings as a major container port, including more detailed environmental, social and economic investigations.

The State government has also indicated that, due to congestion issues affecting the Port of Melbourne and growing freight demand, it will be necessary to bring forward development of the Port of Hastings by approx 10 years, with an estimated cost of approx \$9.4 billion.

In August, 2013 the State government released the Victorian Freight and Logistics Plan (Victoria – the Freight State), which emphasizes the importance of freight movement to Victoria's economy. This plan confirms the projected growth of containerized imports and exports (quadrupling over the next forty years), and the critical role of the Port of Hastings in meeting this demand. The report also highlights the need for significant investment in road and rail infrastructure as part of an integrated freight and logistics system.

Update: PoHDA are currently undertaking a range of social, economic and environmental background studies as part of the development of the Strategy.

Earlier this year, the Minister for Planning approved a new Port Zone for use throughout Victoria and DTPLI is now considering where it should be applied. A report regarding the new Port Zone was considered by Council at the meeting on 24 February 2014 and a submission was lodged with DTPLI advocating Council's position.

PoHDA has also recently announced the establishment of a community consultation program, referred to as "PORTicipate", which has included the establishment of three groups representing the Community, Environment and Business.

Finally, the Port of Hastings expansion project has been declared as a project under the *Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009*, which defines the project assessment process, including opportunities for public input. Further information is available on the PoHDA website: <http://www.portofhastings.com>

Peninsula Link (Frankston Bypass)

Peninsula Link, a freeway standard road from the southern end of the East Link freeway which provides a bypass around central Frankston and connects to the existing Mornington Peninsula freeway north of Dromana, was opened in January 2013. The road extends through Baxter and the Moorooduc Plain, with major intersections at Bungower Road and Mornington Tyabb Road.

A Community Advisory Group has been established to provide a forum for ongoing community input into the project. Representatives on the Community Advisory Group include Councillor Anne Shaw. Further information is available on the Peninsula Link website:

<http://www.peninsulalink.com.au/NewPage.aspx>

Update: Large scale vegetation offsets relating to the Peninsula Link project are being implemented on a 195 ha. portion of a private property at Boneo Park, West Rosebud, which forms part of the Tootgarook Wetlands, through a Trust for Nature covenant registered on the property title.

Implementation of the vegetation offsets at Boneo Park is now into year two of a ten year plan, with associated extensive onground works and monitoring. The owner of this land is

also negotiating with other town planning permit holders to accommodate further vegetation offsets arising from approved development nearby.

The Linking Melbourne Authority (LMA) is still to finalise the disposal of surplus land and prepare the required planning scheme amendment. Council has previously written to the LMA indicating its position in regard to surplus land i.e. the need to avoid the creation of additional substandard lots in the Green Wedge.

Peninsula Link twin freeway service centres

The Minister for Planning approved Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme Amendment C195 to provide a site specific approval for Peninsula Link twin freeway service centres without public exhibition. Reports were made to Council about this matter on 24 February 2014 and 28 April 2014 and, in summary, Council resolved to request the Minister to “undo” this approval.

Update: Awaiting the Minister’s response to Council’s request for an amendment of the Planning Scheme to “undo” Amendment C195.

In the interim, due to Council’s responsibilities under the Planning and Environment Act, the plans required under the Minister’s approval have recently been assessed and endorsed, in effect enabling works on site to commence. However, it has been emphasized that Council continues to seek a review by the Minister.

PLANNING SYSTEM

Review of the Victorian Planning System

The Minister for Planning has established an Advisory Committee to review the planning system in Victoria. The Committee report and the Government’s response can be viewed at: http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/data/assets/word_doc/0014/105611/Govt-Response-to-Recommendations-Accessible-Word-version.doc

In summary, the report supports the preparation of a new Planning Act over the longer term and a review of the Victoria Planning Provisions in the short term, including the roles of the Municipal Strategic Statement and Local policies.

The report proposes more emphasis on Local Government’s role in strategic planning. It also supports greater efficiency in the planning scheme amendment process, including the “streaming” of planning scheme amendments with a review of the number of decision points and earlier advice in the process from a Panel. The ability of Councils to refuse/abandon planning scheme amendments is not affected.

The report also seeks to reduce permit triggers and to provide for more delegation and streaming of permit applications, with revised notice provisions. The use of Code based assessment for relatively simple proposals appears to be a high priority.

Update: Implementation of the Committee’s recommendations has commenced with:

- The introduction of the Planning and Environment Amendment (General) Act 2012 on 28 October 2013.
- Ministerial Direction 15 - provides timeframes for (some) steps in the planning scheme amendment process.
- DTPLI has proposed that caravan annexes be exempted from the need for a planning permit and is seeking comment from Shire officers. This exemption does not apply to land zoned PPRZ or PCRZ.

Still outstanding:

- **Actions to reduce the backlog of cases and waiting time at VCAT.**
- **A review of the adequacy of the current schedule of application fees.**
- **Code assessment process for straight forward, low impact permit applications (VicSmart) to be implemented through Planning Scheme amendments.**

Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Strategy – PLAN MELBOURNE

In July 2012, the State government commenced the preparation of a new metropolitan planning strategy to manage Melbourne's growth and change. Details are available on the dedicated website: <http://www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au/>.

The strategy is intended to "re-shape Melbourne" in response to the issues and pressures that arise from both an increasing population (growing from 4.5 million to more than 6 million over the next 30 years) and global economic competition.

The draft Strategy, known as PLAN MELBOURNE, was released for public comment on 9 October 2013, with submissions closing on Friday 6 December 2013.

The draft Strategy is based around ten key themes including people, housing, transport, environment, economy, communities, freight, infrastructure, regional areas and peri-urban areas. The strategy indicates an increased focus (both in terms of planning and investment) on key employment clusters, aiming to achieve a pattern of future development which is both more sustainable (reducing travel times – as expressed in the aim of a "20 minute city") and more economically effective (supporting growth in areas which are already competitive, and promoting economies of scale and agglomeration). The strategy is also intended to contribute to the overall vision for the State, complementing and linking with regional growth plans.

In addition to the release of the draft Strategy, the State government has announced the formation of the Metropolitan Planning Authority, enlarging and expanding the Growth Areas Authority which has been responsible for planning and infrastructure coordination in Melbourne's outer growth areas. The new MPA is intended to work with five sub-regional groups of Councils (with the Mornington Peninsula in the southern sub-region) to implement the new Metropolitan Strategy.

Update: The Minister released the finalised PLAN MELBOURNE on 19 May 2014.

A State wide planning scheme amendment VC106, was approved by the Minister on 30 May 2014, formally replacing all references to the previous Melbourne 2030 strategy with a requirement that, where relevant, planning and responsible authorities must consider and apply the strategy: *Plan Melbourne: Metropolitan Planning Strategy* (DTPLI 2014).

Review of the State Planning Policy Framework

The State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) Review Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) has been appointed by the Minister for Planning to review the SPPF. The Advisory Committee has been consulting about a revised format that integrates the SPPF with the Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF), so that for each topic the State policy is immediately followed by any related regional policy and then any related local policy. This would replace the existing format, where the existing SPPF, containing all State policy, is followed by a separate LPPF (containing the Municipal Strategic Statement and all Local Policies).

The aim is to put all policy regarding a particular issue or theme, whether State or local, in one location in the planning scheme rather than to require cross referencing between State and local sections. It is also intended to introduce additional policy mapping, although this aspect has not been fully developed at this stage. The revised policy section of the planning scheme will simply be referred to as the Planning Policy Framework (PPF).

To date the Advisory Committee has mainly sought technical submissions (e.g. in relation to format rather than policy content) with a number of workshops and forums targeted at various stakeholders. Council has made an earlier submission on the matter and there has been officer participation at two workshops.

Update: A report in response to the SPPF Review Advisory Committee's draft PPF was presented at the Council meeting on 12 May 2014 and a submission has been lodged in accordance with the Council resolution.

Zone Reform Program

In July 2013 the Minister for Planning announced the approval of the new "reformed" residential, commercial and industrial zones. The new commercial and industrial zones were introduced on 15 July (via Amendment VC100), however Councils were given approx 12 months (until July 2014) to determine most appropriate use of the new residential zones. The new rural and Green Wedge Zones were released by the Minister on 15 August 2013 and came into effect on 6 September 2013.

Further details are available at: <http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/theplanningsystem/improving-the-system/new-zones-for-victoria/reformed-zones-for-victoria>
<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/planningtoolkit/have-your-say-on-zones-reform>

In December 2013 the Minister appointed a Standing Advisory Committee to assist in the implementation of the new residential zones. A report on the process of residential zone conversion and a recommended response was reported to Council on 24 February 2014. Subsequently, Amendment C179, which proposes the conversion of the existing Residential 1 Zone into the two new zones (Neighborhood Residential Zone and General Residential Zone), has been prepared and exhibited. Council determined to refer (21) submissions in relation to Amendment C179 to the Advisory Committee.

Update: The Standing Advisory Committee conducted its hearing on 5 and 6 May 2014, and it is understood that the Advisory Committee's report is currently under consideration by the Minister.

In the interim, the Minister has approved amendment VC116, which came into effect on 1 July 2014, and which introduced a blanket General Residential Zone (GRZ) to replace the Residential 1 land in the Shire (and in all other municipalities where final zone conversion proposals are still under consideration). It should be emphasized that the approval of VC116 does not cancel, or represent a refusal of, the Shire's zone conversion proposals.

The Minister has also introduced a new Ministerial Direction (Direction 16) in relation to Residential Zones, which provides some clarification of the State government's intentions regarding the implementation of the new zones.

The Direction requires either only the GRZ to be used or a combination of all three new zones i.e. including the Residential Growth Zone. It requires at least 50 percent of metropolitan Melbourne's residential zoned land to be included in the Neighbourhood Residential Zone and requires the monitoring and evaluation of the effect of the new zones on housing supply and affordability within two years of their introduction.

Further details are available on the DTPLI website: <http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/theplanning-system/the-role-of-the-minister/ministerial-directions>.

Review of Aboriginal Heritage Act

The Government released an Issues and Options Paper for comment by 28 May 2012. On 28 May 2012, a report was presented to Council in relation to this Paper and a submission has been lodged.

Update: Awaiting Government response.

Planning Scheme Review

Under the Planning and Environment Act, the Planning Scheme must be reviewed every four years unless an extension is granted by the Minister.

Update: The Minister has granted a six month extension for the Planning Scheme Review – which is now due by 31 December 2014.

PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS

REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENTS

The Strategic Planning Team maintains a database recording suggestions and proposals for changes to the Planning Scheme that may be put forward by Councillors, officers or the community. A proposal is translated into a formal request for amendment of the Scheme when a first stage fee is paid by a proponent or when a decision is made to prepare an amendment for exhibition.

At this time there are 12 formal requests by external proponents and 15 active Planning Scheme amendments.

CURRENT PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS

Amendment C116 – General amendment

Items include changes to Special Use Zone 1. Council agreed to support a request for exhibition subject to satisfactory consultation with the Port authority.

Update: The Government has now responded to the Port Environs Advisory Committee and further consultation with the Port of Hastings Development Authority is being undertaken. A new report will be submitted to Council in due course.

Amendment C121/C147 - Height Control Policy for all Business zones

This amendment proposes interim and permanent Planning Scheme changes that would limit the height of development in town centres until such time as township specific planning controls are introduced e.g. following the preparation of Structure Plans.

Update: This matter was deferred pending the introduction of the reformed commercial zones. The reformed zones are now in place and so it is now timely for the amendment to be reviewed and progressed to the next stage with a view to exhibition later in 2014 following the release of the Mornington Peninsula Planning Statement.

Amendment C126 Part 3 – Balnarring Civic Court Precinct

This amendment proposes to rezone Council land in Balnarring. Consideration of this item has been delayed by the need to undertake additional strategic and design investigations. Further exhibition may be required.

Update: To be reported to Council once further investigations are completed. Consultants have been appointed to provide a review of land use and development options and have completed a draft report.

Amendment C130 – Local Planning Policy Framework

This is a Section 20(4) amendment request which provides minor updates in the Local Planning Policy Framework and reformats the local policy section in accordance with the review of the State Planning Policy Framework which was introduced in September 2010.

Update: In accordance with a Council resolution on 26 May 2014 this amendment request will be withdrawn in light of the new integrated State and Local Planning Policy Framework proposal (see PLANNING SYSTEM section above).

Amendment C133 - Green Wedge camping and caravan park local policy

The amendment was exhibited in March 2010 and twenty four submissions were received. These submissions were referred to an Independent Panel that has now made its report.

Update: The amendment has been adopted by Council and there are continuing discussions with DTPLI regarding submission for the Minister's approval.

Amendment C161 – Yaringa

This amendment request proposes a rezoning to introduce a new Special Use Zone and is combined with a planning permit application to facilitate an inland marina, accommodation, conference centre, dry boat stack and factory development.

The Minister for Planning previously authorized the preparation of an amendment, however the proposal was also subject to the need for a report under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. Officers of the Commonwealth Department of the Environment conducted a detailed assessment of the proposed Yaringa Boat Harbour development site and the adjoining RAMSAR listed Western Port environs by boat and on foot in late September 2012.

A draft Public Environment Report (prepared by the proponent) was subsequently exhibited for comment.

A final Public Environment Report was placed on exhibition until mid June 2013. Following the exhibition period the Federal Minister has made his determination, giving conditional approval to the proposal.

A report was presented to Council on 22 July 2013. In summary, Council resolved to refer the Yaringa proposal to the State Government for processing, with the Minister to act as the Planning Authority in this case, given the significant State issues that are involved. The Minister has subsequently declined this request. At its meeting on 24 March Council resolved to seek authorization by 28 March if possible, with a further report to be provided by 28 April 2014.

Update: Conditional authorisation has been received from the Minister for Planning requiring further consultation with the Department of Transport and the Port of Hastings Development Authority prior to exhibition. Currently awaiting a response from the relevant agencies.

Amendment C174 - Mornington Peninsula Shire Heritage Review – Area 1 – Mount Eliza, Mornington and Mount Martha

This amendment is intended to implement the findings of the first stage of a comprehensive review of heritage controls across the whole municipality, recognising the limitations of the original heritage studies produced in the 1980's and changing community values and attitudes.

At its meeting on 9 December 2013 Council adopted both the Mornington Peninsula Thematic History, which provides a comprehensive framework, identifying key heritage themes across the Shire, and the Stage 1 Heritage Review - Mount Eliza, Mornington and Mount Martha, which examines the heritage significance of particular places (usually buildings) and provides appropriate heritage citations i.e. a summary of the elements of heritage significance and recommendations for their conservation and management.

The Heritage Review recommends the introduction of new heritage overlays as one of the key heritage conservation mechanisms. It is important to acknowledge that these recommendations have previously been subject to an extensive non-statutory consultation process, with direct consultation with affected land owners.

In this context, at the meeting on 9 December 2013 Council resolved to seek authorisation to formally exhibit the planning scheme amendment, noting that this process will provide an opportunity for any opposing landowners to be further heard by an Independent Panel, which will report to Council before any final decision on the amendment is made.

Update: At the Council meeting on 14 July 2014 the amendment was split into Part 1 (approval), Part 2 (abandon) and Part 3 (Panel). The Amendment C174 Part 1 has been adopted and is awaiting the Minister's approval. The Panel for the Amendment C174 Part 3 has been appointed and the Panel hearing has been scheduled for the week commencing 8 September. The requests for the Heritage Overlays on items that constitute C174 Part 2 have been abandoned.

Amendment C176 – General amendment

Amendment C176 consists of six general items that deal with mapping errors and inconsistencies caused mainly by change of ownership or other changes on the land.

The proposed changes are:

- Rezone 300 Main Street, Mornington (Lot 1, PS 715119) from Public Park and Recreation Zone to Commercial 1 Zone;
- Rezone 70 Mountain View Road, Mt Eliza (Lot 315, LP 12850, Vol 8651, Fol 953) from Residential 1 Zone to Commercial 1 Zone and including the land as a 'convenience centre' in Table 1 to Clause 21.07-3;
- Rezone 7A Dellwood Court, 192A High Street (Lot 2, PS336086) and part of the High Street road reserve, Hastings from Public Park and Recreation Zone to Residential 1 Zone;
- Rezone part 520 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill (Crown Allotment 2025 Parish of Kangerong, TP 949185E) from Public Conservation and Resource Zone to Green Wedge Zone and 520A Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill (Reserve No. 1, Parish of Kangerong on PS 711847Y) from Green Wedge Zone to Public Park and Resource Zone;
- Remove part of the Heritage Overlay from 2A Erlandsen Avenue, Sorrento (Lot 1, SP 25647);
- Remove the Heritage Overlay from 2 Parklands Avenue, Somers (Lot 1, LP 39258);
- Apply the Environmental Significance Overlay, Schedule 25 to part of 161 Boundary Road, Dromana (Reserve No. 1);

Update: At the Council meeting on 14 July 2014, the amendment was split in two parts. The Amendment C176 Part 1 has been adopted and is currently awaiting the Minister's approval; the Panel for the Amendment C176 Part 2 has been appointed and the Directions hearing

has been scheduled for 6 August, with a likelihood that the Panel hearing would also take place in August or early September.

Amendment C179 – Introduction of the New Residential Zones

Refer to the commentary under “Zone Reform Program” above.

Amendment C180 – RACV resort, Cape Schanck

Council considered a report on this matter at its meeting on 23 September 2013.

The RACV is seeking an amendment to the existing Incorporated document which applies to the Cape Schanck resort in order to enable Council to consider a substantial expansion of the resort facilities including a new conference facility.

The proposed changes to the Incorporated document would also require notice to be given of the proposed development plan, and any changes relating to the provision of sewerage services, and consideration of these submissions prior to any decision.

A request has been submitted to the Minister for Planning seeking a planning scheme amendment under Section 20(4) of the Act.

Update: The Minister determined to give notice of the amendment request to adjoining landowners, and the notification process was undertaken by DTPLI. The exhibition period was completed on 2 May 2014. Awaiting the Minister's decision.

Amendment C184 – General amendment

Amendment C184 consists of eight separate amendment requests. The proposed changes are as follows:

- Rezone the front part of the land at 101, 103, 105, 107 & 111 Stuart Road, Tyabb from Special Use Zone, Schedule 3 to General Residential Zone, Schedule 1 and delete the Public Acquisition Overlay, Schedule 1 from 75, 79, 81, 83, 89, 91 & 95 Stuart Road, 1 & 2 Banksia Crescent & 2 Kathleen Crescent, Tyabb;
- Rezone 57 Kunyung Road, Mt Eliza from Public Use Zone, Schedule 1 to Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Schedule 1, apply an Environmental Audit Overlay and introduce a new entry in the Schedule to Clause 52.03 Specific Sites and Exclusions and also an associated new entry in the Schedule to Clause 81.01 Incorporated Documents;
- Rezone part 219-257 Main Street, Mornington (Lot 1, TP821260) from Road Zone, Schedule 2 to Commercial 1 Zone;
- Delete the Design and Development Overlay, Schedule 7 from the land at 141 & 173 Bungower Road, 61 Baldock Road and part 71 Baldock Road, Mornington. Apply a new Design and Development Overlay, Schedule 22 and Development Plan Overlay, Schedule 19;
- More accurately apply the Public Park and Resource Zone to the Western Port Marina, Hastings;
- Delete the Heritage Overlay, Schedule 152 from the land at 10-12 Hiskens Road, Sorrento (Lot 1, TP252157); and
- Rezone 89 Elizabeth Avenue (Reserve 1 on PS401415), 105 Elizabeth Avenue (Reserve 3 on PS 344605) and part 12 St Elmos Close (Reserve 2 on PS401415), Rosebud West from Residential 1 Zone to Public Conservation and Resource Zone.

Update: Currently awaiting the Minister's authorisation to exhibit.

COASTAL PROJECTS

Victorian Coastal Strategy Review

The draft *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2013* (VCS) has been prepared under the *Coastal Management Act* by the Victorian Coastal Council (VCC) and was released for public comment at the Victorian Coastal Awards on 11 September 2013. The draft strategy highlights the following key points:

- Building the capacity to adapt to coastal hazards
- Financing coastal infrastructure
- Managing population growth and its impact on the coast
- Better understanding the real value of natural assets on the coast
- A more integrated and holistic approach for planning and managing the marine environment
- Ensuring a balance between local community, regional and state-wide decision making authority, reflecting that previous settings may not be appropriate for the future

Visit www.vcc.vic.gov.au for further details.

Submissions in relation to the draft Strategy closed on 4 December 2013. Council considered a report on the draft VCS at its meeting in December 2013 and subsequently lodged a submission outlining a number of concerns with the draft VCS and the need for further consultation with local government and other stakeholders.

Update: The Victorian Coastal Council submitted the draft *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2013* to Minister Ryan Smith in April 2014 for approval pursuant to the *Coastal Management Act 1995*. The Strategy remains with the Minister for decision.

Mt Eliza to Point Nepean Coastal Action Plan (CAP)

The Coastal Action Plan was endorsed by the Minister for Environment and gazetted in December 2006. The Shire is working to implement the CAP by the progressive development and review of Coastal Management Plans. More recently the Central Coastal Board (CCB) prepared an internal CAP Review Report.

Update: The Minister for the Environment has directed the Central Coastal Board (CCB) to prepare a new Regional Coastal Action Plan (CAP) for the Central Region. At this stage it is uncertain where local plans, such as the Mt Eliza to Point Nepean CAP, will fit in the new system.

A recent workshop was held by the Central Coastal Board involving local government councillors and officers and other coastal Crown land managers, and it appears unlikely that the existing Coastal Action Plans will be included in the new Regional CAP. However, reference was made to these plans continuing to function independently of the new Regional CAP. Further consideration of the new CAP structure is necessary to ensure effective direction in the development and implementation of coastal policy. Further consultation is being sought.

Boating Coastal Action Plan

The Central Coastal Board (CCB) is responsible for the preparation of the Boating Coastal Action Plan (BCAP) which aims to provide a vision for the future use and improvement of the boating network within the central region. It contains a series of guiding principles and specific policies to identify immediate priorities for upgrading and management of existing boating facilities and a planning framework for new facilities. The current BCAP was published in 2007 and reviewed in 2013. MPSC provided input into this review process.

As noted above, the Minister for Environment and Climate Change has directed the CCB to prepare a new Regional Action Plan and it is proposed that boating issues will now be incorporated into this plan. Accordingly, the CCB have advised that the Boating CAP will not be further reviewed or continued as a separate document.

As a transitional measure, the CCB has prepared a Recreational Boating Facilities Framework (RBFF), which is likely to be included in the Regional CAP at a future date. The MPSC has emphasised the need for significant consultation on boating issues, with both Council and other stakeholders, as part of the development of the new regional CAP.

Update: At the recent workshop with the CCB, the Executive Officer indicated that the Recreational Boating Facilities Framework will not be included in the new Regional CAP, however, the map of (the hierarchy of) Recreational Boating Facilities will be included and it is deemed that this map contains all of the necessary information. Further consultation is being sought.

Association of Bayside Municipalities Strategic Directions 2012-16

The Mornington Peninsula Shire (MPS) continues to be an active member of the Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM). The ABM recently released proposed strategic directions for 2012-16 which include:

- Promoting integrated coastal planning including responses to climate change
- Enhancing the management of coastal assets and infrastructure
- Promoting the ecological health of marine areas and the coast
- Encouraging sustainable and equitable recreation and social uses
- Enhanced understanding of economic, social and environmental values and benefits
- Refining and improving our organizational approach

These directions are intended to form the basis of a work plan for the ABM.

Update: The Association of Bayside Municipalities was successful in receiving funding through the Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership program (VASP) administered through DEPI to develop an adaptation blueprint for Port Phillip (the project is to be known as Blueprint for the Bay).

Through this project, councils, state government and other key stakeholders will look at issues facing the Bay now and into the future, including climate change, population pressures and increased demands for recreation and leisure.

This project aims to equip councillors, planners and other decision makers with the knowledge and skills to guide adaptive approaches into the future.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire will be represented by officers on the Project Control Group.

Coastal Climate Change Challenges

The Shire's coastal planners and staff from other units are involved in a number of initiatives in this area with a view to:

- Improving the information available on the impacts of climate change on our communities, and;
- Developing tools and guidelines to inform decision making and strategic planning along the coast.

The key initiative at present is the Western Port Coastal Local Hazards Assessment (formerly Future Coasts).

While broad level risk mapping and reports have been made available in recent times from the Federal Government's "first pass" assessment, more detailed information at the State and local level is needed.

Under the Future Coasts program, Western Port is one of four chosen study areas for a local coastal hazard assessment. The project scope affects four local Government areas and incorporates most of Western Port.

Officers are currently participating on the Western Port Local Hazards Assessment steering committee and Technical Reference Group. Other partners include DSE, Melbourne Water, South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA), the City of Casey, Bass Coast Shire and the Shire of Cardinia.

The project consists of two main parts – part A being a general mapping of coastal hazard vulnerability around Western Port and part B being a more in depth assessment of the potential impact of climate change in locations that have been selected to represent a range of coastal conditions.

Update: The consultants have finalized and submitted the Western Port Local Hazard Assessment to Melbourne Water and Department of Environment and Primary Industries. The report has undergone independent peer review and the Steering Committee met on 10 June to consider the changes.

An outcome from this meeting was to provide the Technical Reference Group with an opportunity to review recommended changes prior to DEPI and Melbourne Water completing the Report. It is anticipated that this project will be finalized in July/August.

Coastal Management Plans (CMP) – General

Coastal Management Plans (CMPs) are prepared in accordance with the *Coastal Management Act 1995* and set out the vision and land management requirements for specific foreshore areas. CMPs include a three year business plan identifying resources and/or possible sources of income to complete priority actions.

Coastal Management Plan - Mornington

The area to be covered by this plan extends from Caraar Creek to Linley Point.

The Mornington CMP was adopted by Council on 24 September 2012. The final version was submitted to DSE for approval by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change under the Coastal Management Act on 22 November 2012.

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries has provided comments on the Plan, requesting a number of adjustments. A duly adjusted copy has been provided to the Department to assist in its consideration and the approval of the Plan.

Update: Feedback has been received from DEPI and is under consideration.

Mornington Harbour Precinct Plan

In order to resolve the long term capacity and safety issues associated with the Mornington Harbour, Council has resolved to undertake the preparation of a Mornington Harbour Precinct Plan, with the formation of a Mornington Harbour Precinct Working Group to ensure broad community consultation.

The working group has held a number of meetings to discuss issues and options, and has also included other stakeholders in the discussions.

Update: A Draft Mornington Harbour Precinct Working Group Report was presented to the Working group on 22 July 2014. This Draft Report provided a summary of the investigations and discussions undertaken by the Working Group on potential improvements for the Precinct. The Draft Report includes a Draft Mornington Harbour Precinct Plan. The Working Group will consider the Draft Report on 5 August 2014 to finalise its advice to Council on proposed improvements for the Precinct.

The Draft Precinct Plan proposes in part important improvements to the Mornington Pier 'forecourt' (the area between the Pier and the Mornington Yacht Club), in conjunction with the improvements to the Mornington Pier being undertaken by Parks Victoria, to create a much enhanced public place for the community and visitors to enjoy.

Coastal Management Plan – Safety Beach

Safety Beach is Council freehold land and therefore a Coastal Management Plan is not formally required to be submitted to the Minister to accord with the *Coastal Management Act*. However, a draft Master Plan was prepared in 1999 for the Safety Beach Foreshore and the community Foreshore Advisory Committee supports the development of a Coastal Management Plan.

The Safety Beach Visioning Plan – Stage 1 Coastal Management Plan has been commenced with a comprehensive consultation phase with over 100 public opinion submissions received. The next stage of this project will be to develop an indicative plan and recommendations for the management of the Safety Beach Foreshore.

Update: Work has commenced on Stage 2 – Plan Development of the Safety Beach Coastal Management Plan. The development of the plan will build on the extensive consultation work undertaken in the Stage 1 – Visioning Plan component of this project.

As part of Stage 2, contact has been made with several schools and child care centres to elicit the views of parents and children, to broaden the base of consultation. Detailed traffic management advice has also been sought from traffic management and engineering agencies.

Further consultation is in progress.

Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Plan

The Shire received funding for a Boating Precinct Plan for the Rye public boat launching facility through the State government's Boating Safety and Facilities Program.

The Plan, including a coastal processes study, was subsequently developed, and included an extensive consultation process. The Plan includes proposed improvements to both the boating precinct and to the wider Rye foreshore area. Following a formal exhibition period, and consideration of submissions, the Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Plan was considered by Council at its meeting of 25 November 2013 and subsequently adopted with the following resolution:

- That Council adopts the Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Plan 'in principle' and subject to funding for its further development and implementation and to input from future consultations during the detailed design stage of the plan.
- That Council pursues the implementation of the Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Plan with a long term investment strategy including seeking funding from State government, as appropriate,

with any Council contribution being assessed as part of Council's normal Capital Works Budget process and in the context of other Budget priorities.

- That an indicative timeframe be brought back to Council early in 2014.

Update: Council has recently received advice of a successful grant application for design development of infrastructure associated with the Rye Boating Precinct. Pending the approval of budget proposals, the design development stage of this plan will be undertaken through the preparation of a Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Landscape Master Plan.

Further consultation with key stakeholders and agencies will form an integral part of this process. An outline of the implementation timeframe will be reported to Council as soon as possible.

Coastal Management Plan – Hastings South

The Hastings South Coastal Management Plan, including a recreational boating precinct plan, has been prepared, in part utilising funds received from the Department of Transport. A community survey has also been undertaken to capture boating information on the Hastings foreshore.

Update: The Hastings South Coastal Management Plan was on exhibition until Friday 30 May 2014. Further consultation is now being undertaken with the recently appointed Hastings Foreshore Advisory Group and Department of Environment and Primary Industries. A report on submissions and the final Hastings South Coastal Management Plan recommended for adoption will be presented to Council in August-September 2014.

Major Coastal Works Projects

Mt Eliza - Canadian Bay Car Park Landscape Master Plan

Concept designs for the Canadian Bay car park have been completed. Consultation with the Foreshore Advisory Group is continuing.

Update: Following consultation with Ward Councillors, it has been decided to develop a strategic overview of all coastal car parks, in consultation with the Infrastructure Strategy Unit, with a view to prioritising future works and funding.

Mornington Football Disaster Memorial Park

A draft landscape master plan has been prepared for the picnic/park area at the corner of the Esplanade and Schnapper Point Drive as well as the public spaces surrounding the old post office and court house buildings. On 15 March 2011 Council determined to undertake a consultation process to seek community input on the draft landscape master plan. The masterplan was considered and endorsed by Council at its meeting on 24 October 2011.

The Infrastructure Unit and Strategic Planning have been working to implement the masterplan. Stage 1 works including upgrading the monument, lighting and vegetation works. Stage 2 will focus on the main pathway from the monument to a look-out area over the harbour, the picnic area at the eastern end of the park and improvements to the side of the courthouse area. The detailed design and approvals process is near completion and works are expected to commence later this year.

Update: Works will commence on 4 August 2014.

Mornington – Mills Beach Landscape Master Plan

The community and in particular the Mornington Life Saving Club have requested improvements to this area, such as the provision of disabled access, improvement to the LSC forecourt area, reconsideration of the parking layout and safe access for emergency vehicles. A consultant was engaged to prepare a landscape masterplan for the area.

Update: The Mills Beach LMP was adopted by Council on 24 September 2012. Detailed design work is being undertaken in conjunction with the Mornington Life Saving Club and the Foreshore Advisory Group.

Mt Martha Life Saving Club/Yacht Club Area

Due to a range of changes and proposals within the Mount Martha Coastal Activity Node, including a planning permit application by the Mt Martha Life Saving Club for the expansion of the Life Saving Club, proposed changes to the Yacht Club/Life Saving Club car park and the completion of the boardwalk from the pedestrian crossing to the YC/LSC car park, it was considered that the development of a precinct plan was appropriate to assist proper coordination of proposals.

An interim Precinct Plan has been prepared and approval has been granted for reconstruction and extension of the Life Saving Club extension building in accordance with the interim Plan. Further consideration of proposals by the Yacht Club is being undertaken.

Update: The Life Saving Club has been demolished and new building commenced.

Safety Beach - Bay Trail

Construction of the trail is complete to a location across from Prescott Street (Safety Beach) and the footbridge over Sheepwash Creek has been completed. The coastal planners will continue to assist officers from the Infrastructure Strategy Team on planning for the development of the missing links of the Bay Trail.

Update: In late February, the Shire's Traffic Management team undertook the process of finalising the plans/alignment for the remaining section of Safety Beach Bay Trail prior to going out to tender.

The alignment for the works was finalised in consultation with the Safety Beach Foreshore Advisory Group and with consideration of the Safety Beach Coastal Management Plan – Stage 1: Visioning Plan.

The Safety Beach Bay Trail works have been awarded to a construction company who have commenced works.

Rosebud – Jetty Road Pier Precinct Landscape Masterplan

A landscape masterplan is to be prepared for this area as a key action from the adopted Rosebud Coastal Management Plan adopted by Council last year. The plan will include the provision of a new playground, improved pedestrian movement and open space treatments.

Update: Aspect Studios, the consultants engaged to develop the landscape master plan, have almost completed the draft master plan for Council's consideration. A briefing has been held with Ward Councillors, and officers propose to present the draft to Council with a view to commencing community consultation later this year.

Portsea Foreshore – Restoration Works

The Shire is working closely with DSE and Parks Victoria to address the erosion at Portsea beach. Works to date have included the stabilization of the Pier entrance area (which includes the installation of rock revetment) and the placement of large sand bags on the primary dune (eastern side of the Pier).

Update: Coastal Planning and Infrastructure officers are working with DEPI to finalise plans for a concrete retaining wall between the pier and the western seawall which has been necessitated by the erosion of this site.

Council has considered a report on this matter and has resolved to provide funding to ensure the inclusion of a walkway along the top of the retaining wall as the most cost effective means of ensuring ongoing public access. The timing of these works is yet to be announced by DEPI who are the project managers.

Sorrento Foreshore – DEPI Beach Renourishment Works

Coastal Planning is working with DEPI on a beach renourishment project for Sorrento Foreshore. It is proposed to renourish a length of 400 metres of foreshore as part of the Victorian Government's Protection of Port Phillip Bay Beaches and Foreshores Program (2011 – 2015). The project will result in approximately 6,000 cubic metres of sand being added to the western end of the beach to protect the foreshore from coastal erosion and provide improved public amenity.

Update: A public information session in relation to the proposed works was held on 2 May 2014.

Flinders Foreshore

There are currently a number of community based proposals for the Flinders foreshore.

Update: Biosis consultants have completed the Conservation Management Plan for the Flinders foreshore area in response to on site meetings with key community members and stakeholders. Shire Officers will continue work with community members to develop and assess proposals in accordance with Council's Community Capital Partnerships policy and to undertake minor improvements.

Mt Eliza and Mt Martha North Foreshore – Erosion and Works

Storm surge wave activity has caused significant damage to land and infrastructure on Mt Eliza (Moondah) and Mt Martha North foreshores. Both beaches have suffered significant erosion to cliff faces and a number of bathing boxes have been damaged or destroyed.

Coastal Planning, Statutory Building and Property Operations officers inspected the condition of bathing boxes at Mt Eliza and Mt Martha Foreshores. In all a total of 14 bathing box licensees were issued with orders to either re-stump or demolish their boxes.

Update: Coastal Planning continues to work with DEPI and Property Operations to develop a response to the coastal erosion and Bathing Box issues.

Recent storm events have caused further erosion of beaches and infrastructure along Mt Eliza and Mt Martha North Foreshore reserves and Coastal Planning is working closely with Property Services and Infrastructure officers to develop sustainable responses to these events.

Foreshore Advisory Groups

The Shire has established nine community-based Foreshore Advisory Groups to provide input to coastal planning for areas where the Shire itself is either the public land manager and/or the delegated Committee of Management.

- Mt Eliza
- Mornington
- Mt Martha
- Safety Beach
- Rosebud
- Rye
- Sorrento
- Portsea; and
- Hastings

Update: The recent Expression of Interest process for the appointment of members to the Foreshore Advisory Groups has now been completed. The applications were reported to Council at its meeting on 19 May 2014. All applicants have been advised of Council's decision, with members appointed for a 12 month period. Meetings with the newly appointed groups are now being convened.

NATURAL SYSTEMS PROJECTS

Development of the Mornington Peninsula Biodiversity Conservation and Threat Mitigation Plan

The first stage of this long term project, involving extensive Native Vegetation Mapping, has been completed. The Mornington Peninsula Fauna Atlas is the second stage and is now also complete.

The Fauna Atlas project involved undertaking a field survey of native fauna on roadside reserves, targeted private land and Council controlled reserves. The project has resulted in the creation of over 70,000 fauna records across private and public land. The project has also established a data base for collection of information associated with native fauna road accidents.

The Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research (ARI) has been consulted extensively in development of the brief for the next stage of this project – the development of a Biodiversity Conservation Plan. ARI is a leading centre for applied ecological research in Victoria and provides the biodiversity research base for the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI).

By working in partnership with this Institute it is intended to ensure that best practice methods and strategies are applied to the protection and enhancement of the Shire's long term biodiversity.

Update: The project brief for the Biodiversity Conservation Plan has been prepared and expressions of interest are being sought.

A document that summarises the outcomes of the Shire biodiversity mapping project is in preparation for electronic and hard copy distribution to the community. The consultant will incorporate data from the current 2014 zoological survey of the Tootgarook wetland and further information regarding strategic Shire biodiversity assets.

Consultant work is expected to be completed by mid August 2014.

Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan 2013-2015

The Shire has engaged consultants (WBM/BMT) to investigate the feasibility of preparing a nomination for the Tootgarook Wetland as an internationally significant RAMSAR wetland.

Consultants have also been engaged to facilitate the meetings of the Tootgarook Wetlands Stakeholder Working Group.

Update: Melbourne Water and the Shire have jointly prepared a draft Memo of Understanding for the development and implementation of a longer term monitoring program for the Tootgarook wetland.

MW have awarded the contract for the development of a Tootgarook Wetland Ecological Monitoring program methodology to Jacobs P/L (formerly SKM) who are currently undertaking other projects for Melbourne Water.

One of the Tootgarook wetland fauna surveys by consultant Mal Legge is now complete and has been submitted by the consultant. The second consultant report, surveying bird species, is a longitudinal survey of bird species by Birdlife Australia over a period of two years. Field survey work continues, with the initial report due for transfer to the Shire in January 2015.

Results of both Shire fauna studies and the Boneo Park property study will help to provide a baseline inventory informing the development of a Tootgarook wetland strategic plan and potentially supporting a RAMSAR listing application.

