



# Around our Peninsula



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## Events

### April

- 07 World Health Day** 📍 who.int
- 07 Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Easter Show**  
2900 Point Nepean Road, Blairgowrie
- 08 Rotary Club of Dromana Car Show**  
Dromana Drive In
- 15 Mornington Lions Annual Charity Book Fair**  
Corner Wilsons Road and Nepean Highway
- 22 Tierra Earth Day Festival**  
Peninsula Community Theatre, Mornington
- 22 Western Port Craft Expo**  
Hastings Community Hub
- 25 Anzac Day** 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/anzacday
- 29 Australian Native Plant Sale**  
The Briars

### May

- Various dates**
- Youngsters program** Mornington library
- Geocaching, Games on the Deck** The Briars
- 06 Build a Bat Box**  
The Briars
- 06 Pruning and care of fruit trees workshop**  
Eco Living Display Centre, The Briars
- 17 Low carbon concrete webinar**  
📍 lowcarbonconcrete.eventbrite.com.au
- 28 Mount Martha Briars Market**  
The Briars

Information is correct at time of printing.  
Full events list: 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/events

## Catch our DRIFT

DRIFT Arts Festival will run from Friday 21 to Sunday 30 April bringing to life our Peninsula's venues, places and spaces for 10 days with art and adventure. Arts and cultural events have the power to bring people together. This year's DRIFT has almost 100 events, including family-friendly shows, live music, workshops, visual and interactive arts and so much more.

If last year is anything to go by, we had 20,000 people attend and injected \$3.5m into our local economy. The festival will have something for everyone: outdoorsy types, art connoisseurs, comedy hungry, music lovers, foodies and kids will all find something to enjoy and remember. Come and DRIFT with us!

Explore the program and book your tickets  
📍 driftartsfestival.com.au

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## School holiday fun

- The Briars** 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/thebriars
- Libraries** 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram
- MPRG** 📍 mprg.mornpen.vic.gov.au/events
- Youth Services**  
📍 mpys.com.au/schoolholidayprogram

## Reminders

- Pet registration** Due 10 April  
📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/petregistration
- Energy Efficiency Grants for businesses**  
📍 mpbusiness.com.au Closes 19 April
- Green Waste Weekend** 28-30 April  
📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/greenwasteweekend

## Join the conversation 📍 shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au

- Public Art Policy** 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/publicartpolicy Closes 19 April
- Police Point Shire Park** 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/policepoint Closes 29 April
- Carbon Neutral Policy** 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/carbonneutralpolicy Closes 1 May
- Volunteers Week** 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/engagement Meet us on 17 May

## Messages from your Councillors



Standing (L-R): Crs Bissinger, Dixon, Marsh, Race  
Seated (L-R): Crs Mar, Holland, Celi, O'Connor Absent: Crs Brooks, Gill

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

The upgrades to Eco Park in Mount Martha have begun, thanks to everyone who gave their feedback for this exciting project. You can expect a new experience, including a pump track, skate bowl, sensory play and trampolines before July.

There's plenty of events and workshops on offer at The Briars this autumn and don't forget to make a booking with our tech-savvy teenagers between April and June at Mornington library as part of our Youngsters program.

### Cerberus Cr Lisa Dixon

Our Hastings Foreshore Master Plan was adopted by Council on 21 February. Thanks to everyone who contributed their thoughts during our extensive community engagement. Your local knowledge helped shape the Plan. We're now looking forward to putting the Plan in action.

Great news the mural *Painting Our Future* at Richies IGA in Hastings won bronze for the 2022 Australian Street Art Awards. Make sure you have your say on our Public Art Policy before 19 April.

### Nepean

#### Crs Susan Bissinger, Sarah Race

Great news the final stage of the Rye pier rebuild is starting in late April. Also, the Rye and Tootgarook Traffic Management Project is currently in the planning stage, we'll bring you the latest information as the project progresses. Taste Sorrento is back in June. You can expect a collaboration of local food and beverage producers, resident celebrity chefs, local traders and businesses showcasing what our Peninsula has to offer.

### Red Hill

#### Cr David Gill

I am looking for community feedback about your small community led projects that require Council approval to proceed. Often the process seems rigid with surprising costs and discouraging amounts of paperwork.

When a proposed community noticeboard for Shoreham costs \$60,000 and a small canopy over a platform at the amphitheatre in the Common at Balnarring costs \$80,000 it is time to rethink the Community Capital Infrastructure Project program to assist in keeping costs down!

### Seawinds

#### Cr Simon Brooks, Cr Antonella Celi, Deputy Mayor Cr Debra Mar

It's well known our volunteers are the backbone of our community and our Meals on Wheels team urgently need more volunteers in Rosebud. If you can help on weekday mornings between 9.30-11.30am please visit our Meals on Wheels webpage or phone 📞 5950 1600

The work to improve Tassells Cove car park continues to progress. We're expecting planning approval by mid-April before we can go out to tender. The work is part of the Safety Beach Master Plan.

### Watson

Kate Roper has been elected as the new Watson Ward Councillor. She will be sworn in at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 4 April and will then begin her official duties. Kate was previously a Councillor for Cerberus Ward from 2016 to 2020. Her previous experience will be invaluable to support and work with the Watson Ward community and improve life for all residents. We congratulate her and welcome her back to Council.