

# Budget portal now open!



## What would you like to fund?

Our Budget portal is open, and we'd like your feedback on what's important to you and what you think should be prioritised in our Budget 2023 – 24.

Simply go to our online portal and let us know how you think we should allocate money to our 14 key themes. All contributions and feedback will be presented to Council for their consideration.

While most of the money in the Budget is allocated to essential services including waste collection, road maintenance, family services and more, your feedback is important.

**Take part and win! Share your ideas and you could win a \$100 Best Bites voucher.**

🔗 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/budgetportal](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/budgetportal)  
Closes on **Wednesday 15 March 2023**.

# Around our Peninsula



**MORNINGTON PENINSULA**  
Shire

## Events

### February

- 08 Games on the Green**  
The Briars
- 11 Community market**  
Crib Point Community House
- 13 Energy bills help**  
Hastings library
- 18 Emu Plains market**  
Emu Plains Reserve
- 19 Summer exhibitions**  
Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery
- 19 Creative Sea Creatures workshop**  
Point Nepean Quarantine Station
- 25 Red Hill Railway family day**  
Red Hill Railway Station

### March

- 04 Organic veggie gardening**  
The Briars
- 11 Red Hill Show**  
Red Hill Recreational Reserve
- 13 Somerville Family Day**  
Fruit Growers Reserve
- 19 MY Mount Eliza run**  
Mount Eliza Regional Park
- 25 Womindjeka Balnarring Ngargee**  
Emu Plains Reserve
- 25 Peninsula Picnic**  
Mornington Racecourse

**Information is correct at time of printing.**  
**Full events list:** 🔗 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/events](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/events)

## Budget

- Mornington Main Street Market**  
Wednesday 8 February, 9am – 1pm
- Hastings Main Street Market**  
Thursday 9 February, 9am – 1pm
- Rosebud Primary School Market**  
Saturday 11 February, 8am – 1pm

## Reminders

- Food truck vendors EOI** Closes 1 March  
🔗 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/foodtruck](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/foodtruck)
- Nature Stewards Program** Closes 3 March  
🔗 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/naturestewards](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/naturestewards)
- Heritage Awards** Closes 10 March  
🔗 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/heritageawards](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/heritageawards)

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| <b>Civic Reserve Masterplan</b>      | 🔗 <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/civicreservemasterplan">mornpen.vic.gov.au/civicreservemasterplan</a> | Opens 15 February  |
| <b>Open air burning</b>              | 🔗 <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/locallawreview">mornpen.vic.gov.au/locallawreview</a>                 | Closes 19 February |
| <b>RW Stone Masterplan</b>           | 🔗 <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/somersbikepark">mornpen.vic.gov.au/somersbikepark</a>                 | Closes 3 March     |
| <b>Sports Club Management Policy</b> | 🔗 <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/sportspolicy">mornpen.vic.gov.au/sportspolicy</a>                     | Closes 31 March    |

## Messages from your Councillors



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

**Briars**  
**Mayor Cr Steve Holland, Cr Anthony Marsh, Cr Despi O'Connor**  
Great things are happening at Civic Reserve, Mornington.

Have your say on our updated Masterplan and tell us between 15 February and 15 March if it meets the needs of our growing community.

Our Caring for Koala Country event at The Briars on 18 March will inspire you to take action to care for our biodiversity. There'll be free events and activities focussing on our natural environment as it's a key part of what makes our Peninsula so special.

**Cerberus**  
**Cr Lisa Dixon**  
Thank you to everyone who contributed their thoughts on the draft Hastings Foreshore Masterplan.

You played an important role in the future management of the foreshore and your local knowledge helped inform the Plan. It's scheduled to be presented for adoption by Council on 21 February.

HMAS Cerberus is having an open day on Sunday 19 March. The event will highlight Naval training, activities for the family and lots more. I'll see you there.

**Nepean**  
**Crs Susan Bissinger, Sarah Race**  
The summer litter campaign in Sorrento has seen the shopping precinct and foreshore free from overflowing bins. A win for both residents and visitors. If you're in Rye and Tootgarook, you'll be receiving more information on the road safety upgrades and upcoming community information sessions.

Our watercraft removal program will see our beaches healthy, safe and accessible again. If you have unauthorised watercraft on the foreshore – now's the time to safely remove it before March.

**Red Hill**  
**Cr David Gill**  
Storage facilities, grants and venues for volunteer groups providing theatre and music must be improved. A vibrant public and private Arts industry for our health and wellbeing is underestimated. Supporting our volunteers who give up their time to ensure we enjoy a variety of entertainment and cultural experiences is vital. I am back on the Arts and Culture Advisory Panel as the Shire delegate and hope to help lift Council's support for local performances.

**Seawinds**  
**Cr Antonella Celi, Deputy Mayor Cr Debra Mar**  
Into 2023 we go! We've had a busy summer with high tourist visitation and foreshore camping at full capacity. The safety improvements to the roundabout at the intersection of Codrington Street and Ligar Street, Dromana are almost complete. Our Safety Beach Masterplan is also progressing with the new toilet amenities in use and the works to seal the car park at Tassells Cove set to begin in March. We hope everyone enjoys the rest of summer.

**Watson**  
The by-election for a new Watson Ward Councillor will be done by postal ballot on 18 March. Watson Ward residents who are eligible to vote will receive postal voting packs in the mail from 1 March.

Our Somerville Active Recreation Hub continues to be a great facility for our community. We're installing new ball netting between Fruit Growers Reserve and the Active Hub. The netting will provide protection for people using the Active Hub by making sure any stray balls are kept within the oval.