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**MONTHLY REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY
JULY 2011**

The Monthly Report to the Community summarises, for the information of the community and other interested stakeholders, all of the many activities of the Shire for the preceding month, ranging from policy development and implementation through to service delivery, the provision of infrastructure, and the Shire's financial position.

Given the scope of the Shire's wide ranging activities, there is a great deal to report. Every effort is made to provide information in a readily understandable, easy-to-read form.

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CEO's INTRODUCTION

On 21 July the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) and the State Services Authority (SSA) conducted a forum entitled '*Big Society and Localism*'.

'Big Society' is the British Government's proposal to

- decrease the size (and cost) of the civil service
- devolve more decision-making to local level
- increase community volunteering

The speakers were Prof. Gerry Stoker from the UK, and me, providing an Australian/Victorian perspective.

Connections with, real engagement with and support for, local communities has long been, and continues to be a high priority for Council, as is evident from a reading of this (and every) Monthly Report. The Shire strives to connect with each local community according to its needs and priorities, with State/Shire partnerships in Neighbourhood Renewal (Hastings/West Park) and Community Renewal (West Rosebud) being very positive examples of State and local government *working actively with* local communities, to develop and fulfil *their* aspirations. (Which I highlighted at the forum)

That same '*working with*' approach is apparent in:

- the development by our Communities That Care board of their strategic plan for supporting the Peninsula's young people (P.74)
- our support for a range of traineeship opportunities for our young people. (tourism P.47, building maintenance P.59, hospitality P.83, recreation P.84, local government P.99)
- our partnership with Oakwood School to provide an outreach program at Hastings and Rosebud for young people currently not in school, and chronically disengaged, who currently face the likelihood of ongoing long-term unemployment. (P.73)
- our active Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Awareness program (again, undertaken in conjunction with local community groups. P.90)
- our extensive Best Start/Early Years Community Program, a joint project with DEECD, Peninsula Health *and local communities*, to address critical early years development, particularly in more needy communities (P.74)
- the wide range of environmentally focused programs being undertaken with local schools and local community groups (e.g. Sustainability Street P.68)

These are selected examples, not a comprehensive list, of the wide range of community support activities through which local communities and local (and State) government *work together*, to build and sustain healthy, active, connected and safe local communities. In seeing 'community volunteering' as a *substitute* for active involvement and support by government 'Big Society' misses the point. Council appreciates that supporting local communities in these activities, and in providing sporting and other local facilities to promote health and well-being *with access for all*, that these programs are no less 'core', no less essential, than 'roads, rates and rubbish'.

The review by the Victorian Electoral Commission of Council's electoral representation may appear to be a 'separate topic' to the above discussion, but there is a strong and important connection with supporting and building strong local communities. The Shire's 'one councillor per ward' system provides a very direct representation and accountability connection between each local ward and 'their councillor', ensuring that local needs and priorities are understood, and represented 'at the

Council table', building on the work of each councillor in *working with* their local community. Given the diversity of the Peninsula's local communities, with differing geographies, differing socio-economic circumstances, and differing age profiles, local connectedness is essential. Council has had experience of larger, multi-councillor wards and found, very simply, that 'local connectedness was lost. Council is strongly committed to retention of single councillor wards.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Fire Prevention – Mornington Peninsula Freeway Reserve Fire Management Plan Community Engagement Day

In July, approximately 150 residents came together to discuss fire management plans for the freeway reserve through the southern Mornington Peninsula. Mornington Peninsula Shire, VicRoads and the Country Fire Authority (CFA) worked together to produce the fire management plan for the reserve, detailing proposed fire management works to reduce fire risk. Parks Victoria and the Department of Sustainability and Environment also provided supporting information. The joint project highlights the effort of all agencies to work towards a safer outcome for the community.



Natural Systems Assistance for Volunteers

In late July, the Natural Systems Team worked with Friends of Sunshine Bushland Reserve to present a workshop on how to write a successful grant application. The workshop aimed at streamlining the process for our bushland volunteers and included information available conservation grants, tracking finances, auditing, record-keeping, OH&S, monitoring and evaluation. To compliment this workshop, conservation officers have also been working closely with a number of Friends Groups to assist them in preparing grant applications for the Federal Government's Community Action Grants, part of the Caring for Our Country grant initiative.

Youth Programs

The young people involved in the Breakloose Mount Eliza Hip Hop Program celebrated the finale of the program with an amazing performance to their family, friends, Councillor Eustace and Councillor Celi. Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Mount Eliza kindly cooked a BBQ for the crowd of 130 people who attended the event.

Universal Maternal & Child Health Service

Universal Maternal & Child Health co-facilitated three "Toddlers without Tears" Programs for parents with 18 month old children. These two hour groups are being well received by the families who attended.

Camping Liaison Committee

The Camping Liaison Committee meeting held in July meeting allowed campers to directly interact with and ask questions to the Shire' contractor teams (SIMS Cleansing and SIMS Maintenance).

Mornington Main Street Community Amenity Advisory Group

The inaugural meeting of the Mornington Main Street Community Amenity Advisory Group was held this month. The purpose of this advisory group is to provide an opportunity for interested members of the Mornington Main Street surrounding community to meet to discuss and provide advice to the ward Councillor, Councillor Bev Colomb, and Shire officers on issues that impact on the amenity of the Mornington Main Street and the surrounding environments.

Mornington Peninsula and Frankston Illegal Dumping Taskforce

The Mornington Peninsula and Frankston Illegal Dumping Taskforce met in July. Representatives from Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mornington Peninsula Regional Waste Management Group, VicRoads and ParksVic discuss enforcement and education actions currently underway to address illegal dumping and collaborate on these issues. To complement this approach, the Shire in partnership with Clean Up Australia and the Yulgilbar Foundation are working together to deliver an education and community action campaign to address illegal dumping across the Mornington Peninsula, culminating in a 'Clean Up Dumping – Mornington Peninsula' weekend in November.

Sustainability Street

Since the Sustainability Street events across the Peninsula in May and June, three groups have been established with another on the way. The Balnarring Sustainability Street Group has already run several events, whilst the West Rosebud Sustainability Street group planning a composting workshop. The Rye and Red Hill Sustainability Street Groups will have their initial meetings in July.

Eco Living Display Centre - Collaborative Garden Project

Thirty carers and clients from disability Day Services providers, Connections and Kankama visited the Eco Living Display Centre in July to work on the vegetable beds. The team of gardeners will next visit Kankama in Mornington and return to the Centre in August to develop a vertical garden.

Our Libraries

Over 520 people also attended a range of events at all libraries which were presented in conjunction with the *Footprints* travelling exhibition and NAIDOC Week workshops for families; a jewellery workshop for adults; a talk by Adam Edwards' Magennis, the Shire's cultural heritage and development officer, which provided an insight into places of significance on the peninsula for the Boonwurrung people; and a special performance by *Djambana*, a choir founded by members of the award-winning *Choir of Hard Knocks*. The *Researching Your Family History* class at Rosebud Library, presented in conjunction with the *Footprints* travelling exhibition, was so popular that two additional classes were presented in order to meet demand.

Over 1,030 children also hopped, skipped, galloped and swooped into our libraries to enjoy a special pet-themed Winter (July) School Holiday program.

Engaging Our Children and the School Community

The Frankston Mornington Peninsula Stronger Communities Project has the overall goal to create a safe and inclusive community. Eastbourne Primary School in Rosebud West expressed interest in developing a school mural that would provide a mechanism for the local children to express their connection to the community, their families and each other. The issue of respect was the underlying theme behind a consultation with three year levels of the school.

A concept for a mural was developed and presented to the school board that represents the students' experience of respect. On completion, the mural will be placed in a prominent position between the school building and the Family & Children's Hub.



Friends: Respect your friends



Respect: People, my brother, a tree

Above: Some artwork from the consultation at Eastbourne Primary School

Community Transport Solutions Forum

The Mornington Community Transport Solutions Forum was held at the Mornington attended by 21 government and non-government organisations to discuss transport barriers and needs within our community.



INNOVATION

Eight Years Lost Time Injury Free

On July 13 the Parks and Roadsides team reached the milestone of eight years without any staff member missing a day of work as a result of injuring themselves at work – usually referred to as serious injuries. This coincided with the site reducing its injury rate to a third of what it was 12 months ago. These are significant achievements considering the nature of the work and with a workforce of over 110 staff. All the team celebrated with a BBQ breakfast at the Mornington Depot and were presented with a plaque to commemorate the achievement.



Mornington Bus Interchange

The State Government's Department of Transport has announced funding of \$450,000 to construct a bus interchange in Barkly Street, Mornington. It is proposed to modify the existing infrastructure to provide enough space for two buses to stop in each direction. The Shire will design and construct the project on behalf of the Department of Transport. Work on this will commence shortly.

Fully Electric Vehicle Trial

Through the Department of Transport's Electric Vehicle Trial, the Shire was able to trial a Mitsubishi i-MiEV for eleven days. The i-MiEV has a range of approximately 100km before requiring an eight hour recharge. We learnt that incorporating a fully electric vehicle into the fleet would provide a number of challenges; however these challenges would not be insurmountable. We will keep watch on the release and costs of electric vehicles from manufacturers in an effort to provide staff the opportunity to acquire them in the future.

Youth Support

A partnership has developed between Oakwood School and our Youth Support team to provide a Flexible Learning Program in the shire area. Oakwood School was created as a campus of Caulfield Park Community School on the site of the old Oakwood Primary School in Noble Park North at the start of 2011. The school presently caters for young people 13-15 years but this will extend over the next few years to include Year 5 and 6 students and senior secondary students and presently accommodates around 60 students at its Noble Park Campus.

The partnership with Youth Support will see the establishment, in term 4 this year, of an off campus Flexible Learning Program for young people living in the Mornington Peninsula Area delivered at the YLounge Rosebud Youth Centre and Shed11 Youth Centre in Hastings. The Flexible Learning Program provides students with an Individual Learning Plan, developed by the student and their key staff member, which will include appropriate combinations of attending classes, online learning, mainstream schooling, work placement, VET studies, employment, recreation and family commitments.

P.U.D.D.A.L.

The extremely successful underage drinking diversion program P.U.D.D.A.L. which Youth Services developed in partnership with Hastings Police, Reconnect and Pendap for the Hastings Police area six years ago is expanding to include the Rosebud Police area. The program will be run once per month at the YLounge Rosebud Youth Centre. Anglicare, YSAS, Reconnect, Rosebud Police and Youth Support will all assist in the delivery of the program.

When a Police Officer encounters an underage young person who is either intoxicated or drinking the officer can choose to either issue an on the spot fine or send the young person to P.U.D.D.A.L. A young person must attend accompanied by at least one parent otherwise a fine will be issued. During the P.U.D.D.A.L. program the young people and parents are separated. A family counsellor and Police Officer discuss the issue with the parents. The Drug and Alcohol Worker and Youth

Worker discuss issues and concerns about alcohol with the young people. After 90 minutes the two groups come back together for a "Party Safe" session which concludes the program. Police research has shown that in six years only one young person who has attended P.U.D.D.A.L has reoffended.

Class one all the way!

In July, the two class one food processing facilities within Aged & Disability Services (the Delivered Meals kitchen in Spray Street Rosebud and our newest class one facility at the Activity Program based at the Somerville Senior Citizens facility) underwent their annual external food safety audit. In both cases the kitchens passed with flying colours.

This is no mean feat, as the food safety requirements for class one facilities (designated as class one because they produce food for potentially vulnerable recipients) are extremely stringent requiring team members to maintain exceptional hygiene and cleaning standards across the two areas. The auditors really do get the white glove out and check everything high and low, as well as examining documentation and sampling food to ensure production, storage and delivery of food is within accepted food safety parameters.

Our Delivered Meals team produces up to 400 meals per day with standards and quality that continually attract positive feedback from its client group. The meals served at the Somerville centre to our Activity Program clients are provided by the Spray St kitchen, then heated and served from within the Somerville facility.

Congratulations to team members in both areas for their very positive food safety outcomes.

Pets and providing in home support

Aged & Disability Services are currently exploring how we can continue to offer opportunities for skills development to team members to work comfortably and confidently in environments where pets are a major part of the client's life. Current research confirms the importance that pets play as companions, not just to our client group, but within all age ranges.

To this end we have engaged with a qualified trainer to put together a training package that will be provided periodically to all relevant staff. The training brief is to provide skills to staff so that they are comfortable going into an environment that has pets present and that staff will have some skills that allow them to quickly assess any threats or OH &S issues that may be present as a result of a pet being present. The initial training is based around dogs but will eventually look at all possible pet types.

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Opportunity

The maintenance team has welcomed VCAL student, James Piecyk. VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) is a hands-on option for students in Years 11 and 12. It provides practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Just like the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), VCAL is an accredited secondary certificate. James joined us back in February and will continue to work alongside our Carpenter over the next two years as he completes his Certificate II in Building and Construction. A week in the life of a VCAL student is very busy with three days spent at school, one day at TAFE and the remaining day with the host employer. We look forward to each Friday when James joins us and going by the smile on his face he is pretty happy to see us too!

Pelican Park Recreation Centre Awarded 5 Star Platinum Pool Status for the Fourth Consecutive Year

Pelican Park has cemented its position as a benchmark community facility by being acknowledged with the highest accreditation status provided by Life Saving Victoria through its rigorous Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment Audit. The assessments comprised of a Safety Assessment, Supervision Assessment and a Mystery Guest Visit.

What is most pleasing is that the Centre scored 96.99% in the Safety Assessment category – the highest since the Centre opened in 2003. A safety score over 90% for the Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment is required before a centre is considered to be part of the Platinum Pool Award.

Koori Women Taking Charge

Through FACHSIA's Indigenous Women's program, the Shire received a \$10,000 grant for the Koori Women Taking Charge program. This program will promote Koori Women's leadership and enable them to investigate best practice models of Koori run venues and services across the State. As part of the program the women will visit Mullum Mullum Gathering Place in Ringwood East to learn about successful programs and they will also visit an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Bendigo and the Brambuk Cultural Centre to investigate the available cultural/tourist programmes. The selected women have already participated in a women's leadership programme and are about to undertake

Financial statements for 2010-11 are still being finalised. We expect, as stated in June, to achieve our objectives of delivering a small surplus, and 'making budget', after allowing for the wide range of timing and other adjustments necessitated by the accounting standards. In July, our results are expected to be in line with budget, with variations reflecting timing variations in income or expenditure which will self-correct as the year progresses.

The financial statements section of this report does not contain any statements, as we are still working through the finalisation of the 2010/11 Annual Statements. It is anticipated that the first publication of the new statements will be in the August Monthly Report. In any case, statements for results for July are expected to be in line with budget, with any variations reflecting timing variations in income or expenditure which will self-correct as the year progresses.

Dr Michael Kennedy OAM

Income Statement (Net Cost)

For the period ending July 2011

Unit	Forecast Month \$'000	Actual Month \$'000	Variance Month \$'000	Forecast Y.T.D \$'000	Actual Y.T.D. \$'000	Variance Y.T.D \$'000	Budget Y.E. \$'000	Forecast Y.E. \$'000	Variance Y.E. \$'000
Recurrent									
Strategic Planning	(135)	(69)	66	(135)	(69)	66	(1,611)	(1,611)	0
Statutory Planning	(313)	(295)	18	(313)	(295)	18	(3,710)	(3,710)	0
Environment Protection	(495)	(481)	14	(495)	(481)	14	(4,874)	(4,874)	0
Economic Development	(124)	(54)	70	(124)	(54)	70	(1,480)	(1,480)	0
Director Sustainable Environment	(37)	(33)	4	(37)	(33)	4	(439)	(439)	0
Infrastructure Strategy	(157)	(157)	(0)	(157)	(157)	(0)	(1,859)	(1,859)	0
Infrastructure Maintenance	(804)	(774)	30	(804)	(774)	30	(35,859)	(35,859)	0
Infrastructure Project Management	(90)	(48)	42	(90)	(48)	42	(1,053)	(1,053)	0
Renewable Resources	1,090	1,125	35	1,090	1,125	35	(10,782)	(10,782)	0
Director Sustainable Infrastructure	(42)	(41)	1	(42)	(41)	1	(502)	(502)	0
Child Youth and Family Care	(431)	(439)	(9)	(431)	(439)	(9)	(5,114)	(5,114)	0
Aged and Disability Services	(344)	(380)	(36)	(344)	(380)	(36)	(4,029)	(4,029)	0
Recreation and Leisure	965	1,034	69	965	1,034	69	(4,322)	(4,322)	0
Libraries Arts and Culture	(327)	(283)	45	(327)	(283)	45	(4,762)	(4,762)	0
Director Sustainable Communities	(98)	(81)	17	(98)	(81)	17	(1,159)	(1,159)	0
Governance and Corporate Support	(902)	(873)	30	(902)	(873)	30	(4,502)	(4,502)	0
Property and Valuation	334	309	(24)	334	309	(24)	4,852	4,852	0
Information Services	(451)	(540)	(90)	(451)	(540)	(90)	(2,253)	(2,253)	0
Finance	350	366	16	350	366	16	(2,134)	(2,134)	0
Director Sustainable Organisation	(36)	(37)	(1)	(36)	(37)	(1)	(472)	(472)	0
Communications	(88)	(38)	50	(88)	(38)	50	(1,048)	(1,048)	0
Team Support and Development	(109)	(60)	49	(109)	(60)	49	(1,290)	(1,290)	0
Corporate Planning & Projects	(73)	(59)	14	(73)	(59)	14	(868)	(868)	0
Internal Audit	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	(0)	0
The CEO's Office	(46)	(43)	3	(46)	(43)	3	(550)	(550)	0
Unit Budgets	(2,364)	(1,950)	414	(2,364)	(1,950)	414	(89,820)	(89,820)	0
Rates	0	(5)	(5)	0	(5)	(5)	113,378	113,378	0
Grants Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,084	6,084	0
Depreciation	(1,753)	(1,771)	(18)	(1,753)	(1,771)	(18)	(21,255)	(21,255)	0
Efficiency Savings	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	400	0
Interest (Net)	462	449	(14)	462	449	(14)	(1,261)	(1,261)	0
Recurrent Surplus / (Deficit)	(3,655)	(3,277)	377	(3,655)	(3,277)	377	7,526	7,526	0
Non-Recurrent									
Capital Grants	196	197	1	196	197	1	4,309	4,309	0
Special Charge Schemes	(121)	(128)	(7)	(121)	(128)	(7)	615	615	0
Contributions	202	110	(92)	202	110	(92)	2,520	2,520	0
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Priority Projects (Net)	(68)	17	85	(68)	17	85	(4,535)	(4,535)	0
Priority Works (Net)	43	70	27	43	70	27	(5,631)	(5,631)	0
Asset Revaluations and Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Recurrent Surplus / (Deficit)	252	265	14	252	265	14	(2,723)	(2,723)	0
Surplus / (Deficit) before Adjustments	(3,403)	(3,012)	391	(3,403)	(3,012)	391	4,803	4,803	0
New Subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,000	7,000	0
Transfers From / To Reserves (Net)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(71)	(71)	0
Surplus / (Deficit)	(3,403)	(3,012)	391	(3,403)	(3,012)	391	11,732	11,732	0

Priority Projects (Net) and Priority Works (Net) include internal expenditure.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

ACTIVITY CENTRE PLANNING

Rosebud Activity Centre Structure Plan

This structure plan will review and update planning for the Rosebud Major Activity Centre in consultation with the community and stakeholders. Development of the structure plan has been co-ordinated with preparation of the Rosebud Foreshore Coastal Management Plan.

