



## Sharing the beach this summer

Exercising your dog on the beach is a great way to get outdoors, however please remember dogs are prohibited on many beaches from 9am to 7pm throughout the daylight savings period. Make sure you keep your dog on a leash at all times, except when at a designated leash-free area. Community Safety Officers will be patrolling regularly over summer and look out for new signage throughout our Shire to help inform dog owners.

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

Jet skis are an increasingly popular activity at Peninsula beaches and often pose a danger to other people in the water if not ridden safely and responsibly. Council is committed to stopping dangerous behaviour by jet ski riders at our beaches this summer. In partnership with Maritime Safety Victoria, we will have Community Safety Officers patrolling beaches for speeding and irresponsible riding of jet skis.

📍 [transportsafety.vic.gov.au/msv/pwc](http://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/msv/pwc)



**MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA  
Shire**

### Contact us

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- 📍 [mornpenshire](https://www.facebook.com/mornpenshire)

## Be involved

### Have your say online or in person at any Shire office.

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

### Communities that Care – EOs

The Shire is calling for change makers to join a new Communities That Care Advisory Committee, which aims to reduce problem behaviours in young people. We're looking for people who have expertise and interest in Community Development or an understanding of Prevention Science in the Health Promotion or Health and Wellbeing field. Applications close 5pm Monday 2 December.

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

### Rye Urban Design Guidelines

Residents and businesses are invited to have their say on the Shire's draft Rye Urban Design Guidelines. Two options are being considered for the built form controls in Rye and Council would like your input as to which option you prefer. View the draft guidelines and complete an online form.

Closes 5pm Sunday 15 December.

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

### Community grants assistance

To help prospective grant applicants prepare their applications for the next round of community grants opening in February, the Shire is holding three community information sessions and two grant writing workshops in January/February. It's free to attend. For further details please contact us:

✉ [community.grants@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:community.grants@mornpen.vic.gov.au)

📞 5950 1425

### Mount Martha Active Recreation Hub

You are invited to provide feedback on the Shire's draft Eco Park Mount Martha Active Recreation and Skate Hub concept plans. View the draft concept plans and complete an online form or hard copy at our customer service centres. Closes Sunday 5 January.

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

### Accessible beach matting

Council is rolling out accessible beach matting at Mount Martha and Mills beach this summer. It will enable people in wheelchairs or with limited mobility to get to the water's edge.

If you would like accessible beach matting at your local beach, talk to your life saving club and encourage them to contact the Shire.

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

### Road safety on the Peninsula

Council is inviting the community to share their thoughts and ideas on how we can create a safer road system through safer roads; safer vehicles; safer speeds; safer people and bike safety. Join us for a drop-in session (dates online) and complete an online form or hard copy at our customer service centres.

Closes 5pm Friday 13 December.

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

## Around the Peninsula

### Summer is for everyone

**Seawinds:** Crs Simon Brooks, Antonella Celi, Frank Martin



The festive season is here and the southern Peninsula bursts with activity as we

count down to the holidays, Christmas and New Year. We hope you enjoy the Christmas Carols and Australia Day celebrations at Dromana and Rosebud. We pride ourselves on keeping our Peninsula clean and encourage everyone to be mindful when disposing of litter and avoid single use plastics that are detrimental to our environment.

### Join us at Civic Reserve

**Briars:** Crs Rosie Clark, Bev Colomb, Sam Hearn



Come and celebrate the opening of the new athletics track and

soccer pitches at Mornington's Civic Reserve on Saturday 30 November from 11am. Join us and the Hon. Greg Hunt MP for a free sausage sizzle and see the fantastic new facilities in action by local sports clubs. Also our next community ward meeting is at 5.30pm on 11 December at the Mount Eliza Community Hall. Please RSVP 📞 5950 1428

### A safe NYE for all

**Nepean:** Crs Hugh Fraser, Bryan Payne



The holiday season begins soon with an influx of visitors to the Peninsula.



