

# Caring for our community



MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA  
Shire

during Coronavirus

## Getting through this together

You must **wear a face mask when in public.**

**Keep 1.5 metres away** from anyone you don't live with.

**Wash your hands** – cough and sneeze into your elbow.

**Stay home when unwell** – if you have symptoms, get tested.

If you can work from home, **you should work from home.**

For the latest Shire updates please visit: [📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)



### Crib Point gas pipeline project open for submissions

Mornington Peninsula Shire is urging all residents to have their say on a proposal for a new gas facility and underground pipeline at Crib Point.

Due to the potential for serious impacts on the internationally significant Western Port Ramsar site, listed migratory species, listed threatened species and ecological communities, an Environmental Effects Statement (EES) has been prepared. **The EES is now on public exhibition until 26 August.**

Council does not have any decision-making powers with respect to this project; that rests with the state and federal governments.

For more information on the project and on how to make a submission visit:

- 📍 [gasimportprojectvictoria.com.au](https://gasimportprojectvictoria.com.au)
- 📍 [engage.vic.gov.au/crib-point-IAC](https://engage.vic.gov.au/crib-point-IAC)

### Call-out for councillor nominations

Council elections will be held on 24 October. Nominations for candidates open 17 September and must be lodged in person with the Election Manager appointed by the Victorian Election Commission by 12pm 22 September.

If you are passionate about what happens in your local community, becoming a Councillor is an exciting opportunity to make a positive difference and to represent the interests of your community. Councillors are responsible for setting strategic direction, priorities and policies; engaging with constituents on their values and needs; debating community issues and monitoring performance.

Candidates must complete mandatory training, be an Australian citizen and be enrolled to vote in the Mornington Peninsula Shire. Candidate information sessions are being held on:

**Saturday 8 August, 1pm to 2.30pm**  
**Monday 10 August, 6pm to 7.30pm**

For more information:

- 📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/councilelections](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/councilelections)

### It's the Yawa Aquatic Centre!

After receiving a staggering 5,000 community votes for the name of our new aquatic centre in Rosebud, councillors have considered the results and decided the official name will be Yawa Aquatic Centre. Yawa is the local indigenous word for 'swim' or 'to swim'.

Council would like to thank the community for being part of the naming process, firstly by suggesting names at the beginning of the year and more recently by voting on a favourite name from a shortlist of five.

- 📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/yawa](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/yawa)

### Contact us:

- 📞 5950 1000 or 1300 850 600
- 📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au](https://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

### Shire support for our community

The Shire is continuing to support our community during the pandemic, with more than 2,300 care packages delivered to those in need. Our Community Support and Information Centres continue to provide emergency relief as well. Our proposed 2020/21 budget allocates funding to the local music and arts industries to support their recovery; a SupportLocal campaign aims to promote local businesses; and Council is advocating for funding for shovel-ready projects that will stimulate economic growth.

- 📍 [community.care@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:community.care@mornpen.vic.gov.au)

### Discover our libraries and gallery online

While we are staying at home and the doors to our libraries may be closed, online is a hive of activity with more than 5,000 free resources on the new social hub: art and craft, courses to learn new skills, e-books, movies, kids' activities and more.

Also visit our new arts and culture website where we hope to inspire, connect, educate, entertain and give creative fulfilment to our community in these hard times.

- 📍 [artsandculture.mornpen.vic.gov.au](https://artsandculture.mornpen.vic.gov.au)
- 📍 [ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au](https://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au)

### Inclusion in metro Melbourne

Council is asking residents to have your say on the Mornington Peninsula's inclusion in metropolitan Melbourne. The Shire is strongly advocating to the state government to assist us to prevent high levels of visitation from metropolitan Melbourne to our region during the COVID-19 restrictions, and to investigate being reclassified as a regional local government area. There are many policy and funding implications of this that need to be considered and discussed and we welcome your feedback.

- 📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)