The exhibition of the Draft Rosebud Structure Plan has been completed and submissions are currently being considered. Advice from the Shire's Design Advisory Panel has also been obtained and indicates the need for more detailed design concepts in specific locations.

On this basis additional urban design advice is being obtained. This will focus on the function and design of Point Nepean Road through the Rosebud centre and the way in which decisions relating to building form and height are linked to the vision and preferred future character for the centre as a whole and for different precincts within the centre. It is also intended to involve the DPCD in this work through the Expert Assistance Program.

Update: It is anticipated that a revised plan will be reported to Council later this year, with interim progress reports. A brief for additional work on the preparation of an Urban Design Framework has been completed and the process of appointing an expert consultant will be completed by late August. This will enable the start of this new project early in September. The Urban Design Framework will be carefully coordinated with the structure planning process.

Hastings Activity Centre Structure Plan

This structure plan will review and update planning for the Hastings Major Activity Centre in consultation with the community and stakeholders. Development of the structure plan is being co-ordinated with preparation of the Hastings South Coastal Management Plan.

A draft structure plan report has been reviewed by the Shire's Design Advisory Panel and additional urban design input is to be obtained.

Update: The draft Hastings Structure Plan, in conjunction with a Draft Coastal Management Plan will be completed for consideration by Council as soon as possible. Both Draft Plans may then be placed on public exhibition.

Local Parking Plans

The Strategic Planning team is collaborating with the Traffic Engineering Team to develop a policy context and a program for preparing Local Parking Plans for activity centres.

A response to the Government's review of parking provisions has also been submitted.

Update: A pilot project in relation to the Mornington town centre Local Parking Plan is in progress. The State Government's decision on the Parking Provisions Review is still outstanding.

HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER AND SETTLEMENT PLANNING

Melbourne @ 5 Million – Housing Growth Requirements Program

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) has established a new program focusing on Housing Growth Requirements in the context of the higher than anticipated growth rates indicated the review of Melbourne 2030 (Melbourne @ 5million). The program consists of three main stages (over three years):

- Assessment of housing capacity in each metropolitan municipality, with SGS Consultants acting for DPCD completing a housing capacity assessment for each municipality in accordance with a standard methodology. This includes an analysis of current housing development patterns and trends, and future opportunities and constraints. The methodology includes a category for townships and rural communities (separate from urban Melbourne) that covers the majority of the Peninsula. Preliminary Housing Development Data (2004 – 2008) was released in April 2011.
- DPCD setting housing growth requirements for each metropolitan municipality based on the capacity assessment.
- Development of a framework to deliver on the established requirements, including local housing strategies that facilitate housing development and diversity

This work is intended to be considered in the preparation of municipal housing strategies and any associated planning scheme amendments.

This project has advanced to stage where the DPCD consultants are preparing Housing Capacity Assessment Options. These options will focus on ways to influence future housing supply and will seek to test the influence of alternate planning frameworks and changes to infrastructure provision on future housing capacity and supply. It is understood that this work has been completed to draft stage but is now under review and has not been released.

Update: Awaiting DPCD release of data

Review of Low Density Residential Zone

As part of the Housing requirements project outlined above, DPCD has provided a grant of \$35,000 for work on housing related issues. An investigation of the land within the LDRZ has been identified as an appropriate use of this grant.

Update: Consultants have submitted a final draft which is under review and will be reported to Council as soon as possible.

Local Housing and Sustainable Settlement Strategy

Following from the Southern Regional Housing Statement and the State government's Housing Growth Requirements project (outlined above), the Local Housing and Sustainable Settlement Strategy (LHSSS) is intended to provide a more detailed examination of housing issues, needs and trends at the local level.

The LHSSS will need to address the key issues of housing availability, appropriate design and affordability. In practice it will also need to identify areas with greater and lesser capacity to absorb change in housing stock.

The intention of the project is to include a coordinated review of housing with other key factors which affect the sustainability and livability of settlements, including access to employment, the availability of transport services, the availability of open space and recreation areas, the demand for community facilities etc. This project needs to be integrated with the Housing Growth Requirements program, and the timeframe has therefore had to be extended.

Update: The study brief is under review.

Neighbourhood Character Project

The neighborhood character project involves a number of elements that are directed towards increasing the recognition of neighbourhood character and giving effect to the local area character policy within the planning scheme. The main elements include:

- Pilot character studies, intended to test character study methodologies. Brief pilots have been completed for parts of Mornington and Mt Eliza, with a more extensive report for Mt Eliza Woodland area. Amendment C87 proposing new controls for the Woodland area was subsequently submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval – but was not approved.
- The Minister has recently written to Mr David Morris MP outlining that he is prepared to consider authorising Council to prepare and exhibit a revised version of Amendment C87, that includes mandatory provisions. The Minister has also indicated that he is also prepared to consider interim controls over the Mount Eliza Woodland area. In this context Council has submitted an amendment that is similar in context to the previous C87 for authorization to exhibit, as well as the approval of interim controls (with exemptions for applications that have already been submitted).
- General policy to complement Clause 54, 55 and 56 (Rescode provisions) – completed draft to be included in future planning scheme amendment.
- Gap analysis/cutting red tape – intended to identify areas under development pressure or where current provisions require revision. This is an ongoing process.
- Local amendments, subject to strategic justification. A current focus is on the Woodthorpe area, Rosebud (Amendment C109). The exhibition of C109 attracted two objections in relation to the proposed character controls over the Woodthorpe area. This matter has been considered by Council and has been referred to an independent panel. –see comments on C109..
- Co-ordination with Local Housing and Settlement Strategy. In assessing future housing capacity attention will be given to the ability of each area to absorb change without loss of significant character.

Update: Awaiting the hearing Panel report in relation to C109 (which includes the proposed Woodthorpe Estate Design and Development Overlay).

Draft documents in relation to Amendment C162 (for the Mount Eliza Woodland area) have been submitted to DPCD as part of the authorization to exhibit process. Currently awaiting response.

Sorrento Township Planning

Following the formation of the Sorrento Township Planning and Consultative Committee (STPCC), Council officers have provided support for community based planning activities, focused primarily on the development of a vision for the Sorrento township and an action plan to address a range of issues, including development and landscaping guidelines which reflect the historic seaside character of the town, traffic and parking management, and the future of the Morce Avenue area.

The STPCC is also aware of the demographic and population distribution trends which will shape communities into the future and seeks, in the longer term, to develop policies which will produce a more balanced and sustainable community profile in Sorrento.

Council has expressed support for the work undertaken to date on a draft streetscape concept plan (prepared by Hansen Partnership) and has recommended investigation of available implementation options, emphasising however that there is no commitment to funding capital works outside of the budget assessment process.

Update: Limited works have been undertaken within the scope of existing operational budgets e.g. upgrading of some paved areas and replacement of bins, street lights and

some landscaping. The 2011- 2012 Budget includes provision for streetscape works in the vicinity of Ocean Beach Road and Darling Road. The opportunity to apply under Sustainability Victoria's pilot "Zero Emission Neighborhoods" program is also under investigation

Crib Point Township Plan

Council has made provision for a preliminary structure plan and design framework project for the Crib Point Township in the light of:

- possible changes as a result of the Port of Hastings Strategy;
- the possible location of the Otama submarine at Crib Point; and
- the increasing number of multi-unit applications in the Crib Point area, with the potential to have an adverse impact on the neighbourhood character of the township.
- the limited range of retail and other services within the town.
- Cumulative loss of vegetation within the township.

Hansen Partnership has been appointed as the lead consultant for this project, with further support from the NMBW Architecture Studio.

Update: Development of the plan is in progress. Draft consultant reports by Hansen Partnership and Barraco Wright Architects have been received. Supplementary work in relation to the Crib Point commercial area has recently been received. It is intended to provide a briefing to Council prior to seeking approval to exhibit a draft plan.

Mornington North /Racecourse Road Outline Development Plan

The objective of this project is to prepare a planning framework that will guide land use, development, transport and public and private investment in Mornington North (Bungower Road/Racecourse Road/Roberts Road area) over the next 15 years.

The ODP is to provide a basis for an amendment to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme that outlines a Local Policy for Mornington North and that may include other changes to existing planning controls.

There has been further investigation of matters raised in submissions and additional consultation with stakeholders. . This project will be coordinated with the above review of other areas in the Low Density Residential zone (as outlined above). This review has now been completed.

Update: A report on this matter is expected to be submitted to Council in September 2011.

Tyabb Township Plan

The objective of this project is to prepare a strategic planning framework that will guide land use, development, and transport, including public and private investment, within the Tyabb Township over the next 15 years.

The Township Plan will provide a basis for statutory and non-statutory implementation, including possible amendments to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme.

The Draft Township Plan was considered by Council on 29 November 2010 and was placed on public exhibition until 8 April 2011.

Update: To date, twenty-two (22) submissions have been received. These are being considered to enable preparation of a report to Council. A peer review of the draft Plan by Hansen consultants has been completed and is generally supportive of the professional quality of the draft plan. A revised township plan will be submitted to Council for consideration in Sept /October.

GREEN WEDGE PLANNING

Green Wedge Management and Implementation Plan (GWMIP)

Melbourne 2030 envisages a GWMIP for each of the eleven green wedges around Melbourne. The Mornington Peninsula Green Wedge affects part of the City of Frankston but is mainly contained within the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

The Green Wedge Management and Implementation Plan (GWMIP) is intended to provide for the integrated land use planning and land management of the green wedge. The project is supported by a Community Reference Group and a Technical Reference Group of government agencies.

Council considered an interim report on the Green Wedge Management Plan at its meeting on the 20th December 2010 and determined to support a number of draft Action Plans for exhibition as part of the GWMP. In effect, this will enable preliminary public consultation on the general directions which form part of the draft Plan.

Update: Work on the draft plan is progressing. In June, Council adopted an interim policy in relation to Dwellings in Rural Areas which is to be used to guide decision making by officers under delegation. Awaiting advice from DPCDs recently established Peri-Urban /Green Wedge Unit on current policy relating to the development of Green Wedge Management Plans.

PORT PLANNING

Port Of Hastings Strategic Land Use and Transport Access Corridor Planning Study

The Port of Hastings Corporation (POHC) and the Department of Infrastructure funded the preparation of the above study by a consultant team led by Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd. A key driver of the study was the Victorian Ports Strategic Framework (2004) which highlighted the need for supplementary container port facilities once capacity is reached at the Port of Melbourne.

The draft final report was reported to Council at its meeting on 20th November 2006, with further briefings during December 2006.

There has been substantial community opposition to elements of the draft port strategy, particularly:

- the study assumptions regarding freight growth, and the aspirational targets for rail freight movement i.e assuming 50% of freight will be moved by rail;
- the limited environmental investigation to date; and
- the proposed transport corridors, in terms of both increasing freight volumes on the existing rail network and the proposed Gippsland rail route.

On 31 August 2009, the then Minister for Ports and Major Projects, Tim Pallas announced the government response to the Port Land Use and Transport Strategy (PLUTS), endorsing Hastings as an alternate international container port. At the same time the Minister released "Port Futures", a state-wide strategy aimed at greater integration in the management of the state's ports and related infrastructure.

In September 2010 the Port of Hastings Corporation was effectively amalgamated with the Port of Melbourne Corporation, with the intention to "leverage the experience and expertise of Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) in shaping and developing an environmentally and financially sustainable port at Hastings and ensure both ports are developed in a complementary way, to maximise their benefits to the Victorian economy, the transport system and the community".

Further planning for port area development is ongoing. The report from an Advisory Panel appointed by the previous government to investigate and report on land use issues in the areas around the ports of Hastings, Geelong and Portland is still to be released. The Shire made a submission to the Panel regarding the Port of Hastings and in relation to the draft Port Zone.

The new State government has also announced the re-establishment of an independent Port of Hastings Corporation and, more recently, Mr. Denis Napthine, the Minister for Ports, has indicated that due to congestion issues affecting the Port of Melbourne it will be necessary to bring forward development of the Port of Hastings by approx 10 years, despite an estimated cost of \$9.4 billion.

Update: Awaiting the release of the Advisory Committee report and government response.

Peninsula Link (Frankston Bypass)

The Peninsula Link project involves the construction of a freeway standard road from the southern end of the East Link freeway to bypass Frankston and connect to the existing Mornington Peninsula freeway north of Dromana. The proposed route extends through Baxter and the Moorooduc Plain, with major intersections at Bungower Road and Mornington Tyabb Road.

The Advisory Committee report in response to the Environment Effects Statement (EES) and the Minister's assessment supported the Peninsula Link project as exhibited, subject to a limited number of variations.

In August 2009, the Minister for Planning acting as a planning authority, approved Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme Amendment C115 without exhibition to introduce additional Public Acquisition Overlays that are required for the Peninsula Link project. C115 did not include any changes in response to other access and land consolidation issues that the Council had raised in its submission to the EES.

Officers have provided ongoing advice to the Linking Melbourne Authority indicating the need for land consolidation and appropriate access arrangements as per Council's submission to the EES Advisory Committee. The Southern Way consortium will finance, design, build, maintain and operate the freeway. Peninsula Link will be completed and open to motorists in early 2013.

**Update: Land acquisition and access issues are being monitored through contact with the Linking Melbourne Authority and Southern Way group. In addition, a Community Advisory Group has been established to provide a forum for community input into the project. Representatives on the Community Advisory Group include Councillor Anne Shaw. Further information is available on the Peninsula Link website:
<http://www.peninsulalink.com.au/NewPage.aspx>**

Impacts of Climate Change – Risks of Inundation and Erosion

In the field of climate change policy, the Shire is working to collect, analyse and understand available data with a view to:

- Identifying any gaps and working closely with other Government organisations to ensure that information needs are identified and acted upon in a coordinated fashion.
- Adding value to existing data by the development of additional Planning Scheme provisions and more robust assessment of planning permit applications.

Amendment C150 (see below) applies new information in relation to the management of risks associated flooding in the vicinity of Tootgarook swamp.

Update: C150 is expected to be placed on exhibition in July 2011.

PLANNING SYSTEM

Overhaul of the Victorian Planning System

The Minister for Planning has established an Advisory Committee to review the whole of the planning system in Victoria, including:

- the provisions of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and how it works (including the appeal process);
- the State and local policy provisions;
- the operation of zones and overlays;
- the use of incorporated and reference documents;
- and the way permit applications are dealt with; and
- the way rezoning requests are dealt with.

The terms of reference note that a number of VPP provisions have already undergone or are currently undergoing detailed review. These include:

- Car parking provisions,
- Development contribution plans,
- Advertising signs,
- Port and environs planning provisions,
- The review of the residential zones, including the concept of clearly identifying areas appropriate for substantial change, moderate change and limited (or no) change.
- Planning application fees

A comprehensive review of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 was also initiated by the previous State government, and included the release of a draft Bill (in December 2009) but this review was not completed.

Council has previously made submissions in relation to all of the above reviews/inquiries, however the current review appears to be primarily an opportunity to raise new or major issues that have not been previously addressed.

Update: Submissions are due by 31 August 2011 and a report is scheduled for consideration by Council in early August.

Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission: Unlocking Victorian Tourism, Inquiry into Victorian Tourism.

In July 2010 the VCEC commenced an inquiry into Victoria's Tourism Industry.

A draft report has been released for public consultation, which identifies a range of barriers to the development of tourism within Victoria's land-use planning, public land and other areas of regulation.

In part, the draft report recommends providing more opportunities for tourism in Victoria's national parks and greater flexibility for tourism-related investment in the Farming Zone, the Rural Conservation Zone and the Green Wedge Zones e.g. by the removal of the requirement that tourism uses be conducted "in conjunction with" agriculture or conservation activities.

A report was presented to the Council's meeting on 27 April 2011 in regard to this Inquiry. A submission has been made to the Commission in respect of this report outlining various concerns.

Update: Awaiting the Commission's final report.

