

Caring for our community



MORNINGTON
PENINSULA
Shire

during Coronavirus

Getting through this together

Wear a face mask inside and when you can't socially distance outdoors

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.

For the latest Shire updates please visit: mornpen.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



Parking Precinct Plans: Hastings, Rosebud and Mornington – closes 20 December

We're all impacted by the availability and location of parking on the Peninsula. Mornington Peninsula Shire has developed draft Parking Precinct Plans to improve how car parking works in the centres of our three major townships: Hastings, Mornington and Rosebud. The Plans include recommendations for how the Shire can improve parking in the short-term and options to manage parking as town centres grow.

We're asking for your feedback on the draft Plans.
mornpen.vic.gov.au/parkingprecinctplans

Welcome to our new Council

Following our recent local government election, we welcome our new and returning Councillors, including new Mayor, Cr Despi O'Connor, and Deputy Mayor Cr Sarah Race.

Help choose our Gardens for Wildlife mascot – closes 14 December

Mornington Peninsula Shire is excited to invite you to participate in the Gardens for Wildlife program.

The free program aims to inspire our community to plant indigenous species in their gardens to attract local wildlife. We want your help to pick a mascot for our Gardens for Wildlife program before it kicks off in 2021. Cast your vote online at:
mornpen.vic.gov.au/gardensforwildlife

Jet ski safety

Jet skis are a popular activity at many Peninsula beaches. It is important to remember however, they pose a danger to other people if not ridden safely and responsibly. The Shire will have Community Safety Officers patrolling beaches for speeding and irresponsible riding of jet skis.
transportsafety.vic.gov.au/msv/pwc

Bike jumps on Shire land

We're developing a mountain bike and BMX strategy to provide more recreational bike opportunities on Shire land.

The new Strategy will ensure dirt jumps, skills parks and pump tracks are in appropriate locations and designed together with the community; taking safety and the broad range of users and abilities into consideration, while also protecting the Peninsula's unique environment and ecological values.

To get involved and have your say:
mornpen.vic.gov.au/bikesports

Contact us:

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

Messages from our councillors



Your Councillors (L-R)

Seawinds Crs Antonella Celi, Debra Mar, Kerri McCafferty

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

Nepean Cr Hugh Fraser, Deputy Mayor Cr Sarah Race

Cerberus Cr Lisa Dixon

Watson Cr Paul Mercurio AM

Red Hill Cr David Gill

Respect. What does it mean to you?

As Councillors, we are proud to have supported the International 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign, which challenges violence against women and girls. This encourages communities to ask: what does respect mean to you and how do you practice it?

In the 2019–20 financial year 2,211 family violence incidents were reported to Victoria Police on the Mornington Peninsula alone. This is a 16.9 per cent increase from the previous year, highlighting the need to address this significant social issue.

Summer safety

The holiday festive season is here and we are expecting a busy summer on the Peninsula. Let's make it a COVID-safe summer by following the current health advice and continuing to social distance. Take advantage of the many outdoor dining opportunities on the Peninsula, including the new pedestrian zone in Main Street, Mornington, and support our local businesses with your trade.

We are also urging locals and visitors to drive safely over summer and to especially ensure children remain safe while they ride and walk about our townships. Stay vigilant and look out for our reminder signs around Dromana, Rosebud and Rye.

Carols by Headlights

Instead of our traditional Carols by Candlelight, this Christmas we'll be screening a special film of carols performances, which includes local celebrities, performances by local musicians and singers, and Santa himself. It's all thanks to 12 generous community organisations, supported by the Shire and produced by the Peninsula Film Office. Join us at the Dromana Drive-in for three special nights 21–23 December. Tickets are free, bookings essential.

mornpen.vic.gov.au/christmas

For other events on Shire land please visit:

mornpen.vic.gov.au/events