To help ensure the southern Peninsula remains a safe, family friendly area the

Mornington Peninsula Shire is again undertaking the 'No Entertainment - No Nonsense' approach to New Year's Eve. There will be no planned events on New Year's Eve on foreshore reserves. We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

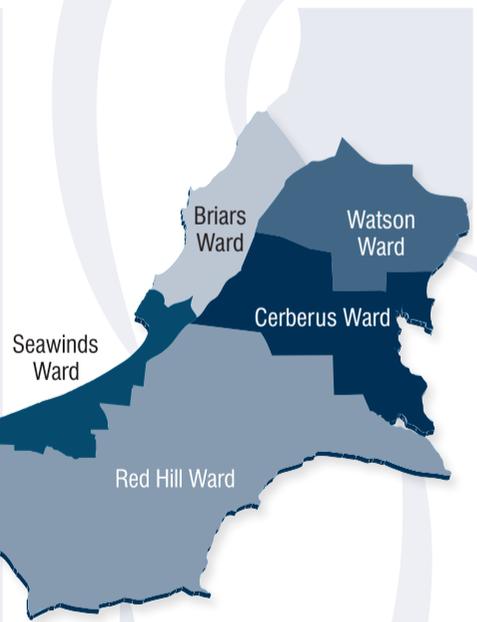
### Industry update

**Watson:** Cr Julie Morris



In response to the public exhibition of the draft Marine

Industry Precinct Analysis, we've heard while there is support for the project because of potential economic development and local employment there are also concerns regarding amenity, traffic and the environment. Council will re-investigate potentially suitable industrial land as part of its 2018 Industrial Areas Strategy. Further consultation to follow.



### The future of our koalas

**Red Hill:** Cr David Gill



Our community has grave concerns for the future of koalas on the Mornington Peninsula and elsewhere. There is a need to investigate falling numbers and diminishing habitat and for the

State government to provide a master plan for koala survival. On Sunday 1 December from 11:30am there is a koala 'walk and talk' and barbecue at the rotunda, Balnarring Beach, near the general store for all interested in koalas.

### Community matters

**Cerberus:** Cr Kate Roper



The Hastings By the Bay Carols will light up the Hastings Foreshore on 6 December bringing the community together to enjoy the Christmas music. You can now also drop in to

the Volunteering Information Hub at the Western Port Community Support Centre to find out about volunteering, the benefits of giving back to the community and how to find a volunteering opportunity that is right for you!

## Events

- 30 November** Living Culture Outdoor Movie Evening  
The Briars, Mount Martha
- 1 December** Mornington Peninsula Family Fun Day  
Mornington Park
- 7 December** Light the Night  
Hastings Foreshore Reserve
- 28 December** Kozii Challenge  
Mills Beach, Mornington
- 31 December – 11 January** McCrae SUFM  
McCrae Foreshore
- 1 January** New Year's Day picnic in the park  
Mornington Park
- 3 January** Emergency Expo  
Rosebud Foreshore
- 4 – 11 January** Sorrento Rotary Art Show  
Sorrento Community Centre
- 11 January** The Rye Gift and Family Fun Day  
R.J.Rowley Recreation Reserve
- 12 January** Rye Seaside Scavenge  
Rye Foreshore
- Two Bays Trail Run  
Visitors Info Centre Dromana to Cape Schanck
- 17 – 26 January** Mornington Rotary Art Show  
Peninsula Community Theatre
- 19 January** Sorrento Bay Swim  
Sorrento Foreshore
- 25 January** Red Hill free barbecue and  
Indigenous walks, corner Shoreham  
and Point Leo Road, Red Hill
- 26 January** Mount Martha Australia Day Swim  
Mount Martha Life Saving Club

### For all Australia Day events please visit

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

**For a full list of all Shire events including Christmas Carols, community markets and local music please see our website:** 📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/events](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/events)

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