Matters of National Environment Significance (Southern Brown Bandicoot) - SE Melbourne Growth Corridor 2013-15

The Commonwealth Minister of the Environment is currently reviewing a DEPI proposal (released in July 2014) to create voluntary non binding habitat links for isolated populations of Southern Brown Bandicoot at Royal Botanic Gardens, Koo Wee Rup and Western Port coastal zone.

Update : A detailed submission was made to the Commonwealth Government by the Shire regarding the need for identification and implementation of habitat corridors linking isolated Bandicoot populations of the Mornington Peninsula and SE Melbourne.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Fauna Brochure

This brochure is one of a series that provides “user friendly” information for landowners and community stakeholders helping to promote sustainable environmental management. The Shire Fauna brochure was launched in 2003 and has recently been updated and reprinted.

Update: An electronic version of the brochure has been placed on the Shire website. Distribution of the brochure to the community is ongoing.

Reforms to Victoria’s Native Vegetation Permitted Clearing Controls

The Victorian Government is finalizing details of the changes to the regulatory framework governing the clearing of native vegetation in Victoria. These reforms are focussed on six key issues:

- Clarifying the objective of native vegetation permitted clearing
- Improving how biodiversity value is measured and defined
- Incorporating risk and proportionality in decision making
- Ensuring vegetation offsets provide appropriate compensation to the environment (a change from the principle of “net gain” to “no net loss”)
- Reviewing transitional arrangements from the present Native Vegetation Management Framework to the new controls, including revised offset crediting arrangements

- Developing modeled native vegetation mapping as a basis for the new native vegetation policy decision making.

Update: The new Permitted Native Vegetation Clearing Controls were gazetted by Parliament in late December 2013 and changes made to all Victorian Planning Schemes. The new controls are framed in terms of ensuring No Net Loss of Native Vegetation, in contrast to the previous controls which required a net gain in the extent and quality of native vegetation. The new system also relies more on modeling of vegetation significance, rather than requiring site by site assessment, at least in the initial stage of an application. DEPI and DTPI are currently undertaking a review of the statewide vegetation mapping which underpins the new Permitted Clearing Regulations.

In addition, the DEPI Bushbroker scheme that enabled planning permit holders to purchase vegetation offsets from third parties has recently been closed, reflecting government policy seeking to transfer vegetation trading to the private sector.

In this context, the Minister for the Environment recently presented a new Bill to the Victorian Parliament House of Assembly entitled Native Vegetation Credit Market Bill 2014. The Bill and subsequent legislation was intended to provide a new framework for the operation of vegetation offsets and the associated credit market, however, the Bill was defeated.

The Minister and the department have yet to provide an update to the community or government officers on this matter. The Minister has previously ratified seven private companies to replace the existing vegetation offset credit extract system known as Bushbroker. This process is in abeyance awaiting further announcements by the Minister.

Department of Environment and Primary Industry (DEPI Management) Review of Invasive Species in Victoria

The Minister for Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) has announced that new Invasive Species Management legislation will be developed and a release of draft legislation is proposed for late 2014. The revised legislation will seek to integrate the management of marine and plant diseases (pathogens) with that of land based invasive species and more clearly articulate responsibilities for pest management on private and public land.

The draft bill was introduced to Victorian parliament in May 2013 and provides that local government will have the responsibility for control of regionally prohibited and controlled weeds and established pest animals on roadsides of Municipal roads as defined in the Road Management Act.

The draft Act empowers the Minister to require Councils to prepare roadside weed and pest animal management plans.

No indication has been given as to the availability of state government funds to assist Council in meeting implementation costs of such plans.

Update: Awaiting update from the Minister for the Environment, including clarification of landowner responsibilities and associated provision of resources from the state to local government and the community.

Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Research Committee

Council is represented on the Biosphere Research Committee that meets quarterly. The Research Committee is made up of representatives from Monash University, Chisholm TAFE, Cranbourne Botanic Gardens, one local government officer and a representative of the Biosphere Board.

The focus of the Biosphere Research Committee continues to be:

- Seeking Federal and state funds for continuation of a Recovery project for Southern Brown Bandicoot in the Western Port Catchment.
- Development of a Strategic Plan and revised terms of reference for the Research Committee.
- Development of a Recovery Plan for the Southern Brown Bandicoot (SBB) - The research committee is preparing for a public seminar on the SBB involving researchers, government officers and landholders.
- Assistance with the implementation of Commonwealth Government NCCARF and Carbon Grants.

A grant of \$2.4 million (over 6 years) has been provided by the Federal government and is intended to support a number of project activities throughout Casey, Frankston, Cardinia, Bass Coast and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Biosphere areas including:-

- Consolidating, at a regional scale, interim actions for habitat links, associated with a Regional Biodiversity Plan.
- Immediate re-vegetation of Western Port Healthy Woodland (bandicoot) habitat.
- Building capacity of private landholders to protect and extend habitat.
- Enhancing key high conservation reserves.
- Reviewing and addressing fire and invasive species control.
- Establishing a Western Port Regional Biodiversity Action Plan.

The Western Port Biosphere Research Committee has appointed a project implementation committee, including representatives from five local governments and state government. Project funding has been allocated for expenditure in the five Council areas and French Island. A number of Mornington Peninsula community groups have made applications for bushland rehabilitation projects on Council and Crown land in 2013/14. Further project funds will be made available in subsequent years.

The Biosphere Growing Connections Project Manager has nominated the successful tenderers to the grant scheme across the five Biosphere Councils and French Island. Negotiations are underway with successful applicants to complete necessary documentation. Successful applicants to this funding project in the Mornington Peninsula Shire are:-

- Mornington Tourist Railway Inc for rail reserve works at Mornington-Moorooduc; and
- Habitat Restoration Fund (a not for profit group) for works at Woods Reserve Devilbend.

Update: Additional grant project funds have been expended by the Mornington Tourist Railway Association at Moorooduc, focussing on targeted pest plant control.

The UNESCO head office of the Man and Biosphere program is currently undertaking a 10 year survey of the outcomes and programs conducted by stakeholders in each Biosphere reserve. A response on behalf of the Shire has been submitted to the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation.

The Biosphere Research Committee has also recommended consideration of indicators for a future State of the Environment Report to improve communication with the community and government. Further information is available on the Biosphere's website: <http://www.biosphere.org.au/>

Devilbend Reserve

The Devilbend Natural Features Reserve (NFR) covers an area of 1005 hectares. The reserve comprises 422 hectares of native vegetation, almost 250 hectares of water surface area associated with Devilbend and Bittern Reservoirs, 328 hectares of non-native vegetation predominantly in the

form of cleared grazed land. Existing public reserve access is currently limited to a 5 hectare picnic area known as Devilbend Reservoir Park.

The reserve also includes the largest inland water body on the Mornington Peninsula providing valuable habitat for water birds and shore birds as well as opportunities for recreation. The Devilbend Natural Features Reserve Management Plan 2010 was adopted by the Minister in May 2010. Subsequently, in 2011 Parks Victoria prepared the Devilbend Master Plan for the small component of the park known as Daangaen Point and other visitor nodes. The Shire noted a number of reserve interface issues including signage, equestrian trail linkages and support for the provision of reserve visitor parking within both Devilbend and Bittern reserve.

Ongoing reserve management issues include unauthorised public entry to the reserve, continued dumping of hard waste on road reserves around the reserve perimeter and park fire management planning and associated on-ground works. Construction of the Graydens Road main entry to Devilbend Reserve has been delayed in association with construction of Peninsula Link.

Parks Victoria has undertaken planning for Stage two implementation of the Park Master Plan: the Bittern reserve link.

Update: Parks Victoria continues to implement the reserve Master Plan for development of the Devilbend and Bittern reservoir areas. Focus of 2014/15 Reserve Master Plan works will be to establish public access to the Bittern Reservoir, continue weed control and undertake diversion works to the Devilbend Reserve catch drain while protecting populations of threatened species.

Cemetery and Anglers Estate Hastings Review 2011/12

Consultants are presently undertaking a biodiversity survey of land in the vicinity of the Cemetery Estate (Long Island, Hastings) so as to inform a subsequent report to Council on the future status and management of the land, which is located adjacent to the ESSO refinery and abutting the Hastings Cemetery.

Update: A final project report has been submitted by the consultant and is informing Council priorities for targeted predator (fox and rat) control programs to protect the EPBC Act, 1999 listed Southern Brown Bandicoot populations. The report will also inform a future report to Council on the designation of the land under the planning scheme and associated protection of the natural values in the light of existing and potential future land use.

Community Waterwatch Program

The 2014 education program involves over 14 Peninsula schools and 10 community Landcare and Friends groups. The program was originally delivered by Melbourne Water, but, due to changing priorities within that organization, the Dolphin Research Institute (DRI) has been commissioned to continue with the delivery of the program.

Update: DRI have submitted a draft 2014/15 annual Shire program for approval.

A joint meeting will be held in early August 2014 to complete a report on the 2013/14 program and finalise the 2014/15 annual plan. The annual program services a number of Mornington Peninsula Shire primary schools in both Western Port and Port Phillip Bay catchments. DRI have engaged with twelve school and community groups in the implementation of the 2014 program. The program has received very positive feedback from participating school communities.

The Balcombe Estuary Rehabilitation Group's (BERG's) Balcombe Estuary Community Awareness Day was supported with the provision of funding assistance from the Shire Waterwatch budget. Over 250 people attended the day. This event is delivered by BERG with

assistance from Melbourne Water officers and Shire financial support. The community day is held every two years and will be next held in 2016. The Shire Waterwatch program also provides financial support to the Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week held annually in March each year at The Briars Park, Mount Martha. Students from schools across the Mornington Peninsula and nearby Frankston area attend the event.

Watson Creek Catchment Joint Agency Catchment Project (Baxter/Somerville District)

This is a long term project coordinated by the Western Port Biosphere Committee, which has focused on landowner engagement in the restoration of a much degraded creek line. The project vision is to significantly improve community understanding of the values of the catchment and the opportunities to protect these values while maintaining the economic outputs from the catchment area.

The Biosphere Committee is currently overseeing the preparation of a Watson Creek Integrated Catchment Program Achievement Publication in association with Melbourne Water, the Shire and Watson Creek schools and LandCare group members.

Update: A draft Project report, partially funded by the Shire, is currently in preparation with assistance from the Shire in GIS and project document editing. Project partners include the Port Phillip and Western Port Regional Catchment Authority, Western Port Biosphere, City of Frankston, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and Watson Creek Landcare group.

The project report is nearing completion.

MPS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Community Partnership projects 2011 – 2012

Work is progressing on the Friends of Tanti Creek Interpretational Signage Project.

Update : The Strategic Planner Natural Systems and Shire Cultural Officer have met with the Tanti Creek Friends group to finalise the cultural heritage content in this public signage project and are currently awaiting feedback.

HERITAGE PROJECTS

Mornington Peninsula Thematic History

The existing municipal heritage studies produced from the 1980's onward (there are 4, one each for the 3 pre-amalgamation Shires plus a portion of Frankston City), each contain a "thematic environmental history", which sets out the key heritage themes, and provides a reference point in the assessment of heritage significance e.g. how important is a particular place in expressing one of the key heritage themes.

In conjunction with the Shire Heritage Review (see below) the 'thematic histories' have now been combined into a new Mornington Peninsula Thematic History. The Mornington Peninsula Thematic History was considered by Council at its meeting on 9 December 2013 and was adopted, along with the Heritage Review – Area 1.

The Mornington Peninsula Thematic History will underpin further stages of the ongoing Heritage Review and will provide a firm basis for recommending heritage protection of places and items with genuine socio-historic significance.

Update: Council adopted C174 Part 1, which includes the Thematic History as a Reference Document to the Planning Scheme, on 14 July 2014 and this Amendment has been sent to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Shire Heritage Review – Area 1 – Mt Eliza, Mornington, Mt Martha

A review of the status of the Shire's heritage studies and their implementation was completed in 2006. Given the significant resources required to undertake detailed heritage investigations, this report outlined a staged strategy to review and update heritage studies and recommendations for new heritage overlays.

As the first stage of this process, an interim Thematic History for the Shire was prepared by consultant Graeme Butler & Associates (see above).

Funds were allocated in the 2009-2010 budget to commence area based reviews of the previous heritage studies, with Stage 1 being a review of the Mt Martha, Mornington and Mt Eliza areas (Area 1). Context P/L were engaged to undertake the Stage 1 review, including community consultation workshops.

The consultant's recommendations were received in July 2012. The recommendations were considered by the project Steering Group and have completed a period of public exhibition. The Strategic Planner – Heritage & Urban Design inspected all properties and held discussions with many owners.

Update: The Heritage Review Area 1 was considered and adopted by Council at its meeting on 9 December 2013. Council also resolved to seek authorization to exhibit the associated planning scheme Amendment C174.

At its meeting on 14 July 2014, Council adopted C174 Part 1, which includes 59 of the 66 new heritage places that were exhibited as part of Amendment C174. C174 part 1 has now been sent to the Minister for Planning for approval. Once approved the Heritage Overlay on the 59 affected properties will come into effect, providing a substantial extension to the existing heritage protection in Area 1 (Mount Eliza, Mornington and Mount Martha), and achieving a major objective of the project.

Shire Heritage Review – Area 2 – Dromana, Rosebud, Rye

The planning for Stage 2 of the Shire Heritage Review, being a review of the Dromana to Rye areas (Area 2) has begun. The study area has been defined and the two major local heritage groups and the National Trust have been invited to join a new steering committee. These groups have nominated possible new heritage places for review. A photographic survey of places on the 'heritage watch list' within the area has been completed by Council staff.

Update: Modifications to the project brief have been made in the light of experience with submissions received in relation to Stage 1, and the appointment of consultants is expected to occur within the next two months. In parallel with this, local historic societies are being asked to nominate members to participate in an expert reference panel that the appointed consultants may contact for information, local knowledge and advice.

Significant Tree Register

Following a review of trees identified in the Shire's heritage studies by Lorraine Huddle, Council's heritage adviser, the Strategic Planning unit and Open Space & Roadsides unit have developed a project to use the Asset Management Database as a register of heritage trees on land managed by Council.

Once this project is established, a second stage, consisting of a register of heritage trees on private land is proposed, and public nominations for both lists will be invited. An outline of the proposed Register has been presented to Council's Vegetation e-team. Initial consultation with some stakeholders - National Trust, Mornington & District Historical Society, has occurred.

Update: Until now there has been no reliable mechanism for Councils to heritage list trees, other than the heritage overlay which is only intended for certain historically significant trees. Melbourne City Council recently adopted a planning scheme amendment to introduce a Significant Landscape Overlay in relation to a list of significant trees in the City. This development will be monitored to determine if this provides a mechanism that MPS could also adopt.

Mornington Peninsula Heritage Strategy

As part of its obligations under State government funding for Council's Heritage Advisory Service, the Shire is required to prepare a Heritage Strategy. The Heritage Strategy will include actions that address the identification, protection, management and/or promotion of the municipality's heritage, and will be both a review of Council's current operations in these areas, as well as setting out actions to improve aspects where there is scope to do so. A heritage consultant has been appointed to prepare a draft Strategy, including a survey of community attitudes to current heritage controls.

The Heritage Strategy will be a "whole of Council" strategy developed through consultation across Council units that deal with heritage places and issues. It is proposed to link the Strategy to the Council Plan and for it to be reviewed every four years.

Update: A draft of the Municipal Heritage Strategy has been received from the consultant and the draft document been subject to review and focused external consultation (with local heritage groups).

There are lessons to be drawn from the consultant's community survey, and it is now proposed to produce a discussion paper to accompany the draft Strategy which will outline the strategic considerations that should underpin Council's approach to heritage planning, including, possible mechanisms to further support heritage conservation on private land.

It is expected to present the discussion paper and draft Strategy to Council in the near future, with a view to public exhibition.

Heritage Input to Projects

Merricks to Red Hill Railway Reserve Conservation Management Plan

A heritage report is required on this former railway alignment and the station grounds at Merricks and Red Hill as part of the development of a Master Plan.

Update: This project is approaching completion, with the consultant (Biosis) fine tuning and finalizing the report, including inclusion of historic photos, some of which have only become available through public response to an earlier advertisement.

Rosebud Sound Shell Heritage Management Plan

The Rosebud sound shell was entered onto the Victorian Heritage Register in 2012 as a significant example of modern design and the first structure in Australia to be designed with the use of a computer. The sound shell faces some management challenges due to its reinforced concrete construction and its vulnerability to inappropriate access, graffiti etc.

There is an urgent need to find a visually sensitive way to prevent access to the roof of the soundshell by skate boarders etc.

Update: Following recent discussions with the National Trust and Council's property management section, the consultant who prepared the case for the shell's inclusion on the Victorian Heritage Register has been engaged to prepare an application to Heritage Victoria for various repairs and protective works.

This application will, in effect, provide a Conservation Management Plan and will include the background history and a heritage citation as well as the scope and cost estimate of required conservation works.

SECTION 29A APPLICATIONS – REPORT AND CONSENT FOR DEMOLITION

Section 29A of the Building Act requires Council to be notified of proposed demolitions. This in turn provides an opportunity to assess the heritage significance of the property and to either consent or, if appropriate, call a halt to proposed demolition pending the assessment under the Planning and Environment Act 1987. A request under Section 29A must be determined within 15 working days or there is deemed consent. An average of 30 requests per month has been received over the last 12 months.

In January 2014 – 23 demolition requests were received and 22 were completed.
 In February 2014 – 25 demolition requests were received and 30 were completed.
 In March 2014 – 36 demolition requests were received and 28 were completed.
 In April 2014 – 33 demolition requests were received and 31 were completed.
 In May 2014 – 27 demolition requests were received and 34 were completed.
 In June 2014 – 24 demolition requests were received and 27 were completed.
 In July 2014 – 42 demolition requests were received and 38 were completed.

URBAN DESIGN PROJECTS

Mornington Laneways Strategy and Empire Mall

Council has engaged Hansen Partnership to prepare a strategy for the seven laneways identified along Main Street in Mornington, as well as a concept plan to upgrade Empire Mall. The Laneways Strategy seeks to address Safety, Amenity, Legibility, Access, and Activity in order to improve and enhance the laneways.

A meeting / workshop to review the Laneways Analysis Report and Empire Mall Concept Plan was held on 6 February with the consultants and the project team including Briars Ward Councillors, Mornington Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, and Council officers. Following this, a Visioning and Thematic Workshop was facilitated by the consultants with Ward Councillors, key stakeholders including Chamber of Commerce and Police, and Council officers, on 20 March. The findings of this visioning workshop were then presented to the Design Advisory Panel on 16 April 2014.

Update: The consultants have now finalised the Mornington Laneways Strategy report based on DAP advice and review by the project team. The report will be presented to a Council Meeting for consideration as soon as possible.

Micro Parks, Main Street, Mornington

The Mornington Main Street Streetscape Design Framework (June 2009) recommends several actions including the design of 'Microparks' or key nodes identified for further enhancement along

Main Street. Council has subsequently engaged Hansen Partnership to design 1 micro park in order to commence the project.

Update: The consultants have prepared concept plans for the Micro Park which are now being reviewed by Council officers.

Context Analysis and Design Response Guide

The planning scheme requires developers to submit a Context Analysis & Design Response with their planning applications. Council's Design Advisory Panel has for some time expressed concern over the quality of the Context Analysis & Design Response information provided by development applicants.

This project involves preparation of a guide which clearly and concisely defines the purpose and required content of Context Analysis & Design Response documentation, as a guide for architects, designers and developers.

Update: A draft for Context Analysis and Design Response guide has been prepared for consultation and is currently under review prior to being reported to Council.

Hastings High Street Streetscape Design Framework

Council officers have commenced preparation of a project brief to engage consultants for the preparation of a streetscape design framework for High Street, Hastings, to guide the implementation of streetscape improvements. This project is being carefully coordinated with the completion of the Hastings Town Centre Structure Plan (refer to Activity centres section of this report).

Update: A Project Brief is currently being prepared for the High Street Streetscape Design Framework, with a view to engaging consultants by late August 2014. Initial community consultation is to be undertaken in September. Details will be available on Council's web site.

Design Advisory Panel

The following planning applications / proposed developments were reviewed by the Shire's Design Advisory Panel in July 2014:

- 23 July 2014: 786 Esplanade, Mornington
A DAP Workshop for a proposed three-storey commercial and residential development with basement car park, at a prominent location (Harba Restaurant) was held in Mornington, with panel members, Ward Councillors and the applicant team. The DAP Report will be provided to the Statutory Planner for his consideration and further action.

STATUTORY PLANNING REFERRALS

In January there were 16 referrals received and 10 responses provided.

In February there were 11 referrals received and 13 responses provided.

In March there were 12 referrals received and 10 responses provided.

In April there were 10 referrals received and 8 responses provided.

In May there were 18 referrals received and 21 responses provided.

In June there were 7 referrals received and 16 responses provided.

In July there were 21 referrals received and 19 responses provided.

Financially, the favourable month to date variance of \$32k relates to salaries and wages, due to a vacant position, combined with an employee on long service leave.

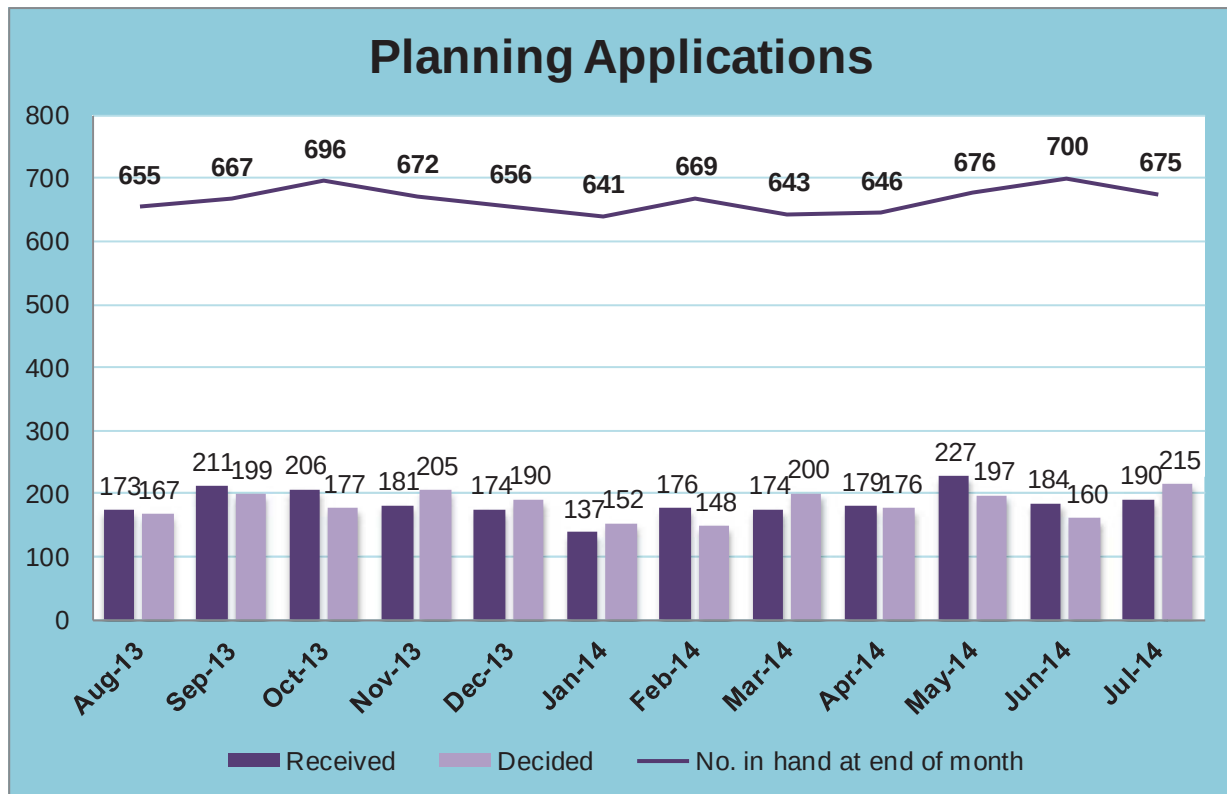
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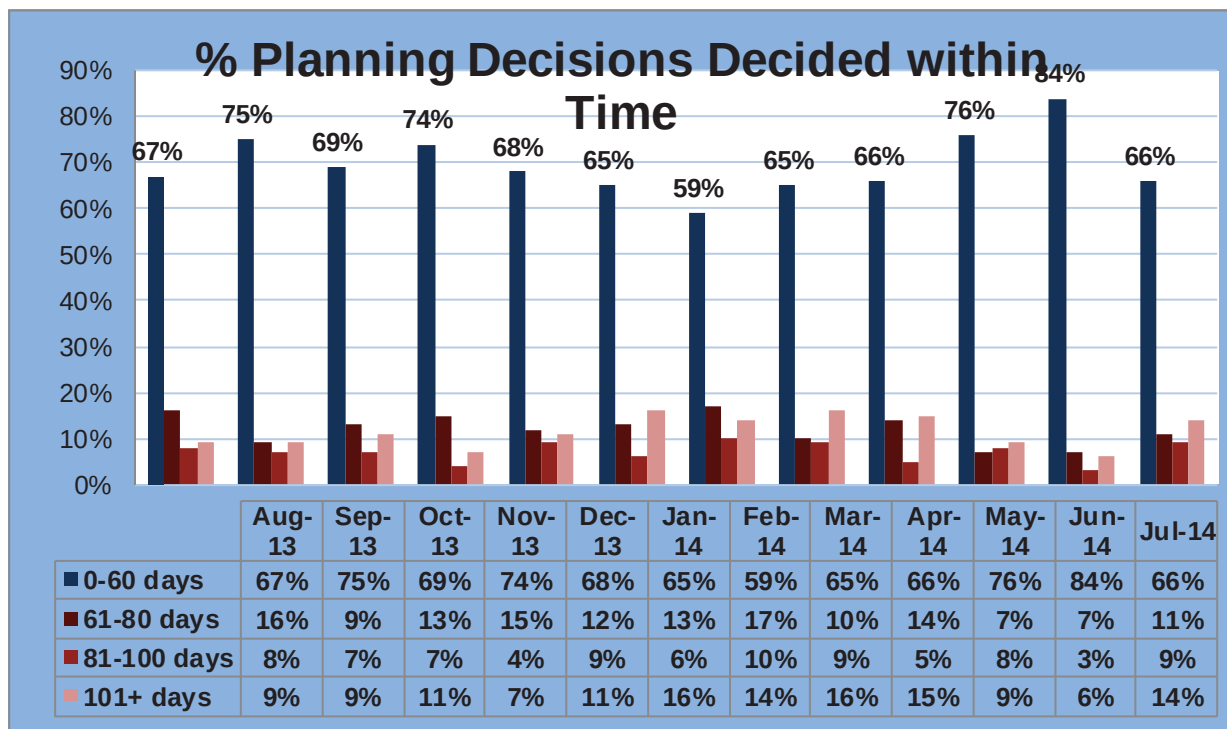
Planning Applications

Council received 190 planning applications this month and decided 215 applications. While the number of applications received this month is marginally higher than the average number (184) of applications received per month over the last 12 months, the number of applications decided this month (215) is the highest number of decisions made in the last 12 months and reflects a focussed 'clean out' of 'old' applications to start the new financial year.

At the end of this month, 675 applications remain in-hand, and, in general, the number of applications in-hand remains stable, as demonstrated by the below graph.

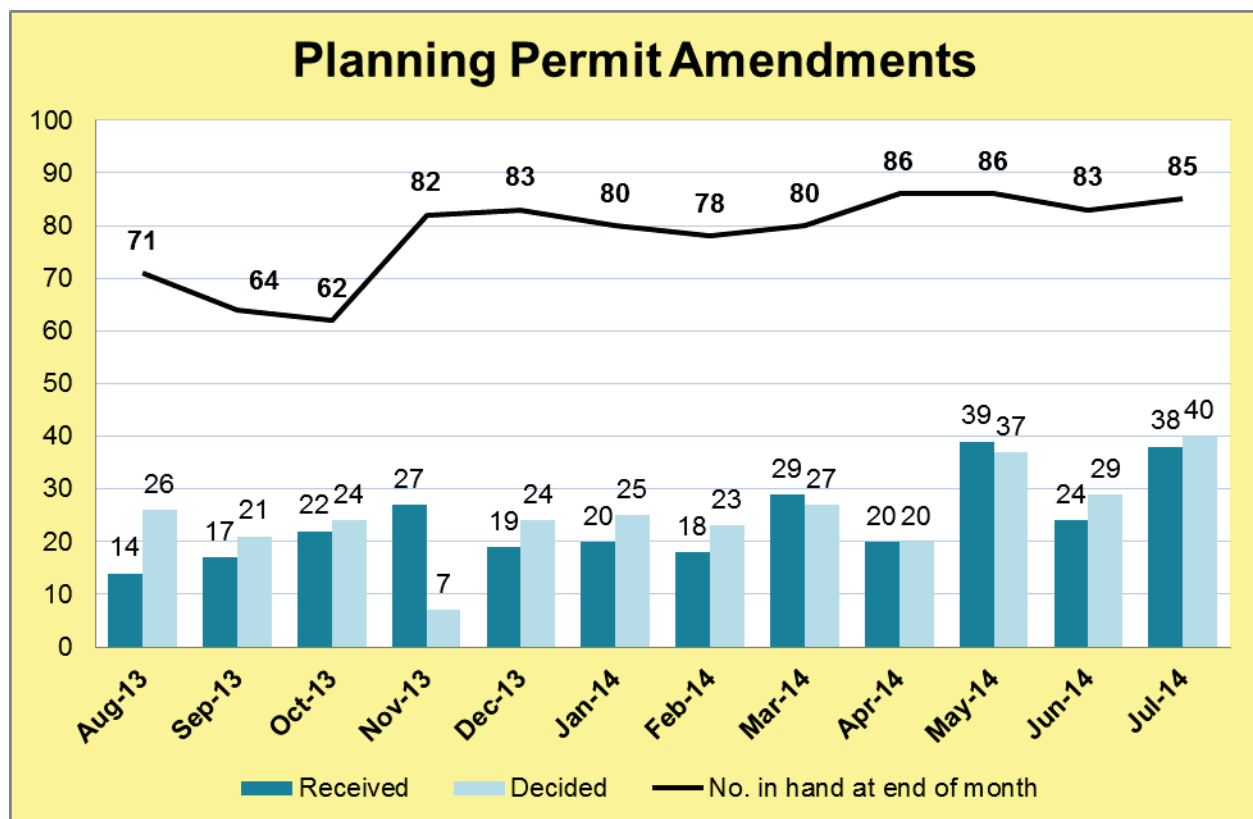


Of the applications decided, 66% were decided 'in time.' This is reflected in the graph below which also shows the Unit's focus on deciding planning applications 'out of time', with 11% of applications decided in 61-80 days, 9% of applications decided in 80-100 days and 14% of applications decided in 101 days plus. It is anticipated that the next 'clean out' of applications 'out of time' will be undertaken in February 2015.



Planning S72 Amendment Applications

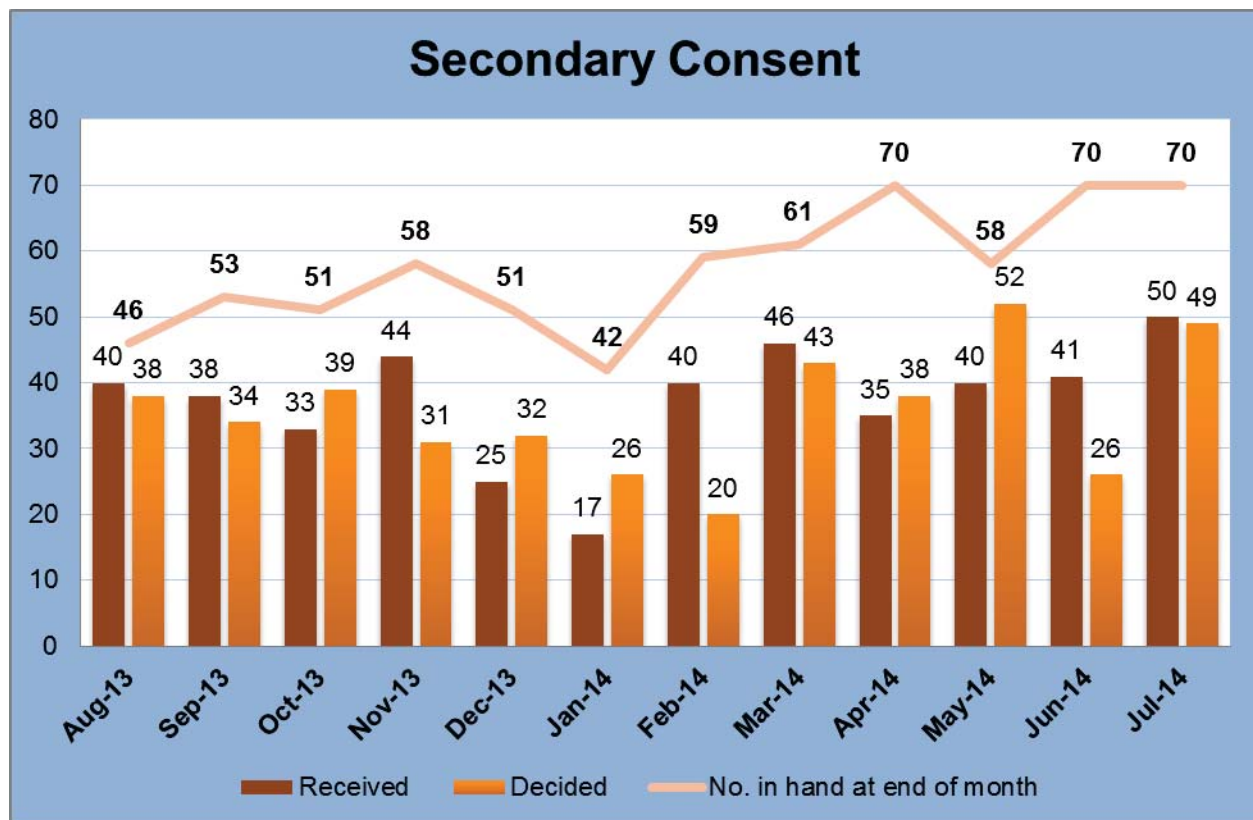
Council received 38 planning amendment applications this month and decided 40 applications. This is demonstrated by the below graph, which also shows that, as at the end of July 2014, the number of in-hand amendment applications has remained stable over the past 9 months.



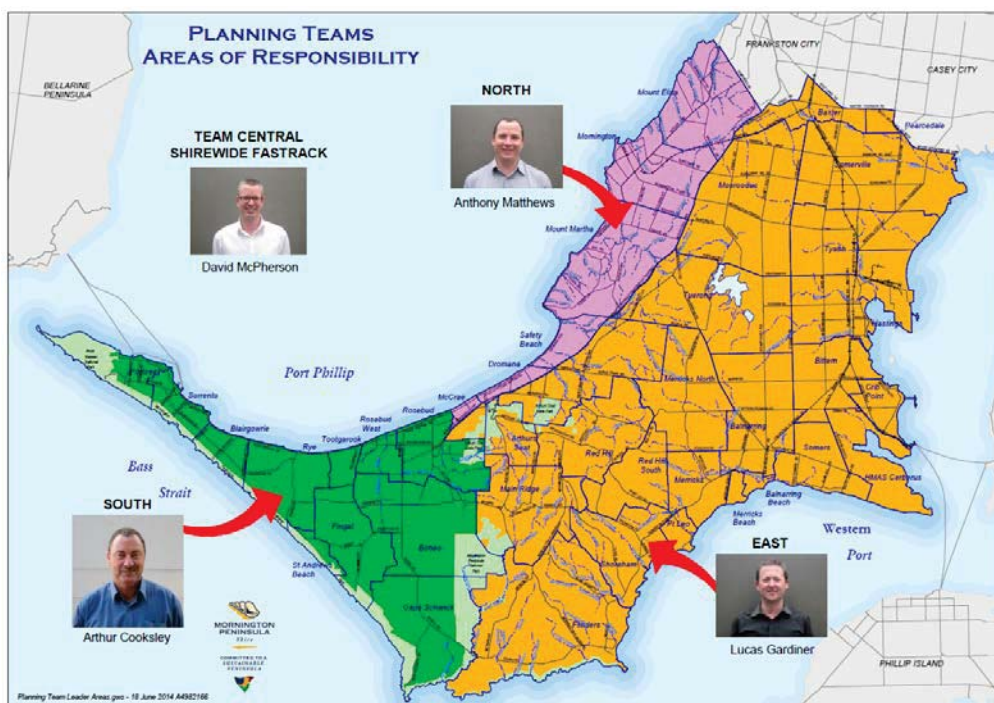
Secondary Consent Applications

Council received 50 secondary consent applications this month and decided 49 applications. This is demonstrated by the graph below, which shows that the number of secondary consent

applications has been stable for almost the last 4 months. The Unit is reviewing the way in which these applications are resourced in order to provide a more stable flow of decisions.



Planning Areas Map



Team North:

Team North received 25 applications this month and decided 41 applications; the second highest number of decisions made in this team in the last 12 months. Of the applications decided, 51% were decided 'in time' followed by 22% of applications decided in 101 days plus, 15% of applications decided in 61-80 days and 12% of applications decided in 81-100 days. The month of

July also saw a change in the Team Leadership of Team North from Anthony Matthews – who has resigned, with effect from 8 August 2014 – to David McPherson.

- **Applications of interest:**

CP09/004.01: 105 & 117 Latrobe Parade, Dromana (Kym Umbers)

This is an amendment application for Heronswood, largely required due to the fire which destroyed the restaurant and office. The application proposes to relocate the restaurant and office component of the site to the original Heronswood House.

P14/1181: 11-15 Williams Road, Mt Eliza (Kym Umbers)

The application proposes an amendment to the Section 173 Agreement on title and is at the initial assessment stage.

P14/1207: Boatshed, 101 Mt Martha Beach (Craig Smith)

The application is for a replacement boatshed in a new location at Mt Martha Beach. The previous boatshed was destroyed in recent storms/bad weather. Further information has been requested for the application.

P14/1171: 25 Gleneagles Avenue, Mornington (Craig Smith)

The application proposes 3 dwellings and a 3 lot subdivision. The dwellings are double storey, with 2 dwellings facing Gleneagles Avenue and 1 dwelling located to the rear of the site. Further information has been requested for the application.

P14/1266: 5 Perkins Street, Mornington (James Bryan)

The application proposes 4 double storey dwellings and vegetation removal. One of the dwellings is accessed from Perkins Street, 2 dwellings are accessed from Illuka Place and 1 dwelling is accessed from Wilgul Way. The application is in the initial stage of assessment.

