

# Caring for our community

during Coronavirus



MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA  
Shire

## Getting through this together

To protect the safety of our community the Mornington Peninsula Shire is taking measures to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. This is a rapidly evolving situation. We will keep our community informed as things unfold. Council's immediate priority is keeping our community well. For the latest updates on impacted council services, programs, events and activities visit [mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

### Essential services

Please check our website for up to date information on the delivery of essential services to the community.

- [mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)
- 5950 1000

### Business support

Advice, updates and support to help your business plan and respond to coronavirus COVID-19 is available from Business Victoria.

They have also set up a hotline to help businesses with COVID-19 questions:

- 13 22 15
- [business.vic.gov.au](https://business.vic.gov.au)

### Events and gatherings

We've had to cancel or postpone events in line with the requirements of the federal and state governments. Please check our website for the most recent information

### Staying well

For all health-related queries about Coronavirus:

- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):
  - [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline (if you believe you are showing symptoms): 1800 675 398
- For information in languages other than English:
  - 131 450
- Only call Triple Zero (000) in emergencies.

### Services and facilities

Shire libraries, recreation and aquatic centres, gallery, visitor information, community houses, foreshore camping and other non-essential Shire-run facilities are closed until further notice.

Please check our website for a full list of closures.

### Contact us:

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

## Messages from our councillors



### Your Councillors (L-R)

**Seawinds** Crs Simon Brooks, Antonella Celi, Frank Martin  
**Briars** Crs Rosie Clark, Bev Colomb, Sam Hearn  
**Nepean** Crs Hugh Fraser, Bryan Payne

**Cerberus** Cr Kate Roper  
**Watson** Cr Julie Morris  
**Red Hill** Cr David Gill

### Buy local and support our businesses

There are many small and larger businesses on the Mornington Peninsula that contribute to our economy and support thousands of families. Where possible please buy local – our businesses really need you right now. Many businesses that can are moving to online sales so check out if your favourite shops are offering their goods or services online and are delivering already.

### Protect yourself and others

We all need to play our part in helping stop the spread of Coronavirus and 'flattening the curve' so our health system can provide the care required during this pandemic. Following the advice of state and federal government health authorities is crucial. Remember the most effective thing you can do is practice good hand hygiene, follow social distancing and self-isolating advice and keep away from others if you are unwell. Please make sure you are familiar with the Federal Government's good hygiene campaign: [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au)

### Check in on a neighbour

In these changing times we need to look out for and support others in need. There are many ways you can do this, for example offer to do the shopping for an elderly neighbor and leave it at their doorstep; explain to someone how to set up their computer or device so they can keep in touch with family and friends more easily; or just check in on people and make sure they are coping and have the support they need. We all need to be the best we can and get through this together.

### Looking after the vulnerable in our community

Like the rest of Australia and all around the world, the Mornington Peninsula has felt the impact of measures put in place to stop the spread of Coronavirus. We understand this is a difficult time for everyone in our community and we are particularly mindful of people who are most vulnerable and socially isolated. Our priority is to ensure our community stays connected and gets the essential services they need.