Future Farms: providing for Victoria's future rural land use Discussion paper

The State Government's Rural Planning Group organised regional workshops as part of its consultation program in connection with the above Discussion Paper. The Pakenham workshop was attended by Council officers and a briefing was provided to Council at the DAC meeting on the 20th July 2010. A submission was lodged in accordance with Council's resolution. The Rural Planning Group has released its report. The report is available on the DPCD website.

Update: Awaiting the Minister's response.

Review of the Victorian Planning Provisions pertaining to fire (Wildfire Management Overlay)

The State Government is committed to implementing the recommendations of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission which involve new Victorian Planning Provisions and overlay mapping for Planning Schemes. As part of this process DPCD, DSE and CFA have been seeking feedback from relevant Shire officers (Strategic, Statutory and Fire Prevention) and the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme is the subject of a pilot project.

Update: Further information will be provided to Council as soon as it is available.

PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS

REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENTS

The Strategic Planning Team maintains a database recording suggestions and proposals for changes to the Planning Scheme that may be put forward by Councillors, officers or the community. A proposal is translated into a formal request for amendment of the Scheme when a first stage fee is paid by a proponent or when a decision is made to prepare an amendment for exhibition.

In summary, the highlights for this month are:

- A workload including 18 formal requests by external proponents and 24 active Planning Scheme amendments.
- There were two new amendment requests by external proponents but they have not been formalized by the payment of fees.

CURRENT PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS

Amendment C74 Part 2

120 Collins Road, Dromana - rezones surplus Melbourne Water land from a Public Use 1 Zone to a Low Density Residential Zone in accordance with the adjoining zoning.

Council has resolved to adopt this amendment, in accordance with the recommendations of an independent Panel, subject to further agreement with Melbourne Water. The submission of the amendment is currently pending finalisation of a Section 173 agreement.

Update: The Section 173 agreement has been sealed by the Council and registered on Title. The amendment documentation is currently awaiting the Minister's approval.

Amendment C91 – Hastings Activity Centre

This amendment proposes to rezone land north of Elizabeth Street, between Alfred and Queen Streets to a Business 1 Zone and apply a Development Plan Overlay to enable the extension of the K-Mart complex.

Exhibition was completed on 13 April 2009. Ten (10) submissions were received, of which four (4) raise concern and all were referred to an Independent Panel. The Independent Panel has recommended adoption of the amendment as exhibited.

A report recommending adoption of the amendment was presented to the DAC on 14 December 2009. The DAC resolved to defer consideration of the report at the request of the applicant. The applicant has since requested that changes be made to the amendment. A revised Concept Plan was circulated in November 2010. In response to issues raised regarding lack of active frontages, modifications to the Concept Plan have occurred.

Update: The latest Concept Plan was circulated to Councillors in early January 2011 for comment and consideration. A further community consultation process has been undertaken and the amendment will be reported back to Council in August.

Amendment C100 – General amendment

This amendment is proposed to attend to various matters. The most significant matters are a rezoning to facilitate the sale of surplus railway land in Somerville and changes to the provisions of ESO 25 Port Phillip Coastal Area. Exhibition concluded on 1 September 2008. The Panel report has supported Shire recommendation.

Update: The Council adopted the amendment at its meeting in June and the relevant documents have been prepared for the Minister's approval..

Amendment C107 - Mornington Harbour

In April 2009, Mornington Boat Haven Limited submitted a request to Council to amend the planning scheme to enable the development of boating facilities within the Mornington Harbour. The proposal comprises two full length concrete wave-screens, a new public jetty, 170 floating pontoon pen berths, 10 short term public berths, 10 emergency/police berths, 10 'fore and aft' moorings, 10 swing moorings, a travel lift with wash down facility, and associated facilities.

MBHL's proposals are prohibited under the current planning scheme provisions. Council has been requested to rezone the development site to a Public Park and Recreation Zone and to concurrently consider a planning application for the proposal, to avoid duplication of procedure and provide for an efficient planning process. It also enables a coordinated exhibition with the Environment Effects Statement (EES).

In November 2009, Council determined to request the Minister for Planning to authorise the preparation of the amendment. This was to enable the concurrent exhibition of the amendment, planning application and a draft planning permit and hence facilitate public input in relation to the proposal. In recommending this course of action, Council emphasized that the purpose of the exhibition was to allow informed public input. A decision as to whether or not Council will support the proposal will be made at a later stage, following the Minister's decision in relation to the EES.

The amendment, application and draft planning permit have been exhibited, together with the EES, The exhibition process closed on 5 July 2010 with more than 2,000 submissions received. On 2 August 2010 Council referred all submissions to an independent panel for advice.

A recommendation outlining issues which would form the basis of Council's submission to the Panel was adopted by the Development Assessment Committee on 18 October 2010.

The Panel has been appointed and the Panel Hearing has taken place during February 2011.

Update: The Independent Panel has made its report. Council is currently awaiting the outcome of the Minister's Assessment of the EES inquiry.

As part of the statutory process, the planning application (which is also deemed to be an application for Coastal Management Act consent) will be referred to the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE),

Upon receipt of the Minister's Assessment and the advice from DSE, Council will be in a position to consider the proposal. This is expected to take place later this year.

Amendment C109 – General amendment

Items include Design and Development overlays for Woodthorpe area in Rosebud West and the area North of Tower Road in Mount Eliza and several heritage overlays.

Update: Awaiting Panel report.

Amendment C112 – Public Open Space Contributions

The amendment seeks to update the schedule to Clause 52.01 – Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision, to provide for site specific contributions in the vicinity of Tower Road, Mt Eliza and to correct anomalies within the scheme.

Update: The amendment has been submitted and is awaiting the Minister’s approval.

Amendment C116 – General amendment

Items include Special Use Zone 1 changes, heritage items and a rezoning. Council agreed to support a request for exhibition subject to satisfactory consultation with the Port authority.

Update: The Port authority has decided not to comment before the findings of Port Environs Advisory Committee are considered by the State Government. A further report will now be submitted to Council.

Amendment C118 /C122 – McCrae Design and Development Overlay

The amendment proposes to introduce a new Design and Development Overlay (DDO16) over the McCrae Village Centre.

The proposed DDO will introduce new design guidelines including a mandatory height limit of 8 metres/ two storeys. Council requested the introduction of interim controls (C122) and authorisation to exhibit the permanent amendment (C118) in October 2008. The interim controls are currently in force. Barraco Wright Architects have prepared a draft Design Statement which is proposed to be included as a reference document under the new DDO.

Update: Awaiting the Minister’s authorisation.

Amendment C119 – Road zone updates

The amendment applies the Road Zone, Category 1 or Category 2 to various land that has been declared as a main road under the provisions of Section 9 (1)(2) of the *Road Management Act 2004* or is a secondary road.

Update: The amendment was gazetted on 28th of July.

Amendment C121/C147 - Height Control Policy for all Business zones

This amendment proposes interim and permanent Planning Scheme changes that would limit the height of development in town centres until such time as township specific planning controls are introduced e.g. following the preparation of Structure Plans.

Update: Council resolved at its meeting in June to seek approval of an interim amendment and authorization from the Minister for Planning to preparation and exhibit permanent controls.

Amendment C126 Part 1 – General Amendment

This general amendment consists of items that did not attract any opposing submissions during the exhibition and has been adopted by Council

Update: Awaiting the Minister’s approval.

Amendment C126 Part 2 – three items

This amendment consists of two items that attracted opposing submissions during the exhibition (rezoning of two lots adjacent to John Butler reserve, Mt Eliza and rezoning of 39 Spindrift Avenue, Flinders) and one item that was referred to panel for technical reasons. The Panel hearing was held in July.

Update: Awaiting the Panel report.

Amendment C126 Part 3 – Balnarring land

This amendment seeks to rezone Council land in Balnarring. It was considered that further investigation is required before this matter can proceed.

**Update:
To be reported to Council.**

Amendment C130 – Local Planning Policy Framework

Section 20(4) amendment request which provides minor updates in the Local Planning Policy Framework and reformats the local policy section in accordance with the review of the State Planning Policy Framework which was introduced in September 2010.

Update: Awaiting response from the Minister for Planning.

Amendment C133 - Green Wedge camping and caravan park local policy

The amendment was exhibited in March 2010 and twenty four submissions were received. These submissions were referred to an Independent Panel.

Update: The Independent Panel has made its report and the matter is to be reported to Council in August.

Amendment C136/C137 - Heronswood - 105 & 117 Latrobe Parade Dromana

The proponent is seeking both interim and permanent planning scheme amendments (with a combined planning permit application) to provide for the operation of a 70 seat restaurant at Heronswood (a historic house and garden). Council considered this matter at a DAC meeting on the 19th October 2009 and subsequently resolved to support the request for an interim approval and to seek authorisation to prepare and exhibit a permanent amendment.

In the case of both interim and permanent amendments Council has recommended a range of conditions to protect the amenity of adjoining and nearby residents, including more clearly specified hours of operation, provision for ongoing management of access and car parking and the formation of a resident consultative committee. Amendment C136, the interim amendment, was approved in December 2009, along with authorisation for exhibition of the permanent amendment.

Exhibition of the permanent amendment has been completed and 905 submissions have been received. The majority of these submissions support Heronswood, reflecting the broad membership of the "Diggers" gardening club that operates from the site. However, there were also 57 submissions opposed to the amendment, primarily on the basis of the impact of traffic and lack of parking on local amenity. The submissions were reported to Council at the meeting on the 20th December and Council resolved to refer all submissions to an independent panel.

Update: The Panel report has been received and a report will be made to Council for a decision.

COASTAL PROJECTS

Mt Eliza to Point Nepean Coastal Action Plan (CAP)

The Coastal Action Plan was endorsed by the Minister for Environment and gazetted in December 2006. The Shire is working to implement the CAP by the progressive development and review of Coastal Management Plans.

Update: The CAP Review Report has been distributed by the Central Coastal Board.

Impacts of Climate Change – Risk of impact of sea level rise on foreshores and coastal communities

An officer level meeting has been held with the Department of Sustainability and Environment about the Future Coasts Program and its relationship with the needs of this Shire e.g. in identifying the areas most vulnerable to climate change impacts. DSE is seeking Local Government partnerships for four coastal township vulnerability assessments along the Victorian coastline. A representative of DSE has briefed Council on the proposed coastal vulnerability assessment partnership

Update: Western Port has been identified as one of the three pilot projects for coastal vulnerability assessment. Council officers will participate in this project and report back to Council when further information is available.

Coastal Management Plans (CMP) – General

Coastal Management Plans (CMPs) are prepared in accordance with the *Coastal Management Act 1995* and set out the vision and land management requirements for specific foreshore areas. CMPs include a three year business plan identifying resources and/or possible sources of income /grants to complete priority actions.

Update: The Coastal Planners have commenced an audit of all CMPs with a view to establishing the current status of plans and the actions. As part of this review, workshops are being undertaken with each Foreshore Advisory Group, to enable comment on the overall effectiveness of the CMPs and to ensure that the aspirations for the foreshore areas are captured in the CMP as understood by the group (new members particularly). Further clarification has also been sought to better inform the business plan component of the CMPs.

Coastal Management Plan - Mornington

The area to be covered by the plan extends from Caraar Creek to, and including Linley Point.

Update: A discussion will be held with Mornington Foreshore Advisory Group regarding the CMP in August/September.

Coastal Management Plan – Safety Beach

Safety Beach is Council freehold land and therefore management plans are not required to be submitted to DSE for approval by the Minister to accord with the *Coastal Management Act*. A draft masterplan was prepared in 1999 for the Safety Beach Foreshore and the community Foreshore Advisory Committee supports the development of a Coastal Management Plan.

Update: Project scoping is currently underway.

Coastal Management Plan - Rosebud

The Rosebud CMP is being developed in conjunction with the Rosebud Structure Plan. (Refer to Rosebud Structure Plan for more detail above).

The exhibition of the Draft Coastal Management Plan has been completed and submissions have been considered. Discussions with the Department for Sustainability and Environment have been ongoing, to enable completion of a revised CMP that is suitable for submission for approval.

Update: The exhibition of the Draft Coastal Management Plan has been completed and submissions have been considered. The final CMP will be presented to Council later this year.

Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Plan

Through the Government's 2009-2010 Boating Safety and Facilities Program, the Shire received funding for a Boating Precinct Plan for the Rye public boat launching facility.

Update: A project brief is currently being developed.

Coastal Management Plan – Hastings South

The Hastings Coastal Management Plan is being developed in conjunction with the Hastings Activity Centre structure plan and will also respond to the C69 (Otama Submarine) Panel findings and recommendations. The Shire has also been successful in obtaining a \$40K Marine Safety Victoria grant to develop a Boating Precinct Action Plan which will be a complementary but separate document. Planisphere consultants have been appointed to undertake the project.

Update: It is anticipated that the Draft Hastings South Foreshore Coastal Management Plan will be reported to Council in the late 2011.

Major Coastal Infrastructure Projects

Mt Eliza - Canadian Bay Car Park

Concept designs for the Canadian Bay car park have been completed. Consultation with the Foreshore Advisory Group is continuing.

Update: The design of this car park will be progressed as part of this year's budget for the implementation of coastal management plans..

Mornington Football Disaster Memorial Park

A draft landscape masterplan has been prepared for the picnic/park area at the corner of the Esplanade and Schnapper Point Drive as well as the public spaces surrounding the old post office and court house buildings. On 15 March 2011 Council determined to undertake a consultation process to seek community input on the draft landscape master plan.

Update: The Draft Landscape Masterplan has been exhibited. Submissions are being reviewed and an information workshop was held with submitters in July. A report on this project will be presented to Council later this year.

Mornington - Caraar Creek Cliff Walk

Caraar Creek Cliff walk was closed at the start of July due to land subsidence mid-way down the track. High priority drainage issues have been investigated. A structural engineer has been engaged to produce designs to reinstate the walkway which involves a 40m boardwalk.

Update: The design to rectify the path is complete and has been tendered.

Mornington - Life Saving Club Forecourt

Plans for improvements to the Life Saving Club forecourt including terraced concrete seating walls and ramps were previously submitted to DSE for discussion. DSE did not support these plans and suggested alternatives which were rejected by the Life Saving Club.

Update: Meetings have taken place to discuss how to progress this project. The LSC has agreed to further discussions/negotiations with DSE.

Mount Martha Life Saving Club/Yacht Club Area

The Mount Martha Life Saving Club has provided draft plans for the expansion of the Life Saving Club. Other proposals in the area include the Yacht Club/Life Saving Club carpark redevelopment and a boardwalk from the crossing to the YC/LSC carpark.

The community is very concerned about pedestrian circulation in this area, in particular crossing points along the Esplanade between the shops and the foreshore area. Community groups were successful in obtaining a seasonal traffic speed change to 50km.

Update: VicRoads has approved the proposed pedestrian signals on the Esplanade.

A proposal to redevelop the car park at the yacht club/life saving club has been in progress for a number of months. Preplanning advice from DSE does not support the current car park proposal.

Boardwalk designs are being finalised and the Shire's cultural heritage officer is presently reviewing cultural heritage requirements.

Safety Beach - Bay Trail

Construction of the trail is complete to a location across from Prescott Street (Safety Beach).

Update: The Safety Beach Foreshore Advisory Group and the Safety Beach Foreshore Landscape Committee continue to actively advocate for the completion of the missing link between Prescott Street and Dromana. The Shire did make a funding submission to the Federal Government Regional Development program, however this was unsuccessful. On the advice of the program facilitators, the Shire has resubmitted its application to Round 2 of the program

Flinders Foreshore

While there have been a number of planned improvements to this area, overall this area requires some attention. A proposal is underway to develop a landscape masterplan for the foreshore area to improve general aesthetics and function.

Update: A brief has been prepared to develop a landscape masterplan for this area that will complement the CMP. A workshop of key stakeholders was held on June 3rd 2011,. On this basis a revised brief and scope for the project is being developed for further discussion.

Hastings - Boat Ramp Pontoon Duplication

The Shire has received notification that the grant application (\$134,472) for a second floating pontoon jetty adjacent to the (south) side of the Hastings Boat ramp has been successful. Detailed design and preparation of Dredge Management Plan has been completed. Works approval is being sought from Parks Victoria.

Update: It is anticipated that the project will go out to tender later this year, subject to resolution of dredging requirements, which form a critical component of the project.

Portsea Foreshore – Restoration Works

The Shire is working closely with DSE and Parks Victoria to address the erosion at Portsea beach. Immediate works underway include the stabilisation of the Pier entrance area (which includes the installation of rock revetment) and the placement of large sand bags on the primary dune (eastern side of the Pier). DSE have committed to reinstate the beach at Portsea.

Update: Works have been undertaken to stabilise the pier and protect the foreshore and public assets. This included the construction of a 150m sandbag seawall. Further works to repair storm damage have been necessary and DSE will continue to monitor and assess the site.

Foreshore Advisory Groups

The Shire has established seven community-based Foreshore Advisory Groups to provide input to coastal planning for areas where the Shire itself is either the public land manager and/or the delegated Committee of Management. A draft revised Terms of Reference for the operation of Foreshore Advisory Groups was considered by Council in December 2010 and has been distributed to the groups for comment.

New appointments to the Foreshore Advisory Groups were also considered by Council in December 2010 and letters confirming the appointments were sent to candidates and the Chairs on 20 Dec 2010.

Update: Officers are reviewing the draft Terms of Reference to present back to Council having regard to the submissions received.

Association of Bayside Municipalities

Council is an active member of the Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM) which comprises the 10 councils with coastal frontage to Port Phillip Bay. The Association addresses issues of common concern to Bayside councils and acts as a focus for collective action. Councillor Anne Shaw (Mornington Peninsula) is currently the President of the ABM. At the August General Meeting, ABM passed an in-principle motion to support a 'whole of bay' coastal vulnerability assessment.