P14/1124: 24 Green Island Avenue, Mt Martha (James Bryan)

The application proposes 9 single storey dwellings. Further information has been requested for the application.

- **Recent VCAT decisions:**

P13/1171: 13 Rothesay Avenue, Mornington (James Bryan)

This appeal relates to Council's refusal to grant a planning permit for a 2 lot subdivision under delegation. On 24 July 2014, the Tribunal ordered that a planning permit should issue for the proposed subdivision on the basis that the Tribunal considered that the subdivision accords with relevant State and Local Planning Policies and will provide for additional housing in an established residential area. The Tribunal was satisfied that the addition of a building envelope on each proposed lot would suitably integrate the site with the surrounding area. The Tribunal also provided guidance with respect to 'neighbourhood character' and provided that when assessing neighbourhood character it is reasonable to have some regard to the broader area, which in this case, illustrated that higher density development had occurred to the western end of Rothesay Avenue and Channel Street.

- **Community Consultation**

Officers conducted a range of consultation meetings during the month, including:

- Eleven (11) pre application meetings involving between 3-6 people
- Twenty (20) informal meetings with applicants and/or objectors involving between 2-4 people
- One (1) mediation meeting involving 5 people.

Team East:

Team East received 57 applications and decided 55 applications in July. Of those applications decided, 67% were completed within the 60 day statutory timeframe. The team lost one of its Senior Planners (Jane Lowson) at the beginning of July, who resigned to return home to Scotland. One of the team's Planning Officers has also shifted teams, taking up a senior planner secondment

position in Team South for the next 5 months. Both of these vacant positions have been backfilled through new recruitment and extensions to existing contracts in order to maintain output. July's figures indicate that the team has successfully managed the transition with minimal interruption to processing timeframes.

- **Applications of interest:**

P14/1188: 34-36 Cook Street, Flinders (Geoff Nicol)

The proposal is for the use and development of land at the corner of Cook and Wood Streets in Flinders (generally known as the 'Balin' site) for a United Petroleum service station. The design features a typical paved forecourt containing 6 bowzers beneath a canopy, as well as the main building which would comprise the service station/convenience store, and a separate shop/food and drink premises. The application will proceed to public notification shortly.

P14/21254: 1 Long Island Drive, Hastings (Geoff Nicol)

The subject site is located within the Special Use Zone (Port Related Uses). The application seeks permission to use the existing building on the land (a vacant 8000sqm warehouse formerly used for the manufacture of fertilizer) for the manufacture and distribution of potting mix. The application is in the preliminary assessment phase, and will be advertised once Council is satisfied that sufficient information has been provided.

- **Update on VCAT appeals**

P13/1992: Arthurs Seat Skylift – Purves Road, Arthurs Seat (Lucas Gardiner)

This appeal relates to Council's decision to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the Arthurs Seat Skylift. The application has been placed on the Major Cases List at VCAT, with mediation set for mid-September 2014 and if necessary, a hearing has been listed for 8 days commencing on 5 November 2014.

P13/1342: 342 Tucks Road, Main Ridge (Lucas Gardiner)

This appeal related to a planning permit issued under delegation, which granted approval for a replacement dwelling in the Green Wedge. As part of the approval, Council required the demolition of the existing dwelling. The applicant sought to retain (but decommission) the existing dwelling for use as additional storage and recreation space. The hearing was held in May 2014, with the Tribunal's decision received on 2 July. The Tribunal varied Council's decision, deeming that the retention and decommissioning of the original dwelling was appropriate subject to additional conditions relating to internal modifications and landscaping, as well as a requirement for the owners to enter into a Section 173 Agreement acknowledging that a second dwelling is a prohibited use on the land, and that all kitchen facilities must be (and remain) removed from the building. The Tribunal member found that given the limited visual impact of the existing building from Tucks Road (by virtue of its modest size and amount of vegetative screening), and noting that the existing and approved dwellings do not encroach on existing paddocks, that the retention of the building would have a relatively neutral impact on the existing or potential use of the land. Regard was also given to the likely need for an additional building to meet the storage needs of maintaining a 4.5 hectare parcel of land in the event that the existing dwelling was demolished.

P13/1684: 475 Moorooduc Highway, Moorooduc (also known as the Moorooduc Coolstores) (Lucas Gardiner)

This appeal was lodged by the permit holder who was seeking a review of Council's permit conditions relating to expiry dates and obligations relating to a turning treatment in Eramosa Road West. The hearing was held on 17 July 2014 with parties agreeing to amend the expiry dates, but with the issue of the turning treatment remaining unresolved. A decision from the Tribunal is anticipated in the coming weeks.

- **Community Consultation**

P14/0527: 382 Meakins Road, Flinders (Krystal Blizzard)

A Planning Application Conference (PAC) was held at Council's Rosebud Office on 24 July to discuss the above application, which seeks approval for a new building to be used as stables, but with an element of 'group accommodation'. Discussion largely focussed on concerns with the

visual impact of the development, and whether there were opportunities (via landscaping requirements and alternate building colours) to better integrate the building into the landscape. No agreed position was reached at the conclusion of the meeting. The applicant agreed to review the colour of building, and the assessing officer confirmed that, should an approval be recommended, there would be a conditional landscape plan requiring substantial planting to screen the development from both Meakins Road and the other side of the National Park (or the other side of the gully).

Officers also conducted a range of consultation meetings during July, including:

- An on-site meeting attended by 2 Ward Councillors and the permit applicant relating to a proposed amendment to an existing restaurant in the Green Wedge;
- 5 meetings specific to Martha Cove related matters;
- 32 informal meetings with applicants and/or objectors as part of the assessment process; and,
- 9 pre-application meetings.

Team South:

Team South received 58 applications and decided 28 applications. Of those applications decided, 57% were decided 'in time', followed by 22% of applications decided on 101 days plus, 18% of applications decided between 61-80 days and 4% of applications decided between 61-80 days. Over the past 12 months, Team South has averaged 52% of applications decided within time. The performance increase in July is a reflection of stable staff numbers as well as a focus on processes and procedures to ensure timeliness of decision-making. During this period, the team also received 11 Section 72 amendment applications and determined 7 of these applications. This was in part due to the complex nature of many of these applications which required either advertising or CFA referrals.

- **Applications of interest:**

P13/2100: 4 Boneo Road, Rosebud (Kym Umbers)

This application was approved under delegation on 31 July 2014 allowing the use and development of part of the land for 2 food and drink premises. Two objections have been lodged. The application raises issues of out-of-centre retailing (being outside of the Rosebud Commercial Precinct), as well as the need to integrate with 2 existing petrol filling stations and 2 mechanical workshops on the same site. An assessment of these issues, together with a review of the VCAT determination for the approved restaurant permit for the same land, established that the proposal is a reasonable use of the land and will be consistent with the nature of other approved activities existing and proposed for the land.

P14/0269: 161 Old Cape Schanck Road, Boneo (Kym Umbers)

This is an application for a 97 lot residential village on land that is zoned Special Uses. Initially, a request for further information was made in March 2014 about the potential flooding of the land. More recently, a further review of the site by officers has identified that the land is actually located outside of the Urban Growth Boundary and consequently, the proposed use and development is prohibited. The applicant will be given the option of withdrawing the application; otherwise Council must refuse the application.

- **Update on VCAT appeals**

P03/2881.12: 50 Iona Street, St Andrews Beach (Arthur Cooksley)

This was an application to extend Planning Permit P03/2881 for 2 years. The permit, which was issued in 2005, approved the development of 8 dwellings and subdivision of the land into 8 lots. Council refused to extend the planning permit, principally because of the significant change in planning controls and policies that applied to the land compared to when the permit was first issued. This decision was appealed to VCAT and was heard by VCAT at a Practice Day hearing. The Tribunal raised the prospect that the development component of the planning permit may, in fact, have expired in 2007 – making the current proceedings futile. Upon review, Council officers are also of the opinion that the development component of the planning permit expired in 2007 and cannot be extended.

The matter is still listed for a merits hearing on 20 August 2014, however the applicant for review applied for, and was granted, an adjournment of the hearing by VCAT. This is to allow time for the recent planning application lodged for No. 50 Iona Street to be processed and ultimately, if a new planning permit is granted for a dwelling on this lot, then it is likely that this appeal will be formally withdrawn by the Applicant.

P13/1545: 231 Ocean Beach Road, Sorrento (Arthur Cooksley)

This is an application to subdivide the "Whitehall" guest house into 6 lots. An appeal was lodged against Council's failure to grant a permit within the statutory time. The appeal was originally scheduled to be heard on 2 July 2014, however as a consequence of Council's active work with the Applicant and the objector to reach a consensus on this proposal, VCAT issued a Consent Order on 10 July 2014 allowing the subdivision to occur subject to conditions.

- **Community Consultation**

Officers conducted a range of consultation meetings during the month, including:

- 1 Planning Application Conference involving 3 people,
- 11 informal meetings with applicants and/or objectors involving a total of 24 people, and
- 1 pre application meeting involving a total of 5 people.

Team Central:

Team Central received 84 applications and decided 67 applications; the second highest number of applications decided in the past 12 months. Of those applications decided, 70% were done within the statutory timeframe, followed by 15% of applications over 100 statutory days. The percentage of applications decided in time is below the Team's target (72%) due to the Team's focus on deciding older applications.

- **Community Consultation**

Officers conducted a range of consultation meetings during the month, including:

- 1 meeting related to VCAT proceedings;
- 5 pre-application meetings; and
- 11 other meetings with parties as part of the normal application process.

Subdivision Applications:

Eighteen planning permits were issued this month resulting in the creation of 19 net new lots across the Peninsula. Thirty plans were certified and 34 Statements of Compliance were issued.

Planning Support:

The Planning Support team received 3,766 telephone calls in the month of July. This is a 14% increase from last month and a 15.5% increase from this time last year. Of these, 90% (target is 80%) of calls were answered within twenty seconds and 99% (target is 95%) of calls were answered within two minutes. The team also serviced approximately 687 counter enquiries this month.

During July, following a recent role review, the Planning Support Team moved from a 3 week (routine roles) and 9 week (registering roles) structure to a 4 week rotation structure across all roles. This has allowed for greater consistency in training and resourcing of roles, as well as giving more variety of work for team members.

During July, the Planning Support team had a very successful month with completing 93% (target is 80%) of the total workload in time.

Financially, this month the Unit returned a minor unfavourable variance of \$2k.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(342)	(344)	(2)	(342)	(344)	(2)	(4,145)	(4,145)	0

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

FIRE PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Relief Trailer

The Mornington Peninsula Shire, as part of its ongoing commitment to driving responsiveness and innovation, purchased an emergency management relief trailer earlier this month.

The emergency management relief trailer will provide significant flexibility to the Emergency Relief Centre Team by allowing them to set up a mobile Emergency Relief Centre wherever it may be required. The trailer will also contain considerable equipment for the setup of Emergency Relief Centres. The trailer is now being fitted out and having artwork applied, and will be fully functional before the upcoming 2014/2015 fire season.



Pictured Above: The emergency management relief trailer with prototype artwork.

The Emergency Management Act 2013 and Emergency Management Victoria (EMV)

The *Emergency Management Act 2013* came into effect on Tuesday 1 July 2014. The new Act does not supersede the *Emergency Management Act 1986*, as the two Acts are complementary and should be read in parallel.

The *Emergency Management Act 2013* sets out the new governance arrangements for emergency management at state level, which includes the establishment of the State Crisis and Resilience Council (SCRC) to develop and coordinate policy and strategy for Victoria and oversee its implementation. The legislated SCRC membership includes Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Chief Executive Officer, Rob Spence, which is a significant recognition of local government and the importance of local government in emergency management.

Along with the *Emergency Management Act 2013*, Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) officially came into place this week. It is the new overarching body for emergency management. It will coordinate emergency management policy and will implement emergency management reform.

As Victoria's first Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley will be responsible for the overall response to major emergencies. This will include planning, risk mitigation, relief and recovery and cultural change to ensure that all agencies work together effectively. The Mornington Peninsula Shire has been discussing the new legislation and the new arrangements with the implementation of Emergency Management Victoria at the Mornington Peninsula Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee.

The Emergency Management Manual Victoria

As part of ongoing changes in emergency management, there have also been changes to the Emergency Management Manual Victoria (EMMV). The EMMV contains policy and planning documents for emergency management in Victoria, and provides details about the roles different organisations play in the emergency management arrangements.

Emergency Management Victoria maintains the manual in collaboration with Victoria's emergency management agencies. The Role Statements (Part 7) and the Contact Directory (Part 10) are updated annually. Other parts of the manual are updated as emergency management arrangements change. More recently there have been changes to the State Emergency Response Plan (Part 3 and Part 9) which relate to the recent legislative changes referred to earlier.

State Strategic Action Plan Online Surveys

Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) is leading the development of a three year rolling Strategic Action Plan (SAP) as legislated in the *Emergency Management Act 2013*. The SAP is due for completion in November this year to inform State Government and Councils of the emergency management planning processes ahead of its implementation from July 2015.

One facet of the SAP development is a gap analysis across the emergency management spectrum. This is being based on three identified State significant risks from a recent report relating to emergency risks in Victoria. Once the status of Victoria's preparedness for these three risks has been analysed, those areas identified for attention across multiple risks will be advanced for consideration in the three year SAP.

To help facilitate this process EMV has asked the Mornington Peninsula Shire to participate in three surveys and to consider the preparedness and potential consequence within our area when responding. The surveys focus on the analysis of pandemic influenza, earthquake and major flood.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Safety

Food Complaints

This month the Shire received 14 complaints from the public in relation to food or the condition of a food business. These complaints have been or are currently under investigation.

The complaints were primarily about dirty premises, poor food handling practices, food poisoning and gastrointestinal illness outbreaks.

Food Recalls

There were five food recalls issued by Food Safety Australia and New Zealand or the Department of Human Services over the month which were followed up by the Environmental Health Team. One was due to foreign material contamination, another was due to microbiological contamination and the other three were due to undeclared allergens.

Food Safety Assessments

The Environmental Health Team has undertaken 119 assessments of fixed food businesses.

The Team has also undertaken 23 new registrations/notifications and 131 *Statements of Trade* were processed through the online registering system known as Streatrader.

Gastrointestinal Outbreak

The Environmental Health Team investigated a Gastrointestinal Illness outbreak in a nursing home this month. Twelve clients and nine staff were ill. The premises was inspected and clean up and control measures were discussed. It appears that the outbreak was viral and not food related.

Merit Requests

The Environmental Health Team received 35 complaints for the month. These complaints were in relation to smoky chimneys, asbestos, rubbish, odours and hoarding. All have been investigated by the Environmental Health Team.

Mornington Beach Risk Assessment

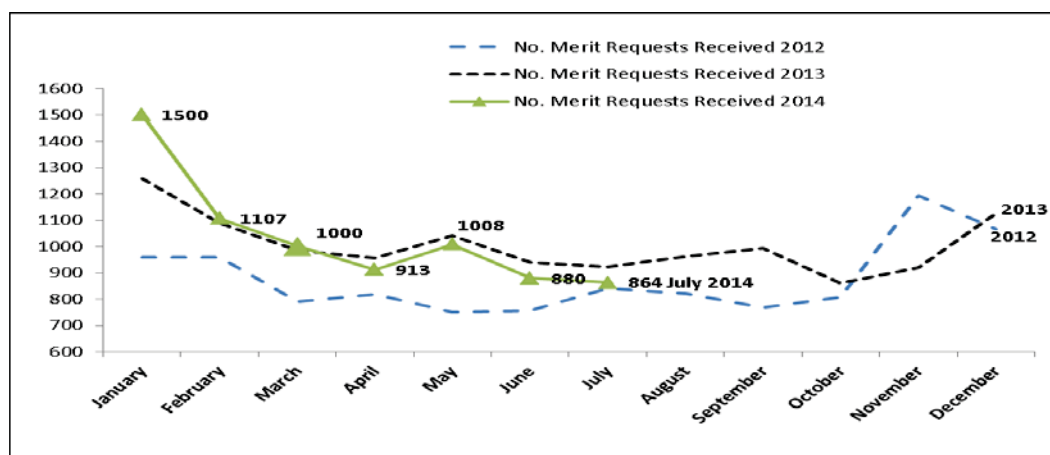
In July 2013 the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), through its Yarra and Bay Action Plan, granted the Shire \$20,000 in funding to complete an environmental risk assessment for Mornington beach, focusing on sources of high bacterial levels in the beach water. The assessment involved the Mornington Peninsula Shire, EPA, Melbourne Water and South East Water. Detailed water sampling was conducted by Melbourne University's Centre for Aquatic Pollution Investigation and Management (CAPIM).

The assessment was recently completed. The new detection techniques employed by CAPIM were particularly successful in identifying water quality issues that were subsequently addressed by South East Water. The Environmental Health Team has also identified the need for ongoing monitoring and management of some key sites, and will continue to work with stakeholders to address these issues.

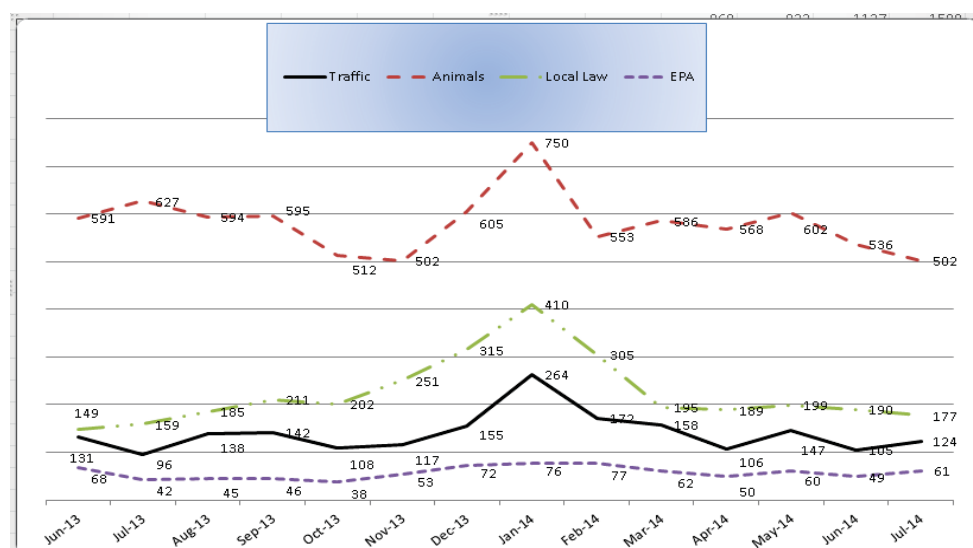
SHIRE RANGERS

The Shire Ranger Team dealt with approximately 864 reactive cases over the month.

The following table compares the number of cases received over the past two and a half years.



The following table provides a breakdown of the main case types received over the past 12 months.



Changes to the Local Law

The Shire Ranger Team, in conjunction with Victoria Police and the Motorcycle Action Group, released media to promote the changes to the Local Law and the potential seizure powers Victoria Police now have. The focus of the media is to discourage offenders from using unregistered trail bikes on roads and other public locations.



Cases of Interest

The owner of a Mount Eliza retail premise where dogs are groomed and sold was found to be operating the business in breach of the regulations for operating a domestic animal business (pet shop). Many serious breaches were found relating to the minimum welfare standards and it also became evident that the owner was not complying with his reporting obligations to Council and other administrative requirements. The owner was also found to be the owner of several unregistered dogs.

Council officers encouraged the owner to comply with all his requirements in order to avoid any enforcement action being taken against him, however during the lengthy investigation he failed to remedy any of the breaches raised by the Shire.

The matter was heard at the Frankston Magistrates' Court in August 2013. The owner was found guilty of the charges at the Magistrates' Court, convicted and fined \$2500.00 and ordered to pay Council costs of \$3369.70. In addition, the owner was banned from operating a domestic animal business for a period of two years.

The owner appealed this matter both on conviction and severity of sentence and the case was re-heard as a contested matter at the County Court this month. The County Court judge exhaustively reviewed the case and the Shire's processes. At the conclusion of the hearing the accused was again found guilty of all charges. The previous sentence of the Magistrates' Court was reinstated inclusive of the two year banning order. The accused was ordered to pay total costs for all proceedings to the Shire of \$5869.70.

COMMUNITY ANIMAL SHELTER

Dogs

The month of July was relatively quiet as far as the number of dogs that came for a visit to the Shire's Community Animal Shelter with a total of 84 dogs. The pleasing issue is that 61 of these dogs were back with their owners within 48 hours. Also worth noting, of the 84 dogs impounded, 65 were microchipped which greatly improves the reuniting rate and, further speeding up that process, 32 dogs were registered with the Shire. Nearly half the dogs (37 of the 84) were desexed which significantly lowers the cost of the registration fee, rules out unwanted litters and has great long term health benefits.

One of the most pleasing results for July is that zero dogs were required to be euthanised. An amazing result and credit to the staff and volunteers at the Community Animal Shelter for their wonderful efforts put into caring for the animals.

Nine dogs went to the wonderful Rescue Groups who will now arrange for the appropriate vet work and seek a permanent home for them. The groups involved this month were: Rescued with Love, New Beginnings, Homeless Hounds, Little Whiskers, Malamute Rescue and The Australian Animal Protection Society in Keysborough.

Throughout June and July we have had quite a few dogs in the Community Animal Shelter being held under statutory provisions of the Domestic Animals Act as a result of significant dog attacks in the community either on people, other dogs or on livestock. The number of dogs have been between seven and ten most weeks, which significantly increases the workload due to the need for daily exercise and enrichment. The staff and volunteers have been great at devising programs for each and every dog in long-term care.

Cats

The same great result cannot be said about cats, as we had 42 cats impounded with only six returned to their owners. Eleven cats were microchipped and 13 cats were desexed which indicates there was a dedicated owner at some point in the cats' past. Only two of the 42 were registered and unfortunately another nine cats this month had to be euthanised, mainly due to poor health or poor behavioural traits.

The most pleasing aspect was with the Shire's direct adoption program, where there is a chance for twenty seven cats to eventually be rehomed after they were released to the following groups: Peninsula Cat Rescue, Little Whiskers, Mornington Vet Clinic and The Australian Animal Protection Society at Keysborough.

Direct Adoptions

The Community Animal Shelter Team (staff and volunteers) is continuing to do some fantastic proactive work towards direct adoptions. PetRescue (Australia's most visited charity website) is the Shire's preferred choice for putting suitable animals up for adoption and we encourage you to take a look at the animals that are available. We have had two dogs and eight cats adopted this month, which is a fantastic outcome. The website is <http://www.petrescue.com.au/groups/10803>

Livestock

The Community Animal Shelter Team also needs to be skilled to deal with all sorts of livestock. This month has seen a pig, a ferret and several pet rabbits brought into the shelter. The ferret has been released to rescue.

PLANNING COMPLIANCE

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)

The Planning Compliance Team received encouraging feedback from two VCAT members on the professionalism of our conduct in bringing enforcement proceedings at VCAT. The Planning Compliance Team have for a number of years strived to achieve best practice in enforcement. The

areas of focus for the team revolve largely around providing procedural fairness for the respondent, providing full briefs of evidence (the facts relied upon) upfront to respondents and the Tribunal or Court, and ensuring that every investigation is conducted in accordance with each relevant Act or Regulation.

This month the Planning Compliance Team has been involved in mediation proceedings at VCAT for two large cases. One matter involved a dwelling that was built contrary to the approved plans, resulting in a drastically different construction both in size and scale. This matter was not able to be resolved on the day, however further negotiations are occurring to seek a resolution. The second matter was in relation to a parcel of land that had approximately 4,500 cubic metres of fill placed on the Green Wedge property without a permit. This case was not resolved at mediation and has been set down for contest. The prominent issue surrounding this matter is the cost of removal of the fill.

The Planning Compliance Team has investigated five major illegal fill breaches across the Peninsula over the past two years. A majority of these cases have been concentrated around the North-East region of the Shire. It appears to be likely that the fill is being brought into the Shire as an overburden from major construction sites. Shire Officers continue to work closely with nearby Councils and the Environment Protection Authority on this issue.

Mills Beach Earthworks

The Planning Compliance Team received endorsement from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria of its Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) conducted as a result of prohibited earthworks undertaken around the life saving club building. As a result of the CHMP recommendations, Council will now undergo the careful removal of the two shipping containers behind the lifesaving club and the sensitive revegetation of the sand dune.

Importantly the CHMP has confirmed the presence of a Cultural Heritage site (Midden), and the site has now been registered on the State register. The Shire hopes, with the cooperation of the Lifesaving Club, that the works can be carried out without delay.

STATUTORY BUILDING

Building Act Amendment Bill

The Building Act Amendment Bill 2014 was withdrawn from parliament during its second reading. It is currently undergoing re-drafting following submissions by numerous stakeholders and is expected to be represented to parliament early in the spring.

Report & Consent Applications

Applications for consent to build on flood prone land have increased in the last couple of months, as have Private Building Surveyors' notification of appointments. These are both good early indicators of a high building volume on the Peninsula.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Domestic Wastewater Management Plan

The Domestic Wastewater Management Plan Project Team held its first meeting with stakeholders to commence the development of the background paper for the 2014-2018 Domestic Wastewater Management Plan, with community engagement planned for October 2014.

SecondBite

The Environmental Health Team arranged for a promotional event at the SecondBite Rosebud drop off on 30 June 2014. The Mornington Peninsula Shire is encouraging more local food retailers to sign up to provide surplus fresh food to SecondBite as part of SecondBite's Rosebud food delivery program.

SecondBite is a not-for-profit organisation which distributes free surplus produce to food relief agencies and community groups throughout Victoria where it is transformed into hearty, nutritious meals for vulnerable people who simply cannot afford to feed themselves and their families.

In April 2013 SecondBite commenced deliveries of up to two tonnes of fresh, nutritious produce to Rosebud Memorial Hall each Monday. The free produce is then collected by 13 local food relief agencies for delivery to their clients. Fresh food is also collected by over 100 clients of Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre.

The weekly collection is coordinated by Southern Peninsula Community Support, the Information Centre and local volunteers, with the support of Your Community Bank, Bendigo Bank and Mornington Peninsula Shire.



Financially, the year to date has a favourable variance. It is not expected to impact on year end.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(483)	(291)	192	(483)	(291)	192	(5,339)	(5,339)	0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Western Port Chamber of Commerce and Industry

EDU assisted the Chamber in redrafting their Articles of Association to ensure the rules were consistent with Consumer Affairs of Victoria regulations. EDU will now assist the chamber with leadership and governance capacity building.

Cruise Ship Pacific Pearl

EDU is convening an E-Team to co-ordinate traffic, road safety, tourism packages and public awareness of the Pacific Pearl arriving on Wednesday 18 March 2015. The 2400 passenger ship will anchor off shore and send 'tenders' to the new Mornington pier to disembark the passengers.

More information will be provided when Carnival Australia informs EDU of bookings and tour package take up. Carnival Australia is hopeful of having three cruise ships visit Mornington in 2015.

Commercial Activities on Footpaths

Monthly permits for Commercial activities are:

Type of Permit	Approved Permits	Permits Pending	Expired/Cancelled
Liquor Licence Permits	1	18	5
Footpath Permits Renewals (310 posted)	72		
Footpath Permits New Applications	5		

Digital Enterprise workshops

These monthly workshops help small and medium size businesses improve their online presence to take full advantage of greater digital engagement and to participate fully in the digital economy. The July session covered Improving Business Efficiencies for 16 businesses.

Small Business Mentoring Clinics

The Small Business Mentoring Clinics (SBMC) is a service provided to small business operators as a partnership between the Small Business Mentoring Service and Mornington Peninsula Shire. It is designed to provide a central point where individual businesses can meet with an experienced Mentor in a private session to gain information that assists them in setting up a business or, for established businesses, to gain assistance in working through issues they may be dealing with. Four small businesses took advantage of the sessions on 1 July, 15 July & 29 July.

Frankston & Mornington Peninsula Excellence in Business Awards 2014

The Business Awards are currently still open for entry with a total of 30 pending entries so far received, with entries due to close Monday 11 August 2014. Promotion of the awards is currently taking place to various business networks and our Chamber of Commerce and business groups to encourage more entries.

FMP Careers & Jobs Expo 2015

Work has commenced for the combined expo with Frankston City Council to be held at the Mornington Racing Club on 26 May 2015. The combined expo aims to provide attendees an all-encompassing interactive event, rather than multiple activities across the region. New sponsorship and exhibitor guidelines are currently being worked on to reflect the new format; sponsorship can then be sought and promotion will commence.

Economic Impacts of the Port of Hastings

Southern Melbourne Regional Development Australia Committee has published a media release reporting the findings from the report into the Economic Benefits of the Port of Hastings.

The report was prepared for a consortium of ten local government authorities (including Mornington Peninsula Shire), the Southern Melbourne and Gippsland Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees, United Energy and Connect East.

The study found that, for the Melbourne south east region, capital expenditure during the various phases of construction of the container Port at Hastings and related infrastructure will result in:

- A beneficial economic impact of an average of \$60 million per year in Gross Regional Product (GRP) over a 30-year period;
- An average 400 jobs/year over a 30-year period.

The ongoing operational impacts for the economy of Melbourne south east include benefits of:

- \$1 billion/year in GRP in the mid-2030s, rising to \$3 billion/year in GRP in the early 2050s
- An additional 5,700 jobs by the mid-2030s and 15,200 jobs by the early 2050s.

“Where the jobs are” workshop

The Team Leader of Business Development presented to careers teachers at a “Where the jobs are” workshop held on 17 July. The aim of the forum was to provide careers teachers with tools and resources to help them support students in their further education and career choices.

Small Rural Landholder Network (SRLN)

Delivery of the final “Understanding your soils” workshop completed this three part series of practical landholder learning about local soils and landscape capability. Feedback from participants has confirmed the interest in technical learning was both relevant and informative. The technical content and delivery process has been packaged into a learning resource, to capture the elements of workshop design for future use. External funding has been received for the “Demonstrating Sustainable Agriculture on Farms” project to run this series again in March 2015 across the shire.

A range of other landholder learning activities have been planned for the remainder of this year and include:

- 3 farmer discussion group meetings
- A post-soil workshop field activity
- An introduction to sheep handling
- Weed control options for agricultural lands
- Fencing for beginners to manage livestock containment

Food Industry Advisory Body (FIAB)

The Food Industry Advisory Body continues to meet on a monthly basis to pursue actions associated with implementation of the Local Food Strategy. Currently FIAB is focusing on the development of a Mornington Peninsula Produce “Provenance” Mark to enhance awareness of local food on offer and create opportunities to promote Shire based food systems and supply chains.

After extensive research and design criteria discussions, three ‘provisional’ artwork designs have been selected. FIAB members will now undertake market research on the three designs with key industry stakeholders, to gather their perceptions and preferences and whether they would ‘buy into’ the program.

Agricultural Analysis

The Mornington Peninsula Shire 2014 ‘Agricultural Analysis’ has been completed and is awaiting internal approval processes prior to public release. The 2010 Agricultural Audit provided a benchmark platform to undertake a formative review of the local agribusiness sector to compare and contrast land use changes, industry values of production and emerging opportunities for action. The analysis will provide guidance to develop future agribusiness engagement and business development strategies.

Landholder business support

The Rural Business Officer continues to receive requests from Shire landholders to provide support to access relevant information regarding small business opportunities on their property. Soil maps, industry contacts and technical fact notes are provided to support awareness of pathways for individual action to follow up on issues and opportunities.

TOURISM

Accommodation Bookings

The number of accommodation bookings when compared to same time last year is down by 18% however the total value booked has increased slightly by 5% to \$22,726. The average spend per night has also increased from \$198 to \$218 per booking. Forward bookings (beyond July) make up for half of the number of bookings made whereas this time year only 31% of bookings made in July were for August and beyond.

Capital Expenditure Funding

Tenders closed on 30 July for the refurbishment and roof replacement of the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre. The successful tenderer will be approved at a Special Purposes Committee meeting on 11 August, with work to commence after 18 August. The tourism team will be moving to the Foreshore Camping Office while the work is being completed.

RACV Tourism Awards 2014

Tourism business submissions for this year's Awards were due at the end of July. The Tourism Team played a major role during the past four months mentoring businesses to help them prepare their submissions. These included workshops on various topics as well as 1:1 meetings.

Businesses entering this year include: The Enchanted Adventure Garden, Aquabelle Apartments, Horseback Winery Tours, Moonlit Sanctuary, Peninsula Hot Springs, Frankston Visitor Information Centre, Sand Sculpture Festival, Crittenden Estate. MPT is also entering its Wine Food Farmgate campaign in the category, Destination Marketing.

Victorian Tourism Conference

The tourism marketing team attended the Victorian Tourism Conference in Geelong on 14 and 15 July. This was the first time the conference was held in a regional area and as a consequence attendance was very strong with over 330 delegates. The conference showcased a diverse program of local, national and international speakers with a focus on building profitable and sustainable businesses and a resilient tourism industry.

MP Regional Tourism Board [MPRTB] Marketing

Representatives of the Tourism Team met with the MPRTB Executive Chair to help formulate the 2014-15 MPRTB Marketing Action Plan. The plan will form the framework for marketing activity for the region and includes: improving marketing and digital capabilities of the region, destination development, shoulder and non-peak season development marketing, Wine Food Farmgate, international market growth, brand and PR and special projects.

Victorian Visitor Information Centre Summit

Visitor Information staff attended the annual Visitor Information Centre Summit which was held in the Macedon Ranges region. The Summit is a meeting place for Visitor Information Centre personnel to learn best practice from local examples, exchange ideas, as well as hearing updates from key industry stakeholders. Next year the Summit will be held on the Mornington Peninsula and MPT will play a role in hosting the event.

Tourism Industry Marketing Update Workshop

MPRTB held a Marketing Update workshop for industry in July to share insights about its marketing performance over the past 12 months. The workshop presented outcomes of all cooperative marketing activities in terms of call to action, web analytics, bookings, packaging and PR. The industry also heard presentations from several new Peninsula tourism businesses. Over 100 tourism operators attended the three hour workshop.

Tourism Industry Network Event

The Tourism Team organised another successful tourism industry networking event at Woodman Estate on 19 June. Fifty tourism industry representatives attended to hear from guest speakers regarding local economic development, tourism marketing opportunities and visitor insights.

These network functions are invaluable for the tourism industry to forge business alliances, stay informed and increase their local tourism product knowledge so they can cross refer visitors.

Rosebud Exterior Visitor Information Display

Over 40 Mornington Peninsula Tourism businesses have signed up to be featured on a new Exterior Visitor Information Display that will appear in three prominent locations in Rosebud: in the median strip on Point Nepean Road at the entrance to Rosebud (opposite Safeway) replacing existing signage; a large double panel display at the Mornington Peninsula Foreshore Camping Office (opposite Boneo Road) that gets tens of thousands of campers each year; and a large feature wall display on the entrance wall at the new Blue Mini Eatery, Emporium and Events (in Colchester Road, Rosebud).

The displays are designed to give additional broader information about our region and play a role in dispersing visitors across the region.

Spring Fling Program

A three month tourism cooperative marketing campaign is planned for September, October and November (shoulder season) to entice Melbournians and locals to re-discover the Mornington Peninsula. A range of special offers, events and accommodation packages from local tourism operators will come together under the 2014 Spring Fling program. This year the Archibald Prize at Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery will also be showcased as part of the program.

Familiarisations

MPT's Wine Food Farmgate campaign has really increased the profile of tourism businesses on the Peninsula. Several media visits have incorporated participating businesses in stories about tracing the Wine Food Farmgate trail.

- Postcards television series recently filmed an episode featuring: Green Olive at Red Hill, Hart's Farm and Johnny Ripe Restaurant. The episode will be screened on 14 September.
- Parnass Film in Germany, a production company with a passion for arts and culture and a strong focus on history and society, is producing a three part series for the ARTE TV network, which will be shown on the cultural program, *Metropolis*. They visited the Mornington Peninsula locations for a reconnaissance with the likelihood of them returning with a film crew for filming in November. They visited: Nirvana Free Range eggs, Hutchins Brothers fishermen, Montalto Vineyard and Olive Grove, 2 Macs Farm, and Flinders Hotel.

Financially, the favourable variance of \$33k relates mostly to the early invoicing of Footpath Permits and Licences.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(127)	(94)	33	(127)	(94)	33	(1,690)	(1,690)	0

DIRECTOR - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

As part of the Shire's ongoing commitment to drive responsiveness and innovation, Council purchased an emergency management relief trailer this month. The emergency management relief trailer will provide significant flexibility to the Emergency Relief Centre team by allowing them to set up a mobile Emergency Relief Centre wherever it may be required. The trailer is expected to be fully functional before the upcoming 2014/2015 fire season.

On 1 July 2014 the Emergency Management Act 2013 and Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) came into effect. The Emergency Management Act 2013 sets out the new governance arrangements for emergency management at the state level, and recognises the importance of local government in emergency management. Emergency Management Victoria is the new overarching body for emergency management. The EMV will coordinate emergency management policy and will implement emergency management reform.

EMV has asked the Mornington Peninsula Shire to participate in three surveys and to consider the preparedness and potential consequences within our area when responding. The three surveys will focus on the analysis of pandemic influenza, earthquake and major flood.

The Shire Ranger team dealt with 864 reactive cases during this month.

Council received 190 planning applications and decided 215 planning applications this month. Of the applications decided, 66% were decided in the statutory timeframe for July 2014. 11% of applications were decided in 61 - 80 days, 9% of applications decided in 80-100 days and 14% of applications decided in 101 days plus.

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Council resolved to commence a public exhibition and consultation process on the draft Beleura Hill Neighbourhood Character Study and Draft Design Guidelines. This forms part of the neighbourhood character program, involving a number of elements that are directed towards increasing the recognition of neighbourhood character in giving effect to the local area character policy within the planning scheme.

In late July the Victorian government appointed the Point Leisure Group as preferred proponent for the Point Nepean Quarantine Station \$100M redevelopment project. The Victorian government is seeking community feedback on the Point Leisure Group's proposal now and until 28 August 2014. For further details on the consultation process and the proposal please visit: www.depi.vic.gov.au/forestry-and-land-use/visiting-parks-and-forests/point-nepean-national-park.

Financially, the Sustainable Environment Director's budget is tracking as forecast.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(36)	(32)	4	(36)	(32)	4	(471)	(471)	0

INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND POLICY

PenBus

PenBus has begun to sell advertising space on each bus with several advertisements booked over the coming months. These advertisements will help earn a small amount of income to recover costs. See latest campaign photo below:



Patronage is steady at an average of 160 passengers per day. The most popular trips remain the 6.25 am and 8.00 am northbound and the 16.20 pm and 18.15 pm southbound. On a number of occasions the northbound trips have travelled at capacity.

