

Caring for our community



MORNINGTON
PENINSULA
Shire

during Coronavirus

Getting through this together

To protect our community the Mornington Peninsula Shire is taking measures to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. Council's immediate priority is keeping our community safe and well. For the latest updates, including Easy Read facts sheets for people with disability and their families and carers, visit:

📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



Care Packages

Mornington Peninsula Shire in partnership with local Community Support Centres is offering care packages for our most vulnerable and isolated community members who are impacted by Coronavirus. The care packages include non-perishable food and essential hygiene items and are sent to eligible households through contactless delivery.

You are eligible to receive a care package if you:

- are being impacted by COVID-19 due to self-isolation
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- have no support locally to access supplies
- are experiencing significant hardship due to the current situation.

To register to receive a care package from Mornington Peninsula Shire phone

📞 1300 850 600

Community Support Centres

Community Information and Support Centres provide programs and services to assist vulnerable individuals, couples and families.

Services provided include fresh food parcels, personal hygiene products and food vouchers. There is also support available for people experiencing financial difficulties and referral information is provided to other health and community agencies.

Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre

📞 5986 1285

Westernport Community Support Centre

📞 5979 2762

Mornington Community Information and Support Centre Inc.

📞 5975 1644

Local business support

We've launched a new local business directory that connects you with local businesses that are still operating during Coronavirus. Part of the Shire's efforts to support local businesses during COVID-19, the directory enables residents to search for local businesses offering goods or services they need. You can filter your search depending on whether you're looking for online ordering, home delivery, no contact collection or just business as usual. **More and more listings are added every day, so support our local businesses and check out the new directory at:**

📍 mpbusiness.com.au/supportlocalbusiness

Contact us:

📞 5950 1000 or 1300 850 600

📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au

📱 [mornpenshire](https://www.facebook.com/mornpenshire)

Messages from our councillors



Your Councillors (L-R)

Seawinds Crs Simon Brooks, Antonella Celi, Frank Martin

Briars Crs Rosie Clark, Bev Colomb, Mayor Cr Sam Hearn

Nepean Crs Hugh Fraser, Bryan Payne

Cerberus Cr Kate Roper

Watson Cr Julie Morris

Red Hill Cr David Gill

Biodiversity in our backyard

Right now the best way to help the community and save lives is to stay home. This is the perfect opportunity to discover the natural world on your doorstep. We are encouraging you and the family to get outside and uncover the hidden life in your backyard. Explore your garden and discover all the wonderful plants and critters that call it home, then add your findings to the Mornington Peninsula Backyard Biodiversity group on iNaturalist - an easy to use app that will help you identify your findings.

Staying connected

While we all must keep our physical distance from each other, there is plenty we can do to stay connected with our friends and family, our community and the world.

Our libraries have launched a new Social Hub featuring a huge range of activities you can do from home. There are loads of free online courses plus wonderful Creativebug art and craft videos. Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery also has virtual tours of its exhibitions, so we don't have to miss out.

📍 ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au

📍 mprg.mornpen.vic.gov.au

Maintaining good mental health

The outbreak of Coronavirus is a stressful time for everyone. It's natural to feel fear, worry or anxiety - especially with the constant cycle of news and updates. During this time it's important we do things to help us cope and maintain good mental health. The Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service has been developed by Beyond Blue to address the growing mental health impact of the pandemic, including fear about the virus, financial stress, family stress, anxiety and loneliness.

To find out more:

📍 coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au

📞 1800 512 348