A workshop co-hosted with the Central Coastal Board identifying the priorities for Port Phillip Bay in the medium-term future was held on Thursday 9th December 2010. We are awaiting a report regarding issues raised and recommendations made at the workshop. A technical officer's meeting and general meeting of the ABM was held on 12 May 2011 in Port Melbourne.

Update: The ABM Annual Dinner was held on Thursday July 7th at the Ranelagh Club, Mt Eliza. The MAV/ABM has been successful in obtaining a grant for a Coastal Adaptation Pathways project under a Commonwealth Government program. Council officers will participate in this project and report back to Council when further information is available.

Grant Applications:

Update: The Shire has made applications under the DSE Coastal Risk Mitigation Program. Details of possible projects are the subject of further discussions between Council officers and DSE.

NATURAL SYSTEMS PROJECTS

Development of a Mornington Peninsula Fauna Atlas 2008/09 Priority Project

This project is the second stage of a Biodiversity Mapping project by Council. The first stage, involving extensive Native Vegetation Mapping has been completed. The current project involves undertaking a field survey of native fauna on roadside reserves, targeted private land and Council controlled reserves. The project has also established a data base for collection of information associated with native fauna road accidents.

- Over 35,000 fauna records created
- Project zoologists have completed field surveys across the shire.

Update: Further feedback has been provided to project consultant regarding an interim report. The final stage of the project field survey has been completed and a template for reporting back to private property occupiers on fauna identified on their land has been developed. Field survey results have now been downloaded for next stage processing. and the second draft of the report and recommendations is being prepared.

Victorian Planning Provisions and Native Vegetation

Exemptions to state wide clearing controls were introduced in September 2008 and require authorities and local government to enter into an agreement with DSE

Update: Officers attended at meeting with DSE regarding preparation of guidelines for simple vegetation offset arising from town planning permit applications. More comprehensive consultation will follow with the Victorian local government. The aim is to better enable “fast track” approvals for planning permit applications for native vegetation removal classified as simple. The following draft documents have been prepared:

- native vegetation removal guide for permit applicants,
- guide for assessment of non-referrable vegetation removal applications,
- discussion of preliminary options for payment of offset contributions arising from permitted vegetation clearance.

Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Research Committee

Council is represented on the Biosphere Research Committee that meets quarterly. A recent meeting occurred in March 2011 at Cranbourne. The Reserve Committee is made up of representatives from Melbourne and Monash Universities, Chisholm TAFE, Cranbourne Botanic Gardens, one local government officer and the former CEO of the DPI Frankston Research Institute.

The present focus of the Biosphere Research Committee continues to be:

- Development of a scoping document for development of sustainability indicators.
- Development of revised marketing plan for CSIRO Mass Balance project proposal.
- Seeking Federal and state funds for a Recovery project for Southern Brown Bandicoot in the Western Port Catchment.
- Development of an Education Policy.
- Development of Strategic Plan for the Research Committee.
- Development of a Recovery Plan for the Southern Brown Bandicoot (SBB)- The research committee is preparing for a public seminar on the SBB involving researchers, government officers and landholders

Update: MPS officers attended a full day seminar held at Royal Botanic Gardens-Cranbourne with project stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of the endorsed SBB Recovery Plan . Attendees included officers from Commonwealth, State and Local Government agencies and research institutes, educational institutes and zoologists. The seminar resolved that a Regional Recovery Group be formed for the Southern Brown Bandicoot under the framework of the Commonwealth Government Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act,1999. Group membership will be composed of wildlife ecologists, community representatives, DSE officers, local government representatives from Casey, Cardinia and Mornington Peninsula. The initial meeting will occur in August 2011.

Devilbend Reserve strategic planning process update.

The Devilbend Natural Features Reserve covers an area of 1005 hectares. The reserve comprises 422 hectares of native vegetation, almost 250 hectares of water surface area associated with Devilbend and Bittern Reservoirs, 328 hectares of non-native vegetation predominantly in the form of cleared grazed land. Existing public reserve access is currently limited to a 5 hectare picnic area known as Devilbend Reservoir Park.

The reserve also includes the largest inland water body on the Mornington Peninsula providing valuable habitat for waterbirds and shorebirds as well as opportunities for recreation. The Devilbend Natural Features Reserve Management Plan 2010 was adopted by the Minister in May 2010.

This plan is a strategic guide for future management of the reserve. The plan informs Parks Victoria's Corporate Plans, governs management activities and serves as a framework for subsequent detailed planning.

Update: Parks Victoria Devilbend Master Plan(MP)for the small component of the park known as Darngaen Point will be put out for public exhibition in August 2011 for a period of four weeks. The current Master Plan will have regard to the development of recreational infrastructure in the vicinity of the shoreline at Darngaen Point. Cultural heritage management plan (pre-european) remains in preparation.

PV have received grants for on-ground projects at Devilbend Reserve including for protection of cultural heritage, recreational fishing facilities (including jetties) and environmental protection.

Ongoing reserve management issues include unauthorised public entry to the reserve, continued dumping of hard waste on road reserves around the reserve perimeter and park fire management planning and associated on-ground works. Construction of the Graydens Road main entry to Devilbend Reserve has been delayed in association with construction of Peninsula Link.

Melbourne Peri-urban Strategic Biodiversity Protection Project 2007/11

RMIT has gained Federal funding of \$300,000 to improve planning for biodiversity protection in the urban/rural (peri-urban) fringe of Melbourne (which includes the Mornington Peninsula) from the Commonwealth Government.

Update: Awaiting project update from RMIT as project manager.

Community Waterwatch

The 2011 program is underway with 18 participating Peninsula school and community environment groups and five Peninsula Vignerons undertaking environmental sampling in the Western Port and Port Phillip Catchments.

Update: The draft Memo of Understanding with Melbourne Water to provide the implementation of the 2011 Community Waterwatch program has been returned with amendments. MW will provide a final MOU for signature by the Shire in August 2011. The Strategic Natural Systems Planner attended a meeting with MW in July. The 2011/12 Waterwatch program will include schools and Landcare groups and the annual week long 2012 Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week festival at the Briars.

Watson Creek Catchment Joint Agency Project (Baxter/Somerville District)

The Biosphere is overseeing the development of a Watson Creek Integrated Catchment Action Scheme in association with Melbourne Water, the Shire and the Watson Creek Catchment Community Group. The project is presently funded by Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria and the MP&WP Biosphere Foundation. A Commonwealth Government Grant of \$26K was received and a Project Officer was appointed to engage with and increase community awareness in the Watson Creek catchment.

Update: Next meeting of the project steering committee to be held in August 2011. The steering committee is composed of representatives of the local landcare group, vegetable growers, other groups, MW and Mornington Peninsula Shire. The August meeting will commence a review of the project and potential future directions and funding/grant options.

Department of Primary Industry (DPI) Review of Noxious Weeds in Victoria - Phase 3b-Pt Phillip and Western Port CMA region.

For the first time in over 30 years the State Government through the DPI are undertaking a comprehensive formal review of unlisted pest plants for inclusion in the list of Noxious Weeds under the provisions of the Catchment and Land Protection Act. 1994.

The process involves the ten Victorian Catchment Management Authorities (CMA's) nominating 10 weed plant species for addition to the noxious weed schedule. Following nomination an economic impact assessment process will be conducted for each of the proposed new noxious weed species nominated.

As a result of the consultation process, 70 weed species have been put forward by the ten CMA's for addition to the statewide Noxious Weed schedule. Each proposed noxious weed is required to be placed in one of the four categories of noxious weeds including State Prohibited, Regionally Prohibited, Regionally Controlled and Restricted.

Update: The Minister for Environment and Climate Change is yet to provide a final response to clarify legal responsibility for control of noxious weeds on local roads. A future ministerial decision will have potential economic impact on local government and private landholders.

Development of replacement Shire Pest Plant Brochure

This information brochure has been well regarded and Council has funded the review and re-printing of the brochure. Meetings were held with consultant brochure editor in July 2011.

Update: Consultant is preparing the next draft of the brochure. Awaiting for provision of pictures and content from Department of Primary Industry.

MPS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Community Partnership projects 2008/09

Work is progressing on the grant projects listed below in collaboration with Shire officers:-

- Western Port Ark. Grant towards increasing community awareness of threats to Commonwealth and State significant fauna in the Western Port catchment and the undertaking of targeted predator control works on Council managed land - \$5K. A number of community meeting continue to be held with local schools and environment groups.
- Friends of Tanti Creek. Grant for interpretational signage - \$5K Interim project meeting held with group members in October 2010. Brief preliminary report provided by group. Awaiting an update report. Project meeting scheduled for August 2011 regarding progress on the development of environmental and cultural interpretative materials.

Strategic Planner Natural Systems Community Consultations – June/July 2011:

- Western Port Feral Alliance Rosebud
- Southern Peninsula Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association (SPIFFA)-Pest animals
- Parks Victoria - Devilbend Reserve, Point Nepean National Park and Western Port Marine areas
- Melbourne Water - Tootgarook Swamp, Watson Ck, Balcombe catchment and Dodds Ck Flinders
- Department of Sustainability and Environment - threatened flora/fauna management
- Commonwealth Government EPBC matters
- Department of Education - former Rye Primary School site future management options& biodiversity report
- DSE Box Hill re protection of Coast Moonah Woodland at Flinders St. Rye.
- Devilbend Foundation-matters regarding Devilbend Reserve Master Plan(draft)
- Department of Primary Industry(DPI) –Frankston re pest plant and pathogen matters
- DPI Knox research facility re plant pathogen materials
- Arthur Rylah Institute re Shire projects and existing vegetation mapping updating

HERITAGE PROJECTS

Police Point Recreation and Conservation Action Plan

Police Point Shire Park was excised from the former Point Nepean Quarantine Station and transferred from the Commonwealth to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council in 2004, prior to the creation of Point Nepean National Park.

In 2010, Council adopted a Management Plan that identified a vision for the Police Point Shire Park as a place for use and enjoyment by the whole community.

In order to progress the implementation of the Management Plan objectives, Council is to commission a detailed Recreation and Conservation Action Plan for the Park which provides a framework for its recreation use, that respects and builds upon Police Point's diverse heritage values and provides an interpretation framework to impart the stories of the site to visitors.

Update: The Project Initiation meeting was held on July 7 with successful consultants Context P/L and Urban Initiatives P/L.. A meeting with the Community Consultation group is programmed for September 6. At this meeting the consultant's preliminary findings from background research will be discussed. Project completion is anticipated for December 2011.

Fossil Beach Conservation Management Plan

Fossil Beach is a heritage site of State significance, located 3 km south of Mornington. It contains the remnants of a short-lived cement works that operated between 1861 and 1863. There are substantial ruins of kilns, settling pans and boilers hidden under vegetation.

The National Trust has long held concerns over the conservation of the site, and management presents some difficulties for Shire staff due to the archaeological constraints. Council has included funding for the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan in the 2009 /2010 priority projects budget. The CMP will be used to guide the conservation of the site and assist Shire staff in management activities.

Update: The Conservation Management Plan is to be submitted to Council for consideration at its meeting on 1st August..

Mornington Peninsula Thematic History

In conjunction with the Shire Heritage Review (see below) the 'thematic environmental histories' that form part of each existing Shire heritage study (there are 4, one each for the 3 pre-amalgamation Shires plus a portion of Frankston City) are being combined into a new Mornington Peninsula Thematic Environmental History. This is a necessary step in assessment of new heritage places and supporting any new heritage overlays that may be recommended by the Heritage Review.

Two drafts of the combined history were produced by consultant Graeme Butler in 2008, with assistance from community heritage groups. At that stage the consultant recommended that the draft document required further editing and refinement.

Update: The editing process by Context P/L has been completed. The document has been reviewed by officers and a limited number of external stakeholders and will be reported to Council for provisional endorsement, enabling the Shire's Heritage Review project (see below) to proceed to the next stage..

Shire Heritage Review – Area 1 – Mt Eliza, Mornington, Mt Martha

A review of the status of the Shire's heritage studies and their implementation was completed in 2006. This outlined a staged strategy to review and update heritage studies and recommendations for new heritage overlays.

As the first stage of this process, an interim Thematic History for the Shire has been prepared by consultant Graeme Butler & Associates. This is currently being edited and finalized (see above).

Funds were allocated in the 2009-2010 budget to commence area based reviews of the previous heritage studies, with Stage 1 being a review of the Mt Martha, Mornington and Mt Eliza areas (Area1). Consultants Context P/L were engaged to undertake the 1st stage. Community workshops were conducted in December 2010.

Update: 82 individual places and 2 precincts have now been researched in detail. It is anticipated that approximately 60 places will be recommended for new heritage overlays. It has been decided to add a further 25 places, nominated by local heritage groups or identified by the consultants after the commencement of the review, to the list for research.

Shire Heritage Review – Area 2 – Dromana, Rosebud, Rye

The planning for Stage 2, being a review of the Dromana to Rye areas (Area 2) has begun.

Update: The study area has been defined and the two major local heritage groups and the National Trust have been invited to join a new steering committee. These groups have nominated possible new heritage places for review. Council staff have completed a photographic survey of places on the 'heritage watch list' within the area. A list of places to be reviewed in Area 2 will then be finalized by end August 2011 and a brief for this review will be forwarded to relevant consultants for expressions of interest by end September 2011.

Ranelagh Estate Conservation Management Plan

The CMP has been adopted by Council and is available on the Shire website. An action plan has been prepared with the assistance of the advisory group. Timelines for actions are now being identified with planning scheme amendments proposed for 2010.

Update: The next meeting of the Ranelagh E Team is scheduled for August 3.

Significant Tree Register

Following a review of trees identified in the Shire's heritage studies by Lorraine Huddle, Council's heritage adviser, the Strategic Planning unit and Open Space & Roadsides unit have developed a project to use the Asset Management Database as a register of heritage trees on land managed by Council. Once this project is established, a second stage, consisting of a register of heritage trees on private land is proposed, and public nominations for both lists will be invited..

Update: An outline of the proposed Register has been presented to Council's Vegetation e-team. Initial consultation with some stakeholders - National Trust, Mornington & Dist. Historical Society, has occurred.

SECTION 29A APPLICATIONS – REPORT AND CONSENT FOR DEMOLITION

Section 29A of the Building Act requires Council to be notified of proposed demolitions. This in turn provides an opportunity to assess the heritage significance of the property and to either consent or, if appropriate, call a halt to proposed demolition pending the assessment under the Planning and Environment Act 1987. A request under Section 29A must be determined within 15 working days or there is deemed consent. An average of 30 requests per month has been received over the last 12 months.

In April 2011 – 26 demolition requests were received and 29 were completed.

In May 2011 - 27 demolition requests were received and 26 were completed.

In June 2011 – 34 demolition requests were received and 30 were completed.

In July 2011 – 24 demolition requests were received and 32 completed.

URBAN DESIGN PROJECTS

Context Analysis & Design Response guide

The planning scheme requires developers to submit Context Analysis & Design Response information with their planning applications. Council's Design Advisory Panel has for some time expressed concern over the quality of Context Analysis & Design Response information provided by development applicants, as have the Strategic Planning Unit. The project is to prepare a guide which clearly and concisely defines the purpose and required content of Context Analysis & Design Response documentation, as a guide for architects, designers and developers.

Update: The draft Guide was reviewed by the Design Advisory Panel at its review meeting on July 13. The DAP supported the draft while suggesting a number of improvements. The DAP advised that the State government should be approached to seek potential support for publication of the guide as a document that would be of general value to many Councils.

Flinders Streetscape Design Framework

Following completion of the "Flinders Design Guidelines for New development" and associated DDO, it was recognised that there is a need for a greater level of design guidance in relation to public space in the Flinders Village centre. Michael Smith and Associates Landscape Architects have been appointed as the consultants for this project. An initial public consultation session to enable community input at an early stage was held on 28 August 2010. The Draft Streetscape Design Framework was subsequently prepared in consultation with key stakeholders and VicRoads.

A report recommending exhibition of the Draft Streetscape Design Framework was presented to Council on 11 October 2010 and Council resolved to exhibit the Draft Streetscape Framework.

Due to the high level of community interest the opportunity for community comment and submission on the Draft Streetscape Design Framework was extended (from 20 December 2010) until 15 February 2011.

Update: Submissions have been received and these will be reported to Council, together with a recommendation for a final plan, as soon as possible

STATUTORY PLANNING REFERRALS

In June 2011 there were 7 referrals received (the average per month is approximately 24) and 12 responses were completed.

RESOURCES

Appointments have been made to fill two vacant positions. Ms Emily Woodin has been appointed as a Strategic Support Planner and commenced with the Shire in late May. Mr Hiren Bhatt has been appointed as Strategic Planner – Urban Design and Major Projects. Mr Bhatt commenced with the Shire at the end of June. Ms Virginia Brook has also commenced as a Strategic Coastal Planner with the unit while Ms Rebecca Cohen is on maternity leave.

Financially, the monthly and year to date favourable variances of \$66k is made up of a combination of less external professional services expenditure and more legal recovery income.