Applications are flowing in as Semester 2 begins.

Unmade Carpark Construction Strategy

Council endorsed the Draft Unmade Carpark Construction Strategy to go on public exhibition at the Council meeting on 14 July 2014.

The Unmade Carpark Construction Strategy achieves the following aims:

- * Sets out the Shire's objectives for the construction and upkeep of its 250 unmade carparks.
- * Process for prioritising the order in which carparks should be constructed.
- * Process for enacting Special Charge Schemes for construction of car parks in commercial areas.
- * Provision of a minor works program to improve amenity of unmade carparks that will not be constructed in the short term.

It will be on exhibition until Friday 5 September 2014 and can be viewed on the Shire's website or in hard copy at the customer service counters and libraries. Submissions can be made via the website, or via email or post to the Shire.

Footpath Construction Strategy

Fully Funded Path Works

Lempriere Avenue Footpath, Mt Martha – length 50m

Maw Civil has been engaged to progress the construction of this short length of path and works are now underway.

Watts and Coolstore Roads Footpath, Hastings – length 550m

Construction is nearing completion on these footpath connections.

Nepean Highway Shared Path, Mount Eliza – length 350m

The contract for these works has now been awarded to Maw Civil. Works will be undertaken in upcoming September school holidays due to the proximity to the Peninsula School.

The Loop/Point Nepean Road Shared Path, Blairgowrie – 1.5km

The contract for these works has been awarded to Gilmour Civil and works are expected to commence on site soon.

Street Construction Special Charge Schemes

Waterfall Gully Road, Rosebud

A special charge scheme information evening was held on 25 June to provide the property owners with more information about the proposed scheme. A report to Council is now being prepared to progress the scheme.

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

Peninsula Link Signage Project

A draft plan detailing proposed new signs and amendments to existing signs on Peninsula Link has been completed this month. The plan will be presented to Tourism Victoria and VicRoads for consideration during August. The focus of this project is to provide more tourism and township signage on the Peninsula Link Freeway.

Below are some examples of the types of signs that may be considered.



New Tourism Signage for Shire Facilities

The Shire's Traffic & Road Safety team have worked closely with other Shire departments throughout July to improve the Tourism Signage to three of the Shire owned Tourism attractions with a bid to improving road safety on the busy arterial roads where the attractions are located. By providing better signage on the road to indicate the entries for the attractions motorists have better ability to more safely access the sites.

Signage for Mornington Regional Gallery & Oakhill Gallery has been erected in Mornington-Tyabb Rd Mornington:



Purves Road Arthurs Seat Tourism & Directional Signage

Similarly to the previous signage, the signage for Tourism facilities along Purves Road in Arthurs Seat has also recently been upgraded. These signs were installed in consultation with Tourist Businesses in Purves Road. The intention was to reduce the number of signs at the intersection of Purves Road and Arthurs Seat Road. The new signage uses short business name descriptions and symbols to allow the signs to be easily read by a driver of a moving vehicle to improve the road safety for all road users in the area.



Hastings West Park Reserve Project

The Shire's consultant CoDesign has been busy preparing implementation plans for several community projects in the West Park Reserve. The implementation plans are quite detailed as they involve different aspects of each project being undertaken by different members or groups from within the Community. The Shire will lead and support a number of the projects through their implementation over the coming months.

Playground Upgrade & Expansion Project

The first project that will be implemented will involve the upgrading of the existing playground. This project will see the community involved in repainting the playground equipment and planting garden beds around the playground. These works will complement the area, and provide the community more opportunity to participate in creating a better place for recreation with their families. An artists' impression of what the upgraded playground may look like following the implementation of the community participation:



A BBQ will also be installed within the vicinity of the playground in the coming month. The planting day is currently being planned to coincide with the completion of the BBQ, so that the community may enjoy a sausage sizzle on the new BBQ at the working bee. A BBQ shelter is also being planned as part of a future project within the Reserve. The following is an artists' impression of the kind of BBQ shelter that is being planned.



Local Area Traffic Management

Helena Street Mount Martha

This project was implemented by the Traffic and Road Safety Team in response to road safety issues and high vehicle speeds in Helena Street Mt Martha.

There was a considerable amount of communication and consultation with local residents, including three letters and a brochure. The Speed Alert Mobile Trailer, was also placed in Helena Street to give an immediate indication to drivers of their vehicle speed with the aim of educating local drivers about their travel speeds in this 50kmph residential street.

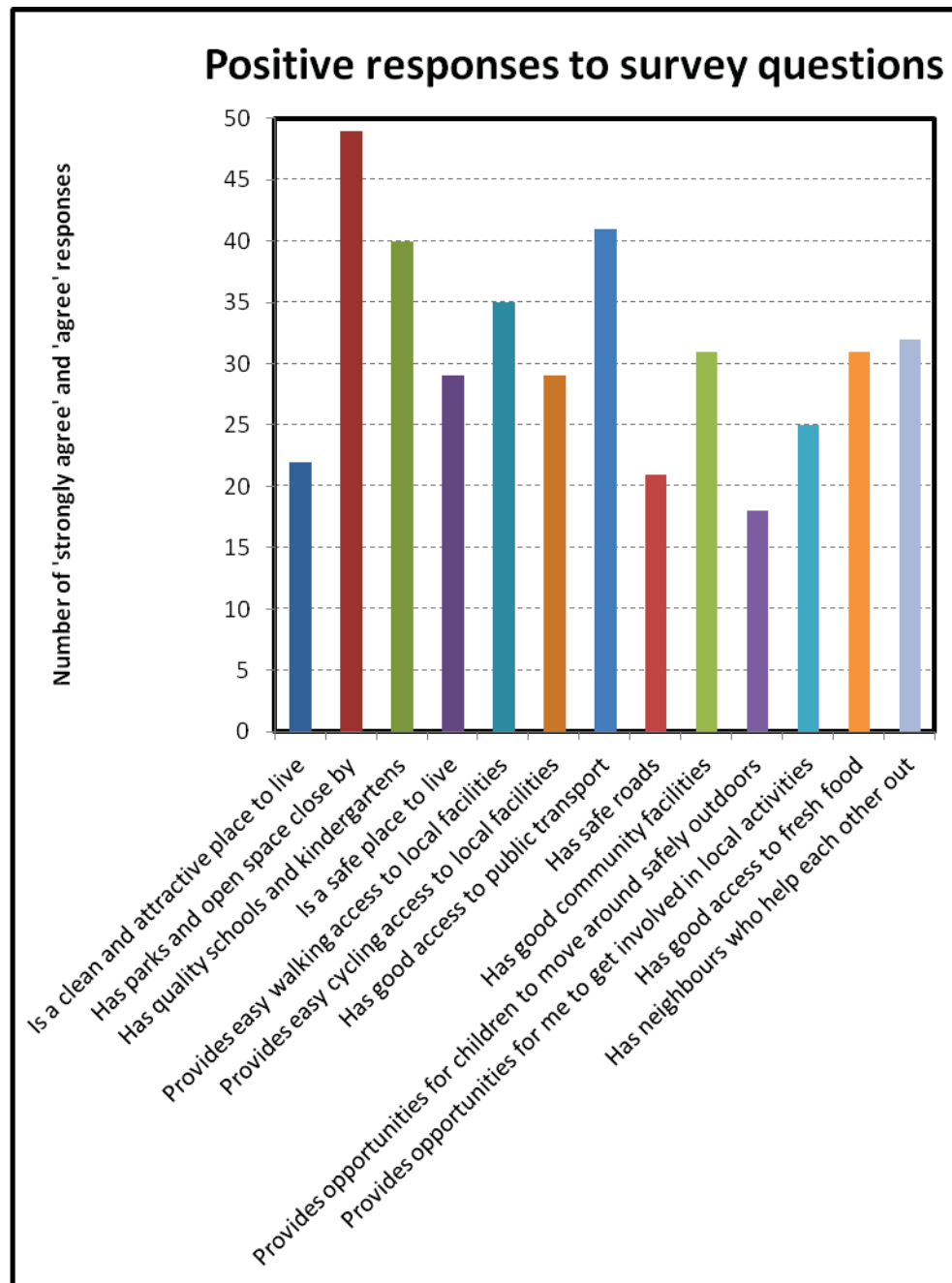
The original concept design was changed to speed cushions rather than traditional raised platforms, in response to concerns from residents regarding the visual amenity and potential noise of the traffic calming treatment. This project is considered a success with a high level of involvement from the Community.

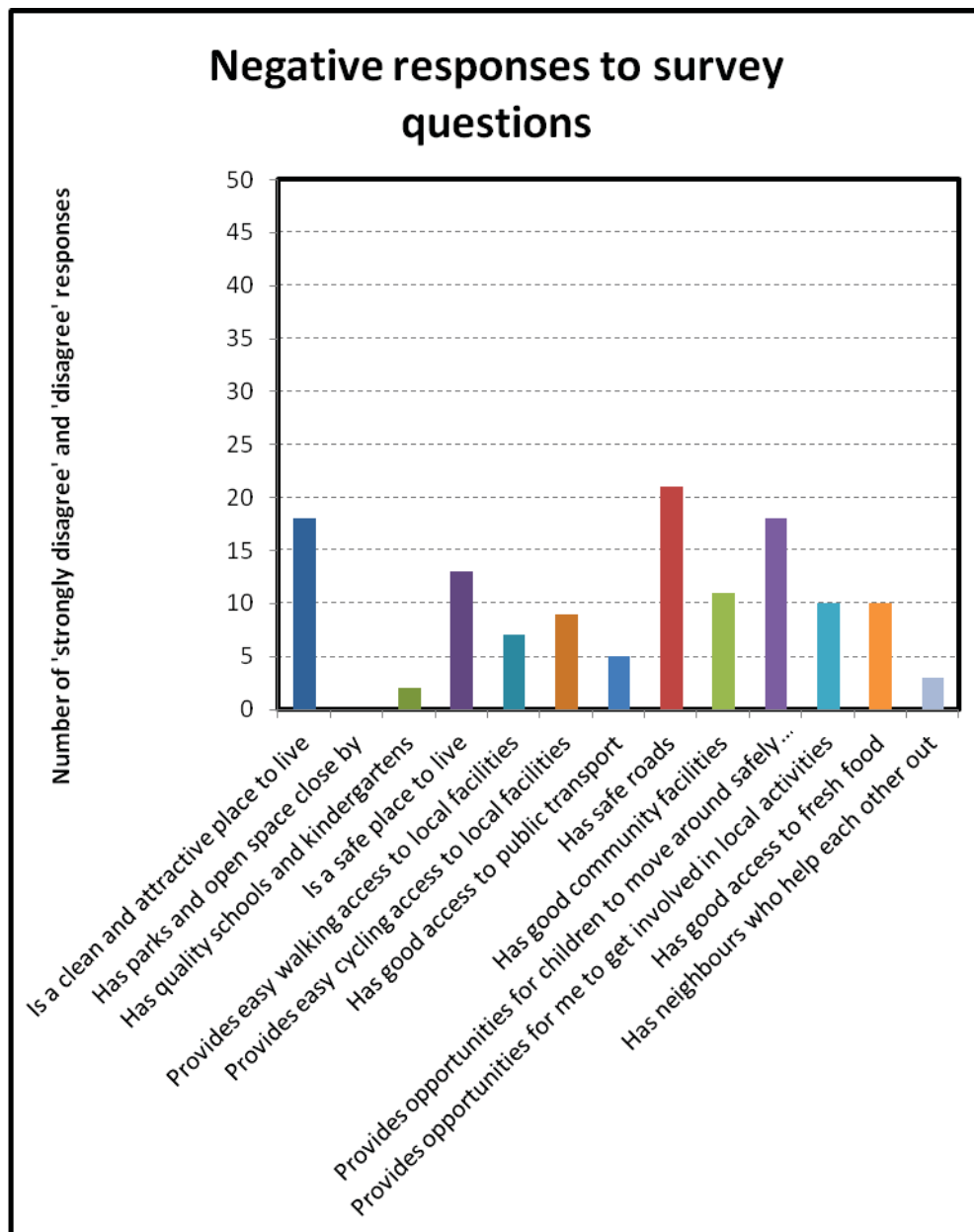


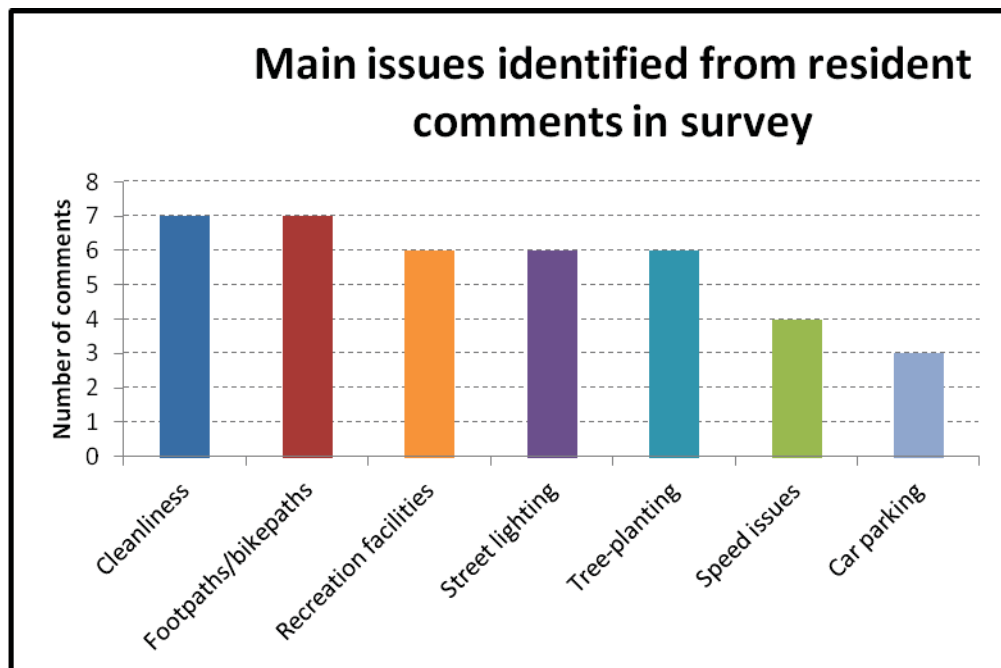
Peninsula SaferSpeeds

A resident's action group meeting is planned for Saturday the 6th September at the Stables meeting rooms at the Currawong Community Centre in Mornington following the significant interest from local residents at the "Have Your Say day" in June. This will be the initiation of the community driven project for the local residential areas of Mornington North.

The evaluation of the resident's survey from approximately 50 residents from that day has given an initial indication of the local issues. The responses to the survey questions have been presented in bar charts to compare the level of agreement or disagreement. Further comments from residents were also requested and the main issues raised have also been presented in a bar chart.







An additional larger community telephone survey is also being finalised and will be undertaken during August which will provide the basis for an evaluation of a holistic approach to improving these areas. This survey will give an opportunity for a broader sample of responses across the Mornington North residential areas and also survey residents that may not have been able to attend the “Have Your Say day”.

After the evaluation of the additional community surveys the resident’s action group will discuss the issues raised in both surveys and subsequently develop the necessary programs to address these issues.

Mornington Pier Forecourt improvements - joint project with Parks Victoria

A proposal for the Mornington Pier Forecourt area by Parks Victoria that improves accessibility and amenity has been further developed in conjunction with the Council’s various departments. A final functional layout is being considered by various stakeholders and the Briars ward Councillors. These proposed works are to be coordinated with the Mornington Pier redevelopment by Parks Victoria and Council is providing funding to this opportunity by re – prioritizing current capital works funding allocated to the Mornington area.

These proposed works are consistent with the strategies of the Mornington Harbour Precinct plan currently being finalised by Council.

Point Nepean Rd Bus Stop Seating – Nepean Ward Councillors Initiative

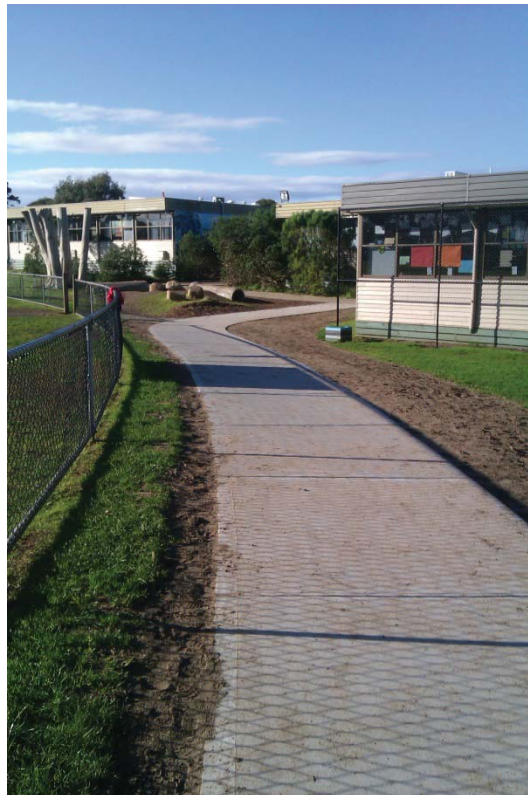
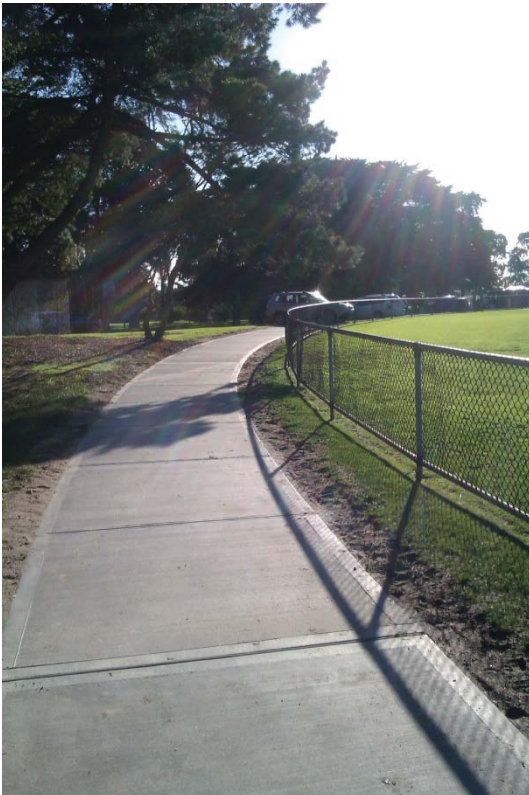
The Traffic and Road Safety Team are currently working with Nepean Ward Councillors to install seating at selected public/school bus stops along Point Nepean Road, between Rye and Sorrento. The Nepean Ward Councillors approached the Traffic and Road Safety Team as they identified the opportunity to provide seating where there is currently only a concrete pad and no bus shelter.

Currently we are awaiting delivery of 10 timber seats and once they arrive our contractors will be installing them at the selected bus stops between Rye and Sorrento, such as the one shown below.



Park and Stride Program to improve Student Safety and Accessibility to Boneo Primary School

The footpath at Boneo Primary School in Boneo Recreation Reserve was completed during the school holidays and is now being used by parents and students to Park & Stride from the far side of the oval in the adjacent recreational reserve, to the school. The cost of the path was shared between the TAC and the Shire through a Community Safety Grant



School Traffic Management – Mount Eliza North Primary School

Mount Eliza North Primary School, Briars Ward Councillors and Traffic & Road Safety have been working together on developing a proposal to improve traffic flow and increase safety around the school, particularly in Moseley Drive and Walkers Road.

The school and School Council indicated that they were in favour of banning right turn movements in and out of Moseley Dve at school pick up and drop off times. Residents in the street were consulted regarding the proposed plans. The Traffic & Road Safety Team received no concerns regarding these proposed changes, therefore the changes were implemented in mid July. Right turns in and out of Moseley Drive have been banned between 8:30 and 9:30am as well as 2:30 and 4pm on school days. A brochure was developed by Traffic & Road Safety in conjunction with the school and was sent to each family at the school before the end of last term as well as residents of Moseley Dve.

The right turn ban has now been in place for two weeks and has proven to operate well and has resulted in less congestion in Walkers Road. So far the school community have indicated that the changes have been a success.



ASSET MANAGEMENT

End of Financial Year (EOFY)

As reported last month, the Asset Management Team has been extremely busy preparing data for EOFY. During 2011-12, the Asset Management system was put in a hold state for 6.5 weeks, while asset revaluation and rollover was being completed. Numerous errors in the financial year roll-over process were detected and needed to be rectified. Discussions to resolve this lead to the concept and introduction of business rules designed to instruct and guide the Team on how to treat certain classes of Assets. As a result of these improvements, in 2012-2013 the downtime of the system was reduced to 3 weeks. This year the team are happy to report the timeframe was reduced to 2.5 weeks. The introduction of a lessons learned approach to process improvement may further reduce this for 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Revaluation of Infrastructure Assets

This year Mornington Peninsula Shire has undertaken a full comprehensive revaluation of all Drainage Infrastructure Assets that are owned and maintained by the Shire, and Interim revaluation based on indexation were applied to the other 2 infrastructure classes, "Transport" and "Other Infrastructure".

The changes in current replacement values for the 3 infrastructure asset categories as a result of the 2014 Unit Rate Revaluation can be seen in the table below:

	Transport	Other Infrastructure	Drainage
% Change	(+) 1.86%	(+) 5.51%	(+) 3.29%

Geometry for Playground Equipment

Playground replacement values are based upon the combined value of the pieces of equipment at a Playground. Geomedia Media Smart Client (GMSC) is an effective tool for performing re-valuing Playground equipment and undertaking condition audits. However, the geometry(x and y co-ordinates) of playground equipment had never been captured. A project is being undertaken by the team to capture the actual position of the equipment at each playground Peninsula wide



Sorrento Village Assets – Easy Access to Strategic Decision Making

During the month of July the Asset Management Team met with the Sorrento-Portsea Chamber of Commerce to discuss how GMSC may be able to assist with a reoccurring issue. The issue raised was the ability to record and then easily access information on strategic decisions relating to future asset types and styles to be used within the village. An example of the current issue is that when an existing seat is damaged and requires replacement the maintenance crews have no way of knowing that they should replace it with an agreed 'new' style of seat.



An 'example' Existing Style



The 'actual' agreed New Style

The Asset Management Team believes it can assist in overcoming this issue via the use of GMSC. By including information on the new styles to be used within the data of the existing asset, the maintenance team will be able to clearly see this important information when out in the field by viewing it in GMSC.

Edit Seat

General Details - Seat Inspection Condition Other

Disposal

Disp'l Comment: Disposed: ☐

Inspection Details - Seat

Type:* Normal Material:* Timber

Condition: 4-Good Overall Condition Some Obvious Deterioration

Comment: Note: Replace seat with a 'Furphy Style' when Renewal is required.

Inspector: Sam Dalla Santa Date Inspected:

Date Installed: 7/1/1983

Hold

Hold Comment: Hold: ☐

Exit Form Save Attributes

The above is an example 'seat' form within GMSC that can be used to populate and view this information while officers / service providers are out in the field or back in the office.

War Memorial Initiative Using GeoMedia Smart Client (GMSC):

With the impending 100th Anniversary of ANZAC involvement in the Great War (WW1), the GMSC Implementation Team has been asked to create a project, to facilitate the capture of War Memorial zones across the Peninsula, with a view to enhancing their Amenity and Appearance.



The new GMSC Project will enable a team to perform in-field data and condition capture, for each Shire asset near a War Memorial, and create a zone around the Memorial, to uniquely define it.

The newly captured information can then be collated, prioritised, and used then used to allocate the appropriate funding. The information will enable any required maintenance or renewal works to be completed, with the aim of bringing every war memorial up to a high standard during the centenary of the Great War. The audit will be completed early next month.

We Shall Remember Them.
Lest We Forget.

Local Government Performance Reporting Framework - Roads

The Victorian Government has developed a new performance reporting framework to ensure that all councils are measuring and reporting on their performance in a consistent way. The framework becomes mandatory from 1 July 2014 and all councils will need to report results as part of their 2014-15 annual report at the end of September 2015.

The framework is made up of 70 quantitative measures and 24 qualitative checklist measures which build a comprehensive picture of council performance. Five of these reporting measures relate to the performance of the sealed local road network.



In order to be able to comply with these new reporting requirements, new processes for capturing of relevant sealed local road data in accordance with the definitions specified by Local Government Victoria are being developed and implemented by Asset Management. This includes requirements to analyse regularly provided data, provision of new data by the Shire's road network contractor, sourcing and provision of new data internally, and collation of the data for reporting internally at an increased quarterly frequency.

Buildings Naming Project Update and Buildings Component Condition Project:

Work has been completed to introduce a new framework in which buildings are organised. Part of this project has involved extensive consultation and collaboration across the organisation to determine the appropriate building name for each individual building asset which the Shire controls. As of the last several weeks, the buildings naming project has reached the final phase and requires formal integration into the current system. With several significant changes to how categories are structured, this is likely to require some more time and work to implement successfully.

Following on from the buildings naming project is a project to make use of the buildings component condition information that has been collected by our service providers. You may have noticed our service providers taking pictures of various parts within the Shire offices earlier this year. This information assists with programs to maintain and renew the Shire's building components and this project hopes to make the information readily available for those who need it. A form has been produced in Microsoft Access to produce a list of components based on filter criteria and it is hoped that further consultation with users will identify other ways of using this information. One of the uses currently being investigated is the integration of this information into our Moloney Modelling which determines Shires future renewal funding requirements.

Component Condition Data Viewer

Building Query | Building Category Query | Component Query | Search Single Component

Building ID Counter: OR Building Name: OR Building Number:

Room Number:

Locality:

Building Criticality:

Upper Condition Rating:

Lower Condition Rating:

Columns to View

ID Counter	☒	Address	☐	Building Name	☒	Building Service (Subcat1)	☐
Component Group	☒	Locality	☒	Inspection Comments	☐	Service Function (Subcat2)	☐
Component Type	☒	Condition Rating	☒	Building ID	☒	Component ID	☒
Component	☒	Number of Units	☐	Room ID	☐		
Component Description	☒	Inspected By	☐	Criticality	☐		

ID_COUNTER	Component_Group	Component_Type	Component	Component_Description	Locality	Condition_Rating	Building
682501	Interior Finishes	Ceiling Finishes	N/A	Ceiling Finishes	HASTINGS	4	Main Pavilion
682179	Interior Finishes	Floor Finishes	Vinyl	Floor Finishes	ROSEBUD WEST	3	Rosebud West
728261	Interior Finishes	Floor Finishes	Vinyl	Floor Finishes	BAXTER	3	Public Hall
682279	Interior Finishes	Fixtures & Fittings	Mirror	Fixtures & Fittings	MORNINGTON	4	Pavilion
896193	Electrical Services	Communication Systems	Telecommunications	Communication Systems	ROSEBUD	3	MPSC Municipi
682101	Interior Finishes	Ceiling Finishes	N/A	Ceiling Finishes	SHOREHAM	3	Shoreham Teri
682501	Interior Finishes	Floor Finishes	Rubber	rubber mats	HASTINGS	4	Main Pavilion
816636	Electrical Services	Misc.	Light Switches & Power	gpo	ROSEBUD	4	Toilet Block 4B
682232	Interior Finishes	Floor Finishes	Vinyl	Floor Finishes	MAIN RIDGE	3	Hall & Cricket F
812869	Electrical Services	Misc.	Light Switches & Power	gpo	MORNINGTON	3	Peninsula Com

Records: 1 | Filtered | Search

Financially, the year to date variance has been influenced by an early payment for Geo Media Smart Client software support, which will have no impact of the year end result.

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Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(208)	(263)	(55)	(208)	(263)	(55)	(2,470)	(2,470)	0

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For the month of July while there was numerous informal engagements onsite with the community (typically 1:1's which occur whilst delivering customer service as part of managing Objective and MERIT), formally the Infrastructure Maintenance Team and the service providers were involved in the following specific formal engagement with the community:

- 17th July – participation in evening workshop arranged by Briars Ward Councillors involving get together of Briars Ward Sporting Groups.
- 21st July – in conjunction with Recreation & Leisure, attended a site meeting with Somerville Bowls Club and Cr Bowden to talk about strategic direction for the Club and some pavilion maintenance matters.
- 29th July – site meeting at The Briars with Briars Ward Councillors to talk about entrance signage, entrance visibility and general discussion on the operations at The Briars.

CLEANSING & DRAINAGE CLEANING.

New Street Litter Bin Surrounds Hit the Streets

The first of the Mornington Peninsula Shire badged street litter bin surrounds were installed in Dromana during July. This is part of a rolling progressive program included under SIMS2 for the renewal / upgrading of bin surrounds. These 'smart looking pieces of street furniture' have been designed to:

- Reduce the ability for wind to blow / birds to pull out rubbish from the bin which detracts from the street aesthetics
- Reduce the amount of rain that may enter the bin and hence reduce the weight of the litter and in turn potentially reduce the volume of fuel used to transport the waste
- Make large volume dumping in street litter bins more difficult than has previously been the case

Hastings shopping precinct will be the first township precinct to be completely refitted with these new bin surrounds. Other existing stainless steel bins that don't have the canopy, but are in good condition will in due course have a canopy fitted so as to match in with this new design style.



Clean up following the significant storm in June is continuing. This should be complete by end of August 2014.

PARKS & ROADSIDES, BUILDINGS AND FURNITURE & SIGNS

Tree Management Programs

The following annual programs for tree and vegetation management across the Shire for 14/15 have been uploaded to the Shire's web site for access of information by the community:

- Street Tree Renewal Program
- Programmed Vegetation Management Program
- Powerline Vegetation Management Program
- Open Space Mowing Program.

The Powerline clearing program was completed in Portsea in July and works continue in Sorrento and Tootgarook in the month of August.

The programs can be viewed at the following address: www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/trees

Guardrail Works - Browns Road, Boneo

In conjunction with the sewer upgrade works in Boneo, the Furniture and Signs maintenance team replaced some aged guard rail along Browns Road. The old existing guard rail required replacement and the project was programed in conjunction with the sewer works contractor Fulton & Hogan, who is delivering a major sewer upgrade works to the area. The removal of the guard rail during major excavation works assisted the delivery of the sewer works whilst the Shire was able to replace the old guard rail. Approximately 100m of guard rail was replaced.

Mornington Park Pre School

The Mornington Park Pre School saw some recent upgrade works to the fencing and interior of the facility. The Building Services maintenance team conducted some painting, replaced the oven and removed some potential trip hazards internally to name a few key items completed. The upgrade works to the exterior of the yard removed potential climbing hazards to improve safety for the children. Some panels were added to the perimeter fences and some safety fencing was relocated away from other climbing opportunities.

NATURAL SYSTEMS TEAM

Bushland Manager

The development of Bushland Manager within the Geomedia Smart Client software package has continued and is nearing completion to be rolled out for operation for the new Bushland Management Services Contract. The finishing touches for the version one (V 1.0) build of the software are complete with its integration into the contract operations to commence in early August. This will see the streamlining of works planning, implementation, reporting and auditing into the one system which is updated live.

Bushland Management Services Contract

The Natural Systems Team long term (10 year Contracts) Bushland Management Retention, Restoration and Rehabilitation Contracts involving bushland weed control and habitat management concluded on the 30th of June. On the first of July the newly appointed service provider seamlessly commenced under the new Bushland Management Services Contract for a 7 year period. The new Bushland Management Team has hit the ground running commencing priority on-ground works as well as extensive management action planning and contract initiation activities throughout the month of July.

The Natural Systems Team is excited about the prospect of bringing in the new generation of Bushland Management Services which include biodiversity weed control, habitat management volunteer coordination, minor bushland specific Infrastructure, interpretation activities and management planning and reporting. The daily operations of this contract will be managed and reported on using the purpose built Bushland Manager software within the Geomedia Smart Client Corporate package (as covered above).

Powerful Owl Nesting Box Program

In 2013 The Department of Environment and Primary Industries began some new research of the Powerful Owls *Ninox stenua* distribution on the Mornington Peninsula to improve the strategic decision making for the protection of this species. The Powerful Owl is listed as a threatened species under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 because it requires a large home range with limited breeding sites in hollow bearing trees of which do not form until they are at least 150-200 years of age.

The study revealed that the Mornington Peninsula is a strong hold for this species with 25 detections of the Powerful Owl from 112 call playback surveys. In an effort to replace some of the lost habitat for such species, and expand their range, the Natural Systems Team worked with local wildlife ecologists to build suitable nesting boxes and have them installed in strategic locations. Two nesting boxes were installed at Peninsula Gardens Bushland Reserve, one at Mount Martha Park, one at The Briars, one on Balcombe Creek and another two in Woods Bushland Reserve. The monitoring of these boxes will continue to see if these man made homes are successful in creating homes for this threatened species.

The Nursery

National School's Tree Day was held at the end of July. This year the Nursery donated plants to the Somers Camp to contribute to Banksia Woodland restoration and also to Tyabb Railway Primary School who held their annual planting day in conjunction with Frankston Toyota.

Landcare

Landcare on the Mornington Peninsula is going from strength to strength. The newly-established Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network received a grant for engagement of private landholders in the creation of habitat corridors on their properties for \$100,000 over 5 years from the Natural Resources Conservation League. In addition, the Watson Creek Catchment Group received a \$10,000 Communities for Nature Grant from DEPI for restoration along Watson Creek on private properties in the Somerville area. The Landcare Network was also successful in their application for a Green Army project which includes weeding and planting across the Peninsula.

The Briars

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria has approved a recently completed Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for a boardwalk across Harrap Creek to allow the completion of a trail from Balcombe Creek to Craigie Road. The CHMP, along with an Environmental Management Plan and Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation assessment, are Melbourne Water requirements for the project to proceed. The Plan will make recommendations for measures to be taken before, during and after construction to manage and protect cultural heritage. The Shire is piloting a program to undertake CHMPs internally as a best practice approach to protecting Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and is the first municipality to do so. Streams are especially significant to the indigenous community and as expected the assessment at Harrap Creek, conducted by traditional owners, located several artifacts.

SAFER LOCAL ROADS (SLR)

Drainage Maintenance

Dromana Parade, Safety Beach

Break out and removed damaged solid concrete drainage pit lids at two locations opposite each other on Dromana Parade and to upgrade to concrete lintels and terra firma inserts.



Tasman Road, Somers

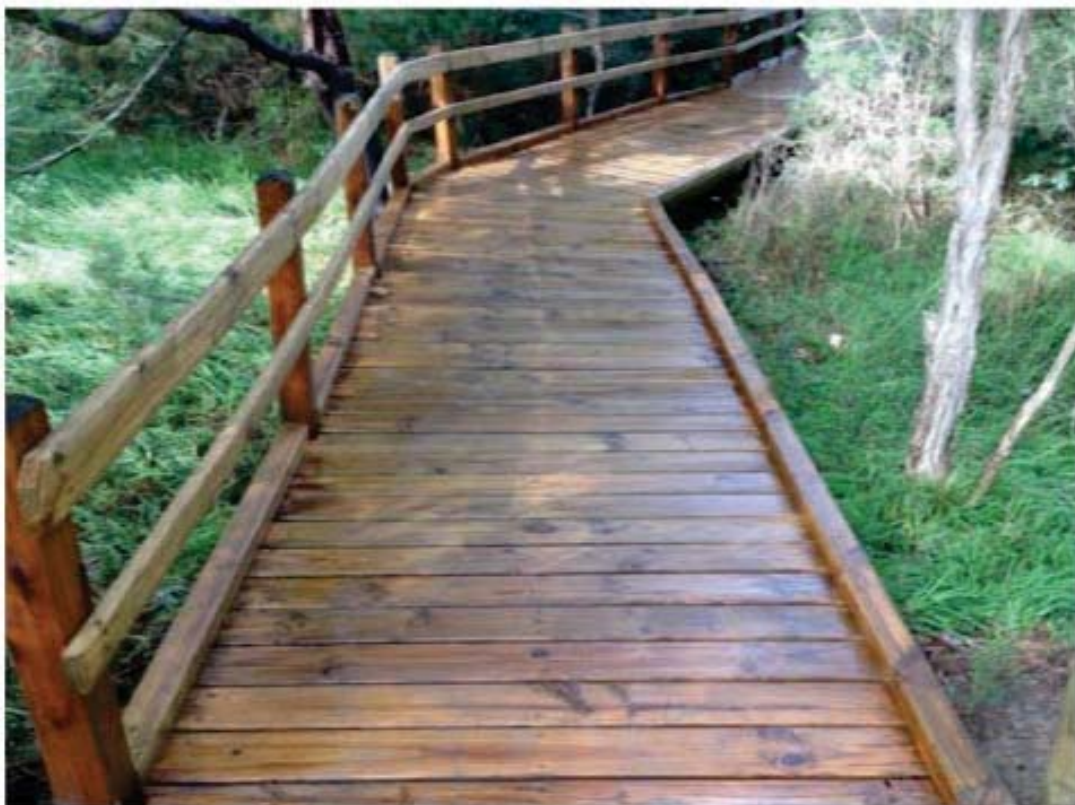
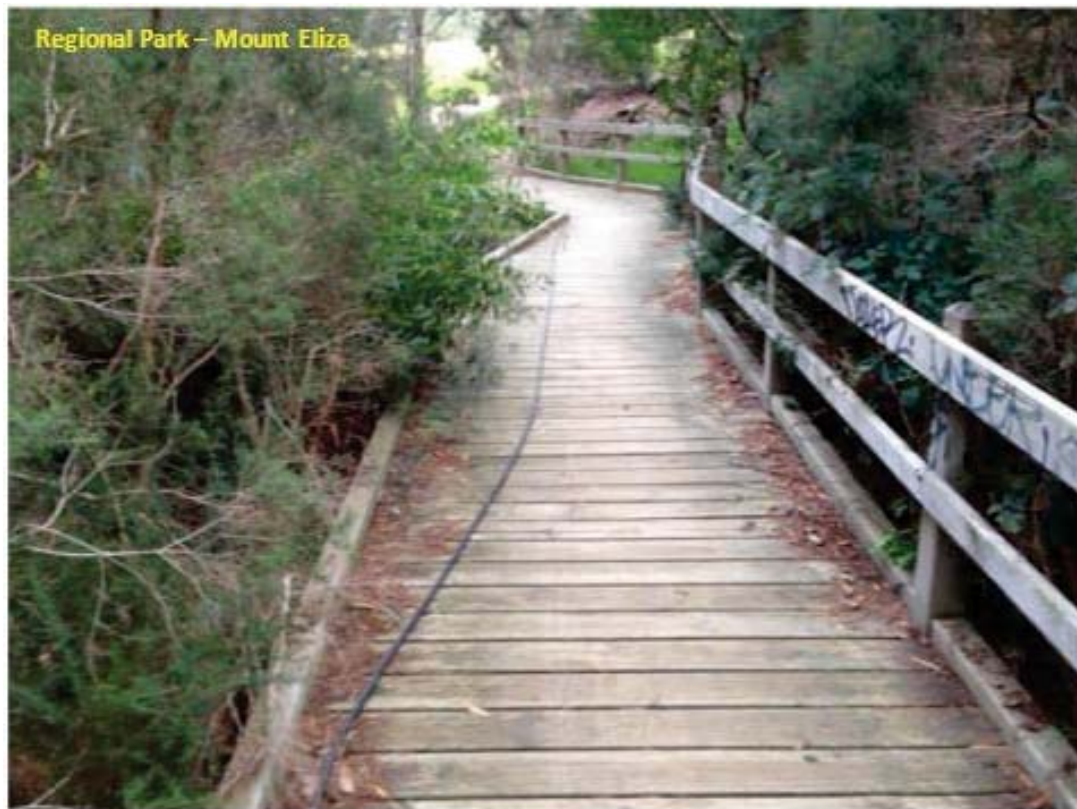
Due to heavy vehicles (trucks) using the nature strip to cut the corner, the side entry drainage pit has been upgraded to a steel lintel and terra firma lid to cater for situations when the drainage pit is driven over.



