

# Caring for our community



MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA  
Shire

during Coronavirus

## Getting through this together

You must **wear a face mask/covering 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)



### Council Elections 2020

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.

Candidates must complete mandatory online training, be an Australian citizen and be enrolled to vote in the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Municipal Association of Victoria is running free online Candidate Information Sessions to provide community members and prospective candidates with information about the electoral process, the role and purpose of local government and the role, responsibilities and expectations of a councillor.

#### Community and Candidate Information Session

Wednesday 9 September 6–8pm

Registrations are essential: [📍 cvent.me/GVlyRQ](https://cvent.me/GVlyRQ)

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

### Have your say!

- **Rye foreshore redevelopment:** closes 4 Sept
- **RideSafe Strategy 2020:** closes Fri 11 Sept
- **Defibrillators in public policy:** closes 15 Sept
- **Sorrento Master Plan:** closes Mon 21 Sept
- **New name for Blacks Camp Road:** closes Mon 21 Sept

### Conservation and bushfire protection

Improved planning controls for vegetation removal will help conserve vegetation, habitat and biodiversity outside of bushfire risk areas on the Peninsula, while supporting landowners in protecting their lives and properties in areas at risk from bushfires. The bushfire exemption for vegetation removal now only applies to areas within a Bushfire Prone Area. For more information: [📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/vegetationremoval](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/vegetationremoval)

### Zero single-use plastic and waste to landfill

Mornington Peninsula Shire's ambitious Beyond Zero Waste Strategy 2030 and the Single-use Plastic Policy have both been adopted by Council after extensive community consultation.

This means the Shire now has clear actions and targets to phase out single-use plastics in all Shire operations and will encourage all residents to work towards eliminating single-use plastic on the Peninsula by 2023.

This ties in with the Beyond Zero Waste Strategy, which aims to achieve zero waste being sent to landfill by 2030. These initiatives will restructure and transform our waste systems on the Peninsula.

### Contact us:

📞 5950 1000 or 1300 850 600

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

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

## 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

### 2021 Australia Day Local Awards nominations open 7 September

Do you know someone whose efforts within our community should be recognised? If you know a friend, family member, co-worker or school companion that has gone above and beyond to make the Peninsula a better place – nominate them for a 2021 Australia Day Award!

You can acknowledge someone's outstanding contribution to our community by nominating them in the categories of Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

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

### 2020–21 Budget now adopted

Community and business support have been top of mind in the 2020–21 Budget. Council's finances have been impacted in the first half of 2020 and we've had to make \$3 million in operational savings so far. We estimate a further reduction of \$6.4 million in income for this financial year and we have worked hard to deliver a fair and balanced budget. We are aware that people in our community are facing significant financial hardship due to COVID-19: please contact us to find out about our rates hardship policy.

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

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

### Our wellbeing

As we begin our fifth week of stage four restrictions on the Mornington Peninsula, we would like to thank our community for remaining calm, strong and focussed during this time. We understand the tremendous burden restrictions have placed on many businesses, households and individuals. We encourage those in need to seek support from our Community Support and Information Centres and to access mental health support from the organisations listed below.

[📍 headtohealth.gov.au](https://headtohealth.gov.au)

Beyond Blue 📞 1800 512 348

Domestic violence 📞 1800 737 732