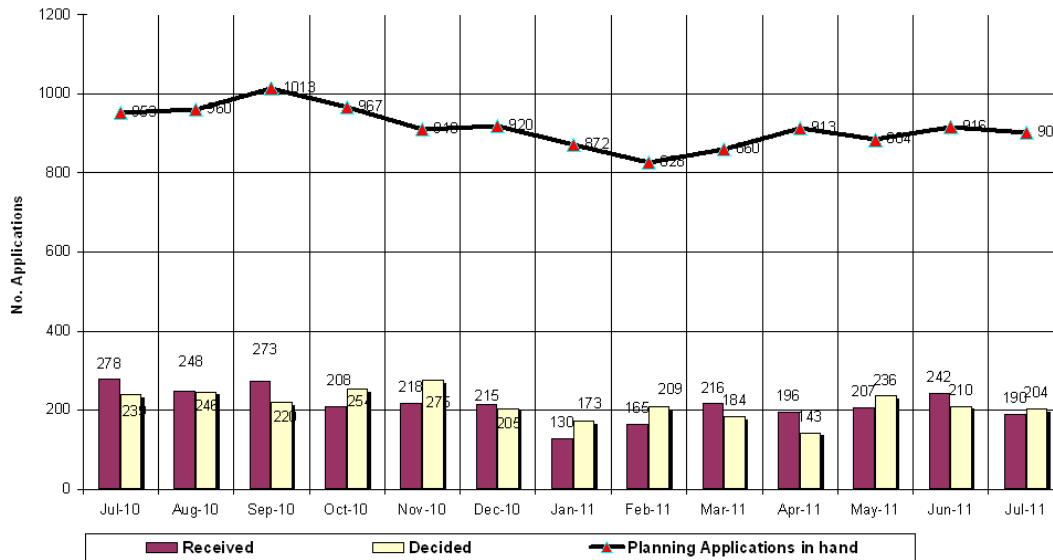
\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(135)	(69)	66	(135)	(69)	66	(1,611)	(1,611)	0

STATUTORY PLANNING

Planning Applications

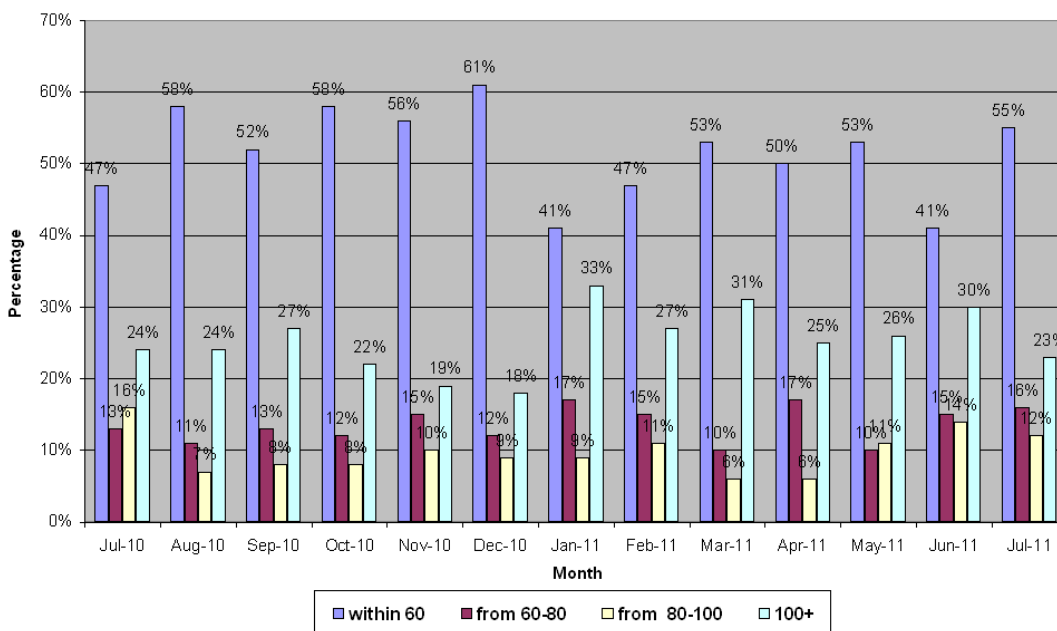
Council received 190 planning applications this month and decided 204 planning applications. This is demonstrated by the below graph, which also shows that, as at the end of July 2011, 902 planning applications remain in hand.

Planning Applications Stocks and Flows



Of the applications decided by Council, 55% were decided within the statutory time period (refer to the graph below) in the month of July 2011.

Decided - Days - %



Planning Support

The Planning Support team received a total of 2800 telephone calls in the month of July. 81% (target is 80%) of calls were answered within 20 seconds and 98% (target is 95%) of calls were answered within 2 minutes. 761 planning related counter enquiries were also received for the month.

The Planning Support team is now full resourced and during the last month there has been a great improvement in reducing the time delay in getting files from registration to the planner for assessment. With the ongoing training and development of new staff members in the team, it is anticipated that processing times will continue to be reduced in all work areas of the team.

Meetings of Interest

Officers from Wellington Shire Council visited Council's Statutory Planning Unit on Friday 4th July. The purpose of the visit was to discuss potential efficiencies in the planning application process, and to allow Wellington Shire Council to observe 'hands on' the operation of this Unit, and particularly, our Planning Support team. Senior Statutory Planning and Planning Support Officers will be visiting Wellington Shire Council on 5th August 2011 to observe their Statutory Planning Unit.

Major Applications Received

P11/1179 - Mornington racecourse (rear of site), 330 Racecourse Road, Mornington (David M^cPherson) - telecommunications facility

P11/1198 - 57 Woyna Avenue, Rosebud West (Patrick Murphy) - nine (9) dwellings.

P11/1222 - 45 Kerferd Avenue, Sorrento (Kym Umbers) – six (6) dwellings.

P11/1240 - 6 Nepean Highway, Dromana – (David M^cPherson) - ten (10) double storey and three (3) single storey dwellings

P11/1247 - 219-257 Main Street, Mornington (David M^cPherson) - sale of packaged liquor in association with Aldi Supermarket.

P11/1288 - Mornington Park, Schnapper Point Drive, Mornington (Brendan Ward) – farmers market

Recent VCAT decisions

P09/2664 - 41 Wildcoast Road, Portsea (Emma Wakefield)

The application proposed the construction of one (1) dwelling and associated works on land located within the Wildfire Management Overlay (WMO). The site is vacant, largely covered by vegetation, and with a direct abuttal to the Mornington Peninsula National Park. The Applicant appealed Council's 'failure to determine' this application within the statutory timeframe to VCAT.

Although Council did not decide this application, Council indicated to VCAT that it would have refused to grant a planning permit in this instance, on a number of grounds, but primarily its:

- Failure to comply with the WMO provisions;
- Visual impacts of the proposed development
- Vegetation impacts (specifically removal of vegetation) proposed

The application was referred to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) who objected to the application on the basis that the proposed dwelling was located within the 'flame zone.'

In considering this matter, VCAT did not support Council's concerns about the visual and vegetation impacts of the proposal. However, VCAT strongly supported Council and CFA's concerns in terms of the development's failure to meet the objectives of the WMO and in terms of responding to the findings of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. VCAT strongly supported

Council and CFA's position that the application was fundamentally flawed in that the applicant had failed to consider whether alternative siting options (for the dwelling) were available that would reduce the risk of the loss of life or property.

This decision is significant to Council because addresses the fire issues associated with this development in a comprehensive and methodical manner, with significant emphasis being placed on the siting issues – i.e. the desire to pursue a view does not outweigh the need to address the fire risk.

P10/1097 - 5 Seaglades Avenue, Bittern (Sotirios Katakouzinis)

This application proposed a two (2) lot subdivision, with Lot 1 proposed to contain an existing dwelling and associated farming activity (hydroponic tomatoes) and Lot 2 comprising vacant land. A planning permit was issued for the subdivision subject to a number of conditions; the applicant appealed to VCAT against Conditions 2 and 4.

Condition 2 required the land owner to enter in to a section 173 agreement with Council to the effect that both lots would not be further subdivided. Condition 4 required the preparation of a Farm Management Plan for both lots, and for the lots to be used in accordance with the approved Plan(s).

The appeal against Condition 2 was largely dismissed by VCAT. The site is in the Farming Zone which states that where a lot does not meet the minimum lot size (40 hectares), that a planning permit may granted for subdivision provided the owner enter into a section 173 agreement stating that the land will not be further subdivided, as a way of ensuring that farming uses on the land could continued, without the possibility of being limited by further subdivision into smaller (unviable) lots. VCAT felt that they could not exercise discretion in this regard, given that the purpose of the Farming Zone is for land to be used for agriculture.

This decision is significant to Council for VCAT's position on Farm Management Plans. Condition 4 requires the submission, and approval, of a Farm Management Land for each lot prior to the issue of a Statement of Compliance (and therefore, prior to the release of titles for these two lots). The applicant submitted a plan for Lot 2 (vacant lot) showing how it could be developed for a dwelling and an agricultural enterprise. VCAT supported the requirement of a Farm Management Plan for Lot 2 only; with Member Fong stating, at paragraph 27 of the decision, that "*a land management plan is an appropriate tool to ensure the maintenance of agricultural production in the Farming Zone.*" VCAT considered that it was not necessary for Lot 1 to be the subject of a Farm Management Plan, given that a farming use already operates on this site.

Condition 4 comprised a list of information required, by Council, to be included in the Farm Management Plan. Member Fong varied this, and therefore Condition 4, by removing the requirement for the Farm Management Plan to include:

- Details of management and keeping of farm animals including horses and livestock (Condition 4F);
- Details of fencing to allow the natural movement of native wildlife, which should involve further study into the types of wildlife in the area and the appropriate fencing to facilitate their movement rather than a general open requirement) (Condition 4I); and,
- Details of planting in the creation of the landscape buffer required by Condition 2 (Condition 4J).

Member Fong accepted that the Farm Management Plan should include the following, as "*they (the planning conditions) relate to matters that commonly cause friction between neighbours in rural areas and where incoming residents may have unrealistic expectation of life in the country.*"

- Recognition of agricultural uses in neighbouring properties (Condition 4C);
- Recognition and confirmation that only domestic animals that do not adversely affect livestock in neighbouring properties are kept on proposed Lot 2 (Condition 4D);

- Details of weed management (Condition 4E);
- Details of horticultural or agricultural production (Condition 4G); and
- Details of any chemical use (Condition 4H).

P10/1368 - 13 Bellbird Road, Mount Eliza (Nicholas Harrison)

This was the first application for an integrated subdivision in the Mount Eliza woodlands area to be heard at VCAT since the previous planning minister refused planning scheme amendment C87 which would have effectively prohibited subdivisions of this type in the area. The tribunal upheld Council's decision to approve the application based on the current planning scheme provisions.

The VCAT member found that until any proposed planning scheme amendment preventing integrated subdivision in this area is approved that the approach taken by the Tribunal in the earlier Falcone matter (Falcone v Mornington Peninsula SC VCAT 334 - 28 February 2005) was still appropriate today:

While I appreciate the views of the objectors, the simple fact of the matter is that the planning scheme provisions specifically provide the discretion for the grant of a permit for the construction of a second dwelling and subdivision creating lots less than 2600 square metres in this area. When discretion is provided in the scheme, it is necessary to consider the specific merits of the proposal. In expressing this view, I do not feel that I am setting a "precedent" in this regard. Rather, after about 20 or so decisions of this tribunal^[1], it seems to me that the same point has been made over and over again.

Financially, the monthly and year to date favourable variances of \$18k is primarily attributed to the expenditure on legal fees and external professional consultant fees being less than anticipated in the month of July 2011.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(313)	(295)	18	(313)	(295)	18	(3,710)	(3,710)	0

^[1] [in the Woodlands area]

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention Notices/Inspections/Burn Permits

In July there were seven requests for officers to inspect properties for fire hazards. No Fire Prevention Notices were issued to private property due to the current weather conditions. The fire prevention program is now finished due to the cooler conditions.

One fire prevention Infringement Notice was issued and one compulsory clearance was undertaken on a non-compliant property (this relates to an issue which was not resolved over the summer).

Emergency Management Coordinator

Brett Fletcher starts with the Shire on Monday August 1, 2011 as the Mornington Peninsula Shire Emergency Management Co-ordinator. Brett will be working closely with the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer on implementing the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission recommendations and other fire and emergency management programs and initiatives.

Bushfire Management Overlay

The Shire continues to work on the transition to the new Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) replacing the Wildfire Management Overlay (WMO). The key work being undertaken at the moment involves demonstrating and documenting the way in which the community as a whole is being protected and how the bushfire risk is being mitigated, including through municipal fire prevention planning, public land management and community education/individual actions. The Department of Planning and Community Development has given the Mornington Peninsula Shire a \$20,000 grant to fund this work.

COMMUNITY ANIMAL SHELTER

Statutory Obligations

The State Government's revision of the Code of Practice for the Management of Cats and Dogs in Pounds and Shelters has placed additional obligations on Local Government. These changes will impact on some operational aspects of the Shire's Community Animal Shelter, including a potential for the imposition of some additional costs to Council

Community Volunteer Programme

Volunteers at the Community Animal Shelter are involved with the Animal Shelter staff on a daily basis, helping to care for 'lost' pets in a 'hands-on' way. Volunteers assist with the rehabilitative training of shelter dogs by helping to re-establish the animals' trust in people and other animals. This involves handling and patting the animals, which greatly improves their opportunity for re-homing.

Volunteers also exercise dogs at the shelter by taking them on regular walks, so they remain active and healthy.

The Animal Shelter Volunteers' Program is another means by which the Shire is seeking to promote animal welfare and raise awareness and understanding of responsible pet ownership issues in our community.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

'Leash-Free' Areas for Dog-Owners

Preparation and planning is underway for the establishment of new off leash exercise areas for dog owners in several townships, including: Baxter; Hastings; Balnarring; Balnarring Beach; Shoreham and Dromana. Matters relating to the development and improvement of 'leash-free' areas in Tyabb and Tootgarook are also being progressed as component parts of master plans for recreation reserves in these two townships.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Safety - Food Complaints

This month we received eight complaints from the public in relation to food or the condition of a food business. These complaints are listed below.

Details of Complaint	Result of Investigation
Customer purchased steamed dim sims, spring rolls and noodles from a Chinese Restaurant. The customer has advised that the dim sims and spring rolls were still frozen and the noodles had a slimy film.	The matter is under investigation.
An anonymous customer is concerned about handling and preparation of food by a Community Group. They do not wear gloves and dogs are loose in the kitchen at all times	The complaint about a dog in the kitchen is justified. The organisers have been advised and have agreed to ban all animals in the kitchen. It is not mandatory to wear gloves.
An anonymous customer is concerned about the condition of a hotel kitchen as it's in a poor state of repair. The walls are rotten, food is stored unrefrigerated overnight and there are lots of cross-contamination issues.	The matter is under investigation.
Customer cooked a piece of chicken in an oven bag. When they cut the oven bag open a piece of it fell back onto the baking tray and melted into a white material that has now glued to the tray.	Customer advised that the Shire has no power to deal with this type of complaint and it should be taken up with Consumer Affairs.
Customer is concerned that he has been ill from eating a chicken burger. He advised that he still has some of the burger left in the refrigerator. The customer also advised that he frequently gets undercooked food from this premises.	Several messages have been left for the customer to contact the Environmental Health Officer to arrange to pick up the remains of the chicken burger. The calls have not been returned. The premises has been inspected and cooking processes appear to be satisfactory. The matter is still under investigation.
Anonymous complaint received about the cleanliness of a charcoal chicken take away shop.	Inspection revealed some structural items need repair and cleaning needed to be undertaken. Notices under the Food Act have been issued and the premises will be subject to an increased inspection regime.
Customer purchased a packet of spinach and salad mix, when they used it they found a shrivelled up dead mouse amongst the salad.	The matter has been fully investigated by the Environmental Health Team. A site inspection revealed the manufacturing premises was adequately vermin proofed, they have good inspection procedures and detection devices and had taken adequate steps to minimise contamination. We could not determine exactly how the mouse

	entered the product. It is most likely the mouse came into the premises dead in amongst the raw ingredients. The complainant has been advised of the actions taken and was very happy with the actions taken by the Shire.
Customer purchased some sausages and he is certain that they caused food poisoning.	The matter is under investigation.

Magistrates Court Results

The Shire's Environmental Health Team successfully prosecuted a proprietor of an ice cream shop for not meeting the structural standards under the Food Standards Code and not being registered in accordance with the Food Act. The proprietor was found guilty, convicted, fined \$5000 and ordered to pay costs of \$3885.

Food Recalls

There were two food recalls issued by Food Safety Australia and New Zealand or the Department of Human Services in July which was followed up by the Environmental Health Team.

- Kellogg Crunchy Nut Clusters 540g and 450g with Best Before: for the 540g packages 21/03/2012 and 22/03/2012 and for the 450g packages 01/06/2012 due to foreign matter – small plastic pieces
- Haighs Aprichoc Chocolates with a Best Before 29 OCT 11 due to undeclared allergen (nuts).

Tobacco Sales to Minors

During the school holidays, as part of the ongoing Sales to Minors Tobacco Awareness Program, the Environmental Health Officers together with a young person visited a number of business which sell tobacco products. Tobacco products must not be sold to somebody under the age of 18. Fifteen premises were visited and two businesses sold to the minor. A warning letter has been sent to the premises in question.