Paths & Boardwalks Maintenance

Regional Park, Mount Eliza

Due to the existing timber footbridge becoming a slip/trip hazard, a non-slip adhesive product (Degadeck) has been applied to the boardwalk to assist in managing potential slips, trips and falls. The process involves high pressure cleaning of the existing deck before a 1 coat prime is applied, followed by a 2 coat sealant.



R.J.Rowley Reserve, Rye

A series of 43 old steps, including star pickets, were removed at R.J. Rowley Reserve. The old steps were replaced with treated pine sleeper risers at correct height and length to match the existing site constraints. All risers were fixed to cypress posts before Cement Treated Crushed Rock was placed and compacted to the step infills.



Lexington Avenue, Shoreham

Removed and disposed of rotten and damaged timber step treads, prior to clearing and removing all the unsuitable material acting as the infill. New timber treads were then installed, including crushed rock for the infill.



Other Maintenance

Brasser Avenue, Dromana

A 7.5m length x 0.5m height concrete bund wall and associated works has been constructed at the Dromana Depot for enhanced safety / risk management associated with the operation of the bio-diesel tank.



Construction under Maintenance

Sandy Rd, St. Andrews Beach

Shoulder preparation works, including stabilisation to a depth of 150mm with 1.5% cement additive, prior to the placement of a sprayed seal. Associated line marking and signage works are to follow.





Shands Road, Main Ridge/Red Hill South

Drainage, earthworks and sub base layer works have continued with steady progress being made on Shands Road from Tucks Rd towards Shoreham Road.





Traffic and Road Safety Works delivered under Maintenance

Illaroo Street Rosebud

4 new speed cushions (speed humps) have been installed in Illaroo Street between Allambi Avenue & Mawarra Avenue, Rosebud



Financially, the YTD unfavourable of \$24k is of no significance and slight variations (favourable and unfavourable) from month to month can be expected in an annual operation budget of \$42.8 million. This YTD favourable variance will have no impact on the YE Forecast.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(595)	(571)	24	(595)	(571)	24	(42,834)	(42,834)	0

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

SUBDIVISIONS

12 – 18A Walter Street, Safety Beach

This is a 28 lot residential subdivision. Kerb works are complete. Pavement preparation and footpath works are progressing.

SEWERING THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA

South East Water is in the process of delivering the Southern Peninsula ECO Project, providing 16,200 lots in Tootgarook, Rye, Blairgowrie, St Andrews Beach, Sorrento and Portsea with sewer connection points. The project will cost \$357M and will involve the installation of 230km of pipe. The project will be accelerated from the 16 year program to be delivered in 30 months and will be tendered as four separate packages.

Package A – Portsea, Sorrento & St Andrews Beach

The contract has been awarded to Zinfra to install 80km of pipe. Works are scheduled for completion in June 2015.

Works in Portsea have been completed, works in Sorrento will be finalised by the end of August and works in St Andrews Beach will commence before the end of August.

Package B – Rye & Tootgarook

The contract has been awarded to Interflow to install 98km of pipe. Works are scheduled for completion in June 2015.

Works have been completed in the Rye B catchment, while works in the Rye A catchment are approximately 50% complete.

Package C – Blairgowrie

The contract is planned for commencement February 2015 and completion October 2015.

Transfer System

The contract has been awarded to Fulton Hogan to install the transfer main linking Portsea to the Boneo treatment plant along with associated pump stations.

Works are progressing on the Hughes Road/ Melbourne Road pump station in Sorrento and works are underway at the French Street Reserve pump station.

Open trenching is progressing alongside the Freeway Reserve between Browns Road and Weeroona Street and in Browns Road between the Eagle Ridge Golf Club and Truemans Road with the north bound lane closed to traffic. A full road closure will be implemented shortly to enable the installation of a road crossing.

Community Engagement

The community engagement process for the Mt Eliza drainage project has moved into the next phase with a number of one on one communications with residents as the night works progress through the centre.

Driving Responsiveness, Innovation & Productivity

The project to construct an innovative pedestrian bridge made of composite plastic beams will be starting soon at Safety Beach. It will have much greater durability than galvanised steel or timber.

Victorian Flood Strategy

The Unit's drainage engineers have been working closely with Melbourne Water, Department of Environment and Primary Industries and the Municipal Association of Victoria to provide expert feedback on the development of this strategy. This has involved attending seminars and workshops as well as drafting written submissions.

Staff Development

A recent project manager vacancy has been filled by one of our student graduate engineers who had been working in the Group to build up his professional work experience. The experience he gained here equipped him well for the new role.

Financially, although there appears to be a significant variance this all relates to capital works recovery charges which are yet to be processed for the new financial year. The data will catch up next month and there is expected to be no impact on year end.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(78)	(55)	24	(78)	(55)	24	(1,374)	(1,374)	0

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

During July the Renewable Resources Unit progressed a number of climate change initiatives and continued the review of the Shire's Waste Management Strategy. The team also worked extremely hard to ensure the commencement of the new waste collection contracts went smoothly.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate Change Policy

A draft Climate Change policy is presently being prepared to capture and re-enforce the Shire's commitment to *leading change on climate change*. The Policy will be presented to Council later in the year, followed by a period of public exhibition to capture feedback from our local community.

Climate Change Community Meeting with Greg Hunt

Officers are working in conjunction with Councillor Celi and Gibb to organise a meeting for the community at which Greg Hunt, the Executive Officer of the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) will present an update on the programs they are running to help the community mitigate and adapt to the potential impacts of climate change. The Forum is proposed for 6:30 pm on Tuesday 12th August at the Shire Chambers in Rosebud.

Adaptation Future knowledge Sharing Breakfast

Shire officers attended an adaptation breakfast hosted by Netbalance during the month. The focus was on the key outcomes from the Adaptation Futures Conference held in Brazil. Key leanings from the presentation included the importance of monitoring and evaluation in the adaptation space, how to engage the private sector in the discussion and supporting community based adaptation. The knowledge gained will be used to inform the Shire's Climate Change Policy.

'Are you ready? Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership Project

The Mornington Peninsula Shire, in conjunction with Kingston and Bayside City Councils, have been successful in receiving a \$200, 000 grant from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) through their Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership to develop a climate change adaption website and community engagement program.

The project 'Are you ready?' will assist residents to plan for the impacts of climate change through developing a thorough understanding of their climate change risks and through the development of individualised Action Plans.

In July the contract with successful contractor (Federation University) was finalised, initial planning meeting with the Federation University and the Project team was held and consultation undertaken with relevant internal and external staff.

ECO LIVING DISPLAY CENTRE

Tours

In addition to the tours conducted during our regular opening hours, staff and volunteers ran group tours for 150 students from Benton's Junior College.

Education Package

The education package for the Eco Living Display Centre has been finalised. This package includes nineteen activities on water, water and energy for primary school (Prep – Grade 6) and lower secondary school (Years 7 – 8). Promotional material will be designed and distributed to schools to encourage local schools to book in for excursions at the Centre.

Energy Efficiency Homes Consultations

This month our volunteers conducted energy efficiency homes consultations at the Eco Centre and via phone. Eight in total were completed.

Community Meeting and Regular Groups

The Eco Centre Carers Group continues to use the Centre on a weekly basis as a central hub for creative activities for their disabled adult children and carers.

The *Collaborative Garden Group*, a group of disabled clients from Konnections and Kankama, have met at the Centre once in July. The group has started planning the creation of a scarecrow using recycled materials for the Red Hill Scarecrow Festival.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Municipal Waste Management Strategy Review

The Mornington Peninsula Shire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy reflects the Shire's commitment to providing the community with sustainable and cost effective waste management and recycling services. A major review of the Strategy is presently underway. Stage one of the engagement process is now complete. During the month Shire officer's analysed the data gathered throughout stage one; identified possible directions based on community feedback and technical knowledge and prepared for a Councillor briefing which was scheduled for the beginning of August.

Waste to Energy Conference

To help inform the review the Shire sent a representative along to the Waste Management Association of Australia Waste to Energy Conference which was held in Lorne, Victoria. The Forum provided an update of policy and activity around waste to energy across Australia and an overview of what is occurring overseas. The information gained and networking opportunities provided at the Conference will be used to inform the review of the Shire's waste management strategy.

New Kerbside Collection Contracts

Our new kerbside collection contracts (garbage and recycling) have been in operation for 1 month with Solo Resource Recovery (Solo) the Shire's new service provider.

There can be many challenges for a new service provider taking over contracts such as these, however, after a 6 month transition process and lots of hard work from Shire and Solo staff the first month of the service has been a success. A Shire officer has also been out on a daily basis monitoring the performance of the Solo and immediately feeding this information back to Solo.

One of the new features in the collection vehicles is the global positioning system (GPS) which provides real time information on the vehicles movements. This has proved an extremely valuable tool for the Shire's Customer Service team in providing advice to residents on truck movements in relation to whether the truck has already been in the street to empty bins. The GPS indicates the properties where a bin has been collected and also those where the bin has not been presented.

Old Landfill Sites

Tyabb

The team has commenced a project focused on continuing to implement the Tyabb Rehabilitation Plan. During the month the team revised a report completed by consultants based on the monitoring occurring at the site over the past 2 years.

Mount Eliza

A contract was awarded during the month for works to be completed at the old Mt Eliza landfill associated with ongoing landfill gas management.

Rosebud West

A project is presently underway to ensure the continued implementation of audit recommendations associated with the old landfill in Rosebud West. Works completed during the month included landfill gas monitoring.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Energy and Greenhouse Management and Improvement Plan

LED lighting upgrades have been completed at six Shire buildings as a result of recommendations highlighted in energy audits. This has resulted in an estimated saving of 45 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

A further 31 sites have been audited since April identifying various opportunities to improve energy efficiency and potentially save 84 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually. Opportunities include energy efficient lighting upgrades, replacing appliances, installing insulation and installing sensors and timers for lighting and appliances.

Smart Meter Rollout

Smart meters have now been installed for the majority of Shire electricity services. More accurate electricity usage data will now be available for Shire assets.

Financially, the July year to date position for the Renewable Resource Unit is on track, with some budget phasing issues to be reviewed for the August report.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	3,163	3,217	54	3,163	3,217	54	(14,862)	(14,862)	0

DIRECTOR – SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

This month Council placed on exhibition two important documents dealing with infrastructure assets. The first is the draft *Unmade Carpark Construction Strategy* and the second was the review of the policy dealing with *Private Works on Nature Strips and Road Reserves*.

The Shire has approximately 250 distinct car parking locations which are currently unmade. These unmade carparks come under varying levels of usage. Some are located in high profile and highly used areas, such as commercial centres and popular foreshore areas, and others are located in equally popular parks and reserves. The Strategy now on exhibition seeks feedback from the community about the priority order in which these carparks should be constructed and the criteria and process for establishing how that priority order is determined. An important element of the strategy is about determining how the costs of construction are distributed between benefitting parties through Special Charge Schemes. The closing date for submissions is Friday 5 September 2014 and the draft strategy can be viewed on the Shire's website or in hard copy at the customer service counters and libraries. Submissions can be made via the website, or via email or post to the Shire.

In relation to the *Private Works on Nature Strips and Road Reserves* policy review submissions are again invited on what works or uses may or may not be permitted on nature strips and road reserves. Road reserves are public assets which serve a range of community purposes and it is important they are used and developed in a manner that preserves and protects these various public purposes. Importantly this policy review has identified that private works on nature strips and in road reserves have the potential to adversely impact on neighbourhood character and in some cases the recorded heritage values of some localities. The policy review has also identified that the creation of private car parking on nature strips will be actively discouraged and may only be approved in very exceptional circumstances. Attached to the draft policy is a discussion paper that explores in detail the range of uses made of nature strips and road reserves and provides a self assessment tool that residents and ratepayers can use to assess the likelihood of a proposal being approved under the policy. This tool is also useful for Shire Officers responsible for issuing approvals on applications for works in road reserves. As with the above *Unmade Carpark Construction Strategy* the draft strategy can be viewed on the Shire's website or in hard copy at the customer service counters and libraries. Submissions can be made via the website, or via email or post to the Shire. The closing date for submissions is 30 September 2014.

Readers are also referred to the Infrastructure Maintenance Units part of this report where a wide range of repair and replacement activities have been undertaken on a wide range of assets from side-entry pits to stairways and major road construction. The large number and range of assets managed by the Shire are in part described in the Infrastructure Strategy Unit's contribution to this report.

Financially, the minor variance this month is related to the phasing of expenditure in training, seminars and conferences and this will be adjusted over coming months with no expected impact on year end.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(43)	(39)	4	(43)	(39)	4	(566)	(566)	0

CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY CARE

YOUTH SERVICES

July School Holiday Program

This month the July Holiday Program commenced. The Drop-In Centres were open during the holiday period, with Y-Lounge open each day and Shed 11 open from Friday, 4 July to Friday, 11 July. Both Centres were open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., providing activities, food and a safe environment for young people to catch up with their friends. The Shed 11 Youth Centre hosted activities such as cooking, two free barbeques and breakfast to young people that live in the area after identifying that many of the young people attending were not eating breakfast. Poor diet and nutrition (including not eating breakfast) has been identified as an area of concern through data collected through Communities That Care (CTC).

Over the July Holiday period the Youth Services team also took young people on three excursions. These included: "Gravity Zone"- an indoor trampoline centre, a trip to Mount Baw Baw Ski Resort, and a trip to Rosebud Cinemas. All the young people involved expressed how much they enjoyed the activities, with many young people expressing that they would like to go to "Gravity Zone" again next holidays. The trip to the Snow was also another great success, with all young people involved expressing how much they enjoyed the activity.



Adopt-a-Hotspot

This month two murals that form part of the "Adopt-a-Hotspot" Program were completed. One was completed at the Wallaroo Milk Bar site in Hastings. The other mural, which was completed by Hastings VCAL students, is located at the Hastings Community Centre site. Both murals have been a successful part of the Program, as both have not been "tagged" nor damaged in any way. The Hastings VCAL group worked with artist, Brett Cardwell, to complete their mural, completing an intense all-day workshop at the Hastings Community Centre. Young people have been heavily

involved in the creation of both murals, and the Hastings VCAL students have expressed interest in becoming involved in similar projects in the future.



Peninsula Pride

The end of June saw Peninsula Pride join forces with Geelong based group GASP (Geelong Adolescent Sexuality Project) to provide same sex attracted and gender diverse youth with the opportunity to come together for the weekend at the Briars Camp in Mount Martha. With over 50 young people attending it was a fun filled and exciting weekend for all involved. Young people had the opportunity to challenge themselves on the outdoor ropes course and flying fox, perform in front of their peers and create new friendships. There was also a series of workshops that occurred over the weekend and Youth volunteers assisted Youth workers – it was great to see them step up into a leadership space. The positive growth in self-confidence and self-worth among the young people over the weekend was clearly evident as they left the camp standing just a little bit taller.



This Mob

“This Mob” is a personal development program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People that uses culture as a central protective factor to improve health and well being outcomes for these young people. This program is funded by the Paul Newman Philanthropic Trust and the Brotherhood of St Laurence. The program (co-facilitated by Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services) aims to engage young people Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and create positive connections to their community and culture. The program has started off with modest numbers, however, it is hoped in Term 4, 2014; the program will expand its criteria to include both primary and secondary school students. Feedback from group members for the pilot program has been extremely positive and has been a rewarding experience for all involved.

Transcultural Network Meeting

The Frankston and Peninsula Transcultural Mental Health Network is almost 12 months old and this month the network were fortunate enough to host Dr. Kate Briggs, a psychoanalyst specialising in childhood trauma. Kate shared her insight on psychodynamic therapy with traumatised children and built knowledge around skills and techniques that practitioners can use in the counselling space. Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services provided technical and planning support for the meeting.

Mount Eliza Junior Football Club AOD/Life Choices PD

Mount Eliza Junior Football Club invited MPYS to a training session to openly discuss the choices of alcohol and substance usage related to young people within their age group. Guest Speaker, Brent Alford, spoke to a group of 80 passionate young people, parents and football administration members. Brent talked about his three warnings of binge drinking which ultimately lead to his accident and his path of recovering from an acquired brain as a result of his accident. The presentation was extremely well received with many making comment that the presentation would make them think twice about their use of alcohol and risk taking. These presentations aim to address the Peninsula Wide CTC Risk factor of Substance Use.

EARLY YEARS

The final planning meetings for the annual Referral Pathways event were held in July with the event scheduled for 7 August. This year it has been confirmed that a local paediatrician will provide a presentation and answer questions relating to early childhood development. A significant amount of work has been undertaken over the last few years to increase links between the early years sector and GPs and paediatricians so this level of involvement from a paediatrician in the event is a positive step forward.

There continues to be uncertainty around funding for 15 hours of kindergarten as the Federal Government's Productivity Commission Report relating to kindergarten has not yet been released. The findings of the Senate enquiry have been released with clear support for the ongoing funding of the National Reform Agenda including Universal Access, however, while this is a positive indication the actual position will not be known until the commission report is released.

Both the Baxter and Bentons Square kindergarten capital projects continue to progress well. Both projects are on track for completion in November/December of this year with licencing of the services to occur prior to Christmas and children to commence in the new facilities from the beginning of the 2015 school year.



Progress at Bentons Square Kindergarten

Applications for State grants for Minor Capital Funding were submitted on behalf of Hastings Kindergarten and Mount Martha Kindergarten. A date for announcements on successful applications has not been provided, however, it will occur before the State Government enters caretaker mode.

Photos below are of Hastings Kindergarten who used their Minor Capital grant to install all-weather blinds and Sorrento Kindergarten that used their grant to install an additional veranda to complement the construction of a second licenced space that was funded through a State grant and Council contribution.



Before installation of all-weather blinds



After installation of all-weather blinds



Completed veranda at Sorrento Kindergarten

Implementation of the recommendations from the 10 Year Kindergarten Strategy continue with the priorities being the introduction of leases, the allocation of capital works funding to improve the condition of fixed equipment in kindergarten playgrounds and the prioritisation of renewal and refresh of kindergartens across the municipality in preparation for presenting a bid for the capital works program from the 2015/16 financial year and onwards.

The review and redevelopment of Best Start and the broader Early Years strategic partnership continues. The key stakeholders forming the project steering group meet monthly and progress is being made on reaching agreement over a partnership model. It is anticipated that a refreshed partnership will be convened by December of 2014 with the partnership focusing on the development and implementation of a new three year action plan for Best Start and the broader Early Years.

After over twelve months of uncertainty the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) have advised Best Start sites what the new indicators will be. Now that these are known it is possible to refer to the data being compiled for the State of Mornington Peninsula's Children report and make informed recommendations to the Early Years steering group on areas for focus of the next three years. DEECD have decided on two indicators that will be mandatory and sites are encouraged to select an additional one or two indicators based on local determinants. Indicator selection will be a focus at the next Early Years steering group meeting in August.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

Outside School Hours Care

After Councils recent decision to not continue in the provision of after school care, the team have begun working with both Dromana Primary and Red Hill Consolidated Schools to ensure a smooth process whereby service delivery is not interrupted for families while the schools work to engage an alternative service provider ready to commence in term 4.

Kindergarten Central Registration

Kindergarten Central Registration continues to progress through the allocation process for 4 year old kindergarten places in 2015 with 96% of families now having been placed. There are vacancies at thirteen of the 28 kindergartens across the Peninsula. Three year old kindergarten offers will be made in mid August.

Supported Playgroups

Connections have been engaged to facilitate the Music Together Playgroup operating from Mornington Park Kindergarten. This group is a community program for families with children aged 0-5 years and runs for 45 minutes with song, dance and instruments. The group is referral based

with the primary aims of the group including: promotion of parent and child bonding, increase children's social skills in turn taking and the concept of sharing, promoting developmental goals and supporting emotional regulations. It is fantastic to see children developing skills and confidence and the increased bond between parent and child as they share in the activities

Family Day Care

Family Day Care continues to promote a thriving community of learning amongst our staff, educators and children. To celebrate NAIDOC week Family Day Care took part in celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day where children and educators took part in a tool making session run by the Shire's Aboriginal Heritage/Cultural Officer. The session was held at the Willum Warrain space located in Hastings and the children enjoyed a hands on day where they were actively engaged in cultural music and festivities. Such experiences ensure that we remain strong advocates for our children to connect with country, community and our first history.



We have also engaged in a felt making session where children and educator's had a sensory treat. Promoting imagination and creativity is one of the biggest gifts we can give to our children, allowing them the time and space to explore their magic land.



Child and Family Health Service

The Universal Maternal and Child Health Services have reviewed the First Time Parents Group content and venues. First Time Parents groups provide parents with social connection and a sense of normalisation in the transition to parenthood through shared experiences. Relocating the groups from MCH centres; the Westernport group will now be facilitated at Hastings Hub and the Southern group at Seawinds Hub. Inviting parents into these community hubs will offer further opportunities for social networking and community connectedness, exposure to other family programs and opportunities for education.

Parenting Programs - single sessions open to all parents - featuring sleep and settling resources and nutritional information and advice are currently under review will also operate from the

community hubs. New content will include more emphasis on healthy levels of activity for infants and preschool children in response to the growing obesity epidemic.

The team are developing a series of brief, on line surveys to ask parents for regular “anytime any place” feedback on Child and Family Health Services. We are particularly interested in engaging fathers in this process.



The Team Leader C&FHS and Co-Ordinator Enhanced MCH Service have met with four General Practitioners in Hastings who have a particular interest and expertise in Indigenous health. Facilitated by Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Medicare Local this is the first of a number of meetings with GPs in areas of particular disadvantage. The C&FHS is represented on the Vulnerable Children's Alliance - a F&MPML initiative.

YOUTH STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

Communities That Care (CTC)

June has been an exciting month for CTC. All six local CTC groups have now commenced, with the establishment of the Two Bays, (Dromana – Red Hill – Balnarring) and Somerville/Tyabb/Baxter, (SYB).

All groups have continued to grow in membership during the month. The Two Bays Group membership has now grown beyond Balnarring and includes new recruits from Red Hill and Dromana. The new SYB group has received strong support from Padua College Tyabb and Flinders Christian Community College. It is likely that this local area group will include a large number of young people amongst its participants.

There were four workshops held for training the local area members in Community Assessment during July. This is the first time in the history of the shire's involvement in CTC that the skills development workshops have been run by the team members and not by consultants employed to provide the training. Given that the two part time team members have been with CTC for less than a year and the Team Leader was only involved in training provided in 2001 this has been a challenge but does appear to be succeeding.

The team is also busy assisting the Balnarring Community plan two Community Forums to be held on 25 August. One in the afternoon, with young people in Years 5 and 6, from Somers and Balnarring Primary Schools and another in the evening, for the wider community in the Community Hall. The team are also developing a “Survey Monkey” which Dromana Secondary College will assist in enlisting students from that area to complete so that their opinions and views can be sourced.

School Focused Youth Service (SFYS)

The Youth Wellbeing Stakeholder Advisory Group (YWSAG) held a meeting involving 24 people from many local agencies/Government departments, including two Student Support Services team leaders and a regional rep from DEECD. This meeting updated on what had occurred post the YWSAG forum held at the end of May and considered our Terms of Reference. A great deal of progress has occurred in the Suicide prevention project with a paper being developed outlining the

roles and responsibilities of agencies and schools once a suicide has happened. This will streamline processes to ensure there is no duplication of responses and that accuracy of information is disseminated as promptly as possible.

Fusion Mount Martha

- For the first six months of this year 27 young people directly have been supported by the housing service.
- A further 30 young people/young couples received HEF funds (rent arrears help or assistance to access private rental).
- Fusion is presently working with a number of schools, churches and youth groups, partnering to provide programs, training and opportunities for young people.

OzChild Contract

Counselling

The Counselling Service provided direct support to 247 individual clients, (196 new clients) during the year ended June 30, 2014. There were a total of 144 children aged above four years who received counselling from the service during this period. Child Behaviour/Parenting, (63% of clients) Family Violence, (20.5% of clients) and Mental Health, (7% clients) were the main presenting issues for counselling.

Volunteer Support

The Volunteer Support Program provided support to 111 clients during the year ended 30 June, 2014. A total of 76 children and young people received support from a volunteer during this period.

Emotional Support, (16.5%), abuse/neglect, (8%), access to services, (8%), parenting, (8%) and relationships, (8%) were the main issues related to individuals or families seeking support during this period.

Emergency Management Personal Support Team (EMPST)

The EMPST Team have drafted some new posters to assist the community when recovering from a traumatic event.



Financially, the monthly favourable variation to forecast is primarily due to the payments of community grants to a variety of organisations being delayed awaiting completion of acceptance of grant documentation forms the organisations.

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Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(472)	(271)	201	(472)	(271)	201	(5,358)	(5,358)	0

AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES

Recognition for PACE (Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders) and the Shire's Positive Ageing Strategy

The Shire recently launched the *Mornington Peninsula, A COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES, Positive Ageing Strategy 2013-2018*, to guide its work in the next 5 years to plan well for our ageing local population. PACE, the Shire's official community advisory committee for older residents, played a crucial role in the development of the strategy and continues to help guide its implementation. Council is recognised for the value it places on the important role older people can play in driving the direction and implementation of local age-friendly initiatives and is very pleased to see the great work of PACE increasingly recognised farther afield.

In October this year, the MAV (Municipal Association of Victoria) is, for the first time, convening an age-friendly communities and local government national conference at the Arts Centre in Melbourne. The conference will assist with furthering local government knowledge, leadership and commitment to developing age-friendly communities. PACE has been invited to the conference to present on how it was developed and contributes to creating age-friendly communities in the Shire. This is a well deserved honour and highlights the regard with which PACE and the Shire's Positive Ageing Strategy is regarded by MAV and other Councils.

The City of Kingston has invited the PACE and the Shire's Positive Ageing Officer to join their Community Advisory Committee this month to meet with Gerard Mansour, the Positive Ageing Commissioner. The Commissioner will be talking about what he sees as priorities for ageing-well in the short and long term and will be exploring collaborative ideas and efforts to achieve good outcomes for older people.

The Shire is grateful for PACE's hard work and congratulates them for these well deserved opportunities, and is pleased to support PACE to encourage other councils and peak bodies in valuing the views of older people and in exploring possible leadership roles in the community. Both are critically important to creating age-friendly communities.

Managing Risk for Our Dedicated Community Care Workforce

The Shire's 190 Community Care Workers, who deliver support services to 5,000 older people and people with a disability on the Mornington Peninsula Shire, recently participated in a rigorous training program on Risk Control Measures designed to keep them safe in their workplace (no mean feat given they work in isolation and their workplace is the homes of 5,000 residents).

Risk Control Measures are in place to provide clear direction to community care workers to keep themselves and their clients safe. These instructions form a living handbook which is updated regularly. We receive information from Incident/Hazard reports, Industry changes, feedback from both clients and team members, as necessary further research is undertaken to provide best practice instructions. We have Health & Safety Representatives from our 4 Home Based Services teams who provide input and feedback at our regular Aged & Disability Services Occupational Health & Safety committee meetings.

Feedback received from the community care workers attending the training sessions has been very positive and clearly shows a good understanding of the changes and how to apply them. We continue to receive input/feedback which will keep this document/information current and applicable to the role and its many challenges. This is critical to ensure we continue to deliver high quality services safely.

Energy Saver Study

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council's Aged & Disability Services and the Renewable Resources team are involved in a two year Energy Saver Study looking at the most effective way of assisting low income households to be more energy efficient. This study, including 7 participating Councils, is coordinated by the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA), a collaboration of eight Councils in the South East, and commenced in August 2013.

The aim of the study is to test if delivering energy efficiency to low income households of Councils' Home and Community Care client group is effective. The study will also investigate the most effective combination of energy saving strategies to support improved energy efficiencies in households. The results will inform future energy efficiency policy and programs in Australia.

56 households have now signed up to take part in the study. This is a great outcome as the target for the Mornington Peninsula Shire is 50 households. These households will receive at least \$500 worth of energy saving assessments, improvements, and/or energy saving advice. These energy saving improvements will help households save money on their energy bill and they will be more healthy, safe and comfortable in their homes in cold weather and heatwaves.

Equipment has been installed to record the energy consumption of a number of households and information is currently being gathered. At the end of the study all information gathered will be analysed and recommendations about the most effective strategies will be made to the Commonwealth as the project funder.

Keeping Clients in the Loop

The latest Aged & Disability Services client newsletter has been published and was delivered by team members as they provide service to our clients.

This newsletter has taken into account feedback from clients about the type of information they're interested in reading in their newsletter and included topics suggested by the HACC Consumer Consultation Group.

This edition includes information related to:

- Nurse on call.
- After hours GP Helpline.
- Seniors Week.
- Ageing Well Expo.
- U3A.
- The Shire's Aged and Disability Services, including spotlights on Home Maintenance and Dial A Bus.
- Consumer Consultation Group invitation
- Recipe Corner – following a call out in the last newsletter, a number of clients provided their favourite, healthy recipe that have been included in this edition.
- A tear off section for clients to provide feedback and suggestions for service improvement.

U3A and Aged & Disability Services Collectively Get the Message Out

The three Mornington Peninsula U3A branches (Hastings, Mornington and Southern Peninsula) regularly liaise with Aged & Disability Services, as well as other teams across Councils, and the latest collaboration has involved promoting each others services in their regular newsletters.

U3A has included information about access to support services through the range of Aged & Disability Services and volunteering opportunities with Meals on Wheels to their 3,000+ members. Aged & Disability Services has included the following information about U3A in the Meals on Wheels volunteer newsletter (reaching 200 volunteers) and the client newsletter (reaching 5,000 clients).

July at a glance.....

During the month, the 250 team members of Aged & Disability Services delivered the following services to 5,000 older people and people with a disability to support them to stay living at home safely, actively and independently:

- 974 hours of "living at home" assessment
- 13,505 hours of home/personal/respite care
- 389 hours of home maintenance/modification

- 5,467 Meals on Wheels
- 486 hours of activity program
- 1,071 Dial A Bus passenger trips

Financially, the \$140k unfavourable variance for July is primarily due to a delay in the invoicing of fees and charges as forecast.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(364)	(504)	(140)	(364)	(504)	(140)	(5,562)	(5,562)	0

RECREATION AND LEISURE

RECREATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Operations

Sports Lighting Strategy – Installation Truemans Road and Citation Reserve

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is experiencing an increased demand for sporting facilities due to the large participation numbers, particularly in junior sport. The Shire's Sports Lighting Strategy responds to the demands on playing fields by providing clubs with additional training opportunities to cater for participation needs. The strategy provides a practical solution enabling clubs to undertake training across the whole field rather than a confined area of the ground providing a safer sports surface.

Two sports lighting towers have been installed at Truemans Road Reserve, Tootgarook (rear oval). The Reserve's previous sports lighting were deemed unsafe and were subsequently decommissioned. The new 30m lighting towers were installed to Australian standards to provide the Rosebud Heart Soccer Club with a suitable training venue for a large and growing number of teams.

Two sports lighting towers were also installed at Citation Reserve (front oval) Mount Martha. The lighting towers were installed to Australian standards to provide the South Mornington Junior Football Club with an additional training venue.

Sports Pavilion Strategy

The "First Five"

The first five pavilions within the Sports Pavilion Strategy are at various development stages. The following provides an outline of their progress:

1. Elsie Dorrington Netball Pavilion (Alexandra Park, Mornington – *picture below as of 31 July*) is in its final stages of construction with a mid to late August 'handover' date from the contractor to the Mornington Peninsula Netball Association as the primary tenant of the pavilion.



2. Fruitgrowers Recreation Reserve pavilion (Jones Road, Somerville) second on the list has undergone the tender process with a building contractor being selected. Construction is expected to commence within the next two months. The contemporary design of this facility includes social space suitable for community use as well as offering a new home to the current cricket and football clubs. The new pavilion provides sports change facilities, dedicated first aid room, canteen facilities and new public toilets. Paving and a landscaped area, including a BBQ facility, will oversee the oval for public viewing.

3. Mount Martha Tennis Club pavilion is nearing the completion of its detailed design stage. A more expansive pavilion with wider views across all tennis courts and external decking to take advantage of those views is planned. Change facilities and toilets within the new pavilion, the dedicated office and first aid rooms and club office are all much needed services for the ever-growing Mount Martha Tennis Club.
4. Balnarring Recreation Reserve pavilion is also nearing completion of the detailed design stage and construction is expected to commence in 2015. The new pavilion will complement the master plan implementation developments including netball court construction, new cricket nets and car park re-design due to commence works late in 2014. Again, public toilets will be included in the pavilion itself with the existing public toilet building to be demolished further enhancing the reserve's amenity.
5. Citation Reserve pavilion development (concept design below) is nearing the completion of the detailed design phase. The new pavilion will provide extensive change facilities for sports clubs and a separate large social space which will also provide community groups with facilities for daytime use. Views to both ovals on this site will be much improved and will have outdoor viewing areas for the public on 'game days'.



The "Next Five"

The following pavilions have virtually completed the Concept Planning stage and in the next month it is expected this stage will be fully completed for each of these pavilion plans. These plans will then progress to the detailed design with project updates provided over the coming months:

1. Olympic Park Pavilion (Rosebud)
2. Crib Point (Cyril Fox Oval) Pavilion
3. Crib Point (Main Oval) Pavilion
4. Ferrero Reserve Pavilion (Mt Martha)
5. Barber Reserve Pavilion (Somerville).

Master Plan Implementation

Woolleys Equestrian Reserve – Crib Point

The feature survey is complete for the main area of the facility and the Shire engineer assigned to the project has completed a functional layout for the implementation of Stage I of the Master Plan. Detailed design is underway for the new roadway entrance from Stony Point Road (exiting from Woolleys Road), development of three new arenas (including one high standard sand arena) and provision for parking areas along and adjacent to the new road in and through the reserve.

Woolleys Equestrian Reserve – X-Country Course

The highly improved and re-developed equestrian cross country course at this site is almost complete. This project will provide equestrian riders with a level one competition course which will be very popular for local riders.

Balnarring Recreation Reserve

Detailed planning is complete for this project and quotes and relevant permits are now being sought for the construction works of the first phase of the project (to include new cricket training nets, 3 netball courts, sports fencing and lighting and new access to the grounds).

Community Halls

What's Happening in Community Halls This Month?

Bookings for Community Halls and Meeting Rooms in July continue to be popular despite the cooler weather. The online booking form process continues to be the preferred method of completing the application to hire a Community Hall with 98 online forms being received for the month of July.

Regular User Groups

A variety of new regulars commenced at Rosebud Memorial Hall and Currawong Hall and Meeting Rooms. New bookings include exercise, yoga, mind body and fitness and a children's music group.

Casual Bookings

- Birthday parties in the Halls continue to be popular with 23 held this month
- Community Halls have been used regularly this month for training courses (e.g., first aid, CFA and volunteer driver awareness)
- Community sporting groups Mornington and Balnarring Football and Netball Clubs held their annual socials in the Mornington Park Pavilion and Balnarring Hall
- Community organised fundraisers were held at Balnarring, Baxter, Rosebud Memorial Hall and Mount Eliza.

Foreshore Camping

The month of July has been a very busy time for the Foreshore Camping team (FCT). All of next season's camping invoices have been issued which are up by 20% compared to the same time last year.

The FCT launched its new marketing initiative which offers a Pre-Peak Season Package for eight weeks camping with the aim of this promotion is to boost occupancy during traditionally low patronised times of the season. A 'call to action' flyer was mailed out to all campers with their invoices and the initial response indicates this will be a successful campaign.

The Camping Liaison Committee met to discuss a range of items that included: the 2014/15 Budget breakdown, next season's camping fees and maintenance repairs in preparation for the upcoming season.

The Capital Works Program is well underway. The FCT, in conjunction with SIMS Buildings Maintenance team, have undertaken building audits of all camping amenity blocks and have identified a number of maintenance and upgrade works which will be addressed prior to the 2014/15 season.

Recreation Community Liaison

Section 86 Committee of Management Meetings	Purpose
Red Hill Recreation Reserve	Bi-monthly meeting.
Woolleys Road Equestrian Reserve	Bi-monthly meeting.
R J Rowley Reserve	Monthly meeting.
Main Ridge Equestrian Grounds	Quarterly meeting.
Project Liaison	Purpose

Red Hill Football Netball Club	Provided temporary storage for the football clubs during the demolition of the Old Pavilion.
Rosebud Football Netball Club	Meeting with RFNC and PCN Alliance representatives to discuss the condition of the main oval at Olympic Park.
Cricket Victoria	Meeting with Jason Mathers (Manager South East Region) to discuss programs for the upcoming 2014/15 season.
Crib Point Recreation Reserve	On-site inspection of new storm water pits and other drainage works.
Somerville Cricket Club	Meeting with Peter Alp (President) to discuss the installation of a new pitch cover and repair of bowlers' run-ups before season starts.
Hastings Tennis Club	Meeting to discuss issues with courts and a request for Shire assistance with a senior tennis tournament in November.
Red Hill Reserve	Meeting to discuss ongoing works at the Reserve.
Main Ridge Bowls Club	Meeting with MRBC and representative from Red Hill Petanque Club regarding establishing new pistes at the AR&F Ditterich Reserve.
Mount Eliza Bowls Club	Meeting to discuss plans for a synthetic green, signage and sports lighting.
Hastings Cricket Club	Meet to discuss needs for the 2014/15 season.
Hastings Junior Football Club	On-site meeting to agree on the location of the portable toilets and change rooms.
Ride to Conquer Cancer	On-site meeting to discuss locations for camping, toilets and parking, etc., at Dallas Brooks Reserve.
Somers Tennis Club	On-site meeting to discuss future project of the Club.
Olympic Park Master Plan	Meeting with all the stakeholders to discuss the draft Pavilion Plan.
AFL Victoria – South East Region	Meeting to discuss the AFL plans for the region and future joint ventures.
Somerville Bowls Club	Meeting to discuss future plans and current maintenance issues.
Balnarring Recreation Reserve	Meeting with Club representative to discuss the construction of car park, netball courts, cricket nets and extension of the Pavilion.
Mornington Petanque Players	Meeting to discuss the possibility of a permanent pisté and Club rooms.

COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Operations

There were three events, four filming registrations and one wedding held on the Peninsula during July, with an estimated 1,720 event participants in attendance.

The Shire funded one major event, the Mornington Bay Run. The Run was organised by the Mornington Chamber of Commerce and offered its participants the option of an 8.4km or 4.2km run/walk beside Mornington's beautiful coastline, beginning at Mornington Park. It was a huge

success with over 700 participants registering for the event and over \$30,000 raised for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation.

NAIDOC Week was held in the first week of July, which included the Willum Warrain NAIDOC Family Event held on 10 July. NAIDOC Week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and recognises the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. The local community was invited to Willum Warrain to participate in the celebrations and activities organised by the Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association Inc.

The Balnarring Occasional Care organised the Winter Family Fun Day on 27 July, to help raise funds for the centre and to assist other fundraising activities of organisations within the Balnarring and neighbouring communities. The event included face painting, craft stalls, badge making, a magic show, a roving juggler and stilt walker, Animals from Oz presentation, 2 science shows and live music by Cousin Leonard.

SPORT AND LEISURE

Operations

Pelican Park Recreation Centre (PPRC)

"July School Holidays Fun in the Pool at Pelican Park"

The Programs team at PPRC rejuvenated the Aquatic School Holiday Program with a new slogan and an enhanced "action packed" program over the two week period. Pool play was scheduled Tuesday to Friday each week of the holidays for two hours with a pool play host dedicated on four days to generating activities in the water. Each week culminated in a "Mega Day of Inflatable Madness" where the inflatable and pool play activities were combined to produce a two hour action packed session.



Centre Staff received great feedback over the two week period with participants enjoying the change up of activities, the use of the pool party host but especially the "Mega Days of Inflatable Madness". Casual Aquatic entry attendance figures show a 12% increase compared to the same time July 2013.

Tour De France Cycling Challenge Event

PPRC Tour De France (TDF) Challenge is a three week bicycle (spin cycle) event that is held in conjunction with the world's most iconic cycling event. The aim of the challenge for participants is to complete as many of the 21 classes as possible within the time frame allocated.

47 riders registered for the event, representing an 11% increase compared to 2013. The PPRC TDF consists of 21 classes with each class representing one stage of the Tour De France. The aim of the TDF challenge is to increase class participation in RPM classes and build camaraderie and friendship within the Group Fitness community at the Centre.

The Tour finished on Saturday, 26 July 2014, with a luncheon for all participants at Pelikan Societé Café with a specially designed French inspired menu in keeping with the theme.

During the luncheon, the following riders were presented the individual awards:

1st Place	Bryce Palmer
2nd Place	Chris Trent
3rd Place	Arnold Birrell

Winning Team Misfits

Testimonials from PPRC Tour Riders

From Sheryl Watt - Le Tour this year-what a great way to get fit and get motivated during the cold month of July.

Lots of blood sweat and tears and the sessions were always fun and a great personal challenge. Trainers were awesome and the comradely between the contestants was fantastic! Great fun, bring it on next year please!

From Cheryl Greenway - Kathy Squire, Brooke Spencer-Pitts, Rebecca Jeffrey and Kelly Taylor are amazing wonderful trainers and it was a pleasure spending the last three weeks with you all-the tour is my favorite event of the year!

Somerville Community and Recreation Centre (SRCC)

School Holiday Program (SCOPE)

This highly successful program, delivered in partnership with Southern Re-Charge since 2006, was attended by 64 children over four sessions. This represents an increase in comparison for the same period last year.

SCOPE is a community recreational respite service for children (6 to 18 years old) with disabilities, who reside with unpaid carers within the Southern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne. Participants present a range of disabilities including physical, multiple, intellectual, sensory or acquired brain injury.

Mount Martha Public Golf Course

Course Operations

The Course had recorded 97mms of rainfall for the month, which is 32mms over the monthly average. This has resulted in six lost trading days. The other significant weather event that has impacted on the number of potential rounds has been the numbers of days with high winds.

Trading income exceeded monthly forecasts because of the strong revenue performance in the tagholder category. This is mainly due to the fact that many tagholders who were due to renew in June, did not do so until July. There is no one reason for this but this will be monitored during the year.

Balcombe Grammar School commenced their Term 3 golf program at the Course with approximately 20 students playing 9 holes, occurring each Friday for 10 weeks. The Course has made some refinements to its junior pricing structure to encourage more patronage from this target market.

Course Facility Maintenance Projects

The balcony repair project is now 95% complete with the decking on the patio now replaced. All that remains to be done is the painting of the balustrade. The area is now safe to be re-opened for public use. Other maintenance works have also included:

- The front nine garden bed renovations.
- Fungicide and fertilizer applications to greens.
- Drainage points inspected and unblocked.
- Storm damage clean-up of debris and the removal of dead and dying trees.

David Collings Leisure Centre

Stage 2 Works at David Collings Leisure Centre are now fully underway with the commencement of excavation and earthworks for the additional Table Tennis Courts.

Installation of the external cladding on the Stadium has been impacted by wet weather due to the requirement of an elevated platform to complete construction. It is not anticipated that this will have an impact on overall project delivery deadlines.

Meetings were held with Mornington Civic Bowls Club, Mornington Youth Club Gymnastics and the Mornington Tennis Club to discuss a range of operational, maintenance and construction issues. Overall, the feedback from all key stakeholders has been overwhelming positive in the lead up to the completion and handover of Stage 1 Works which is scheduled for late September.

RECREATION PLANNING

Operations

Playspace Strategy Implementation Program

Balnarring Skate Park

Consultation for the lighting at the Skate Park is now complete. The Recreation Planning team are currently in the process of engaging consultants who specialise in lighting to prepare designs and estimates for the new system. Officers expect designs to be completed within the next eight weeks.

Red Hill Station Reserve

As part of the 2014/15 implementation program, discussions are underway with Red Hill residents and stakeholders regarding the installation of the new playground at Red Hill Station Reserve. A train theme to reflect the Station Reserve will be the focus with a unique locomotive and a 'flying fox' the main items.

Jones Road Reserve, Somerville

Despite recent unkind weather conditions, the installation of the new playground at Jones Road Reserve, Somerville is complete.

Playspace Strategy

The revised Playspace Strategy was presented and adopted the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July. The Strategy focuses on a new direction in the approach to playspace implementation with particular attention to increased accessibility for people with disabilities; installing equipment with high play value; incorporating natural play elements as well as consideration of the provision for teenagers.



Long Term Master Plans

Olympic Park Reserve

The draft plan for Olympic Park Reserve was presented to key stakeholders on 1 July for comment and as a result some minor modifications were implemented.

Red Hill and Merricks Station Reserves and Red Hill Recreation Reserve

Consultant landscape architects are currently preparing preliminary draft long term master plans for the Red Hill and Merricks Station Reserves and Red Hill Recreation Reserve. Upon completion these plans will be presented to key stakeholders for feedback.

Flinders Park

Implementation of this master plan continues in liaison with the Flinders Community Association (FCA). FCA and the Shire are now seeking quotes for the removal of the shelter shed in Flinders Park. FCA are preparing concept designs for the new pavilion in Flinders Park and planning has commenced for new park picnic tables, seats, path extensions and the play space.

Mount Martha Parade Grounds Master Plan Implementation

John Patrick Landscape Architects have developed preliminary landscape plans indicating the location of a new skate park, playspace and picnic area. A meeting was held with Heritage Victoria

to seek feedback prior to development of a heritage impact statement and submission of a heritage permit application. Draft plans are expected to be completed next month.

Police Point Shire Park Recreation and Conservation Plan Implementation

Most fence and shed works are now completed after delays caused by wild weather. Final works include a new section of cliff fence and completion of the new timber capped wire fences around the four respite cottages. Quotes have been received for an overarching Cultural Heritage Management Plan and are now being assessed.

The Master Plan Implementation Working Group met on-site to discuss the detail of works for 2014/15 including the "Calling Ground", picnic play space and cliff top lookout.

Draft Mountain Bike and Equestrian Trails Strategy

The draft Strategy was presented and adopted at its Ordinary Council meeting on 28 July. The Strategy defines a revised "designated" trail network, identifies service requirements, a new signage regime and a detailed action plan of works for implementation. Key actions for implementation include trail 'hot spot' drainage works and repairs, stream crossings to close key gaps in the trail network and public information about where to ride.

Financially, the month to date favourable variance relates in part to timing of; fees and user charges in leisure centres, cleansing at foreshore camping and some utility payments.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	1,412	1,434	22	1,412	1,434	22	(5,439)	(5,439)	0

LIBRARIES, ARTS AND CULTURE

LIBRARY SERVICES

Community Engagement and Programs

- **Dream Big Winter School Holiday Program** 1 July – 11 July 2014. Over 300 children and 182 adults attended our fun-filled school holiday events across all our libraries.
- **Wendy Orr**, the author of *Nim's Island* and other celebrated children's books, launched her new book *Rescue on Nim's Island* at the Rosebud, Mornington and Hastings libraries during the school holidays. Wendy read and talked about her book to 111 children and 53 adults.
- **Robert Favretto** held a fun-filled story writing workshop and talked about his new book *On the nose* to over 40 enthusiastic children and adults at the Hastings and Somerville Libraries.
- **Hairy Maclary Storytimes and Treasure Hunt** 21 July – 1 August 2014 - *Our Library* held special storytimes to celebrate the *Lynley Dodd: A Retrospective* exhibition on display at Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery (MPRG) from 1 August - 14 September 2014. Over 495 children and adults attended the storytimes. Our first iPad storytime was introduced at Rosebud Library. A *Hairy Maclary* app was displayed on the projector in the Community Room, and the pictures came to life on the big screen. Over 230 children entered the Hairy Maclary Treasure Hunt for a chance to win gift pack and a family pass to the exhibition.
- **Rosebud Library** has increased its study spaces, introducing 8 new study carrels along the back of the library and expanding its WiFi seating in the Technology Centre to accommodate up to 14 visitors.



Staff Development

Team Leaders and Co-ordinators attended the first of the quarterly Libraries, Arts and Culture Unit team meetings to discuss past achievements and future directions of the Unit.

Technology

- Library public PCs have been renewed and installed at all libraries within the existing operational budget.
- *Our Library* hosted a forum for 50 local genealogists at the Mornington library to discuss Genealogy resources. Constructive feedback on our current resources and suggestions for future directions were discussed. Two new resources were identified along with the value of retaining existing collection material. The IT department are assisting *Our Library* to ensure the current public PC replacement program is modified to ensure valuable Genealogy CD-ROMs can still be utilised by the researchers.

Collections

- On 1 August 2014 *Our Library* is extending the lending period for DVDs and Music CDs from 7 days to 3 weeks in line with other library items (excluding magazines). In preparation for this change, 400 adult and junior DVDs were purchased, catalogued and processed during July to supplement our DVD collections.
- Due to popular demand, the borrowing period for the eTalking Book collection was increased from 2 weeks to 3 weeks, which brings it in line with the eBook collection. We have also increased the number of issues for both these collections from 4 to 6 items at one time.

Cultural Planning

- Mornington Library Foyer Exhibition Space is currently showing the artwork of Nicole Barros and Coralie Newman, members of the Mount Eliza Two Bays Arts Group.
- The Shire's *Artsblog* www.artsonthepeninsula.com promoted 28 Peninsula arts and cultural events held during the month. 402 subscribers now receive around 7 posts per week.
- The Cultural Planner participated in the last of the series of CDN/ArtsVic Cultural Planning Forums. The aim is to develop a standardised Cultural Development Planning Framework on behalf of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), similar to the Public Libraries Victoria Network (PLVN) www.plvn.net.au.
- The Cultural Planner is reviewing the Music Victoria CEO visit to consider how this organisation might support Mornington Peninsula Music Network and its Development Plan

Local History

- The Local History Co-Ordinator has worked on the museum's collections public interface system and revised the Local History Development Plan.
- The Local History Trail brochure has been printed and distributed to public centres.
- The Local History Co-Ordinator provided cataloguing and collection management support to the following Historical Societies and school:
 - Western Port Historical Society.
 - Mornington and District Historical Society.
 - Nepean Historical Society.
 - Dromana and District Historical Society.
- The Digitisation Officer has photographed objects at the Sorrento Museum and scanned Minutes books from the Mornington CFA.
- The Nepean Historical Society's digitised files were consolidated and backed up to two external hard drives, along with other files from seven Historical Societies.

MORNINGTON PENINSULA REGIONAL GALLERY

Exhibitions and Public Programs

- The People's Choice Award on Facebook for the *2014 National Works on Paper* encouraged nearly 900 new users to 'like' our page. Indigo O'Rourke was the winning artist and received \$1000. We held a celebration for the artists on the last day of the exhibition, on Sunday 20 July.
- We continued our complimentary *Paper Trails* tours of the *National Works on Paper* exhibition. The *Paul Kelly – Stories of Me* film screening at Mornington Cinemas was sold out with over 65 people in attendance. Ian Darling, award-winning filmmaker introduced the film. Our Jude Fraser program, *Caring for our collection* was also fully booked with 20 people in attendance.
- Planning for the forthcoming *2014 Archibald Prize* is well underway. The shortlisted works and winning work was recently announced. It is looking like a great show this year and we are predicting it will be as popular as ever.
- Our Education Officer, Jill Anderson, ran *Creative Portraiture Workshops* in the school holidays for groups of 8-12 year olds and 12 years and over. Over 20 students attended these workshops and explored contemporary and digital portraiture. She also ran an intimate *VCE Folio Development Workshop*, which was a great opportunity for students to receive individual mentoring and activities in association with the exhibitions. *Young at art* was also well attended.
- We are very pleased to have new tourism signage on a number of main roads including Mornington-Tyabb and Dunns Road, Mornington.

STATISTICS AND REPORTING

KPI	This month	Last Month	2013
Library Membership	78,365	78,429	78,292
Library Loans	136,898	113,665	131,460
eBook Loans	1778	1,667	1,160
eTalking Book Loans	473	437	269
Home Library Service Loans	1,070	945	1176
Library Visits	60,629	52,375	61,556
Public PC Usage Hours	6,697	5,878	6,763
Library Website Visits	18,276	16,377	19,369
Library Website Unique Visitors	9,798	8,367	8,610
Library Enquiries	4,090	3,920	3,731
Community Engagement Events	93	85	61
Community Engagement Attendance	2,426	2,274	1,560
Gallery Attendance	6306	3,970	15,008

Financially, the month to date result is unfavourable by \$109k. This is largely due to anticipated funding not yet received (Gallery \$45k and Local Priority Funding \$65k) and online subscriptions renewals (eResources) expected in future months, counterbalanced by minor surpluses across labour and printing costs.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	508	399	(109)	508	399	(109)	(5,548)	(5,548)	0

SOCIAL PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ABORIGINAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2014 was, "Serving Country Centenary and Beyond".

This year's theme honoured and paid tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought to defend our country during the war. They came forward in a time that was fraught with controversy over their participation, but, nonetheless Australia was their country and they were going to defend it as "diggers" standing together in the same trench.

Local resident Robert (Bob) Austin was recognised for his 17 year career in the Royal Australian Navy. Bob raised the flag during the Flag Raising Ceremony held at Hastings.

For NAIDOC Week 2014, the Aboriginal Support and Development team, the Access and Support officer, Willum Warrain Health and Well Being officer and the Team Leader contributed to the following activities:

- Dinner Dance.
- Welcome to Country.
- Flag Raising Ceremony.
- Book Launch: "The Journey Cycles of the Boon wurrung", 2nd edition with 80 people in attendance.
- The VACCA Family Day at Cranbourne Botanical Gardens.
- Community Awards.
- Smoking Ceremony.
- Art Exhibition.
- Elders Lunch at the Aboriginal Advancement League and Planned Activity Group overnight NAIDOC city stay.
- The Family Fund Day held at Willum Warrain.

The Family Fun Day and the Dinner Dance were funded by the Frankston Mornington Peninsula Aboriginal Action Group members.



Willum Warrain, the Aboriginal Gathering Place, hosted the NAIDOC Family Fund Day where over 200 community members attended.

Features of the day were:

- Specky Dreaming.
- High Tea served to the Elders in a designated Elders' Room.
- Show bags for the children.
- Arts and craft table for children.
- Indigenous Hip Hop Project.
- Event catered by Native Oz Cuisine.
- Indigenous theme for face painting.
- Koolin Balit Strategy – hearing tests were available for community members.

HART Award Presentation

The Aboriginal Support and Development team were recognised with a highly commended runner-up award in the Local Government category of the HART (Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together) Awards.

Council's team play a pivotal role on the Peninsula by identifying the needs and aspirations of the local community and working closely to strengthen engagement, activities and partnerships.



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

As of the start of July 2014, the ACHO position has been placed at the Rosebud Foreshore Camping Office every Wednesday. This trial placement is for the purpose of providing strategic planning advice to Shire staff (Engineers and Infrastructure Project Managers) on matters relating to Indigenous cultural heritage management processes in context with the Mornington Peninsula Shire's responsibilities under the "Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007". The ACHO has also been providing Indigenous cultural heritage management strategic planning advice to staff at the Rosebud Foreshore Camping Office with regards to a large infrastructure project planned for the Rosebud, Rye and Sorrento Foreshores. A number of project staff from the main Rosebud office have already been visiting the ACHO with their project plans and discussing their infrastructure works programs for the new financial year.

VOLUNTEERING MORNINGTON PENINSULA (VMP)

The volunteer promotion resources developed by VMP are designed to help community groups and volunteer involving organisations to recruit, retain and manage volunteers effectively and to make it easier for volunteers to find organisations that involve volunteers. These resources include an online Volunteering Opportunities Directory and the Mobile Volunteering Expo Kit. Local organisation are encouraged to take advantage of the free listing opportunity in the Volunteering Directory on the Mornington Peninsula Shire website to promote their volunteering roles.

There are currently 85 organisations listed, from community health services to opportunity shops, each with a profile of the organisation and what type of volunteer roles are available. Potential volunteers are able to search the Directory by the type of organisation and volunteering roles and by location to find a role that suits them. The VMP Mobile Volunteering Expo Kit is a portable "pop-up" volunteer promotion kit that consists of bright pull-up banners and fold-up brochure stands. Organisations can borrow the kit to promote volunteering at community events, markets or in their venue.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Harm Minimisation – Alcohol

A new partnership between the Shire and the Southern Peninsula Liquor Accord will see the development of a strategic partnership which will focus on supporting consumers, Police and bottle shop retail owners. The partnership has discussed ways which can promote good socially responsible practice when it comes to packaged liquor. Some of the challenges raised by retailers include, alcohol theft, the secondary supply of alcohol purchased by parents and response times by Police.

The Shire is committed to working with all parties to address issues which arise of illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol as well as other issues which surround the excessive consumption of the liquor which results in community and family violence.

Walk to School Program

The Shire was also awarded the Walk to School Grant this year via VicHealth. Sixteen primary schools will work in partnership with the Shire to encourage the active transportation of young people to and from school. Walk to School will be held in October this year. We are looking forward to seeing an increase in the number of children who pound the pavement and get their walking shoes on.

Family Violence

The Shire is supporting the delivery of further training to community and social workers working within the Mornington Peninsula and Frankston area around responding to family violence. The Domestic Violence Resource Centre (DVRCV) provides a range of training courses for professionals and our training is based on current research and best practice. Their courses aim to increase participants' understanding of family violence and to improve their skills in supporting women and their children who have experienced family violence. DVRCV also produces a range of websites, publications and discussions papers to support workers, community members and survivors of family violence.

The Shire is a proud partner and looks forward to furthering the work already undertaken by the Shire in the "Say No to Violence" campaign. Please refer to the Shire website under Family Violence for a full complement of work already undertaken.

Disability – Community Inclusion

The newly formed Disability Arts Group, "Art About", had a combined day with the longer running "Get Out!" Group at Seawinds Community Hub on Saturday, 28 June 2014. There were at least 30 people participating in creative art, story-telling, music and sensory activities in a warm and inviting space. MetroAccess provided afternoon tea for the event, which was co-ordinated by Arts Access. "Art About" was partially funded by a Mornington Peninsula Shire Community Partnership Grant.

Human Rights

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (the Charter) provides for the protection and promotion of human rights for all Victorians. The Charter recognises that human rights belong to all people without discrimination, and that the diversity of the people of Victoria enhances our community.

A key aspect of the Charter is the obligation it places on public authorities such as Local Government to give proper consideration to human rights when making decisions. Each year, the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (the Commission) asks public authorities to submit a report on the operations of the Charter. This report is then submitted to the Victorian Attorney-General.

The 2013 report on the operation of the Charter recognises the work of the Shire to support events and initiatives in the community that respect and promote a culture of human rights. Work undertaken by the Shire includes:

- Cultural Diversity Statement of Commitment.
- Kindergarten Central Registrations Policy.
- Forums which tackle family violence.

The Shire has also been recognised for the use of Charter rights during escalating tensions between residents of a local housing co-operative. The Shire gave consideration to the rights of equality and protection of children and families as a basis for consultation between the co-operative and the resident groups. As a result, the residents were able to come to an agreement with the housing co-operative and have decided to establish a process for resolving future conflicts.

PLACE MAKING – WEST PARK



The Wallaroo Residents Group from West Park welcomed the Tidy Towns judges to West Park. The Group told the judges of their plans with the Shire to improve the West Park Reserve. They explained the community led design process that has developed concepts for an upgrade to the BMX Track, new BBQ and shelter, improved playground equipment and landscaping designs. The Group also described how the project had provided the community with a sense of excitement about the next few months when the community's ideas will change the look and feel of the Reserve.



WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST



**Join us for a free discussion
on affordable HOUSING
OPTIONS for Seniors**

**Plus your rights and responsibilities
in retirement housing and private
rental, as well as how to avoid
scams- presented by Consumer
Affairs Victoria**

AUGUST 7TH 10AM-12PM

Mornington Peninsula Shire

Hastings Office, Reception Meeting
Room 3, 21 Marine Pde, Hastings

AUGUST 21ST 10AM-12PM

Mornington Peninsula Shire

Mornington Office, Library
Meeting Room, Queen Street,
Mornington

AUGUST 28TH 10AM-12PM

Mornington Peninsula Shire,

Rosebud Office, Reception
Room, Besgrove Street, Rosebud

Light Lunch Provided.

Free transport can be arranged.

Bookings Phone 9654 7389



Mornington Peninsula Housing networks are participating in the 'Anywhere but a Bed' activity during Homelessness Week. Come along and participate in an event to highlight the difficult circumstances that people experiencing homelessness are faced with every day.
Evening BBQ, Music, Fire, Sleep Out, Breakfast

National Homeless Persons Week

**Triple A Housing Committee &
Peninsula Housing Network
Invites you to a Sleep-Out Event**

**6.00pm on Tuesday 5 August 2014
at**

The Salvation Army, Rosebud West

(corner Melaleuca Avenue & Eastbourne Road, Rosebud West)

- BYO sleeping gear, chair & BBQ food for Tuesday night
- Breakfast with the Homeless (Wednesday Morning) provided

RSVP by July 28th to Jean Phillips—Peninsula Health, Community Health— Ph. 5970 2000

Sponsorship. Participants are encouraged to seek sponsors—All funds raised will go towards supporting people experiencing homelessness on the Peninsula



DIRECTOR – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Mornington Peninsula Shire prides itself on working with our community and recognising the expertise and opportunity we have in this beautiful and diverse area. A great example of this is the work we do with **Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders** (PACE). They have been instrumental in providing advice and community leadership with regard to a range of issues, concerns and opportunities including the development of our “Positive Ageing Strategy 2013 – 2018”. In recognition of this great work, PACE has been invited to present at the inaugural “**Age Friendly Communities and Local Government**” National Conference in Melbourne late this year.

At the other end of the spectrum, we have been successful in receiving a VicHealth grant to support physical activity in young people through the “**Walking to School**” initiative. This year we are working with 16 primary schools with a focus on “Walk to School” Day in October.

High demand continues for after school and evening use of our sports grounds and it is pleasing to see the installation of Australian Standard **Sports Lights** at Trueman’s Reserve in Tootgarook and Citation Reserve in Mt Martha. These are in line with our sports lighting strategy and will be of direct benefit to the junior soccer and football programs respectively.

Similarly, the roll-out of our **Sports Pavilion Strategy** is being well received and current plans and/or works are well underway for the following five pavilions:

- Elsie Dorrington Netball Pavilion, Alexandra Park, Mornington.
- Fruitgrowers Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Jones Road, Somerville.
- Mount Martha Tennis Club Pavilion.
- Balnarring Recreation Reserve Pavilion.
- Citation Reserve Pavilion Development.

Details of these developments and the next priorities are contained in the Recreation and Leisure section of this monthly report.

Finally, your attention is drawn to the Kindergarten Central registration system. As at the end of July, 96% of families have been successfully placed for next year’s 4 year old intake. There are still vacancies in 13 of the 28 kindergartens within the Shire. Offers for 3 year old kindergarten are expected to go out before the end of August.

Financially, the unfavourable variance is a result of the handling of an accrued accounting transaction in an externally funded program that has now finished. This will not impact financially on the unit.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(111)	(187)	(76)	(111)	(187)	(76)	(1,529)	(1,529)	0

CORPORATE PLANNING AND PROJECTS

Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF)

Local Government Victoria (LGV) is working closely with Councils to deliver a new performance reporting framework for local government. The framework will become mandatory for implementation by Councils as part of the 2014-15 planning and reporting cycle.

Data collection for year-end 2013-2014 is complete, with further analysis to be undertaken within the next six weeks.

Customer Responsiveness

Ongoing monitoring of merit and correspondence continues, with our team providing input and advice to further align our corporate systems with Council and community expectations. We have also fully participated in the more detailed Shire-wide customer service charter and workflow initiative.

Shire Grant Model

The team is coordinating the review and establishment of a future grant model that responds to the requirements of the draft Local Government Amendment (Governance & Conduct) Bill 2014, specifically the administrative arrangements of the current Councillor Discretionary Fund.

Council resolved to implement the ongoing grant programs and allocated funding (subject to future budget allocations):

- Placemaking Grant Program (\$110,000 per annum);
- Community Support Grant Program (\$80,000 per annum);
- Creative Communities Grant Program (\$40,000 per annum);
- Strategic Grants Program (\$50,000 per annum); and
- Flexi Grants (\$30,000 per annum).

Council resolved to exhibit the draft working Grant Policy for a period of six weeks, with a subsequent report provided to Council and that a post-implementation review to be undertaken by end June 2015.

The grant round will open on 11 August, with substantive effort underway to update application forms, guidelines, website, media releases and community workshop arrangements.

End of Year

The team has coordinated and prepared the Annual Performance Statement. Council is required to prepare and adopt an Annual Budget and monitor the achievement of Key Strategic Activities contained in the budget against targets. These targets are used to monitor the achievement of the plan are determined in accordance with legislation at the beginning of the Annual Budget year. For 2013/14, a Performance Statement compares these targets set at the beginning of the year with the actual results at the end of the year and shows the extent to which those targets have been met. The Performance Statement will be formally reported in the Annual Report.

Financially, the unfavourable monthly result of \$19k is due to contractor invoices being paid earlier than forecast.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(50)	(69)	(19)	(50)	(69)	(19)	(657)	(657)	0

COMMUNICATIONS

The communications team has worked closely with Renewable Resources to create a useful electronic waste disposal guide on the Shire's website.

The guide allows residents to search where and how to dispose of unwanted items, including gas bottles, chemicals, car parts and batteries.

The guide can be accessed at:

http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Environment_Waste/Waste_Disposal_Guide

Other activities of the Communications team for the month included:

Peninsula-Wide

The July edition was distributed mid-July, and planning has begun for September edition.

Media & News

A number of media releases and web news items were issued throughout July, including:

- Public meeting: Climate Change – adaptation and mitigation strategies
- Somerville Pathways Mapping
- Mayor congratulates local tourism winner
- Fun at the Gallery
- Have your say: private works on naturestrips
- Come and see East Timor's first feature film
- Briars Ward Mount Martha Meeting
- Get the message: right gear, right bike, right place
- Longer loans at our library
- Hard waste collection
- NAIDOC week
- Mount Martha sporting group get together
- Hastings CCTV operations
- Flinders Sculpture meeting
- Archies Tickets on sale
- Safe scootering in Hastings
- Mayoral sustainability awards
- Recognition for Sorrento history buff

Communications support

In July the team provided communications assistance to:

- CCTV launch
- NAIDOC week
- Rec Vehicles Local Law promotion
- Review heritage brochure
- Wal Morrison trainee program
- SecondBite promotion
- Mornington laneways project
- Flinders sculpture proposal meeting
- Library and Gallery promotions

Photography & Video

- Hastings Scooter Users Forum (Pre and Post Event) – Cr David Garnock, Cr Antonella Celi

- Hastings CCTV Launch – Cr David Garnock
- NAIDOC Week – Cr Antonella Celi
- SPA Location Meeting – Cr Antonella Celi
- Headshots for new Director Sustainable Organisation
- Hastings Blue Light Motorcycle Club MAG – Cr David Garnock
- Mornington Beleura Park Anti-Graffiti Plant – Cr Andrew Dixon, Cr Bev Colomb
- Family Violence Film Funding with Steve Bastoni – Cr Antonella Celi
- Library Stock Shots
- Sorrento YMCA funding – Cr Antonella Celi
- Enchanted Maze Garden Tourism Award winners – Cr Antonella Celi
- 3rd Place Online Library Trivia Competition – Cr Anne Shaw
- Volunteer Coast Guard Safety Beach Funding – Cr Antonella Celi
- Southern Peninsula Swans Football Team Funding - Cr Antonella Celi
- Timorese Delegation Visit – Cr Antonella Celi, Cr Tim Rodgers, Cr Graham Pittock
- TRAG Forum – Cr David Gibb, Cr David Garnock

Graphic design & Images

Design projects and support throughout July included

- Annual Report submission edits and preparation
- Rates/Budget documents
- Publication advice across the Shire
- A number of promotional banners for the web

External website

External website stats for July 2014 - Visits: 63,949 and Page Views: 234,068 Mobile is 29.6% of visits and tablet 15.6%.

Top content was Home, Search, Current Vacancies, Lost Pets, Contact Us, Markets, Advertised Planning Applications, Planning and Events.

Financially, the favourable variance reflects a timing issue with the production and delivery of Peninsula Wide and is not expected to impact on year end results.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(143)	(51)	92	(143)	(51)	92	(1,154)	(1,154)	0

TEAM SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

Traineeships and Work Experience

The Shire provided six work experience opportunities for local young people and a further five opportunities for nurses in the Maternal & Child health team. There are currently eighteen traineeships underway.

Nine current staff were successful in recruitment processes, achieving permanent roles, promotions or stepping up into 'Acting' roles to further develop their professional skills and knowledge.

Learning and Development (including OH&S training)

July and August are the months where the annual review of staff performance is undertaken by managers and team leaders. Proper planning and preparation is required, as well as skill on the part of the manager or team leader in managing the conversations and ensuring the feedback to staff is constructive and evidence based. Two training sessions were conducted focusing on "Having Effective Performance Conversations" for those people managers who haven't attended this session in the past or who are new to the role in preparation for Performance Development and Review time. This session aims to equip our people managers with vital communication skills needed to give and receive feedback, communicate effectively, actively listen and manage difficult conversations and behaviour.

Occupational Health and Safety

The management of occupational health & safety practice is underpinned by good policy, procedure and training to ensure proper implementation. The Shire's overall policies on occupational health and safety, bullying and manual handling have been updated to clarify the standards and reflect best practice. Planning continued for the implementation of the next major training program, contractor management, which will be delivered to eighty staff with contract management responsibilities.

Recruitment

Twelve vacancies were recruited through the month, attracting 337 applications. This included 16 unsolicited applications. At the other end of the process, seven staff left the organisation, including two retirements, two new job opportunities and one moving overseas.

Best Practice

The Shire manages an extensive range of statutory obligations that utilise a permit system to ensure proper regulation and orderly review. Recent software improvements have created opportunities for further efficiency gains through the development of new procedures to manage information flow. These procedures have been mapped and are currently being converted into a workflow linking 'Objective' and 'CI', two of the Shire's major databases. This will streamline communication and remove the requirement for the printing of multiple copies of extensive documentation. The automation of the process will also reduce the training requirements for the staff involved.

Team Support & Development have a significant obligation to ensure that staff records are maintained accurately and that the Shire adheres to best practice in recruitment and retention. New developments in computer software provide immediate opportunities for cutting document handling and processing times in this Unit. This will result in a better 'candidate experience' for those wanting to work in our teams. These opportunities arise in the systems TS&D use for recruitment and correspondence. Process mapping is complete and workflows in 'Objective' are being developed.

Financially the unfavourable variance of \$1.24M relates to payment of the Workcover premium in July due to an early payment option.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(123)	(1,365)	(1,242)	(123)	(1,365)	(1,242)	(1,766)	(1,766)	0

GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SUPPORT

Governance

A Candidate Information Session was held at the Shire's Rosebud Office on 15 July for any person considering nominating for the Red Hill Ward by-election. Following the close of nominations on 22 July, the Returning Officer had received seventeen nominations from persons wishing to stand as candidates for the by-election. Ballot packs containing voting material will be mailed to enrolled voters from 5 August and must be returned to the Returning Officer by Friday 22 August.

Flags were flown at half mast at each of the Council offices from 18 July – 25 July as a mark of mourning and respect for the 298 passengers killed on Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, in eastern Ukraine. Thirty seven Australian nationals were aboard the flight, with eighteen passengers being from Victoria including Mt Eliza couple Liam and Francesca Davison.

Last month, Council considered a proposal to officially name an unnamed pedestrian walkway in Hastings, in honour of Mr Dermot O'Toole who was tragically killed during an armed robbery at his Hastings jewellery store in 2013. Council agreed to publicly advertise the naming of the walkway as "O'Toole Walk" and invite submissions from the public. No objections were received to the proposed naming and the proposal was recently forwarded to the Office of Geographic Names (OGN) for formal approval and gazettal. The OGN has now advised that the naming proposal will be gazetted on 7 August and the name "O'Toole Walk" will be officially entered in VicNames, the register of geographic names.

Mayor and Councillor Support

Briars Ward Councillors Sporting Group Get Together

The Briars Ward Councillors hosted a meeting of the Sporting Groups from the townships of Mornington, Mount Martha and Mount Eliza at the Council's Mornington Office on Thursday 17 July. The purpose of this meeting was to update local sports groups on facility developments and future plans, to hear feedback on what Shire could be doing to better assist the groups, and to encourage collaboration and resource sharing within the sporting community.

Scooter Education Forum

The Mayor and Cr David Garnock welcomed this community forum on Monday 21 July 2014 at the Hastings Community Health Centre, Hastings.

The forum was aimed at mobility scooter users, and people considering using a scooter. It provided an education on how to select the right scooter, use and safety, road safety for older drivers, safe paths of travel, road rules, batteries, chargers and the recharge scheme.

Los Palos - Civic Reception on 28 July 2014, Rosebud

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Los Palos East Timor Special Committee consists of community volunteers, with Cr Tim Rodgers appointed as the chairperson and Cr Graham Pittock appointed as the substitute representative. The Committee is essentially a 'Community to Community' Committee with its focus being capacity building in East Timor, with an additional focus on education.

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Los Palos have sponsored two Los Palos Senior Officials from the Government of Timor Leste - District Administrator of Lautem, Timor Leste, Sr. Zeferino dos Santos Sequeira and the Sub District Administrator of Lospalos, Timor Leste, Sr. Domingos dos Santos Sequeira, to attend the Victorian Local Government Association Conference and Expo on 25-26 July and to visit the Mornington Peninsula. Cr Graham Pittock was their host during their stay.

Teenagers Road Action Group (TRAG) – Young Driver Road Safety Presentations

Cr David Gibb and Cr David Garnock attended the Teenagers Road Action Group on 29 July 2014 at the Peninsula Community Theatre, Cnr Wilsons Rd & Nepean Hwy, Mornington. This is an annual event supported by the Shire through the provision of the venue for this community organisation. The event was attended by 500 students from schools on the Mornington Peninsula and Martin Dixon the Victorian Education Minister, Mr Greg Hunt Federal member for Flinders and The Victorian Police Chief Commissioner.

TRAG was born out of the horrific young driver crashes that occurred in 1999 when the surviving parents and relatives and the emergency response personnel formed a group to prevent further young driver tragedies on the Mornington Peninsula. Now entering its 14th year, this is a fantastic community based Road Safety Program focussed on young drivers. It forms a key part of the Shire's Road Safety Strategy in the young driver section. Together with sessions aimed at Year 10 and 11 students, this Year 12 based program completes a three year suite of presentations that engage, educate, inform and motivate young drivers to make safer choices on the roads.

Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information Requests

Requests in progress at the start of the month	11
New requests during the month	5
Withdrawn Requests	0
Non valid requests	1
Requests resolved	8
Requests in progress at the end of month	8

Freedom of Information Commissioner Reviews & Complaints

Reviews in progress at the start of the month	1
New Reviews during the month	0
Reviews resolved	0
Complaints	0

Annual Report to FOI Commissioner

The Freedom of Information Annual Report Data was submitted to the FOI Commissioner's Office mid month for inclusion in the Annual Freedom of Information Report for Victorian agencies which is tabled in the Victorian Parliament. An overview of our Freedom of Information Statistics for the 2013/2014 period is detailed in the table below.

Requests received in the 2013/2014 period	52
Requests not yet finalised at end of 2012/2013 period	10
<u>Outcomes of these 62 request:</u>	
Access granted in full	3
Access granted in part	22
Access denied in full	6
Requests Withdrawn	6
Requests not proceeded with	1
Requests where access is not entitled under FOI	4
Requests where documents were provided outside the Act	3
Request not yet finalised at end of 2013/2014 period	10

Freedom of Information Commissioner Reviews

During the 2013/2014 period there were 4 reviews conducted by the FOI Commissioner's Office. Of these 4 reviews The FOI Commissioner's Notice of Decisions were as follows:

In accordance with our Notice of Decision	1
Notice of Decision instructing release of some documents deemed exempt from provision in our Notice of Decision	2
Still awaiting decision from FOI Commissioner	1

The FOI Commissioner's Office received 1 complaint which was dismissed by the FOI Commissioner on the grounds that she was satisfied that our agency had acted in accordance with the Act and that the complaint was not appropriate in the circumstances.

