

Caring for our community



MORNINGTON
PENINSULA
Shire

during Coronavirus

Things are changing quickly

As we continue adjusting to living with COVID-19, the Mornington Peninsula community may experience some changes to Shire services as a result of the virus.

Shire workplaces and community facilities may become exposure sites, leading to staff needing to isolate and we may not always have the capability to fill any gaps. We will either liaise directly with affected clients or share broad community messaging where there is a larger impact.

Our Shire website will have up-to-date information on services.

We thank you for your understanding if and when these circumstances arise.

📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



Sign up for our COVID-19 e-bulletin

If you would like to hear the latest news from the Shire regarding COVID-19 and how it affects us on the Mornington Peninsula, please sign up for our e-bulletin.

📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/COVIDbulletin

Want more Peninsula business news?

Visit our dedicated MP Business website for news and information on how we can help you and your business cope with the effects of COVID-19.

📍 mpbusiness.com.au

Contact us:

☎ 5950 1000 or 1300 850 600

📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au

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

Preparing for isolation

If you get COVID-19 or you are a household or household-like contact of someone who has, you must immediately isolate for seven days and you can't leave your house during this time.

Planning and preparing for this situation will make things easier if you become infected or exposed to COVID-19 and are required to isolate.

📍 [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/
checklist-prepare-covid-isolation](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-prepare-covid-isolation)

Are you fire and storm ready?

There are many things you can do to prepare for and emergency. Visit this helpful website to learn how you can be ready and avoid a lot of stress.

📍 emergencyprepare.com.au

Book your third dose

If it has been four or more months since you had your second COVID-19 vaccination, and you are aged 18 or over, you are now eligible to get your third dose (booster).

A COVID-19 third dose is strongly recommended to help keep you and your loved ones protected from COVID-19. Eligible people will receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Book through a GP or pharmacy using the vaccine clinic finder.

📍 covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/

Book at a Victorian vaccination centre.

📍 [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/
book-your-vaccine-appointment](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment)

Messages from our councillors



Your Councillors (L-R)

Seawinds Crs Antonella Celi, Debra Mar, Kerri McCafferty

Briars Cr Steve Holland, Mayor Cr Anthony Marsh, Cr Despi O'Connor

Nepean Crs Sarah Race, Susan Bissinger

Cerberus Deputy Mayor Cr Lisa Dixon

Watson Cr Paul Mercurio AM

Red Hill Cr David Gill

Keep on caring for each other

Throughout the pandemic, our community has continued to look out for each other and offer support when needed. Now more than ever we need to keep up the good work and do what we can to help each other through these challenging times. Some things we can do include:

- Check in on neighbours or anyone you know who is vulnerable
- Offer to shop for friends in isolation or organise online deliveries
- Help others who are not online to book their third dose (booster)
- Meet outside as much as possible

Mental health support is available

It is important to look after your mental health during the pandemic. We have all been affected and sometimes anxiety and distress can feel overwhelming. If you or anyone you know is struggling to cope, it is important to ask for help and talk to someone about how you are feeling.

Some organisations you can get help from include:

- Beyond Blue ☎ 1800 512 348
- Lifeline ☎ 13 11 14
- 1800RESPECT ☎ 1800 737 732
- Headspace ☎ 1800 650 890
- Kids Helpline ☎ 1800 551 800

Help us keep our Peninsula litter-free

Litter is an issue every summer as more people on the Peninsula means more rubbish. Unfortunately, a nationwide shortage of truck drivers has meant we can't do our additional household recycling collection over summer. This had led to added pressure on our public bins.

We've scheduled more frequent collections for public bins but sometimes bins still get full. If the public rubbish bins are full, please take your litter home with you – don't leave it next to the bin.

We all have a part to play in keeping our environment litter-free.