SHIRE RANGERS

Cases of interest – Court Proceedings

Details	Outcome
The accused is the owner of three Staffordshire Bull Terrier dogs kept at his residential premises. All of the dogs escaped their premises and later the same day entered a property where livestock was being kept. Once on the property the three dogs proceeded to attack a goat and two sheep. The goat and one of the sheep died as a result of the attack with the third sheep being seriously injured. Police and Shire Rangers responded to the incident and subsequently seized the three dogs. None of the dogs were registered at the time of the offence. The accused was charged with dog attack, dog at large and registration offences.	The accused appeared in Court and pleaded guilty to the charges. He was convicted and fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay Council costs of \$468.10. Prior to the hearing the accused paid approximately \$3,500 compensation to the victims.
The accused is the owner of a Boxer and Staffordshire Terrier dogs kept at his residential premises. Both dogs escaped their premises and were later collected and impounded by a Shire Ranger. One month later the Staffordshire Terrier escaped its premises	The accused appeared represented in court and pleaded guilty to the charges. The magistrate treated the matter as being a very serious attack, particularly given the permanent nature of the injury to the victim. The accused was convicted and fined \$3,000

<p>again and was at large at the front of its premises. At the same time the 64 year old victim was walking her Chihuahua dog on leash past the premises of the accused. The Staffordshire Terrier ran quickly towards the victim and her dog blocking their path. The dog then began growling and acting in an aggressive manner. The dog then began lunging and snapping at the smaller dog before grabbing the Chihuahua in its mouth and running to the other side of the road. The victim attempted to hang onto her dog but the Staffordshire Terrier was too strong and pulled it free from her grip. The victim was yelling at the dog as she followed it to the opposite side of the road. The Staffordshire Terrier then proceeded to further attack and repeatedly bit the victim dog causing serious injuries. During the attack the victim got on her knees and attempted to separate the dogs. During this period the Staffordshire Terrier bit the victim on the hand resulting in the partial amputation of the victim's left ring finger. Two males driving past stopped to assist the victim who was lying on her back with the Staffordshire Terrier lying on top of her. One of the witnesses grabbed a tomahawk from his vehicle and hit the Staffordshire Terrier over the head with the blunt end of the instrument causing the Staffordshire Terrier to release the victim dog and run home. The witnesses then applied emergency first aid to the victim and transported her and her injured dog to a nearby veterinary clinic. From this location an ambulance transported the victim to hospital where she was admitted for several days. The victim underwent plastic surgery however; the amputated section of the finger was not recovered and consequently could not be re-attached. The victim dog survived the attack. Police and Shire Rangers attended the area and seized and impounded the attacking dog. The accused was later interviewed and charged with multiple offences of dog attack and at large offences.</p>	<p>and ordered to pay council costs of \$69.70. Prior to the hearing the accused surrendered the Staffordshire Terrier to the Shire for destruction, as well as paying compensation for veterinary expenses in the amount of \$1,000 to the victim.</p>
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Case of Interest – Negotiated Outcome

A Shire Ranger and a member from the Shire's Housing and Social Justice Team had been dealing with an older member of the community with a number of health issues who was living with his dog in an old caravan on a nature strip. They had to evict him from his caravan. The eviction has had a positive ending, largely due to the collaborative approach taken by the Shire Officers. The gentleman had no friends, no family and was the victim of a rather nasty prior experience. The officers arranged for an Outreach Worker to meet with the gentleman, arrange a few medical issues and to seek out alternative accommodation. Both the gentleman concerned and his dog are now happy in their new abode. The caravan has been removed and the gentleman is receiving support

DEVELOPMENT COMPLIANCE

Statutory Building – Damage to Building

Late afternoon on Thursday 28 July Shire Building Inspectors were called to an incident involving a vehicle crashing through the side brick wall of Cocos Hair Salon in Mt Eliza. The Salon was occupied at the time of the incident but luckily no one was in the vicinity of the impact. Inspectors assessed the damaged area of the building and instructed State Emergency Service crews with regards to placement of temporary propping allowing the removal of the remaining damaged structural brickwork. Temporary hoarding of the opening was arranged for security and public safety reasons.



Planning Compliance

During July the Shire prosecuted a person for the unlawful removal of five nature strip trees. The accused person was charged by Council with five counts of wilful damage to property (street trees), he pleaded guilty and was placed into the criminal diversion program, a condition of which is a requirement that he pay restitution of \$4,000.



During July the second prosecution of significant unlawful vegetation removal (in this case associated with significant earthworks) in the Sandy Road area of Fingal was prosecuted in the Dromana Magistrates' Court. The owner of the land pleaded guilty to a number of offences under Section 126 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. The Magistrate recognised and commented upon the seriousness of the breach. The owner of the land was fined \$15,000 and ordered to pay Council's legal costs fixed in the amount of \$6,480. Proceedings will now be commenced in VCAT in order to seek an enforcement order to achieve remediation of the environmental and ecological values.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Environmental Health

During this month the Environmental Health Team have been involved with the:

- South East Water Southern Mornington Peninsula Sewerage Servicing Strategy Stakeholder Reference Group,
- The Best Bites Stakeholder Steering Committee.

Fire Prevention - Freeway Reserve Fire Management Plan Community Engagement Day

Around 150 residents attended a session in Rye last week to discuss fire management plans for the freeway reserve through the southern Mornington Peninsula. Mornington Peninsula Shire, VicRoads and the Country Fire Authority (CFA) worked together to produce the fire management plan for the reserve that details proposed fire management works within the reserve to reduce fire risk. Parks Victoria and the Department of Sustainability and Environment provided supporting information.



The joint project highlights the effort of all agencies to work towards a safer outcome for the community. Being fire safe is incredibly important, and it's important that where a number of agencies have responsibility for an area of land they work together. Each agency will conduct complementary fuel management/weed reduction works once the plan has been completed.

Agencies also talked to residents at the information session about the importance of undertaking works on their own properties to reduce fire risk. These works may relate to simple inexpensive modifications to houses, or more elaborate modifications, or effective vegetation management to reduce fire risk. The CFA provides this advice through the free Home Bushfire Advice Service which involves a free one-on-one visit from a qualified fire safety officer.

Once the Freeway Reserve Fire Management Plan is completed it will be available from the Shire, VicRoads and the CFA.

Financially, the monthly and year to date favourable variances of \$14k is largely attributed to phasing of employee costs due to the seasonal nature of some units.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(495)	(481)	14	(495)	(481)	14	(4,874)	(4,874)	0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Marine Sector

After a number of industry workshops, discussion sessions facilitated by the EDU, there is now a Peninsula Marine Sector Alliance [PMSA] formally established. The primary purpose of this alliance is to advance the interests of its members, promote marine industry development, lobby for better water access infrastructure and to work proactively with the newly created Port of Hastings authority.

The Chairperson of PSMA is Tim Phillips and the p/t Executive Officer is Bruce Douglas. The alliance is seeking to have the Ports Minister come along in the next few months to hear their story and where the alliance can best work in the local community and economy.

MPS Careers and Jobs Expo

All exhibitor and stand allocations have been completed. 49 exhibitors are confirmed and 55 exhibits will be presented on the day. WISE employment and Fitted for Work will join forces on the day to present seminar sessions on Interview techniques and 'Dressing for Success'.

Frankston & Mornington Peninsula Business Awards

Entries for the business awards opened on July 25 2011. A last minute gold sponsor, Bayside Shopping Centre, came on board to be part of the awards.

Final sponsors are as follows:

Official Media Partner – The Weekly;

Platinum Sponsors – Yellow Pages, Bendigo Bank, Greater Frankston Business Chamber;

Gold Sponsors – Chisholm Institute, Bayside Shopping Centre

Silver Sponsor – Connect East.

Entry forms are available at all Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Council offices along with Bendigo Bank branches within the municipalities of Frankston and Mornington.

Approximately five enquires were made in the first few days of the awards being launched.

Weekly emails will be sent to businesses that are listed on MPBOnline to promote the awards, along with numerous business and industry contacts within the Economic Development Unit.

Somerville Commercial & Community Group

A committee meeting was held July 5 2011 to discuss a membership drive and business directory that they wish to produce. The development of a website is also being looked into for all members to communicate between themselves and promote the area to the wider community.

The next meeting is to be held August 2 2011.

Agricultural Officer Activities

Bunyip Food Belt project

Gillian Stewart (Rural Business Officer, RBO) attended a fact finding excursion, with other Bunyip Food Belt stakeholders, to Adelaide City and surrounding shires to inspect a number of waste water treatment facilities, storm water harvesting systems and recycled water / irrigation schemes to support agricultural production. The tour was highly informative and useful in understanding inception, implementation and ongoing operations of different types and models of recycled water schemes already developed in and around Adelaide. It was also a great opportunity to share

experience on topics and issues of recycled water schemes and how alternative water schemes can be developed and implemented in urban and peri-urban communities.

The RBO has become a member of the Bunyip Food Belt Program Management Team to bring specialist agricultural production knowledge and input to this group which currently meets fortnightly. Actions in this period included contributing to the preparation of a joint submission to the National Food Plan and compiling a potential capacity building outcome summary linked to the implementation of the BFB which will be valuable for building collaborative rural extension partnerships and lobbying for funding.

Branding and Agri Tourism

Final confirmation of project funds being allocated in the 2011 / 12 council budget to commence activities has just been received. Therefore, project planning is able to commence in collaboration with Mornington Peninsula Gourmet (MPG) and other industry organisations and individuals who are interested in this project.

The Rural Business Office attended a branding function with Prime Cuts meats and MPG members to highlight and promote the potential to explore the viability of a "Mornington Peninsula Beef" brand. Follow up meetings with key stakeholders are to be organised.

Extension & Capacity Building

Further meetings have been held with both the Department of Primary Industries Small Landholder Information Team and Ag Futures team to discuss future roll out of project activities, planned across the region in the 2011 / 12 growing season. A number of workshops targeting rural landholders have been organised for August and September and are specifically designed to build the technical capacity of people managing small beef herds. Soils, pastures, land use capability, animal health, nutrition and stocking rates form the basis for the "hands on" workshop series. I

It has also been a good opportunity to strengthen the connection and collaborative relationship between the Department of Primary Industries and Mornington Peninsula Shire within our region, which has not had a formal relationship for the past 12 years.

The RBO is in the process of developing an Agricultural Industry career and employment opportunities display for the Careers Expo.

Statutory Planning support

The RBO continues to provide input where relevant to farm management plans linked to Green Wedge Zone dwelling applications and has streamlined the farm management information required for future applicants to increase the efficiency and ease of evaluation of plans.

Key outcomes from these events included strengthening of the RBO's rural and regional networks, proactive intra and inter regional communication on many agricultural audit related issues and follow-up and resolution of tactical issues where possible for members of the community.

Women in the Workplace

The recent luncheon was a great success. The 72 business women attended Veraison Restaurant to listen to Robyn Anderson, HR Navigations Director. Feedback has been positive regarding the event.

Itinerant Trader Mobile Food Van

Letters went out calling for expressions of interest to operate at one or more of the sites for the period November 2011 and conclude October 2012. Nine vendors have responded. An internal panel consisting 2 Economic Development officers and an Environment Protection officer will be assessing each EOI to appoint vendors to sites.

Safe Taxi Rank Funding

Work is now complete on the Mornington and Hastings Safe Taxi Rank. The funding received by the Victorian Taxi Directorate enabled the Shire to install CCTV camera and disabled access to the Mornington and Hastings Safe Taxi Ranks

Jayco Herald Sun Tour

The Jayco Herald Sun Tour international cycling race is coming to the Mornington Peninsula. The week long race now in its 59th year will navigate some of the most picturesque, and at times challenging, parts of Victoria, visiting iconic tourist destinations such as the goldfields, Great Ocean Rd, Bellarine Peninsula, Mornington Peninsula and finishing in Melbourne.

The Mornington Peninsula leg of the race will be on Saturday 15 October with a huge day of cycling activities running from 9.00am till late afternoon. The route for Mornington Peninsula has yet to be confirmed, however it will start in Sorrento and finish at Arthurs Seat. The Shire is working with local organisations and local event groups to develop appropriate concepts to support the overall event.

TOURISM

Accommodation Bookings

July bookings decreased 40% compared to the same period last year. This was mainly due to technical difficulties experienced post a storm event at the Visitor Centre; which left the booking service offline for nearly two weeks. The technical difficulties have now been fixed.

October Art Food Wine

Invites have been sent out to the industry for the 2011 edition of the October Art Food Wine Program. Designed to highlight great events and activities being held during October that celebrate art, food and wine. Notably: The Hinterland Scarecrow Festival, Pinot Week, Sorrento Fiesta and The Arts Alive Project. The program is promoted via a printed program, online activity such as eNews and in partnership with QStrategies PR.

Visiting Friends and Relatives Campaign (VFR)

There are now 31 tourism businesses registered to participate in the VFR campaign. This campaign is designed to offer discounts/specials to locals who bring their guests along to specific attractions, restaurants, tours etc. Scheduled for launch in September coinciding with Tourism Week; the program will then be promoted through Peninsula Wide and in local media with assistance from the MP Shire Communications Team.

Media Placements

Signature Style: A special Signature Golf Feature with articles about Melbourne Golf in conjunction with the forthcoming Presidents Cup event. Full page artwork promoting golf stay and play packages. This package was also promoted on the local MPT website, specifically under visitmorningtonpeninsula.org/deals.

The Age Rest & Relaxation: Wrap Feature based on R&R in Melbourne and the regions. Third page advert promoting spa and indulgence packages, also on visitmorningtonpeninsula.org/deals. Also includes editorial content and images for Mornington Peninsula.

SE Asia New Product Trade Mission

Mornington Peninsula region was well represented at the South East Asia New Product Mission led by Tourism Victoria. MPT presented cooperatively with Peninsula Hot Springs, Fairways Resort and Bunyip Tours to wholesalers, travel agents and tour operators in Singapore and Malaysia. Agents learnt about key attractions, accommodation and touring routes within Mornington Peninsula. Wholesalers then attended 1:1 interviews with each business to design new Mornington Peninsula tour itineraries and new options for inclusion in their travel brochures.

International Tourism

International visitation to Mornington Peninsula increased 6.9% last year. Average growth of MP international overnight visitors since 2000 is 7.5% compared to 2.1% for regional Victoria generally. [Tourism Victoria MP Market Profile 2010]. The top five markets visiting Mornington Peninsula are: UK, NZ, Singapore, USA, Malaysia.

Tourism Traineeship

Presentations to secondary schools to gather interest from year 10 students to participate in the 2012/13 Tourism Traineeship have begun. Our first presentation was to Rosebud SC Year 10 Assembly. After a brief introduction from Kellie Barrett (MPT) and Shey Arts (ATEP), one of the current trainees, Holly O'Donnell, spoke about her experience whilst doing the traineeship. Holly spoke brilliantly about how the 4 different work placements gave her a broader knowledge of the tourism industry and how at the end of her year 12 studies she will be heading into a full time job at Peninsula Hot Springs, be an 'on call' casual for the Frankston Visitor Centre and have a qualification that has put her 2 years ahead of many other students looking for employment in the tourism industry.

Community Engagement Activities

In the business development team the following community engagement activities have occurred:

- Attended the Mornington Peninsula Gourmet committee meeting
- Attendance at the Mornington Liquor Accord with approx 10 liquor licence businesses
- Meeting with Shires' infrastructure Team and the Mornington Chamber of Commerce
- Meeting with Westernport Chamber of Commerce Executive
- Tourism Industry Networking function held at Lindenderry, with 35 participants
- Tourism Volunteers undertook a familiarisation at a number of local tourism attractions
- The AgFutures for service providers including Council staff, Catchment Management Authorities, Landcare, VFF and industry groups' session on Future Planning in the Peri-urban regions;
- The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) Regional Outlook forum;
- MPG Winter table;
- The Victorian Agribusiness Summit in Warragul; and
- Internal networking with The Natural Systems Team, Food Access Network and Statutory Planning Units.
- Networking with the newly formed Peninsula Marine Sector Alliance

Financially, the monthly and year to date favourable variances of \$70k is a result from staff taking long service leave, timing of payments for tourism marketing campaigns, specifically the Official Visitor Guide; and income from footpath trading permits, which is a timing matter.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(124)	(54)	70	(124)	(54)	70	(1,480)	(1,480)	0

DIRECTOR - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Development of the Rosebud structure plan has been co-ordinated along side the preparation of the Rosebud Foreshore Coastal Management Plan. A revised plan will be reported to Council later this year, with interim progress reports. A brief for additional work on the preparation of an Urban Design Framework has been completed and the process of appointing an expert consultant will be completed by late August 2011. This will enable the start of this new project early in September 2011. The Urban Design Framework will be carefully coordinated with the structure planning process.

Melbourne 2030 envisages a Green Wedge Management and Implementation Plan for each of the eleven green wedges around Melbourne. The Mornington Peninsula Green Wedge affects part of Frankston City but is mainly contained within the Mornington Peninsula Shire. The Green Wedge Management and Implementation Plan (GWMIP) is intended to provide for the integrated land use planning and land management of the green wedge. The project is supported by a Community Reference Group and a Technical Reference Group of government agencies.

Amendment C107 Mornington Harbour: Council is currently awaiting the outcome of the Minister's Assessment of the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) inquiry. Upon receipt of the Minister's Assessment and advice from Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), Council will be in a position to consider the proposal.

Entries for the Frankston & Mornington Business Awards opened on 25 July 2011. Entry forms are available from our Council Offices and Bendigo Bank branches. We encourage as many local businesses as possible to participate in this exciting regional event.

Recent tourism research data indicated the top five markets visiting Mornington Peninsula are United Kingdom, New Zealand, Singapore, United States of America and Malaysia. International visitation to the Mornington Peninsula increased 6.9% last year.

Council received 190 planning applications this month. As at the end of July 2011, 902 planning applications remain in hand. Over the past weeks, significant effort has been directed to reviewing our internal statutory planning processes and systems. As a result, the percentage of planning applications decided by Council within the statutory time period increased to 55%, significantly up over the previous month. Concerted effort is being directed to lift this percentage performance even higher.

It's worth noting that Council's Statutory Planning team receives 55,000 incoming calls annually!

Important planning and preparation is underway for the establishment of new "off leash" exercise areas for dog owners in the townships of Baxter, Hastings, Balnarring Beach, Shoreham and Dromana. Improvements of existing leash free areas in Tyabb and Tootgarook are currently being considered.