Customer Service

The 20 second telephone call answering performance for July in the first response (switchboard) was 85.6%, which was above the target of 80%. This indicator means that callers who phone the Shire's main telephone number receive a personal greeting in less than 20 seconds. The total for all of customer service, which includes transfers to customer service operators from the "switchboard", was 82.3% which was above the target of 80%. It should be noted that the second indicator measures the transfer from the "switchboard" to the customer service officer who manages the enquiry from the caller.

The two minute performance was 97.8%, which was above the target (target 95%), and the customer call abandon rate was excellent at 0.8%, which is significantly better than the target of 3.0%. Abandoned calls, sometimes called lost calls, are callers that hang up before answer. These are expressed as a percentage of total calls offered, and generally range in many large volume call centres up to 4%.

The number of calls during July was 20,386 compared to the June call rate of 20,670, a decrease of 284.

Statutory Planning Administration Telephones

The call answering performance for within 20 seconds was 92.4% (target 80%) and the two minute performance was 99.3% (target 95%). The customer abandon rate was 0.8% (target 7%). These results are similar to last month and meet all targets. Calls regarding current applications are directed to the particular planner handling the application and are therefore not included in this report.

Environment Protection Unit Telephones

The call answering performance for the 20 second and the two minute performance targets (target 95%) were met. The customer abandon rate was excellent at 1.5% (target 7%).

Extended Hours Call Service

Calls during the Shire's extended telephone hours (before and after normal operating hours) were 19 calls per day and 445 for the month, this is 50 less than June. The customer abandon rate during the extended hours was 1.1%, below the target of 3.0%. Of those extended hours callers, over 88% were able to be resolved immediately by Customer Service Officers. Most calls were of a routine nature and dealt with by Customer Service staff by the raising of Service Requests or the provision of general information.

After Hours Call Service

This is the call service to the Shire's external service provider for calls received after 6pm and before 8am. There were 298 calls for the month, a decrease of 156 on June.

Service Requests

Service requests raised during July numbered 8,863 compared with 7,757 in June. This is an increase of 1,106 on June and an increase of 2,820 when compared to last July.

The number of overdue requests at the end of July numbered 381, an increase of one when compared with June and an increase of 168 when compared to July of last year.

Community Engagement Activities

A Citizenship Ceremony was held at the Peninsula Community Theatre on 16 July where 70 local residents became Australian citizens.

A local township Council Meeting was held at the Flinders Civic Hall on 28 July with many local residents and representatives from community groups in attendance. Prior to the formal meeting, a Forward Planning Committee meeting was held to provide an opportunity for local residents to express their views on the proposal to install a sculpture on the roundabout at the intersection of Cook Street and Wood Street, Flinders.

Financially, reported variance is due to customer service casual salaries, external professionals and printing and stationery. This will be reviewed for future reports.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(910)	(988)	(79)	(910)	(988)	(79)	(5,353)	(5,353)	0

PROPERTY AND VALUATIONS

PROPERTY

Lease to CFA, Main Ridge Recreation Reserve

The CFA has commenced construction of the new Main Ridge Fire Station, located on Council's land at the Main Ridge Recreation Reserve. The project includes relocation of the existing cricket pitch and nets at the reserve. The new premises are expected to be completed in November 2014 and will enhance the operational capabilities of the CFA.



Demolition: 65 Skinner Street, Hastings

Council acquired 65 Skinner Street, Hastings in 2013. This property was the final privately owned parcel of land to be acquired as part of the development of the reserve and marine precinct.



VALUATIONS

2014 General Valuation

Task	Description	Due Date	Progress to Date
Stage 1	Statistical Analysis of 2012 Revaluation & all sales since 01/01/2012	28/02/2013	Approved by VGV 12 February 2013
Stage 2	Residential & Rural Preliminary Valuations	31/10/2013	Completed
Stage 3A	Specialised Valuations	31/08/2013	Not applicable
Stage 3B	Commercial, Industrial Valuations	31/01/2014	Certified by VGV 09/07/2014
Stage 4	Final Residential & Rural Valuations	31/03/2014	Final submission sent to VGV for certification
Stage 5	Valuation Return	30/04/2014	Lodged with VGV for certification

Supplementary Valuations

Now that Stage 5 of the Revaluation has been completed, staff have been working full-time on clearing the outstanding supplementary valuations. Officers completed 2,529 supplementary valuations during July, 2014.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Valuation Objections

	06/07 2006 Reval	07/08 2006 Reval	08/09 2008 Reval	09/10 2008 Reval	10/11 2010 Reval	11/12 2010 Reval	12/13 2012 Reval	13/14 2012 Reval
Formal Objections	74	24	75	36	43	10	159	53
Disallowed, withdrawn & invalid	43	6	53	11	18	6	64	16
Completed – changes recommended to VGV	31	18	22	24	20	3	95	37
Incomplete as at 31/07/2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

State Revenue Office Objections – Land Tax

	2008 (2006 level Reval)	2009 (2008 level Reval)	2010 (2008 level Reval)	2011 (2010 level Reval)	2012 (2010 level Reval)	2013 (2012 level Reval)	2014 (2012 level Reval)
Formal Objections	37	152	17	50	13	187	48
Disallowed, withdrawn & invalid	27	106	7	38	7	118	7
Completed – changes recommended to VGV	10	46	10	12	6	69	29
Incomplete as at 30/07/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	13

Shire Appeals

There are no VCAT applications at this time.

Financially, the month to date favourable variance of \$73 which is mainly due to rental income and the timing of phasing. Phasing will be reviewed for future reports

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	762	835	73	762	835	73	4,814	4,814	0

INFORMATION SERVICES

Information Technology

- Tablet deployment has commenced with 12 devices deployed in July. Some users are requiring additional assistance in migrating across to the new device but feedback has been positive overall;
- Library Public Access PC's have been replaced with All-In-One PC's with larger screens. Customer feedback has been excellent;
- Test environment for TechnologyOne has been upgraded in preparation for upgrade project to commence in September;
- Xpedite (Preschool and Vacation care) system upgraded to the latest supported version;
- TimeTarget project plan was approved/signed off and project will commence implementation on 18th August 2014. Anticipated go-live is mid-October 2014;
- Network cabling completed at Rosebud Foreshore Camping. This will allow Dromana VIC staff to relocate whilst their building is renovated. Telstra line remains delayed due to additional engineering work required and are scheduled for 4th September, 2014.
- Completed review of VAGO IT Audit findings. Response has been submitted to VAGO for finalisation and will be presented back to MPS.
- Received the draft Post Implementation Report (PIR) for Objective and provided comments/feedback. Final report is due by 6th August 2014
- Manager - IS attended a regional (Australia and New Zealand) conference – CIO Summit. Separate report to follow.

GIS

- The new GIS website was launched and is available to all staff. Data is now being viewed via "Flash" which provides a much clearer display. The site was totally rewritten and is now linked to the MS SQL Spatial databases. The old site had served the organisation well and was continually improved and added to over the last 14 years.
- New maps prepared for Emergency Services in conjunction with Victoria Police and the Emergency Management Coordinator, highlighting the major evacuation routes across the Peninsula.
- Additional modifications to the Draft Equestrian Trails maps were completed as the project draws close to completion.
- Maps have been prepared for Community Services to assist schools (17) in their Walk to School Project. The maps show the footpath locations together with shelters along the routes.
- Somerville Mobility Map is being prepared for Community Services.
- GeoMedia Smart Client – Workflows have been created to assist the Maintenance Auditor in their role as SIMS2 contract auditing.

Records Management

Prepare for implementation of Trapeze including development of policies and procedures. Trapeze will be used for electronic stamping, electronic signatures and PDF editing.

Financially, timing of invoices from and payments to vendors is the main reason for underspend. This is expected to be caught up over the next 2 months

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(964)	(942)	22	(964)	(942)	22	(2,856)	(2,856)	0

FINANCE

Revenue Management

At the end of the financial year, a review of interest charged on properties with special payment arrangements for the previous twelve months, without default, was undertaken. Where accounts were adjusted, letters were sent advising ratepayers of their new reduced balance.

July saw the finalisation of the collection of the first year of the State Government Fire Services Property Levy on behalf of the State Government. The process resulted in considerable time ensuring the accuracy of all data, coding, valuing and calculations for all applicable properties. There have been a number of changes to the property codes since last year, which has generated considerable workload for the new-year. Council is required to submit an annual report at year end for the collection of the Fire Service Levy and remit the final quarterly payment.

Printing of Annual Rate notice base stock, including Non Rateable Fire Services Property Levy notice base stock, Information brochures and waste calendars have been completed in preparation for the issue of rate notices in August.

The 2014/15 Rate Notice has been prepared to ensure separation of the Shire's Rates and Charges from the State Government Fire Services Property Levy. The notice includes the waste vouchers for the first time this year instead of being on a separate page. The Rate notice also includes information issued by the State Government which explains the purpose of the Fire Services Property Levy.

Accounting Services

Council adopted its 2014/15 budget on the 30th June 2014.

Preparation for the year-end financial statements and audit continued during the month. In addition, reporting for the Regional Waste Management Group and the Mornington Cemetery Trust is nearing completion.

Financially, the variance for July is due to budget phasing and will be corrected next month and will not impact on the year-end result.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(147)	163	310	(147)	163	310	(2,440)	(2,440)	0

DIRECTOR – SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

July is always a busy month for the Finance part of the Sustainable Organisation team. The year-end financial processes are a priority both for meeting legislative requirements and, more importantly, preparing information for publicly communicating Council's financial performance over the previous year. Equally important is the work that goes into preparing Council's "Performance Statement". This document describes Council's advocacy, planning and service delivery performance over the previous year.

Elsewhere in Sustainable Organisation, some of the monthly highlights that will provide community benefits include:

- Demolition of a property in Skinner Street, Hastings. This was the last remaining property acquired to implement a long running plan to improve the amenity and usability of the Hastings foreshore;
- Ongoing construction of a new fire station on the Council owned Main Ridge Recreation Reserve. Council is happy to facilitate improved safety in this area;
- Support for the by election in the Red Hill ward;
- The visit two of two senior officials from Los Palos in Timor Leste. The Mornington Peninsula community has a special "community to community" relationship with Los Palos; and
- Installation of public access all-in-one PCs (with larger screens) in the Shire's libraries.

Financially, the year to date variance is due to a small number of minor variances, which have no bottom line impact.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(41)	(36)	5	(41)	(36)	5	(533)	(533)	0

CAPITAL WORKS OVERVIEW

Alfred Street, Hastings – Streetscape Works

Civil works have commenced on the streetscaping of Alfred Street, Hastings. The works will incorporate exposed aggregate concrete paving, to match existing treatment on High Street, this will create continuity with the surrounding public space in Hastings while forming a contrasting effect with the paved fingers. The paved fingers will be finished in 3 varying shades, arranged to resemble the ephemeral tidal movements of Western Port, with planting to provide for an enclosed green space. Public lighting will also be provided, allowing for continual illumination throughout the public space. A contract has been awarded to A & V Creative Concrete Pty Ltd.

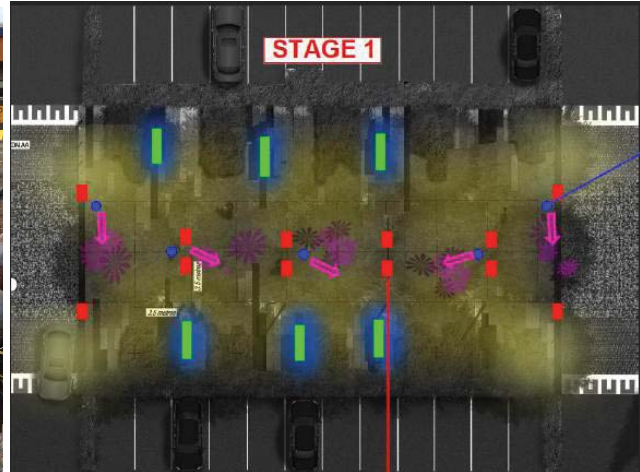


Image: Newly poured foundations for the new Streetscape Works within Alfred Street

Millbank Drive Drainage Upgrade, Mount Eliza

Civil works are now nearing completion well underway for the drainage upgrade works to alleviate current flooding issues associated with eighteen properties located within Millbank Drive and Bellbird Road, Mount Eliza. The works will provide for the upgrade of the existing drainage system, by duplicating the current pipe network and providing a surcharge path through the Council Reserve located within Millbank Drive to Kackeraboite Creek.

The proposed drainage improvements include the following:

- Installation of a new, high flow pipe network including pipes and pits
- Upgrade of existing pipes
- Replacement of road pavement
- Concrete kerb & channel
- Re-grading of driveways
- Rock outfall, and
- Other associated works

The drainage works are being funded from the Shire's Local Integrated Drainage Strategy. The estimated total project expenditure for the works including planning, design and supervision costs is \$525,000.00. A contract has been awarded to Civilmech Pty Ltd.

It is anticipated that construction works will take 10 weeks and the works are to be completed by August 2014.

Shanns Avenue, Mount Martha – Special Charge Scheme

The construction of Shanns Avenue is now nearing completion, with asphaltting completed. The construction of Shanns Avenue special charge scheme. Works are to improve access, safety, residential amenity and to reduce the impacts of storm water runoff and maintenance costs. The works involve the construction of Shanns Avenue and Jeannine Court, for a total length of 500 metres. A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd.

The objective of the works is to improve access, safety, residential amenity and to reduce the impacts of storm water runoff and maintenance costs. The Shire has been successful in establishing a Special Charge Scheme agreement with the residents of Shanns Avenue and Jeannie Court, Mt Martha.

The proposed new road reconstruction includes the following key elements:

- 5.5m wide road for both Shanns Avenue & Jeannine Court
- Three Raised Platforms with 50km/hr speed limit throughout the whole length
- Kerb and Channel on both sides
- Concrete footpath (Exposed Aggregates type), and
- Drainage networks improvements



Image: Newly laid asphalt and exposed concrete footpath

Road Reconstruction Works, Shands Road, Main Ridge

Tree removal has been undertaken with drainage works now commencing for the construction for the reconstruction of Shands Road, from Mornington-Flinders Road to Shoreham Road, Main Ridge. The project is currently being assessed for net gain offsets for vegetation removal with Department of Environment and Primary Industries. There has been extensive community consultation through the development of this project.

These works are being funded by the Federal Government through the National Black Spot Program through VicRoads and under the Safer Local Roads contract with Downer Edi.



Image: Grader spreading rock at Tucks Road Intersection

Road Safety Improvements, Marine Parade, Hastings

Civil works have commenced for the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Hodgins Road and Marine Parade, Hastings. These works are being funded by the Federal Government through the National Black Spot Program through VicRoads. A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd.

Over a five year period there have been 11 reported crashes over a 3.0 km section of Marine Parade.

Works are anticipated to be completed by late October, 2014.



Image: newly constructed roundabout

Wetlands and Shared User Path Construction, Nepean Highway, Dromana

Works are now nearing completion for the construction of wetland and shared path. The wetlands (south side of the Nepean Highway) are a by-product of its low level position and inadequate drainage. The Shire aims to improve pedestrian access by constructing a surface that allows for easier pedestrian and cyclist movement. A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd.

Mount Eliza Village Flood Mitigation Project

The Shire is currently working towards reducing flooding to the Mount Eliza shopping precinct as part of its Local Integrated Drainage Strategy (LIDS).

In the past the precinct has been subject to serious flooding during severe wet weather. This means drainage infrastructure must be improved to reduce the likelihood of future flooding to businesses and surrounding homes.

Works will be undertaken in stages to reduce any disruption to shops and local traffic. It is envisaged that road closures and driveway access restrictions will be kept to a minimum and that a safe environment will be maintained for community members and contractors at all times.

The Shire is committed to keeping the community informed at all times throughout the project and will be seeking input from residents and business owners to minimize any disruptions. A contract has been awarded to Jaydo Construction Pty Ltd for \$1.289M to construct the works.



Image: New Gross Pollution Trap being installed.

McLeod Road Group, Road and Drainage Construction, Mount Martha

A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd for the road construction of McLeod Road, Hall Street, Stiles Street, Hender Street, Barrow Street and Spencer Street, Mount Martha

The objective of the works is to improve access, safety, residential amenity and to reduce the impacts of storm water runoff and maintenance costs. The Shire has been successful in establishing a Special Charge Scheme agreement with the residents of McLeod Road Group, Mount Martha.

The contract works involve the construction of McLeod Road, Hall Street, Stiles Street, Hender Street, Barrow Street and Spencer Street, for a total length of 2 kilometres.

The proposed new road reconstruction includes the following key elements:

- 5.5m wide road (back of kerb to back of kerb) for all roads

- At least five Raised Platforms with 50km/hr speed limit throughout the whole length
- Slow points with narrowing of road pavement
- Threshold treatments at road intersections
- Kerb and Channel on both sides
- Drainage networks improvements and
- Water sensitive urban design for stormwater discharge into Sunshine Creek

McLeod Road Group property owners together with Council will pay for the cost of these works under the provisions of McLeod Road Group Special Charge Scheme. Council will contribute 34% of the cost of works and property owners the other 66%. Council resolved to declare the special charge at its meeting on 10th October 2011.

There has been extensive community consultation through the development of the McLeod Road Group Special Charge Scheme, including posting of notices under the relevant statutory processes.

Shands Road and Main Creek Road, Roundabout, Main Ridge

A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd for the construction of roundabout at the intersection of Shands Road and Main Creek Road, Main Ridge. The project is being funded via VicRoads through the National Blackspot program.

The upgrade will provide for improved safety to motorists and pedestrians, and will include the following key components:

- Central island construction
- Kerb and channel returns
- Splitter Islands with pedestrian refuges
- Pavement widening
- Drainage improvements
- Removal of trees
- Relocation of existing bus stop, and
- Other associated works

Works are currently in the Preliminary stage with the aim of having works scheduled for September to December 2014.

Mornington Civic Reserve Redevelopment Project

David Collings Leisure Centre is being expanded to provide new and improved recreation and leisure programs at Civic Reserve. Mornington Tennis Club will relocate to their new clubrooms and outdoor courts. Mornington Youth Club will be accommodated in a new purpose built gymnastics hall. An expanded table tennis facility has been designed for Mornington Peninsula Table Tennis Association. The existing entry foyer will be reconfigured to include an expanded program room, kiosk, administration offices, amenities, crèche and gym room. Services infrastructure to the building is being upgraded and a new car park constructed.

Stage 1 works (which represents 94% of the project value) are scheduled for completion at the end of September 2014. The current focus of building works is completion of external flashings, internal painting, floor coverings, and hydraulic, electrical, mechanical and joinery fit off. Tennis court fencing, site pathways and hard landscape works are underway. Stage 2 works consisting of an additional four table tennis courts to international design standards has commenced with the pouring of building foundations.



Image gymnasium hall



Image tennis courts and social rooms



Image car park construction



Image front entry works

Redevelopment of Mount Martha Life Saving Club

Works are continuing to progress on the foreshore at Mount Martha, with the old Mount Martha Life Saving Club house now completely demolished. 93% of material from the old facility has been reclaimed or recycled, or retained by the club as memorabilia.

In-ground services, including the underground water tank, are being installed.

A new public toilet facility will be incorporated into the new building. The nearby existing public toilets will be retained throughout the construction works and later demolished once the new clubrooms are opened.



Image: Mount Martha Life Saving Club building foundation works

Pre-school Additions at Bentons Square

Construction works at Bentons Square pre-school continue to progress, despite challenging recent weather conditions. In-ground services, structural steel and timber framing works have been completed.

The pre-school additions are scheduled for completion by mid-November 2014 in preparation for Term 1, 2015. The extended facility will cater for an additional 33 students and include interesting natural landscaping throughout the outdoor play space.



Image: Bentons Square Preschool building frame

Elsie Dorrington Netball Pavilion, Mornington – Pavilion Strategy

Construction works are nearing completion at Elsie Dorrington Netball Pavilion. The new \$1.2 million pavilion will significantly assist the Mornington Netball Association in providing adequate facilities to cater for their existing seven playing courts.

The pavilion will provide new time keepers/office, unisex change and toilet facilities, umpires change room, store rooms, bin store, internal disabled toilet, external public toilets, first aid room, disabled access, kitchen and social areas.

It is anticipated that works will be completed in September 2014.



Image: Elsie Dorrington Pavilion



Image: Covered viewing area

Baxter Preschool, Baxter

Stage one works consisting of a new playroom, large foyer, disabled toilet, meeting room, office and kitchen area are nearing completion. The Baxter Preschool will relocate classes from their existing playroom to the new playroom during from 8th to 10th August 2014. Additional classes and services for 2014 will continue to operate from a temporary portable on-site classroom building for the duration of stage two works.

Stage two construction works consists of refurbishing the existing playroom and associated facilities and is anticipated to be completed by December 2014.

These proposed building additions and refurbishment works, will significantly increase places available for preschool students in Baxter.



Image: Rear entry and meeting room



Image: Playroom wet area

Mornington Park Playground

JMac Constructions have commenced works on the replacement and refurbishment of play equipment at Mornington Park.

The works consist of minor additions to the existing boat structure, replacement of old equipment, new swings and introduction of paths and sensory elements. It is anticipated works will be completed by mid - October 2014.



Image: Demolition of old equipment

Mount Eliza Village Streetscape Improvement Works

Works are progressing with streetscape improvement works at Mount Eliza Village, on the service road north of Davis Avenue. The streetscape works will improve the sense of place, amenity and pedestrian safety in the village through the provision of quality landscaping and urban infrastructure.



Image: Mt Eliza Village footpath widening



Image: Mt Eliza Village landscape works

Financially, the proposed carry forward list has been included in the July report.

Standard Statement of Capital Works

For the period ending July 2014

	Forecast Month \$'000	Actual Month \$'000	Variance Month \$'000	Forecast Y.T.D. \$'000	Actual Y.T.D. \$'000	Variance Y.T.D. \$'000	Budget Y.E. \$'000	Forecast Y.E. \$'000	Variance Y.E. \$'000
Capital Works Area									
Land	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	350	350	0
Buildings	0	168	(168)	0	168	(168)	10,128	14,575	(4,447)
Infrastructure - Roads	250	271	(21)	250	271	(21)	12,872	21,110	(8,237)
Infrastructure - Drainage	198	196	2	198	196	2	3,760	4,707	(947)
Infrastructure - Other	0	57	(57)	0	57	(57)	3,845	5,970	(2,125)
Plant	3	0	3	3	0	3	268	474	(206)
Furniture and Equipment	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	195	273	(78)
Information Technology	0	(25)	25	0	(25)	25	0	17	(17)
Artworks	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0
Library Bookstock	100	156	(56)	100	156	(56)	1,300	1,504	(204)
Total Capital Works	551	826	(275)	551	826	(275)	32,731	48,993	(16,262)

Capital Works Carry-Forwards To 2014-15

Program No	Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
17010		Plant and Equipment Replacement			
	Y558	Mobile Library - Refurbishment	-	206,000	Variation to scope of works, deferred to 2014-15
17016		Oval Rehabilitation Program			
	Q024	Crib Point Recreation Reserve	-	67,000	Delayed due to weather conditions
17031		Provision of Library Books/Materials			
	L925	Library RFID Implementation	-	204,000	Project to be completed in 2014-15
17038		Traffic Management Treatments			
	C144	Boneo Primary School TAC Works	-	13,300	Externally funded works not complete
	C134	Glen Shian Lane	-	15,300	Project to be completed first quarter 2014-15
	C131	The Loop Blairgowrie	-	13,500	Design completed
	C132	Palm Vista Drive	-	11,000	Design completed
17050		Rehab- Walkways/bike paths/footpath			
	E575	Orotava St (Lorimer St to Governors Rd)	-	15,000	Project deferred to 2014-15
	E576	Pettit St (West side of Pettit St)	-	15,000	Project deferred to 2014-15
	E577	Stony Point Rd (Seaglades Lane)	-	17,500	Project deferred to 2014-15
	E578	Orotava St to Disney St	-	6,300	Project deferred to 2014-15
17260		Playground developments			
	S107	Rye Foreshore - (Community Building)	-	5,500	Finalisation of works
	S110	Mornington Park Regional PG Upgrade	-	178,000	Design complete/works progressing
	S115	Schnapper Point Mornington	-	10,000	Finalisation of works
	S116	Swings and Minor Improvements	-	12,000	Finalisation of works
17263		Implementation of Recreation Master Plan			
	T025	John Butler Reserve	-	30,000	Project delayed due to permits
	T027	Emil Madsen Reserve	-	188,000	Project deferred to 2014-15
	T029	Mt Martha House Parade Ground	-	130,000	Design/heritage study complete- works progressing
	T030	Bungayuan Reserve	126,600	187,500	Program deferred
	T032	Sports Lighting Graham Reserve SRV	-	67,600	Project to be completed in 2014-15
	T033	Police Point Park	-	110,700	Project to be completed in 2014-15
	T038	Woolleys Road Reserve	-	105,000	Project deferred to 2014-15
	T039	Mt Martha Junior Football Lights	-	13,500	Externally funded project to be completed 2014-15
17362		Footpath Strategy Implementation			
	H351	SCS Keogh St Jetty Rd-KenningtonRd	33,500	71,250	Project to be completed in 2014-15
	H352	Pt Nepean Rd (The Loop to Hughes)	-	375,000	Project to be completed in 2014-15
	H355	SCS South Rd - Adams Ave/Lonsdale	33,750	128,250	Project to be completed in 2014-15
	H358	SCS Coburn Ave-Pt Nep to Wonga Gr	30,600	80,400	Project progressing/scope of works change 2014-15
	H361	Martha C/Dromana F/path Connection	-	60,000	Project progressing/scope of works change 2014-15
	H362	SCS Besgrove St (Boneo Rd to Eastbourne Rd)	-	242,000	Project progressing/scope of works change 2014-15
	H364	SCS Wyuna St/ Karginal Dr/ Mawarra	-	37,500	Contracted works/completion 2014-15

Capital Works Carry-Forwards To 2014-15

Program No	Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
	H365	SCS Illaroo St (Eastbourne Rd)	-	133,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H366	Wooralla Dr (Tower Rd to Emil Madsen Rd)	-	201,200	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H367	Coolstore Rd (North Side - Watts Rd)	-	21,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H368	SCS Coppin Rd (Melbourne Rd)	-	240,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H369	SCS Noel St /Gibson St (Charles St)	-	26,250	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H370	SCS Beverley Rd (Pt Nepean Rd)	-	41,250	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H371	SCS Burrell Street (Bartels St)	-	30,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H372	SCS Haig Street (Vale St to Elizabeth)	-	22,500	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H373	SCS Wandella Rd (Dunns Rd to Maxwell)	-	23,970	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H374	SCS Inglis Street (Beleura Hill Rd)	-	30,450	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H375	Nepean Hwy (Wooralla Dr to Peninsula)	-	44,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H376	Wooralla Dr (Murralinga Pl)	-	20,500	Project progressing/scope of works change 2014-15
	H377	Lempriere Av (Esplanade to Two Bays)	-	17,000	Project progressing/scope of works change 2014-15
	H378	SCS McDowell St (Jetty Rd to Shopping Centre)	-	8,500	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H380	SCS Ferrero Reserve (Glenisla Dr)	-	37,400	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	H382	Point Nepean Rd (Canterbury Jetty Road)	-	50,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	7363	Photocopier Replacement	-	20,000	Project deferred to 2014/15
	7371	Portsea Strategy - Impl - Stage 1	-	350,000	Contracted awarded/completion September 2014
17401		Building Renovations - Major Building			
	K084	Sports Pavilion Strategy Implementation	-	93,300	Programming continuing in 2014-15
	K085	Toilet Strategy Implementation	-	375,500	Program rollout progressing
	K088	Elsie Dorrington Sports Pavilion	-	184,900	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	K091	Baxter Preschool	-	556,300	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	K097	Fruit Growers Reserve	-	246,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	K098	Balharring Rec Res Pavilion (Football)	-	68,300	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	K099	Citation Reserve Pavilion	-	26,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	K100	Civic Reserve Master Plan Development	6,027,200	421,500	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	K102	Hastings Municipal Office - Refurb.	-	196,800	Design works progressing
	K103	Dromana Visitor Centre - Refurb.	-	46,380	Project deferred to 2014-15
	K104	Major Building Program Investigations	-	22,300	Design works progressing
	K105	Minor Urgent Works	-	42,400	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
		Recreation Building Improvements			
	I092	PPRC - Amenities Upgrade - Gymnasium	-	58,000	Committed expenditure
	7444	Hastings Com Area Parking & TMT Imp	-	130,800	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	7465	LT - Coastal Mgt/Master Plan Implementation	-	75,800	Contract tendered
	7489	Rye Traffic Management Strategy Implementation	-	46,500	Project works not yet complete

Capital Works Carry-Forwards To 2014-15

Program No	Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
17593	7522	Enterprise Content Management System	-	17,000	Project works not yet complete
	7549	Bicycle Strategy	40,000	257,000	Deferred rollout of footpath program
	S501	Mt Martha Skate Park	-	50,000	Delayed due to Victorian Heritage Study.
	S700	Emil Madsen Reserve	10,000	209,000	Grant funding received - Soccer field improvements
	7584	Activity Centre Structure Plan - Implementation	-	408,000	Contracted works/to be completed 2014-15
	Integrated Flood Management				
	D413	Murray Anderson Catchment	-	146,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	D416	Ballar Catchment	-	641,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	D418	Kackeraboite Catchment	-	80,000	Contracted/program progressing
	D426	Dromana Wetland	-	80,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
17593	7606	Tyabb Tooradin Road (Bridge Works)	-	50,000	Additional culvert
	7622	R2R 3 Hodgins Road Frankston Flinders	528,800	517,200	Program to be completed September 2014
	7629	Safety Beach CC Path to Lift Access	-	23,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	7630	Peninsula DriveSafe - High Risk Tar	-	20,800	Program progressing
	7655	Somerville Needs Strategy - Implementation	100,000	-	Contribution to be received 2014-15
	7657	Former M'ton Sec.College Classrooms	-	36,000	Works proceeding/additional funding 2014/15
	Urban Road Contributory Scheme Strategy				
	S603	Shanns Av Mt Martha	577,500	323,200	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	S604	Parkmore Road, Rosebud	495,000	76,700	Planting and landscaping works progressing
	S605	McLeod Rd Group, Mt Martha	-	736,400	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
17659	7665	B/Spot Shands- M/ton Flind Shoreham	-	764,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	7667	Sorrento Seawall	-	126,200	Project delayed due to design approval
	7668	Mount Martha Park Viewing Tower	60,000	36,000	Contracted - works progressing
	7671	Sorrento Policemans Point Strategy	-	25,000	Additional works 2014-15
	7672	Neighbourhood Activity Centre Structure	-	136,000	Contracted - works progressing
	Sporting Facilities Lighting Program				
	L201	Fruit Growers Reserve	-	16,000	Works complete, payment pending
	7674	Ticketing System Foreshore B/Ramps	-	9,200	Project not yet complete
	7675	Tennis Strategy	-	88,000	Heritage review/works progressing 2014-15
	7676	Net Ball Strategy	-	35,000	Project progressing in consultation with club
17659	7677	BSpot Melb Rd (Canterbury Jetty Rd)	-	160,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	7678	BSpot Browns Rd/Boneo Rd-Fiders Rd	-	45,300	Project not yet complete
	7679	BSpot Marine Pd/Western Port/Skinner St	-	577,500	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
	7681	Safety Beach - Buckley's Rest	-	20,000	Community capital project
	7684	Bay Trail Path	-	77,000	Tendering/Contract - Completion first quarter 2014-15
	7686	SCS - Project Dromana Shire Rd	100,000	100,000	Project deferred to 2014-15
	7689	Rosebud Shopping Centre	5,735,000	-	Land Sales not yet complete
	7690	Sorrento Early Learning Facility	-	13,300	Contracted works/completion 2014-15

Capital Works Carry-Forwards To 2014-15

Program No	Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
7692		Bentons Square Preschool-Additions	-	342,500	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7696		Mornington Structure Plan Traffic Management	-	78,300	Program to completed first quarter 2014-15
7697		Rosebud Activity Centre Structure Plans	-	98,000	Project reprioritised/changed scope
7699		Unmade Carpark Construction Strategy	-	59,100	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7701		Active Sports Strategy - Implementation	-	50,000	Project deferred to 2014-15
7702		MP Regional Gallery Climate Control	447,000	-	Funding from Archibald exhibition 2014-15
7704		Land Acq. - 65 Skinner Street	465,700	-	Land sales not yet complete
7705		Alfred Street Roundabout Works	-	100,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7706		Alfred Street Streetscape Works	-	176,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7708		BSpot Shands/Main Creek Roundabout	-	743,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7709		BSpot Jetty/McDowell Signals	-	313,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7710		BSpot Sandy Road Fingal	-	72,000	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7712		West Park Open Space Infrastructure	-	50,500	Design works progressing/completion 2014-15
7714		Mt Martha Life Saving Club	1,137,500	1,610,500	Contracted works/completion 2014-15
7715		Mens Shed Somerville	9,000	85,000	Project completion 2014-15
7716		Mens Shed Mornington	9,000	60,000	Project completion 2014-15
TOTAL			15,966,150	16,261,600	
			Net	295,450	

Capital Works

Program	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
17010. Plant & Equipment Replacement	2,692	0	2,692	268,000	474,000	(206,000)
17012. Acquisition (splays, easements & sm	0	0	0	350,000	350,000	0
17016. Oval Rehab - Drainage & Sprinklers	0	21,120	(21,120)	135,000	202,000	(67,000)
17027. Implementation of Toilet Strategy	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
17028. Replacement of Office Furniture	0	2,160	(2,160)	0	0	0
17031. Provision of Library Books/Material	100,000	155,592	(55,592)	1,300,000	1,504,000	(204,000)
17032. Acquisitions - M'ton Pen Reg Galler	0	0	0	13,000	13,000	0
17038. Traffic Mgt Treatments	0	222	(222)	150,000	203,100	(53,100)
17050. Rehab - Walkways/bike paths/footpat	0	450	(450)	1,210,000	1,263,800	(53,800)
17053. Drainage Rehabilitation	0	0	0	700,000	700,000	0
17054. Drainage Upgrades	0	12,479	(12,479)	500,000	500,000	0
17062. Signage - Traffic/Parking Areas	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0
17063. Signage - General	0	1,683	(1,683)	100,000	100,000	0
17082. Sale of Roads	0	700	(700)	0	0	0
17187. Fruitgrowers Reserve Machinery Shed	0	1,575	(1,575)	0	0	0
17260. Playground developments	0	1,798	(1,798)	300,000	505,500	(205,500)
17263. Implementation of Recreation Master	0	1,900	(1,900)	1,020,000	1,852,300	(832,300)
17272. Hall Improvements Asset Replacement	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
17273. Reserve Improvements/ Asset Replace	0	0	0	90,000	90,000	0
17313. Equestrian Strategy Implementation	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
17362. Footpath Strategy - Impl	150,000	730	149,270	956,215	2,897,635	(1,941,420)
17363. Photocopier Replacement	0	0	0	0	20,000	(20,000)
17371. Portsea Strategy - Impl Stage 1	0	1,380	(1,380)	0	350,000	(350,000)
17400. BBQ Upgrade Program	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
17401. Building Renovations - Major Build	0	37,176	(37,176)	1,693,000	3,972,680	(2,279,680)
17402. Recreation Building Imp	0	4,100	(4,100)	120,000	178,000	(58,000)
17444. Hastings Com Area Parking & TMT Imp	0	7,326	(7,326)	0	130,800	(130,800)
17465. LT - Coastal Mgt/Master Plan Impl	0	10,000	(10,000)	0	75,800	(75,800)
17482. Safer Local Roads Program	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
17483. Signage Directional	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	0	0

17486. Southern Peninsula Aquatic Recreati	0	11,600	(11,600)	1,600,000	1,600,000	0
17489. Rye Traffic Man Strategy Implementa	0	0	0	46,500	(46,500)	
17522. Enterprise Content Management Syste	0	(25,380)	25,380	0	17,000	(17,000)
17549. Bicycle Strategy	0	0	0	300,000	557,000	(257,000)
17552. Blackspot Program (Council contribu	0	2,290	(2,290)	225,000	225,000	0
17554. Skate & BMX Strategy	0	0	0	270,000	320,000	(50,000)
17555. Gateway Park, Mornington	0	2,330	(2,330)	0	0	0
17556. Soccer Strategy - Implementation	0	0	0	150,000	359,000	(209,000)
17558. Kerb and Channel - Rehabilitation	0	0	0	300,000	300,000	0
17577. Black Spot Browns Road	0	9,480	(9,480)	0	0	0
17584. Activity Centre Structure Plan - Im	0	14,434	(14,434)	400,000	808,000	(408,000)
17593. Integrated Flood Management and Dra	198,076	183,125	14,951	2,500,000	3,447,000	(947,000)
17594. Dromana Visitors Centre - Major Upg	0	1,150	(1,150)	0	0	0
17606. B/Spot Tyabb Tooradin Rd Bungower	0	1,020	(1,020)	0	50,000	(50,000)
17622. R2R 3 Hodgins Road Frankston Flinde	0	8,154	(8,154)	0	517,200	(517,200)
17626. Foreshore Camping Areas - Amenity B	0	0	0	350,000	350,000	0
17629. Safety Beach CC - Path to Lift Acce	0	460	(460)	0	23,000	(23,000)
17630. Peninsula DriveSafe	0	596	(596)	0	20,800	(20,800)
17657. Former M'ton Sec.College Classrooms	0	1,680	(1,680)	0	36,000	(36,000)
17659. Urban Rd Contributory Scheme Strateg	100,000	93,427	6,573	727,000	1,863,300	(1,136,300)
17660. Pavillion Strategy Implementation	0	0	0	3,209,000	3,209,000	0
17665. B/Spot Shands- Mton Flind Shoreham	0	580	(580)	0	764,000	(764,000)
17667. Sorrento Seawall	0	1,550	(1,550)	0	126,200	(126,200)
17668. Mount Martha Park Viewing Tower	0	0	0	0	36,000	(36,000)
17671. Sorrento Policemans Point Strategy	0	0	0	145,000	170,000	(25,000)
17672. Neighbourhood Activity Centre Struc	0	3,425	(3,425)	100,000	236,000	(136,000)
17673. Sporting Facilities Lighting Progra	0	8,333	(8,333)	100,000	116,000	(16,000)
17674. Ticketing System Foreshore B/Ramp	0	107	(107)	0	9,200	(9,200)
17675. Tennis Strategy	0	0	0	100,000	188,000	(88,000)
17676. Netball Strategy	0	2,695	(2,695)	200,000	235,000	(35,000)
17677. BSpot Melb Rd (Canterbury Jetty Rd)	0	2,944	(2,944)	0	160,000	(160,000)
17678. BSpot Browns Rd/Boneo Rd-Fliders Rd	0	875	(875)	0	45,300	(45,300)
17679. BSpot Marine Pd/Western Port/Skinne	0	5,682	(5,682)	0	577,500	(577,500)

17681. Safety Beach - Buckley's Rest	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	(20,000)
17684. Bay Trail Path	0	0	0	0	0	77,000	(77,000)
17686. SCS - Project Dromana Shire Road	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	(100,000)
17690. Sorrento Early Leaning Facility	0	69,647	(69,647)	0	0	13,300	(13,300)
17692. Bentons Square Preschool Additions	0	6,815	(6,815)	0	0	342,500	(342,500)
17696. Hastings Activity Centre Structure	0	0	0	0	350,000	428,300	(78,300)
17697. Rosebud Activity Centre Structure P	0	0	0	0	200,000	298,000	(98,000)
17699. Unmade Carpark Construction Strateg	0	3,588	(3,588)	0	0	59,100	(59,100)
17701. Active Sports Strategy - Impl	0	0	0	0	50,000	100,000	(50,000)
17704. Land Acq. - 65 Skinner Street	0	500	(500)	0	0	0	0
17705. Alfred Street Roundabout	0	92,692	(92,692)	0	0	100,000	(100,000)
17706. Alfreed Street Streetscape Works	0	0	0	0	0	176,000	(176,000)
17707. BSpot Boes/Graydens Roundabout	0	1,365	(1,365)	0	0	0	0
17708. BSpot Shands/Main Creek Roundabout	0	16,546	(16,546)	0	0	743,000	(743,000)
17709. BSpot Jetty/McDowell Signals	0	890	(890)	0	0	313,000	(313,000)
17710. BSpot Sandy Road Fingal	0	0	0	0	0	72,000	(72,000)
17712. West Park Open Space	0	2,450	(2,450)	0	0	50,500	(50,500)
17714. Mt Martha Life Saving Club	0	6,926	(6,926)	0	0	1,610,500	(1,610,500)
17715. Mens Shed Somerville	0	32,066	(32,066)	0	0	85,000	(85,000)
17716. Mens Shed Mornington	0	0	0	0	0	60,000	(60,000)
17718. Timber Structures Renewal	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
17719. Marine Structures Renewal	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0
17720. Road/Bridges & Culvert Renewal	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
17721. Residential Dwellings	0	0	0	0	68,000	68,000	0
17722. Somerville Pestrain Strategy	0	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
17723. Furniture and Equipment Replacement	0	0	0	0	145,000	145,000	0
17724. Public Transport Facility Imp	0	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
17725. Guardrail Renewal Program	0	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	0
17726. David Collings Lesirue Centre	0	0	0	0	1,320,938	1,320,938	0
17727. Storm Water Quality Program	0	0	0	0	60,000	60,000	0
17728. Mills Beach Master Plan Implementat	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
17730. B/spot - Mt Eliza Way	0	94	(94)	0	767,000	767,000	0
17731. B/spot - Graydens road/Boes	0	0	0	0	1,480,000	1,480,000	0

17732. B/spot - loders road - moorooduc
 17733. B/spot - Browns Road - Rosebud
 17734. B/spot - Eastbourne Road - Rosebud
 17735. Somerville Tennis Club
 17736. Red hill tennis club
 17737. Mornington Youth Hub
 17742. Pedestrian Treatments

0	0	0	0	0	1,046,000	1,046,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	400,000	400,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	298,000	298,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	33,000	33,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	767,000	767,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
550,768	825,527	(274,759)	32,731,153	48,992,753	(16,261,600)		

PRIORITY WORKS OVERVIEW

Financially, Priority Works have been updated to include the carry forwards from 2013/14 in the Forecast Year End.

