

# DRIFT

ARTS FESTIVAL  
MORNINGTON PENINSULA  
APRIL 21 – MAY 1 2022

## Drift Arts Festival coming soon

Drift is a new annual festival of art, music and celebration on the Mornington Peninsula.

For 11 days in autumn, Drift will bring the Peninsula's venues, places and spaces to life with performances, music, visual arts, film, public art installations, multimedia and projections, writing and literature and local food and wine, offering exciting new opportunities to experience the best of the region.

Drift showcases our local creative community while also bringing fresh new talent into our region. Brought to you by Mornington Peninsula Shire, it's a celebration of our unique region and community not to be missed!

Come and drift with us.  
📍 [driftartsfestival.com.au](http://driftartsfestival.com.au)  
21 April – 1 May

# Around our Peninsula



MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA  
Shire

## Events

### April

- 6** Community catch up with Cr Sarah Race  
Blairgowrie Beach Box café
  - 10** Pier to Perignon swim  
Sorrento foreshore
  - 12** Briars Junior Rangers  
The Briars, Mount Martha
  - 12** Little tackers make great trackers  
The Briars, Mount Martha
  - 15** Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Easter Art Show  
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
  - 16** Sourdough breadmaking workshop  
Eco Living Display Centre, The Briars
  - 17** Flinders Motoring Heritage  
Corner of Cook and Norman Streets
  - 18** Mount Martha South Beach Market  
Mount Martha Parade Lawns
  - 18** Red Hill Easter Egg Hunt  
Red Hill Recreation Reserve
  - 19** Tinkerbell and the Dream Fairies  
The Briars, Mount Martha
  - 20** Nest box monitoring – family walk and talk  
The Briars, Mount Martha
  - 23** Briars After Dark wildlife walk and talk  
The Briars, Mount Martha
  - 23** Western Port Craft Expo  
Hastings Community Hub
  - 24** Briars market  
The Briars, Mount Martha
- Information is correct at time of printing.**  
**Full events list:** 📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/events](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/events)

## Grants

COVID booster vouchers	open 21 April
Township and Industrial Estate Revitalisation Initiatives	closes 22 April
Community Service Providers Grant	closes 29 April
Single-use Plastic Grant	closes 10 June

## Reminders

Pet registrations	due 10 April
Anzac Day	25 April
📍 <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/anzacday">mornpen.vic.gov.au/anzacday</a>	
Solar and energy bulk buy	ends June
Kindergarten registrations	close 17 July

## Join the conversation 📍 [shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au)

Coastal and marine management plans	Ongoing	Local Infrastructure Projects	closes 1 May
Rosebud Foreshore Master Plan	closes 11 April	Amendments C271 and C282 protecting town character and responding to sea level rise	Community info session: 6 April, 10am closes 6 May
Sunnyside nudist beach consultation	closes 21 April	Amendment C232 environmentally sustainable design local planning policy	closes 20 May
Place Naming Policy	closes 27 April		

## Messages from your Councillors



**Standing (L-R):** Crs Mercurio, McCafferty, Race, O'Connor, Bissinger, Holland  
**Seated (L-R):** Crs Gill, Mar, Marsh, Dixon, Celi

### Time to get vocal

**Briars:** Cr Steve Holland, Mayor Cr Anthony Marsh, Cr Despi O'Connor (on leave)

It is clear that the Mornington Peninsula has missed out on significant funding opportunities by our metropolitan status despite our peri-regional nature. As we head into two elections this year, community advocacy for all the projects and policies in our region will be vital – it's time to get vocal!

Look out for me (Anthony Marsh) on the water over Easter as I take on a kayak challenge paddling along our two bays. Donations go to our emergency services while raising awareness of the need to protect our coastlines.

📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/charitypaddle](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/charitypaddle)

### Meeting community needs

**Nepean:** Crs Susan Bissinger, Sarah Race

We are looking to a bright future for the Nepean ward with current works in Tootgarook, Rye, Blairgowrie and Portsea, and projects coming up for Sorrento as well.

The new playground behind the Blairgowrie shops is getting a fantastic makeover, with Blairgowrie locals raising more than \$5,000 towards the new playground, making this a true community project.

Pedestrian safety is also a priority and will be looking to find money in the upcoming budget to address pedestrian black spots in our ward.

### Priority projects on the go

**Seawinds:** Crs Antonella Celi, Debra Mar, Kerri McCafferty

Seawinds ward councillors are working hard to ensure our community's needs are met. With a new playground at Bishop Reserve in Dromana, plans for a new Youth Hub for Rosebud and a toilet block for Safety Beach, we look forward to the roll out of capital works and continued advocacy for funding to help complete our priority projects. Every Anzac Day, our community comes together to remember the service and sacrifice of our men, women and working animals that served Australia during wartime.

### What matters to you

**Cerberus:** Deputy Mayor Cr Lisa Dixon

Together with our Mayor, Anthony Marsh, I am on the road to say hello to our community and discuss your ideas, goals or matters that are important to you. And we'll come to you! Some great news for families struggling financially following the hardships of COVID. The Shire has partnered with the Belgravia Foundation to help pay for swimming lessons at Pelican Park for those in need. Applications via the Pelican Park website with lessons available until 30 June.

### Advocacy for arts and culture

**Watson:** Cr Paul Mercurio AM

The Mornington Peninsula has the fourth highest participation rate in arts and culture in Victoria, yet we don't have the infrastructure to showcase and grow this vital part of our economy. Now more than ever we need the connection that a strong creative community provides. We are advocating to state and federal governments for \$500,000 funding for a feasibility study for a new performing arts theatre on the Peninsula. We know there is strong support for this.

### Community trust

**Red Hill:** Cr David Gill

As councillors we are elected to represent you. Voters delegate much local decision making to their ward councillors and Council as a whole, trusting us to make responsible decisions on your behalf based on the merits of each matter raised.

Meaningful consultation and listening are the basis for a solid connection with community. If Council operates as an elite Board of Directors and is not seen as working in a community partnership, trust in the local government system may be lost. Please continue to contact me – 📞 0437 129 016.