Financially, the budget is on track with no expected variance to year end forecast.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(37)	(33)	4	(37)	(33)	4	(439)	(439)	0

INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

July saw the completion of the star rating for the Shire's 138 toilet blocks, which will form part of the Shire's Public Toilet Strategy.

The Shire's Asset Management team have continued to work on the process of data exchange between the Shire and our Service Providers.

The Traffic Engineering team is exploring opportunities to advance the construction of the proposed roundabout at the Bungower Rd /Racecourse Rd intersection.

Community Engagement Transport Connections

04/07/2011 – Community Transport Solutions Forum Planning – Brotherhood of St Laurence at Frankston.

08/07/2011 – Final CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) presentation at Mary Court in Mornington. Discussions around Melbourne Medical Companion Project, MYKI and community transport were held.

11/07/2011 – Met with members of the Southern Villages Network

12/07/2011 – Community Transport Solutions Forum was held at the Mornington Council Chambers. 21 different organisations. The feedback received from the evaluation forms was overwhelmingly positive. (see photos below).



14/07/2011 – met with the Rosebud Community Action Group in Rosebud

14/07/2011 – Met with Martin Dixon MP to discuss the South East Region Education & Employment Access Pilot Project.

21/07/2011 – Met with Neale Burgess to discuss the above project to gain his support.

28/07/2011 – Met with Mayor to discuss the South East Regional Education & Employment Access Project.

Community Engagement Traffic & Road Safety Team:

Traffic and Road Safety (T&RS) team members participated in a number of meetings with members of the Community and external organisations as follows:

01 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with personnel regarding the events for the opening of Bunnings Hastings.

02 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Roberts Road resident about horse gates and other issues.

06 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Rosebud Chamber of Commerce about signage.

06 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with event organisers about the Red Hill Rollercoaster running event.

06 Jul 11 – T&RS Officers met with Vic Roads about management of bike lanes and other maintenance and construction issues.

06 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Mornington Racecourse representatives to commence planning for Racecourse Rd upgrade works.

07 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with consultants and other Shire officers with respect to Police Point management planning.

07 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with event organisers for the Herald Sun tour cycling event.

08 Jul 11- T&RS Officer met with Aust Unity & Jemena to facilitate progression of Booker Avenue Power line works.

08 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Cape Schanck Rd residents on site about Brewery Planning Application.

13 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer attended Tyabb Air Show Planning Meeting

15 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Hastings West Park residents about various safety concerns around the estate.

19 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Flinders Golf Club about signage.

20 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Tootgarook resident/business owner about Truemans Rd & Tootgarook Signage.

22 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with developers of Yaringa Harbour, Tyabb.

27 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer met with Rosebud West Traders representative about signage.

05 & 14 Jul 11 – T&RS Officer presented at Event Planning Workshop

Road Management Plan

The Road Management Plan has been finalised following submissions during the public exhibition period. It is scheduled to go to Council on 12 September for final adoption.

Public Toilet Strategy

The star rating of the Shire's 138 toilet blocks has been completed.

Work is now commencing on determining appropriate standards for toilet block refurbishment and development of a priority listing for refurbishment and construction of new toilets.

Special Charge Schemes

St Johns Wood Road (footpath) Scheme Blairgowrie

Scheme works apart from some minor finishing items has now been completed.

Bayview Avenue Scheme Rosebud

Works have been completed apart from landscaping which should be completed over August.

Jerula Avenue Scheme Mt Eliza

Contract has been let to Maw Civil Pty Ltd with works to commence in August.

Hendersons Road Scheme Bittern

Works are well advanced on this project and weather permitting should be completed by end of August.

Cobb Road Scheme Mt Eliza

Plans and documentation to be finalised for project to be put to public tender for works to be carried out during the 2011/12 financial year.

Green Island Avenue Scheme Mt Martha

Plans and documentation to be finalised for project to be put to public tender for works to be carried out during the 2011/12 financial year

Old Mornington Road (footpath) Scheme, Mt Eliza

Planning permit has been issued for removal of one pine tree to facilitate the construction of the shared path, documentation being prepared for public tender.

Walkers Road (footpath) Scheme, Mt Eliza

223 Committee Hearing was held on Wednesday 25 May to accommodate two owners who had requested to be heard, scheme and submissions received were placed before Council on Monday 25 July charge was declared; notices have been forwarded to owners who have 30 days from the issue of the notice to lodge an application for review (objection) with VCAT if they feel aggrieved by Council's decision to proceed.

Weir Street (footpath) Scheme, Rye

With no applications for review lodged at VCAT project will put to tender early August.

Wilson Road (footpath) Scheme, Blairgowrie

A number of submissions objecting to the scheme have been received with one owner being heard in support of his submission at the 223 committee Hearing on the 12 July. Scheme to be placed before Council for consideration of the submissions received and the 223 Hearing on 8 August with the recommendation that the charge be declared.

Private Commercial Car Park Leases

A comprehensive maintenance schedule has been completed for inclusion in the planning agreements to allocate costs between Council and the proposed Aldi development at Somerville which covers a Council and privately owned car parks.

Commercial carpark construction strategy

Work has continued on the development of the Commercial Carpark Construction Strategy. All unmade carparks in commercial areas have been identified, allowing the development of a prioritisation matrix and costing of potential works.

An internal workshop is proposed for later this month to work through some of the issues identified with the strategy.

Mornington Bus Interchange

The State Government's Department of Transport has announced funding of \$450,000 to construct a bus interchange in Barkly Street, Mornington. It is proposed to modify the existing infrastructure to provide enough space for two buses to stop in each direction.

The Shire will design and construct the project on behalf of the Department of Transport. Work on this will commence shortly.

Senior Asset Management Officer

An appointment has been made for this newly created position.

The new appointment will enhance the Asset Management Team's contribution to the provision of sound asset management services to ensure the Mornington Peninsula Shire's existing infrastructure assets are safe, efficient, and reliable and meet current and future needs.

The additional staff member is recognition of the effort and resources required to implement effective Asset Management improvement programs.

Completion of the Comprehensive Revaluation of Road and Drainage Assets

For asset management and accounting purposes, a comprehensive revaluation of the Shire's drainage and road infrastructure assets has been completed. The updated values have been loaded into the Lifecycle Asset Knowledge Management System in preparation for the new financial year.

Data Collection Specifications for new SIMS Contracts

The Asset Management Team is currently developing a draft document which will detail the data collection specifications for asset data. This document incorporates specifications for:

- data quality,
- data format, and the
- data exchange process

With the goal of ensuring: compliant, quality and up-to-date data will be supplied by the Service Providers.

Data Exchange

Recently, the Asset Management Team commenced working with the Rangers at the Briars on a project to collect and update all Shire assets located on the Briars property. The process of data exchange between the Asset Management Team and the Briars will be modelled on the current exchange process with UMS and the Drainage Engineers. This project will significantly improve both the quantity and quality of records of assets at the Briars.

Photo links to Furniture Assets on M.A.P.S

A recent data cleansing task has now enabled all assets categorised as 'Furniture' in the 'Signs & Furniture' layer on M.A.P.S to have a linked photo of the actual asset, where available.

Image formatting procedures

Procedures have now been documented for the formatting of images (for images that are displayed on M.A.P.S). These procedures ensure images are re-sized to meet the needs of the purpose of the photo link on M.A.P.S, and to minimise storage space on the network

Asset Condition Assessment Guidelines

The Asset Condition Assessment Guidelines draft is currently being redeveloped into a template document so that it can be utilised for a wide range of asset classes.

Roundabouts

The Asset Management Team continues improvement to the Asset register and is presently reviewing all roundabouts within the shire.

Roundabout data will soon be available on the Shire's Geographic Information System (MAPS)

Aus-Spec Asset Management Survey

An AUS-SPEC Asset Management Benchmark Survey 2011 has been circulated to all Local Government Councils and has been completed by MPSC.

The Benchmark Survey is intended to assist Local Councils to determine priority action for asset management by measuring key performance indicators. The survey results will allow Councils to review their performance against others. It will assist Councils by highlighting areas that need to be examined and assist in prioritising forward workflow.

Drainage Naming Terminology

Drainage terminology is an issue both within MPS and with our service providers. A long history of stormwater drainage management has produced a 'language' which is both extensive and diverse. With the advent of our corporate asset register and the need to automate data collection as far as possible, we are now encouraging a unified terminology which embraces our heritage and national industry standards.

An asset catalogue has been developed as the tool for encouraging and promulgating this unification.

Drainage Assets Shown on GIS Without Valuations (Unlinked Assets)

During the asset data collection process some assets may have insufficient information to permit immediate addition to the asset register. On many occasions displaying these assets on GIS allows initially unknown factors to be explored through inter-departmental collaboration resulting in satisfactory conclusion of an otherwise difficult process.

Infrastructure Assets team monitors the level of unlinked assets with the intention of minimising their level and impact. The current level of unlinked drainage assets is in the order of 10%.

Hardcourt Data Collection

The Asset Management team is currently working with Recreation and Leisure to update our data on Tennis and Netball courts. Recreation and Leisure will be undergoing an audit of our tennis and netball courts which will take into consideration the condition rating of our courts.

Bin Data Collection

Working with our Waste Management Service Provider, the Asset Management team will be updating our bin data. Presently the locations of our bins can be viewed within our GIS Mapping system. This project will provide up to date view of our bins across the shire.

School Crossing Data Collection

The Asset Management team has begun work on mapping and plotting all School Crossings across the Shire. This will assist our service providers in auditing and collecting data on these assets.

Safer Speed Limits Project

VicRoads has acknowledged the delay in processing the approvals of the speed limit reductions and advises the applications are a high priority for processing.

Major Planning Developments -Traffic Engineering assessment

Meeting held on 22 July with new owner of 107 Bungower Rd- Retirement Communities Australia (RCA) formerly owned by Darnley Group to develop a program to advance the construction of the proposed roundabout at the Bungower Rd /Racecourse Rd intersection. Road widening and splay acquisitions need to be finalised along with powerlines relocated for the roundabout to proceed. Funding proposals are being developed by RCA which will be presented to Council for consideration.

Mornington Structure Plan Implementation 2010/11

VicRoads is currently assessing the plans for a revised scope of works for the Main St Pedestrian and Streetscaping works.

Cash Flow 5 Capital Works Program

– Proposed New Projects

Management Units have finalised the entry of proposed new projects for the 2011/2012 Financial Year in Cash Flow 5. This entailed entering information about the project, financial data and answering a series of questions. The projects are ranked with a scoring system and considered by the Capital Works Steering Committee for recommendation to Council.

Feedback on what was successful will be distributed shortly, once Finance has completed their recommendations to Council.

- Justifying Annual Programs

Management Units have finalised their justifying current Annual Programs by answering the questions associated with the current Annual projects in the 2011/2012 Financial Year in Cash Flow 5. This entails entering information about the project, financial data and answering a series of questions. The Annual projects are ranked with a scoring system and considered by the Capital Works Steering Committee for inclusion in future Capital Works Budgets determined by Council.

- Cash Flow 5, the future

The new version of Cash Flow 5 will be called "Projects Pro" and is part of the recently upgraded Contracts 6 system. It is anticipated that we will be in a position to upgrade to this version commencing in the Financial Year 2011/2012. We are currently working with Open Windows and are migrating Cash Flow 5 data across to Projects Pro Test Database, where appropriate testing will occur.

Kiss & Go Works - The T&RS team attended the Tootgarook Primary school to successfully implement the education work associated with Kiss and Go. Officers handed out maps and tri fold pamphlets to all parents as they attended the school on the first 2 days of term.

Peninsula RideSafe – Planning continued for the approval of a pump track at the Boundary Road site. Plans are being drawn up for a cultural heritage assessment before any work can continue.

Peninsula DriveSafe – Fit 2 Drive sessions are booked for August at the following Mornington Peninsula Schools.

16 August Rosebud Secondary College Rosebud

18 August Padua College Mornington Campus

25 August Padua College Mornington Session 2

26 Toorak College Mt Eliza

Sessions start at 9am and finish at 1pm Staff and Councillors are welcome to attend and observe.

RoadSafe SouthEast – Successfully received its Grant from the State wide community road safety alliance and will begin planning for the new financial year.

Cleaned out the store room at VicRoads Burwood offices and lodged all its equipment with allocated storage at Iron Mountain's Dandenong Facility.

Mount Eliza East LATM – Contract has been awarded to Downer Works to undertake Stage 4 of the 5 stage program. Works on raised platforms are complete and kerb outstand works are nearing completion. Shared path works in Canadian Bay Rd have experienced some delays due to weather and are now expected to be completed in August.

Pedestrian Operated Signals (POS) for Hastings – The works for the POS have now been contracted and works will commence in the near future.

Bus Shelter Replacement Program – ten bus stops have been identified for bus shelter installation and ten new shelters have been ordered. UMS have been engaged to undertake the construction of the bus stops. They are currently sourcing quotes from subcontractors.

Construction and installation will commence once shelters arrive (they will be delivered in three stages).

RCLIP – School Bus Stop Upgrades – ten bus stops have been identified for upgrade, including bus shelter installation. UMS have been engaged to undertake the construction of the bus stops. They are currently sourcing quotes from subcontractors. Construction and installation will commence in August and be completed by Dec 2011.

AdShel Bus Shelters – T&RS Officers have recently identified 15 sites for AdShel shelters to be installed, under a Department of Transport contract. The stops will be upgraded if required and shelters installed in the next two months.

Sorrento RSL Works – works commenced on a footpath and car park in support of access for all to Sorrento RSL from the adjoining Shire Reserve. Works should be completed within the fortnight.

Racecourse Road Works – Works on Booker Avenue are now complete with the exception of power line works which remain outstanding and prevent the road from opening. The T&RS Team have worked with Jemena and Australian Unity to lock in a date for power pole works of 21 Aug 11. There have also been works undertaken to improve the temporary access road, and further consultation has been undertaken with St. Mitchell's Circuit Estate residents.

Peninsula Link – The construction of the Peninsula Link is well underway. The T&RS team continue to be closely involved in traffic management aspects of the construction on local and Vic Roads managed roads – reviewing TMPs and providing feedback from observation and concerned residents.

There will be short term stoppages of traffic in both directions on Golf Links Road from Monday 08 to Thursday 11 August to enable delivery of the Peninsula Link bridge beams into the site compound.

The beams for the Frankston-Flinders Rd Bridge will be delivered to an onsite storage area north of the Baxter-Tooradin Rd Bridge Site on Thursday 18 August & Friday 19 August with Saturday 20 August as a contingency. Six Beams will be delivered each night between midnight and 5am. The delivery route for the beams is via Moorooduc Highway, Sages Rd and Baxter-Tooradin Rd then left into site at the Baxter-Tooradin Rd haul crossing. There will be short 30-60 second stoppages for traffic on Baxter-Tooradin Rd as the trucks enter the site.

Beams will be lifted into position on the Frankston-Flinders Rd Bridge on two nights; currently planned for Monday September the 12th & Tuesday the 13th with Wednesday September 14th as a contingency. Six beams will be installed on each of two nights. The beams will be transported from storage north of Baxter-Tooradin Rd to the Frankston-Flinders Rd Bridge Site then lifted into position by cranes. Again there will be short 30-60 second stoppages for traffic on Baxter Tooradin Rd as the trucks exit the site. There will be a full road closure of Frankston-Flinders Rd on the two nights for installation of the beams. Traffic will be diverted via Baxter-Tooradin Rd and Hawkins Rd during the closures.

Abi Group will do consultation within the community including a mail out to the residents in the Deborah Drive area. There will be VMS Boards out on the roadsides for a week prior to the works. 782 and 783 bus services will be affected by the Frankston-Flinders Rd Closures and Grenda have been informed and will assist in letting passengers know about the changes.

The switch to the new side track at the Southern interchange (where Peninsula Link meets Moorooduc Highway) will be undertaken over five days in the week of 18 August. Following the switch there will be a 10 day closure of the intersection of Tuerong Road and Old Moorooduc Road where there will be no access to that end of Tuerong Road. Abi Group has already conducted consultation with affected residents and business owners.

Reid Reserve Works – works commenced on the shared path around the outside of the reserve, concreting is underway this week and expected to be completed next week if the weather remains fine. There have been lengthy delays due to the ground water and wet weather. The BMX track construction has also commenced and fencing works at the reserve are now complete.

Herald Sun Cycling Tour - T&RS Officers have been working closely with the Events and Economic Development Team to assist in providing traffic advice to event organisers.

T&RS Personnel Issues – Recruited T&RS Support Officer and appointed Andrew Wood in Permanent Part Time position. Andrew is currently working three days per week, Monday – Wednesday. Andrew is working in the capacity of Support Officer and also managing T&RS case management for the Rosebud and Kangerong Wards.

T&RS Best Practice Review – T&RS Team completed their Best Practice Review Report in preparation for presentation to Executive. The team met and discussed the continuous improvement plan in terms of business planning for FY 11/12.

Financially, the budget is on track with no variance to report.

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Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(157)	(157)	(0)	(157)	(157)	(0)	(1,859)	(1,859)	0

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For the month of July in addition to numerous informal engagements onsite with the community (typically 1:1's which occur whilst delivering customer service as part of managing Objective and MERIT), formally the Infrastructure Maintenance Team and the service providers were involved in the following:

- Natural Systems conducted a workshop to assist volunteer groups write a successful grant application. The workshop included information on what conservation grants are available, how to track finances, auditing, record keeping, filling in an application, motivation, OH&S, jargon, monitoring and evaluation.
- In addition Conservation Officers have been working closely with a number of Friends Groups to assist them in preparing actual grant applications for the Federal Government's Community Action Grants, part of the Caring for Our Country grant initiative. Several groups have applied for between \$5000 and \$20,000 to help protect and conserve their local environment and natural resources in Shire managed bushland reserves through such activities as revegetating landscapes, removing weeds, controlling pests, and improving sustainable land management practices.