Priority Works Carry-Forwards To 2014-15

Program No	Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
56039	Z803	Half Cost Fencing Sorrento Tennis Club	-	41,000	Funded project -completion 2014-15
	8312	Disabled Facilities Council Building Ocean Beach Road 119	-	45,000	Delayed/planning issues, project deferred to 2014/15
	F021	CCTV Mt Eliza	-	30,000	Program progressing
	F022	CCTV Mt Martha	-	36,500	Program progressing
	V907	Dredging of Boatramps Boatramps	-	31,900	Finalisation of works at Safety Beach
	X083	Coastal Reserves Biodiversity Arthurs Seat Escarpment Weed Management	-	6,000	Funded project to be completed in 2014-15
	K530	Building Renovations Briars Homestead	-	28,000	Project deferred to 2014/15
	L613	Infrastructure Upgrades - Landfills Replacement of Leachate Tank Liner	-	50,000	Project deferred to 2014/15
	U514	Parks & Reserves (Passive) Rehab Program Somerville Avenue of Honour	-	9,600	Project not yet complete
	T520	Open Space Strategy - Implementation Red Hill Recreation Reserve/Red Hill Reserve	-	10,000	Project not yet complete
56171	Y095	IT Systems Upgrades and Development Technology One CI Upgrade	-	16,600	Continuing implementation
	Y101	Windows 7 Implementation	-	15,800	Continuing implementation
	Y102	Centaman Provision	-	6,800	Continuing implementation
	Y104	SQL Server Enterprise Edition	-	26,000	Project deferred to 2014/15
	Y105	RosterLive Rostering System	-	38,200	Project not yet complete
	Y106	Maternal & Child Health (MaCHS) Software	-	50,000	Project not yet complete
	Y107	Microwave Link Upgrade: Mornington	-	29,000	Project not yet complete
		Corporate Water Conservation Program			
56228	W104	Living Rivers Projects (Melb Water)	-	175,000	Funded program not yet complete
	W106	Water Sensitive Urban Design	-	15,900	Funded program not yet complete
	W107	Integrated Catchment Management	-	103,000	Funded program not yet complete
	W108	L/Rivers: Outlet Treatment	-	20,000	Funded program not yet complete
	W109	L/Rivers: Sunshine Reserve	-	41,400	Funded program not yet complete
	W110	L/Rivers Balcombe Estuary	-	104,000	Funded program not yet complete
	W112	L/Rivers Sub-surface WSUD Trial	-	24,800	Funded program not yet complete
	W113	Connection of Class A Recycled Water	-	40,000	Funded program not yet complete

Priority Works Carry-Forwards To 2014-15

Program No	Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
	6230	Rosebud Foreshore Camp Site Markers	-	9,700	Finalisation of works in 2014/15
56275		Long Term Coastal Management Master			
	Z073	Strategic Plans (Precinct Plans)	-	20,900	Project not yet complete
	Z078	Strategic Plans (Coastal/Landscape)	-	144,000	Project not yet complete
	Z081	Natural Systems/Biodiversity Management	-	12,500	Works complete payment pending
	Z083	Detailed Design	-	80,000	Project deferred to 2014/15
	6297	Somerville Township-Amenity Works	-	6,400	Project not yet complete
	6299	Tyabb Township - Amenity Wks	-	10,400	Project not yet complete
	8308	The Briars Feral Exclusion Fence	-	19,600	Funded project not yet complete
	8315	Somerville Cenotaph	-	13,900	Project not yet complete
	8316	Police Point Conservation & Rec Plans	-	54,700	Heritage review commenced
	8318	Martha Cove - Subdivisional Works	-	321,000	Project deferred
TOTAL			-	1,687,600	
Net				1,687,600	

Priority Works

Program	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
56001. Installation of New Fire Plugs.	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
56002. Resurfacing of Cricket Pitches.	0	1,250	(1,250)	15,000	15,000	0
56004. Upgrade Disabled Fac - Rds Res & Ca	0	1,932	(1,932)	0	0	0
56007. N/Ball Crt Resurf (Sport Club Fund)	0	1,308	(1,308)	50,000	50,000	0
56009. Conservation Works-MPRG.	0	0	0	27,500	27,500	0
56012. Building Demolition.	17,500	18,386	(886)	35,000	35,000	0
56013. Street Lighting Improvements.	0	0	0	65,000	65,000	0
56015. Half Cost Fencing (Inc)	0	(650)	650	0	0	0
56015. Half Cost Fencing	0	0	0	20,000	61,000	(41,000)
56026. Sewerage Connection Council Buildin	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
56030. Implement Dog free & leash areas	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
56036. Office Renovations (3 Offices).	0	8,069	(8,069)	0	0	0
56039. Disabled Facilities Council Buildin	0	4,573	(4,573)	0	111,500	(111,500)
56044. Dredging of Boatramp at Hastings	0	0	0	0	31,900	(31,900)
56064. Minor Streetscape Works- Commer Cnt	0	417	(417)	120,000	120,000	0
56067. Coastal Reserves Biodiversity Cons.	0	820	(820)	0	6,000	(6,000)
56105. Tree Removal Program	0	4,167	(4,167)	50,000	50,000	0
56107. Building Renovations Misc.	0	14,205	(14,205)	251,000	279,000	(28,000)
56108. Street Furniture.	0	4,000	(4,000)	0	0	0
56109. Minor Traffic Improvements.	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	0
56112. Risk Mgt Initiatives former Landfil	16,000	15,206	794	564,000	564,000	0
56123. Sustainable Energy Funds Initiative	0	11,950	(11,950)	0	0	0
56146. Infrastructure Upgrades - Landfills	0	0	0	100,000	150,000	(50,000)
56152. Parks & Reserves (Passive) Rehab Pr	0	4,167	(4,167)	0	9,600	(9,600)
56167. Special Charge Schemes Design.	0	117,568	(117,568)	0	0	0
56170. Open Space Strategy - Implementation	0	11,594	(11,594)	0	10,000	(10,000)
56171. IT Systems Upgrades and Development	1,154	2,155	(1,001)	134,000	316,400	(182,400)

Priority Works

Program	Forecast		Actual		Variance		Budget		Forecast		Variance	
	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
56001. Installation of New Fire Plugs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	0
56002. Resurfacing of Cricket Pitches.	0	0	1,250	(1,250)	0	0	15,000	15,000	0	0	0	0
56226. Landfill Cell Capping Provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0	0	0	0
56228. Corporate Water Conservation Progra	0	0	2,277	(2,277)	0	0	100,000	624,100	0	0	(524,100)	0
56230. Rosebud Foreshore Camp Site Markers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,700	0	0	(9,700)	0
56274. Bungower Road Offset Plan Constitut	0	0	0	0	0	0	82,350	82,350	0	0	0	0
56275. Long Term Coastal Management Master	0	0	85	(85)	0	0	475,000	732,400	0	0	(257,400)	0
56278. Investigation of catchments	7,000	11,953	11,953	(4,953)	0	0	300,000	300,000	0	0	0	0
56281. Hall Works	0	0	674	(674)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56297. Somerville Township-Amentity Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,400	0	0	(6,400)	0
56299. Tyabb Township - Amentity Wks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,400	0	0	(10,400)	0
58303. Pavilion Strategy - Priority Works	0	0	1,470	(1,470)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58308. The Briars Fera Exclusion Fence	0	0	1,487	(1,487)	0	0	0	19,600	0	0	(19,600)	0
58309. Somerville War Memorial Relocation (Inc)	0	0	(9,091)	9,091	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58315. Somerville Cenotaph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,900	0	0	(13,900)	0
58316. Police Point Conservation & Rec Pla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,700	0	0	(54,700)	0
58317. Marine Drive Safety Beach	0	0	8,299	(8,299)	0	0	0	321,000	0	0	(321,000)	0
58321. Civic Reserve Relocation	0	0	6,558	(6,558)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58324. Place Making - Minor Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	0
58325. Foreshore Facilites Rehab. - Boat	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0	0	0	0
58327. Tyabb Cricket Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0
58328. Somerville/Tyabb District Heritage	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0	0	0	0
58329. Boundary Fence Repair SIMS2	0	0	0	0	0	0	90,000	90,000	0	0	0	0
	41,654	244,829	(203,175)	3,033,850	4,721,450	(1,687,600)						

Priority Works

Program	Forecast		Actual		Variance		Budget		Forecast		Variance	
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
56001. Installation of New Fire Plugs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0
56002. Resurfacing of Cricket Pitches.	0	1,250	1,250	(1,250)	(1,250)	(1,250)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0

PRIORITY PROJECTS OVERVIEW

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Priority Projects Carry-Forwards To 2014-15

Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
Sustainable Communities				
6911	Somerville Community Needs Assessment	-	8,100	Project not yet complete
8762	Police Point Houses	-	5,000	Project not yet complete
8777	Arts & Culture Strategy Project	-	7,500	Project deferred to 2014/15
8778	Literacy Villages Project	-	13,800	Delayed start to program.
8782	Reconciliation Action Plan	-	13,300	Project complete, final payment pending.
8805	Youth Services Replace Internet	-	6,900	Project incomplete.
8842	Olympic Park Master Plan	-	10,500	Deferred due to site selection.
8867	Ten Year Kindergarten Strategy	-	4,000	Project nearing completion.
8869	Indigenous Artefacts Assessment Project	-	14,300	Deferred start to program.
8871	Sustainable Communities Planning Framework	-	11,700	Project deferred to 2014/15
8905	David Collings Leisure Centre Business Plan	-	9,500	Project nearing completion.
8913	Prevention of Violence Charter	-	4,300	Project nearing completion.
8915	Let's Talk About Alcohol	-	4,300	Project nearing completion.
8918	Community Playgroup Initiative	-	13,600	Delayed due to staffing changes.
8919	Community Arts Project	-	20,700	Delayed start to program.
Sustainable Environment				
6482	Rosebud Activity Centre Structure Plan	-	51,900	Deferred pending structure plan requirements.
6483	Hasting Activity Centre Structure Plan	-	2,400	Draft plan on exhibition.
6496	Business Development Plan for Mornington	-	11,000	Deferred pending structure plan requirements.
6718	Green Wedge Action Plan	-	15,400	Awaiting release of Pen. Planning Statement.
6923	Red Hill Character Assessment and Design	-	41,000	Awaiting release of Pen. Planning Statement.
6927	Port Phillip Urban Design Framework	-	34,700	Study commenced - investigation area reports.
6930	Stream Watch/Water Watch Program	-	9,500	Substantially complete, pending final payments.
8603	Local Housing and Settlement Strategy	-	80,200	Changes in residential planning State Govt. delay.
8606	Character Assessment and Design Guide	-	47,400	Awaiting release of Pen. Planning Statement.
8669	Spatial Employment Strategy	-	40,000	Partially complete, pending payments.
8670	Mount Eliza Town Centre Plan	-	30,000	Commenced - traffic and parking assessment.
8671	Somerville Town Centre Plan	-	2,000	Almost complete.
8674	Biodiversity Action Plan Modelling	-	22,000	Coord. Western Port Biosphere habitat project.
8675	Stony Point Coastal Management/Framework	-	10,000	Pending action by Parks Vic on 'parent' study.
8676	Hastings Port Land Use and Transport	-	15,000	Pending release of draft port strategy.
8678	Township Design Guideline Brochures	-	14,900	Subj. to completion of Design Framework report.
8679	Heritage Review - Stage 2 Analysis	-	104,000	Deferred - finalise Stage 1 adopted 1/7/14
8706	Land Management Overlay Implementation	-	15,000	Pending completion of hazard risk assessments.
8724	Public Recreation Space Strategy	-	60,000	Awaiting release of Pen. Planning Statement.
8726	Dromana Activity Centre Structure Plan	-	50,000	Deferred State Govt. changes to resid. provisions
8761	Mornington Peninsula Branded Produce	-	40,000	Food industry advisory body established.
8767	Review Ticket Machines	-	9,900	Requires more community consultation.
8789	Biodiversity Action Plan	-	60,000	Coord. Western Port Biosphere habitat project.
8793	Land Subject to Inundations Overlay	-	15,000	Awaiting further info. from Melbourne Water.

Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
8795	Heart of Rosebud Precinct Plan	-	45,000	To be coordinated with SPA precinct design.
8799	Ranelagh Conservation Management Plan Implemen	-	18,000	Draft reports compl. re Heritage Group precincts.
8809	Marketing MPS to National Conference	-	61,700	Direction change resulted in external consultant.
8847	Peninsula Planning Statement	25,000	51,600	Pending advice from Dept TPLI.
8848	Port Strategy Implications Study	-	27,800	Pending release of draft port strategy.
8849	Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan	-	39,800	Draft report completed.
8852	Coastal Geotechnical Risk Assessment	-	40,000	Pending completion of hazard risk assessments.
8886	Economic Benefits - Port of Hastings	-	2,200	Project almost completed.
8902	Tyabb Airfield Precinct Plan	-	30,000	Pending advice from Air Services Australia.
8910	Safety Beach CMP - Stage 2	-	25,000	In progress - consultants have been engaged.
8917	Emergency Management Training	-	23,000	Commenced, to be completed October 2014.
Sustainable Infrastructure				
6766	Geotechnical Investigations	-	11,800	Project incomplete.
6926	Parking Precinct Plans	-	36,500	Deferred start to project.
8641	Road Safety Program Shire Wide	-	5,200	Project not yet complete
8649	Parking Precinct Plan Mornington	-	26,000	Deferred start to project.
8731	Local Coastal Vulnerability Assessment	-	10,000	Deferred as per Dept Primary Industries.
8857	Bushland Contracts Review	-	52,800	Deferred start to project.
8863	Climate Adaption Plan Priorities	-	44,500	Deferred start to project.
8864	Street Lighting Upgrade Investigation	-	21,600	Deferred start to project.
8906	Slope Stability Inclometers	-	20,000	Project incomplete.
8907	Management of Closed Landfills	-	100,000	Large project - incomplete.
8912	Mornington Park Local Area Traffic Strategy	-	19,700	Incomplete - ongoing community engagement.
Sustainable Organisation				
8828	Smart Phone App	-	18,000	Development of App not completed.
8901	Mornington Structure Plan	-	80,000	Project deferred to 2014/15.
The CEO's Office				
8742	Community Engagement Policy & Guide	-	5,000	Project incomplete.
8802	External Website	-	20,900	Delays due to technology availability.
Externally Funded Projects				
6938	Community Arts - Metro Access Project	-	3,700	Project incomplete.
6615	Tobacco Education	-	8,900	New funding received April 2014.
8654	Early Home Learning Partnership (PRC)	-	6,500	Partnerships still being negotiated.
8751	Rosebud West Family Access Project	-	161,900	Awaiting on community submissions.
8757	Iron Bar Project	-	1,900	Project incomplete.
8759	Equipment Pilot	-	14,400	Funds for equipment for clients needs.
8803	FreeZA (D&A Free Entertainment)	-	37,000	Govt. funded program extended.
8810	Bushfire Planning Provision	-	6,300	Project incomplete.
8811	Universal Access Planning & Change	-	12,500	Project incomplete.
8825	Koories in the Kitchen	-	3,500	Project incomplete.
8829	Local Landcare Facilitators Initiative	-	11,500	Project incomplete.
8845	History of Rosebud West	-	16,200	Project incomplete.
8877	Smalltalk Program	-	4,600	Project incomplete.
8878	Willum Warrain	-	128,000	Additional funding received May 2014.
8893	Equine Industry Study	-	1,600	Project incomplete.

Posting A/c	Project Description	Contrib'n (\$)	Budget (\$)	Comments
8892	Metro Access Inclusive Respite	-	3,100	Project incomplete.
8894	MP Food Industry Reference Group	-	13,900	Food industry advisory body established.
8895	Indigenous Health and Wellbeing	-	15,000	Delayed start to program.
8896	Mornington Beach Water Assessment	-	12,700	Study incomplete.
8899	Schoolies Week Project	-	3,300	Engagement with Victoria Police.
8921	ANZAC Commemorative Naming Project	-	1,900	Funding received in 2013/14 for event 2014/15.
8951	Tourism Public Relations	-	25,000	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8952	Tourism Exhibitions & TS	-	25,000	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8954	Tourism Design & Artwork	-	39,000	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8955	Tourism Advertising	-	92,000	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8956	MPT Industry	-	32,005	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8957	Tourism Directional Signage	-	16,000	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8958	Tourism Brochure Freight & Distribution	-	16,045	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8959	Destination Mornington Peninsula	-	22,000	Funded by Tourism Victoria.
8961	Adopt a Hot Spot - Hastings	-	5,800	Program extended to the end of August 2014.
8962	Walk to School	-	12,100	Additional funding and extended further 12 mths.
8964	Smoking Bans Childrens Playgrounds	-	5,500	Govt funding received May 2014.
8965	Are You Ready?	-	23,750	Govt funding received June 2014.
8966	EPA Research Dumping	-	16,000	Govt funding received May 2014.
TOTAL		25,000	2,563,500	

This amount has been included in the listing

Net 2,538,500

Priority Projects

N.B. Forecast YE includes carry forward amount from 2013/14.

Program	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
6459. Hastings Promotional Fund (Inc)	0	200	(200)	0	0	0
6482. Rosebud Activity Centre Struct Plan	0	0	0	0	51,900	(51,900)
6483. Hasting Activity Centre Struct Plan	0	669	(669)	50,000	52,400	(2,400)
6496. Business Development Plan for Morni	0	0	0	0	11,000	(11,000)
6502. Community Partnerships	0	0	0	65,000	65,000	0
6581. Events	0	20,000	(20,000)	130,000	130,000	0
6615. Tobacco Education	0	0	0	0	8,900	(8,900)
6672. Responsible Gaming Strategy	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
6680. Mt Eliza Promotional Fund (Inc)	0	358	(358)	0	0	0
6718. Green Wedge Action Plan	0	0	0	0	15,400	(15,400)
6736. Careers Expo	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
6766. Geotechnical Investigations	0	319	(319)	0	11,800	(11,800)
6911. Somerville Community Needs Assessme	0	0	0	0	8,100	(8,100)
6915. Men's Shed	0	1,076	(1,076)	28,000	28,000	0
6923. Red Hill Character Assessment and D	0	0	0	0	41,000	(41,000)
6926. Parking Precinct Plans	0	0	0	0	36,500	(36,500)
6927. Port Phillip Urban Design Framework	0	0	0	0	34,700	(34,700)
6930. Stream Watch/Water Watch Program	0	0	0	0	9,500	(9,500)
6938. WOL Comty Arts-Metro Access Project	0	0	0	0	3,700	(3,700)
8603. Local Housing and Settlement Strate	0	0	0	0	80,200	(80,200)
8606. Character Assessment and Design Gui	0	0	0	0	47,400	(47,400)
8641. Road Safety Program Shire Wide	0	227	(227)	0	5,200	(5,200)
8641. Road Safety Program Shire Wide (Inc)	0	(2,000)	2,000	0	0	0
8642. Sorrento Promotional Fund SCS (Inc)	0	850	(850)	0	0	0
8646. Provision - Matching Grant Applicat	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0
8649. Parking Precinct Plan Mornington To	0	0	0	0	26,000	(26,000)
8654. Early Home Learning P'ship (PRC)	0	0	0	0	6,500	(6,500)

Program	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
8669. Spatial Employment Strategy	0	0	0	0	40,000	(40,000)
8670. Mount Eliza Town Centre Plan	0	0	0	0	30,000	(30,000)
8671. Somerville Town Centre Plan	0	0	0	0	2,000	(2,000)
8674. Biodiversity Action Plan Modelling	0	0	0	30,000	52,000	(22,000)
8675. Stony Point Coastal Management/Fram	0	0	0	0	10,000	(10,000)
8676. Hastings Port Land Use and Transpor	0	0	0	0	15,000	(15,000)
8678. Township Design Guideline Brochures	0	0	0	0	14,900	(14,900)
8679. Heritage Review - Area 2	0	0	0	0	104,000	(104,000)
8706. Land Management Overlay Implementat	0	0	0	0	15,000	(15,000)
8724. Public Recreation Space Strategy	0	0	0	0	60,000	(60,000)
8726. Dromana Activity Centre Structure P	0	0	0	0	50,000	(50,000)
8731. Local Coastal Vulnerability Assessm	0	0	0	0	10,000	(10,000)
8732. Climate Change Community Engagement	0	3,307	(3,307)	0	0	0
8742. Community Engagement Policy & Guide	0	0	0	0	5,000	(5,000)
8751. WOL Rosebud West Family Access Proj	0	0	0	0	161,900	(161,900)
8757. WOL Iron Bar Project	0	0	0	0	1,900	(1,900)
8759. WOL Equipment Pilot	0	11	(11)	0	14,400	(14,400)
8760. Visitor Information Ctr Staffing	0	25,000	(25,000)	60,000	60,000	0
8761. M/ton Peninsula Branded Produce	0	0	0	0	40,000	(40,000)
8762. Police Point Houses	0	3,574	(3,574)	28,000	33,000	(5,000)
8764. Mobility Maps	0	788	(788)	37,000	37,000	0
8767. Review Ticket Machines	0	0	0	0	9,900	(9,900)
8768. Implementation Positive Ageing	0	7,638	(7,638)	87,000	87,000	0
8777. Arts & Culture Strat Project	0	870	(870)	40,000	47,500	(7,500)
8778. Literacy Villages Project	0	233	(233)	64,000	77,800	(13,800)
8780. Local History Digitisation Project	0	2,682	(2,682)	40,000	40,000	0
8782. Reconciliation Action Plan	0	310	(310)	15,000	28,300	(13,300)
8783. Food Access Plan	0	2,250	(2,250)	25,000	25,000	0
8789. Biodiversity Action Plan	0	0	0	0	60,000	(60,000)
8790. Music Bursary Program	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0

Program	Forecast		Actual		Variance		Budget		Forecast		Variance	
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
8793. Land Subject to Inundations Overlay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	0	15,000	(15,000)	(15,000)
8795. Heart of R/Bud Precinct Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45,000	0	45,000	(45,000)	(45,000)
8799. Ranelagh Conservation Man Plan Impl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,000	0	18,000	(18,000)	(18,000)
8802. External Website	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,900	0	20,900	(20,900)	(20,900)
8803. WOL FREEZA (D&A Free Entertainment)	0	742	742	742	(742)	0	0	37,000	0	37,000	(37,000)	(37,000)
8803. WOL FREEZA (D&A Free Entertainment) (Inc)	0	(12,000)	(12,000)	(12,000)	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8805. Youth Services Replace Internet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,900	0	6,900	(6,900)	(6,900)
8806. Community Grant-ArtsStream	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0	40,000	0	0
8809. Marketing MPS to Nat Conference	9,300	23	23	23	9,277	0	50,000	111,700	0	111,700	(61,700)	(61,700)
8810. WOL Bushfire Planning Provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,300	0	6,300	(6,300)	(6,300)
8811. WOL Universal Access Planning & Cha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,500	0	12,500	(12,500)	(12,500)
8825. WOL Koories in the Kitchen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	0	3,500	(3,500)	(3,500)
8828. Smart Phone App	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,000	0	18,000	(18,000)	(18,000)
8829. Local Landcare Facilitators Initiat	0	3,846	3,846	3,846	(3,846)	0	0	11,500	0	11,500	(11,500)	(11,500)
8842. Olympic Park Master Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,500	0	10,500	(10,500)	(10,500)
8845. WOL History of Rosebud West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,200	0	16,200	(16,200)	(16,200)
8847. Peninsula Planning Statement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,600	0	51,600	(51,600)	(51,600)
8847. Peninsula Planning Statement (Inc)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(25,000)	0	(25,000)	25,000	25,000
8848. Port Strategy Implications Study	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,800	0	27,800	(27,800)	(27,800)
8849. Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	89,800	0	89,800	(39,800)	(39,800)
8852. Coastal Geotechnical Risk Assessmen	0	3,122	3,122	3,122	(3,122)	0	0	40,000	0	40,000	(40,000)	(40,000)
8857. Bushland Contracts Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52,800	0	52,800	(52,800)	(52,800)
8858. Tidy Town Awards - Gala Dinner	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8860. Mayoral Sustainability Awards	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8863. Climate Adaption Plan Priorities	0	3,005	3,005	3,005	(3,005)	0	40,000	84,500	0	84,500	(44,500)	(44,500)
8864. Street Lighting Upgrade Investigati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,600	0	21,600	(21,600)	(21,600)
8867. Ten Year Kindergarten Strategy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	0	4,000	(4,000)	(4,000)
8869. Indigenous Artefacts Assessment Pro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,300	0	14,300	(14,300)	(14,300)
8870. Human Rights Arts & Film Festival	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	0
8871. Sus Communities Planning Framework	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,700	0	11,700	(11,700)	(11,700)

Program	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
8877. WOL Smalltalk Program	0	0	0	0	4,600	(4,600)
8877. WOL Smalltalk Program (Inc)	0	(5,260)	5,260	0	0	0
8878. WOL Willum Warrain	10,000	7,119	2,881	0	128,000	(128,000)
8878. WOL Willum Warrain (Inc)	0	(27,740)	27,740	0	0	0
8881. Packaged Liquor Licences Research	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8882. Road Safety Initiative Research an	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
8882. Road Safety Initiative Research an (Inc)	0	(500)	500	0	0	0
8885. Archibald Prize Exhibition	0	8,600	(8,600)	0	0	0
8886. Econ Benefits - Port of Hastings	0	0	0	0	2,200	(2,200)
8889. Fire Services Property Levy-Imp	0	920	(920)	0	0	0
8892. WOL Metro Access Inclusive Respite	0	0	0	0	3,100	(3,100)
8893. WOL Equine Industry Study	0	0	0	0	1,600	(1,600)
8894. WOL MP Food Industry Reference Grp	0	0	0	0	13,900	(13,900)
8895. WOL Indigenous Health and Wellbeing	0	0	0	0	15,000	(15,000)
8896. WOL - Mornington Beach Water Assess	0	960	(960)	0	12,700	(12,700)
8897. Climate Discussion Presentation	1,538	0	1,538	20,000	20,000	0
8899. WOL Schoolies Week Project	0	0	0	0	3,300	(3,300)
8899. WOL Schoolies Week Project (Inc)	0	(968)	968	0	0	0
8900. Oral History Preservation Project	1,154	0	1,154	15,000	15,000	0
8901. Mornington Structure Plan	0	0	0	0	80,000	(80,000)
8902. Tyabb Airfield Precinct Plan	0	0	0	0	30,000	(30,000)
8903. Heritage Review - Area 3	0	0	0	30,000	0	30,000
8905. David Collings LC Business Plan	0	3,000	(3,000)	0	9,500	(9,500)
8906. Slope Stability Inclinometers	0	0	0	0	20,000	(20,000)
8907. Management of Closed Landfills	0	4,315	(4,315)	0	100,000	(100,000)
8908. Green Innovations	0	5,200	(5,200)	0	0	0
8909. Bay Trail Missing Links	3,846	924	2,922	50,000	50,000	0
8910. Safety Beach CMP - Stage 2	0	0	0	0	25,000	(25,000)
8911. Relief & Recovery Centre Plan	2,308	39	2,269	30,000	30,000	0
8912. Mton Park Local Area Traffic Strate	0	1,683	(1,683)	0	19,700	(19,700)

Program	Forecast		Actual		Variance		Budget		Forecast		Variance	
	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
8913. Prevention of Violence Charter & AP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,300	4,300	(4,300)	
8914. Place Planning	9,231	6,611	6,611	2,620	2,620	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	0	0
8915. Let's Talk About Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,300	4,300	(4,300)	
8916. Heritage Postcards Travelling Exhib	385	0	0	385	385	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
8917. Emergency Management Training	0	1,810	1,810	(1,810)	(1,810)	0	0	23,000	23,000	23,000	(23,000)	

STANDARD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME STATEMENT COMMENTARY

The year to date favourable variance is due to a number of variances across the organisation. The tables below list some larger items (generally over/under \$50k) that have contributed to the year to date variances.

REVENUE

Rates and Charges

- **Year to date** variance is favourable, by \$127k primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
General Rates	+ \$1.324m	Fav	Timing of raising rates including supplementary rates is earlier than expected.

Statutory Fees

- **Year to date** variance is favourable, by \$48k primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Shire Rangers Infringements	+ \$25k	Fav	Increased fines issued than forecast
Buidling Surveyor	+ \$19k	FAV	Increased fines issued than forecast

User Fees

- **Year to date** variance is unfavourable, by \$145k primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
HACC General	- \$88k	Unf	Invoicing deferred to August.
SCS - Old Mornington RD Stg 2	- \$61k	Unf	Invoicing for SCS delayed
SCS - Elizabeth St - Main St	- \$54k	Unf	Invoicing for SCS delayed
WOL - MPT Industry	+ \$43k	Fav	Priorty Project funding received
Stat Planning - Legal Recovery	+ \$45k	Fav	Legal recovery income received

Contributions

- **Year to date** variance is favourable, by \$71k primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Capital Works	+ \$76k	Fav	Receipt of contribution towards Civid Reserve Masterplan

Contributed Assets

- **Year to date** variance is unfavourable, by \$17k primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
New Subdivisions contributions	- \$17k	Fav	Timing of receipts from subdividers

Grants - Recurrent

- **Year to date** variance is favourable by \$212k, primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Fire Prevention	+ \$110k	Fav	Funding received earlier than expected.
School holiday program	+ \$35k	Fav	Relates to 2013/14.
WOL Willum Warrain	+ \$28k	Fav	Unbudgeted funding received
Immunisation	+ \$23k	Fav	Timing of grant funding received
WOL Engage	+ \$23k	Fav	Timing of grant funding received

Interest

- **Year to date** variance is unfavourable by \$114k, primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Rates Interest Income	- \$93k	Unf	Timing of raising of rate interest. Budget will be rephased in the next month.

EXPENDITURE

Employee Costs

- **Year to date** variance is unfavourable by \$1.334k primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Employee Overheads - Workcover Premiums	- \$1,280k	Unf	Workcover premium paid earlier than forecast.
Employee Overheads - Oncost Recovered	+ \$60k	Fav	Budget phasing review
Statutory Planning	- \$92k	Unf	Unforeseen expenses.
Outside School Hours Admin.	- \$56k	Unf	Redundancy due to program closure.

Materials and Services

- **Year to date** variance is favourable by \$218k, primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Plant & Equipment - Fuel & Oil	+ \$54k	Fav	Timng of payment/budget profile
Plant & Equipment - Lease	+ \$80k	Fav	Timing of lease payment
Statutory Planning - Legal	+ \$47k	Fav	Timing of expenditure
Peninsula Wide	+ \$35k	Fav	Timing of publication

Finance Costs

- **Year to date** variance is favourable by \$353k, primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Loan interest	+ \$353k	Fav	Accrued loan interest - year end account adjustments 2013-14 - timing

Other Expenses

- **Year to date** variance is unfavourable by \$37k, primarily due to:

Item	YTD Variance	Fav / Unf	Reason
Animal Registration - Contributions	- \$71k	Unf	Timing of registration payments - budget profile
Community Renewal Program	- \$88k	Unf	Non cash accounting entry. Paid from external funding received late 2013/14.
Family Day Care - Fee Relief paid	+ 31k	Fav	Timing of payments made to care givers
Community Grants - CAB	+ \$92k	Fav	Payments not made as agreements have not been returned yet.

Standard Statement of Financial Performance (Income Statement)

For the period ending July 2014

	Forecast Month \$'000	Actual Month \$'000	Variance Month \$'000	Forecast Y.T.D \$'000	Actual Y.T.D. \$'000	Variance Y.T.D \$'000	Budget Y.E. \$'000	Forecast Y.E. \$'000	Variance Y.E. \$'000
Revenue from ordinary activities									
Rates and Charges	139,336	140,660	1,324	139,336	140,660	1,324	140,124	140,124	0
Statutory Fees and Fines	300	348	48	300	348	48	4,088	4,088	0
User Fees	3,861	3,716	(145)	3,861	3,716	(145)	23,639	23,639	0
Contributions	402	473	71	402	473	71	2,265	2,265	0
Contributed Assets	17	0	(17)	17	0	(17)	6,500	6,500	0
Grants - Recurrent	1,868	2,081	212	1,868	2,081	212	19,052	19,077	25
Grants - Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,758	4,758	0
Interest	100	(14)	(114)	100	(14)	(114)	1,525	1,525	0
Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total revenues	145,884	147,263	(1,379)	145,884	147,263	(1,379)	201,951	201,976	(25)
Expenses from ordinary activities									
Employee Costs	4,513	5,847	(1,334)	4,513	5,847	(1,334)	63,756	63,756	0
Materials and Services	3,394	3,176	218	3,394	3,176	218	88,384	93,774	(5,390)
Depreciation and Amortisation	2,083	2,083	0	2,083	2,083	0	25,000	25,000	0
Finance Costs	187	(166)	353	187	(166)	353	2,239	2,239	0
Other Expenses	317	354	(37)	317	354	(37)	4,865	4,865	0
Asset Revaluations and Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total expenses	10,493	11,293	(799)	10,493	11,293	(799)	184,244	189,633	(5,390)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Sale/Disp Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(135,391)	(135,971)	579	135,391	135,971	579	17,707	12,343	(5,365)

CASH FLOW STATEMENT COMMENTARY

The Cash Flow statement for July 2014 will not be available until the completion of the 2013/14 audit.

BALANCE SHEET COMMENTARY

The Balance Sheet for July 2014 will not be available until the completion of the 2013/14 audit.

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT COMMENTARY

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KEY FINANCIAL STATUS INDICATORS

BORROWINGS

Loan No.	Financial Institution	Debt Principal 1 July 2014 \$'000	New Borrowings \$'000	Principal Paid 2014/2015 \$'000	Debt Principal 30 June 2015 \$'000
5	National Australia Bank	712	-	-	712
6	National Australia Bank	249	-	-	249
7	National Australia Bank	230	-	-	230
8	National Australia Bank	1,126	-	-	1,126
9	National Australia Bank	974	-	-	974
10	Commonwealth Bank	1,213	-	-	1,213
11	Commonwealth Bank	4,590	-	323	4,267
12	Commonwealth Bank	4,631	-	270	4,361
13	Commonwealth Bank	3,081	-	-	3,081
14	Commonwealth Bank	1,953	-	-	1,953
15	Bendigo Bank	2,220	-	-	2,220
16	Bendigo Bank	2,380	-	-	2,380
17	National Australia Bank	2,634	-	-	2,634
18	Commonwealth Bank	11,465	-	-	11,465
		37,458	-	593	36,865

LEASES

Lease No.	Financial Institution	Debt Principal 1 July 2014 \$'000	New Leases \$'000	Principal Paid 2014/2015 \$'000	Debt Principal 30 June 2015 \$'000
North	CBFC	17	-	17	-
South1	CBFC	9	-	9	-
South2	CBFC	18	-	9	9
South3	CBFC	30	-	10	20
		74	-	45	29