

Around our Peninsula



MORNINGTON
PENINSULA
Shire

New COVID-19 relief and recovery grants now open

To help with relief and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shire has introduced a range of grant programs to support our community.

- Relief (quick response) Grants \$2,000.
Available until funds are expended
- Business Association COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program \$3,000. **Closes 5 March 2021**
- Community Recovery Grants \$10,000.
Closes 26 February 2021
- Biolinks Support Grants \$10,000.
Closes 5 March 2021

mornpen.vic.gov.au/grants

For a comprehensive list of more than 1,250 grant and funding opportunities available to you go to

mornpen.vic.gov.au/fundingfinder



Have your say

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

mornpen.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Nominations for the 2020 Best Bites

People's Choice Awards: closes 10 March

mornpen.vic.gov.au/bestbites

Heritage grant applications: close 26 March

mornpen.vic.gov.au/heritage

Library book delivery services survey:
closes 7 March

mornpen.vic.gov.au/libraryconsultation

Events

February

- 12 Kilburn Cinema
Mount Martha Community House
- 13 Schnapper Point Regatta,
Mornington Yacht Club
- 21 Pier to Perignon Swim,
Sorrento Foreshore

March

- 6-8 Sorrento Rotary Art Show
Sorrento Community Centre
- 6 Mornington County Music Festival
The Briars
- 6 Peninsula Film Festival
Dromana Drive-in
- 7 Sorrento Festival
Sorrento Community Centre
- 7 Red Hill community barbecue
and Indigenous walks
Red Hill Community Park
- 7 Peninsula Piers and Pinot
Flinders Foreshore Reserve
- 13 Whiting Challenge
Hastings boat ramp
- 14 MY Mount Eliza Run and Fun Festival
Mount Eliza Regional Park
- 21 Neighbour Day 2021
Seawinds Community Hub

Information is correct at time of printing. COVID-19 restrictions may cause changes or cancellations.

For a full list of all Shire events see our website:

mornpen.vic.gov.au/events

mornpen.vic.gov.au/markets

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Summer safety



Seawinds: Crs Antonella Celi, Debra Mar, Kerri McCafferty

Welcome everyone to the new year. As we move into a time of social and economic recovery, we would like to thank the community for the care and respect shown over our busy COVID-safe summer on the Peninsula. We heard from our community about many issues – such as public waste collection, jet ski behaviour and road safety and we will work to advocate on these and many other issues raised on your behalf.

Outdoor dining a breeze



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

Our extended outdoor dining program served many happy customers over summer as visitors and locals flocked to Main Street, Mornington, and parklets across Mount Eliza and Mount Martha. A survey of 500 people rated the program highly, with a majority of people giving it a score of at least 9 out of 10. We welcome further feedback from residents and look forward to evaluating plans for next summer. We encourage residents to continue to support local!

Making gains



Nepean: Cr Hugh Fraser, Deputy Mayor Cr Sarah Race

This summer saw the annual influx of visitors to the southern peninsula, including our new \$1 million Napier Street plaza. Our hospitality businesses worked tirelessly over this period. The upgrade works underway at Wilkinson Street in Tootgarook are using recycled plastic in both the road and footpath – saving the equivalent of more than half a million plastic bags from landfill and reducing the shires dependence on traditional materials quarried from environmentally sensitive areas.

Rewarding results



Cerberus: Cr Lisa Dixon

Huge congratulations to our beautiful township of Hastings for winning the 2020 Victorian Tidy Town of the Year! It is a wonderful and well-deserved achievement.

Our upgraded boat ramp at Hastings also proved a winner over summer and there are many more projects to look forward to in 2021, including our new modular sports pavilion at Tuerong, an extension to the sport pavilion at Crib Point Recreation Reserve and further upgrades to Bentons Road.

Volunteering for our community



Watson: Cr Paul Mercurio AM

If you've got some free time and your own car, have a think about volunteering for Peninsula Transport Assist. They use their own cars to drive residents to medical appointments, shopping and social events. It's a dedicated group doing unsung work for our community – but they need more help. If you're interested give PTA a call on ☎ 9708 8241.

Sad news that Somerville Fun Day has been cancelled due to COVID-19 but it will be back in 2022!

Meet your councillor



Red Hill: Cr David Gill

As you may know Red Hill Ward covers more than 50 per cent of the Mornington Peninsula Shire. It can be difficult for interested community members to travel to just one venue for informal discussions about issues with your Councillor. I am therefore organising weekday or weekend 'drop in coffee mornings' in as many of our 17 communities as needed.

Please look out for local publicity regarding a 'catch up' in your area.