PARKS & ROADSIDES

Somerville Gateway Treatment

One recent project undertaken by the Parks and Roadsides Gardeners has been to enhance two traffic islands at the intersections of Eramosa Road Frankston-Flinders Road and Grant Road in Somerville. Existing vegetation was past its 'use by date' and had matured to the extent that constant hedging was required for maintaining sight distance at this busy location.

The team consisting of gardeners, earthworks equipment and a traffic management team removed the existing vegetation, prepared and fertilized the islands and planted 160 scarlet flower carpet roses in the tear drop splinter island and 110 white flower carpet roses in the roundabout. Bordered by daffodils the end result will look spectacular.

Works will continue in the next few months to upgrade other gardens and streetscape in Somerville.

Sportsfields Improvements

As reported last month the sports field surrounds mowing team have continued carrying out amenity pruning work to trees and shrubs throughout Sporting Reserves. Very wet ground conditions on many of the Sporting Reserves combined with slow grass growth (due to the cold conditions) have given the sports field surrounds mowing team the opportunity to exchange their mowers for pruning saws to carry out amenity pruning of trees and shrubs.



8 Years Lost Time Injury Free

On July 13 the Parks and Roadsides team reached the milestone of 8 years without any staff member missing a day of work as a result of injuring themselves at work – usually referred to as serious injuries. This coincided with the site reducing its injury rate to a third of what it was 12 months ago. These are significant achievements considering the nature of the work and with a workforce of over 110 staff.

All the team celebrated with a BBQ breakfast at the Mornington Depot and were presented with a plaque to commemorate the achievement.



CONSERVATION PARKS & SHIRE NURSERY

Rainfall for the Briars during June was 71 mm with 549 mm year to date. Despite cold, wet weather 7807 visitors were recorded, mostly for functions and workshops. The various buildings hosted four functions, a National Trust luncheon with a presentation on the navigation instruments of Burke and Wills, a Writing Successful Grants workshop for Friends Groups, the Shire's Cultural Heritage Officer presented "Connection to Terrestrial and Marine Landscapes" and MP Regional Gallery conducted a painting workshop. Once again, during the school holidays, the Junior Ranger Program "Nature Explorers" was fully subscribed and equally successful. Off site, staff addressed the AGM of the Flinders and District Historical Society on the management of cultural landscapes with the Briars as an example.

A permit from Heritage Victoria has been received for considerable redevelopment of the Briars Homestead Garden. Planned works include removal and replanting of nine plums, removal of two poplars, propagation and replanting of almonds, new plantings of oaks and removal of three trees to allow the reinstatement of the vegetable garden on its original site. A new orchard will be established with heritage varieties of apples, plums, peaches, pears, apricots and quinces on the same grid pattern as the original orchard. A large orchard can be discerned in photographs taken in the 1860's and research has discovered a twenty-four foot grid which can still be seen today. Except for an ancient medlar and the old plums, the orchard has been replaced over a long period with ornamental trees, including oaks and a redwood, perhaps as the need for self-sufficiency declined in the 20th century. For all of this to occur, a new volunteer group has been established and they can look forward to much hard work and enjoyment.

A great deal of work was achieved in July by staff, trainees and volunteers, especially with woody weed control and revegetation. The vineyard volunteers were also busy with disease control. The remaining seven rows have been cut back to halt the spread of "Eutypa" or dead arm disease following the success of the same operation on the first seven. The latter have been pruned and new canes trained to wire.

At Warringine Park negotiations are underway with Max Employment and Conservation Volunteers Australia to establish a new Green Jobs program to replace the Green Corps. Once a training provider is confirmed the project should start in late August. The team will also be helping out at Kings Creek with Renewable Resources staff.

There was a good turnout of 20 Friends Group members for a day of planting at Jacks Beach. Work has been going on this month to prepare for extensive planting at Salmon Street for National Tree Day. A film maker will be there to record the project this year as part of an oral history project so hopefully there will be nice weather and a good turnout for the day.

Trust for Nature (TFN) have been working with the Natural Systems Team on establishing conservation covenants throughout Warringine Park. An onsite meeting was held and the TFN people were impressed with the great condition of some of the areas of the Park.

Shire Nursery

Nursery team members, including volunteers, worked hard this month cleaning up the Nursery display gardens, adding some new plants and removing old or dead ones. New mulch was laid and many existing plants were pruned to tidy the overall appearance.

All seed cleaning has finally been completed. This is a very labour intensive job that requires many hours of sifting and sorting. The cleaned seeds are stored in the insulated Nursery seed bank, ready to be used for filling orders and retail stock over the coming year. The peak seed collection season will begin again in November.

This month the Nursery donated plants to:

- Mornington Kids Childcare Centre for their garden improvement project
- a combined project with Flinders Christian Community College and Frankston Toyota to mark National Tree Day
- two \$50 gift vouchers in contribution to the upcoming Mayoral Ball fundraising event
- 30 native plants were provided for the Citizenship Ceremony held on the 20th July.

BUILDINGS

The maintenance team has welcomed VCAL student, James Piecyk. VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) is a hands-on option for students in Years 11 and 12. It provides practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Just like the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), VCAL is an accredited secondary certificate.

James joined us back in February and will continue to work alongside our Carpenter over the next two years as he completes his Certificate II in Building and Construction.

A week in the life of a VCAL student is very busy with three days spent at school, one day at TAFE and the remaining day with the host employer. We look forward to each Friday when James joins us and going by the smile on his face he is pretty happy to see us too!

We have recently seen the unfortunate vandalism of the Hunt and Hygeia Street toilet blocks located in Rye. All hand basins and toilet pans were smashed in the male, female and disabled toilets on Hunt Street. Also amongst the damage were broken mirrors and a fire was also started causing considerable damage to the floor in the male toilets.

Hygeia Street toilets were not hit as badly, however damage was caused when vandals broke through the laundry sky light and up ended the coke / ice machine. The machine front was torn open which could suggest that vandals were after money held within the machine.

The extent of the damage at Hunt Street unfortunately saw the closure of the facility for a period of time. We are pleased to report that everything has now been repaired and the toilet block is once again operational.

FURNITURE AND SIGNS

Tootgarook Kiss and Go Parking

Our team recently completed works for the Traffic Engineers to have the parking areas for Tootgarook Primary School on Wilkinson Street and Carmichael Street Tootgarook changed to school friendly parking Kiss and Go signage.

The area had a total of 28 signs installed including 'Kiss and Go' with supporting no parking signs for parents to stop drop and go. 'Walk in and Go' signs with supporting 15 minute parking to allow parents and guardians to stop park walk children to the gate or class room and then go, all within 15 minutes. Lastly, the 'Stop and Chat' signs with supporting parking signs without time restrictions. These signs will assist parents to park appropriately and conform to time frames to minimized traffic congestion in and around the school.

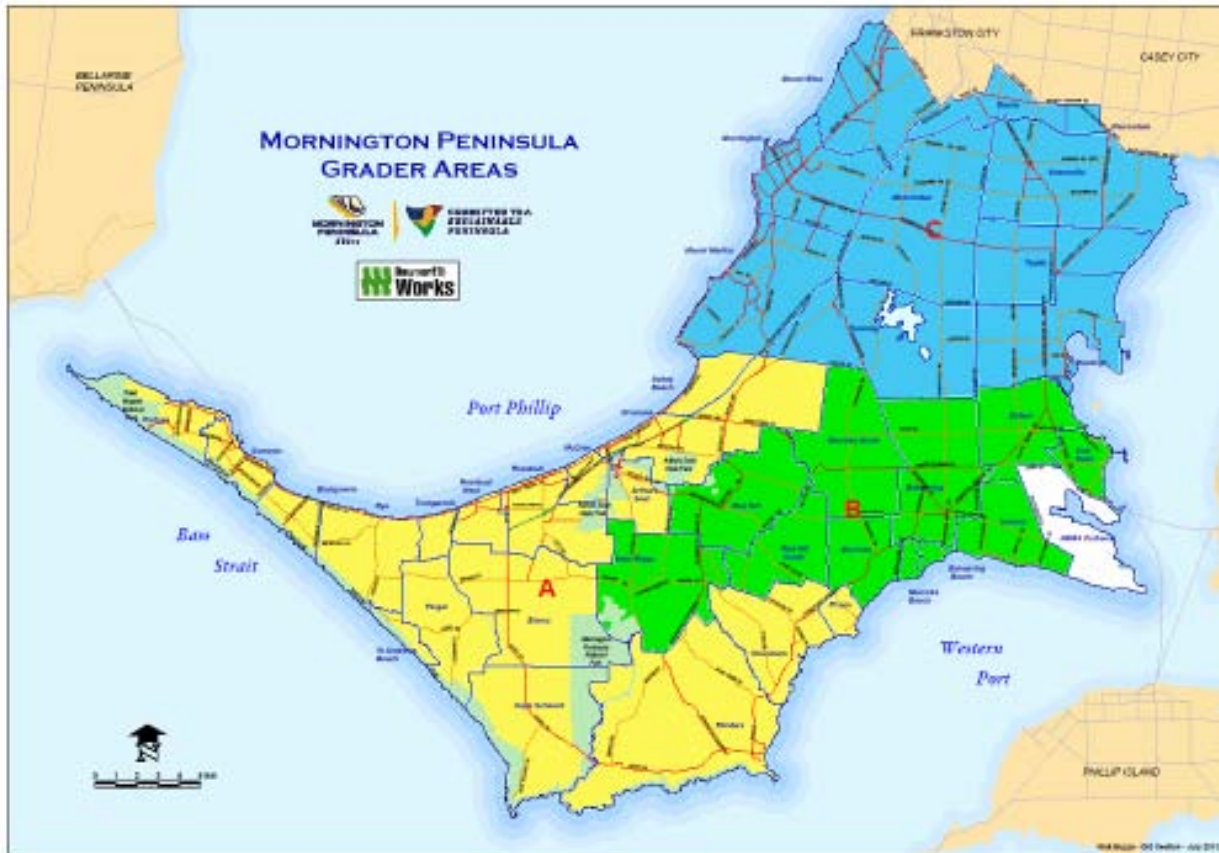
The colour signs are visually pleasing and children will see and support their parents with reminding them about the message that relates back to a regulatory parking sign for vehicle drivers. There has been an area defined with dome top bollards to support 45 degree angle parking signs.



SAFER LOCAL ROADS (SLR)

Grading Program Status

Please refer to the diagram of the shires Grading Program Areas below:



Shires Grading Program Areas

Area A is currently being graded 3 weeks behind program, Area B is being graded within a week of program and Area C is on program. We have moved additional resources into Area A to ensure that we are brought back on program in this area as soon as possible. The grading program has been negatively impacted by the consistent wet weather over the last couple of weeks.

Last financial year we added almost 18,000 tonnes of crushed rock to the unsealed road, shoulder, car park and footpath network in areas that required rock the most. This supply of crushed rock permitted the unsealed road network to be maintained to a high standard through one of the wettest periods that the Shire has experienced in the last decade.

Open drainage jobs have continued to be undertaken by the Excavator, Backhoe and Grader crews during the month of July, 2011. Last financial year a total length of 44kms of open drain and outfall clearing works were completed.

Capital and Other Works

Canadian Bay Road Path, Mt Eliza

The second stage of path works between The Ridge and Winona Road has almost been completed. This stage will provide a 2m wide asphalt path and connect to the previous stage.



Before



After



Mt Eliza LATM Works

Work has also been completed on constructing raised platforms and kerb outstands on Allison Road and Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza. The project included:

- Raised platforms x 4
- Kerb outstands (slow points) x 2
- Minor drainage works
- Linemarking and signage.



Sorrento RSL

Work has commenced on constructing a carparking area for the disabled. An adjoining footpath is to be constructed also.

Accelerated Works Program

Pre-construction work is continuing on Truemans Road, Tootgarook. Shoulders are to be constructed between Wilkinson Street and Sandy Road. The project is expected to commence construction in September 2011.

Road Resurfacing Program

The 2011/2012 Road Resurfacing Program has been refined over the past month. A detailed copy of the Program will be updated to the Mornington Peninsula Shire's website shortly and can be viewed by clicking on: *Shire Services / Roads & Maintenance / Road Resurfacing Program / 2011-2012 Road Resurfacing Program*.

NATURAL SYSTEMS

The Natural Systems Team is working with the Australasian Native Orchid Society (ANOS) and Department of Sustainability and Environment to trial some small scale protection of unusual orchid colonies from Swamp Rats. The Australian native Swamp Rat (*Rattus lutreolus*) is doing very well on the Mornington Peninsula with the growth of vegetation since the end of the drought. This rat is both nocturnal and diurnal and feeds on leaves and roots and seems to have a particular liking for orchid bulbs when it can get them. Some colonies of bird orchids in Mount Eliza Regional Park as well as the Leafy Greenhood and Frankston Orchid on the Southern Peninsula have required the use of guards similar to tree guards to protect them. We are hoping to protect the orchids through the Spring flowering season. The most obvious way to differentiate between introduced pest rats and Swamp Rats is the length of the tail – shorter than the body in Swamp Rat and much longer in introduced rats.



The Natural Systems Team is assessing the preliminary report provided by our fire scientist consultants Terramatrix. The company has comprehensively assessed fire management requirements of 11 medium to large size Shire bushland reserves and has previously audited another five. A key component of the project is assessments of house vulnerability as well as the calculation of fire behaviour and in particular fire intensities and likely fire directions within the reserves. The report uses the concept of the “credible worst case scenario” to build its recommendations of further works in these reserves. Residents around the reserves have been invited to workshops and provided much needed local information and opinion. Fire management of bushland reserves can only be successful in its aims to protect life and property when both residents and Shire are working in a complementary fashion.

Grant workshop for volunteers

In late July the Natural Systems Team worked with Friends of Sunshine Bushland Reserve coordinator, Gill Gordon, to present a workshop on how to write a successful grant application. The workshop was very well received by those who attended which aimed at streamlining the process for our bushland volunteers. The workshop included information on what conservation grants are available, how to track finances, auditing, record keeping, filling in an application, motivation, OH&S, jargon, monitoring and evaluation.

Arthurs Seat Escarpment

Conservation Officers recently attended a workshop with the 7 Urban Fringe Councils involved in the Urban Fringe Weed Management Initiative from the State Government. Each council had to present on the first years progress of the grant so we could then discuss key successes of the project as well as opportunities to build on some of obstacles that we have encountered so far. The workshop provided an opportunity for each of the cross agency working groups to develop on the prioritisation process, increase the community capacity and improve in the confidence of governments performance as biodiversity stewards. The Shire will continue to be the lead agency for the Arthurs Seat Escarpment Project over the next 3 years and ensure that all the requirements of the Department of Sustainability and Environment will be met.

Assisting Friends Groups with Community Action Grants

Conservation Officers have been working closely with a number of Friends Groups to assist them in preparing grant applications for the Federal Government's Community Action Grants, part of the Caring for Our Country grant initiative. Several groups have applied for between \$5000 and \$20,000 to help protect and conserve their local environment and natural resources in Shire managed bushland reserves through such activities as revegetating landscapes, removing weeds, controlling pests, and improving sustainable land management practices.

Financially, the July report the team is reporting a favourable variance of \$30k. This was due to a payment in Building SIMS, not being made. In July the Shire received its annual funding from the State Emergency Service (SES) Victoria. These funds will be soon distributed, along with the Shires contribution to the Sorrento and Hasting Branches of the SES.

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Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(804)	(774)	30	(804)	(774)	30	(35,859)	(35,859)	0

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Subdivisions

600-610 Esplanade, Mornington (Esplanade Estate)

24 lot residential subdivision. Works recently completed.

249 High Street, Hastings (Cottonwood Estate Stage 2)

24 lot residential subdivision. Drainage works complete. Pavement subgrade preparation complete and kerb and channel works progressing.

431 Racecourse Road, Mornington

Construction of Booker Avenue and reconstruction of part of Racecourse Road associated with private retirement village development. Racecourse Road reopened to through traffic. Waiting on installation of street lighting and the rectification of defects and omissions prior to taking over asset.

152 Wooralla Drive, Mt Eliza (Manna Hill)

12 lot residential subdivision. Drainage works complete. Kerb and channel works have commenced. Investigating need for subgrade improvement.

185 Bayview Road, Rosebud

10 lot residential subdivision. Site preparation and stripping complete. Drainage works nearing completion. Kerb & channel works complete.

18 Graf Road, Somerville

40 lot residential subdivision. Works progressing slowly due to wet ground conditions. Subgrade preparation in higher areas complete. Subgrade improvements in lower lying areas complete. Preparing for placement and preparation of pavement.

1 George Avenue, Tyabb

Drainage works have commenced.

This month has seen a lot of post budget activity from the Unit in setting things in place for the coming year's capital works program. This includes programming the works, allocating project managers, checking project scopes and inputting all of this data into the contract management and program management systems.

Financially, this month is showing a favourable result partly due to some staff on long service leave and partly due to a large capital recovery claim. These variances will even out over the year and there is no change expected in the year end result.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(90)	(48)	42	(90)	(48)	42	(1,053)	(1,053)	0

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & SUPPORT

Sustainability Victoria Review – Sustainability Fund

A submission providing feedback on the revised Priority Statements that guide the delivery of the Sustainability Fund was submitted for consideration to Sustainability Victoria. The Sustainability Fund is made up of the income from the Victorian Landfill levy along with some State Budget commitments.

The submission supported the proposed Priority Statements as they provide greater emphasis to cost effective resource recovery, reducing the burden on increased waste disposal fees on our community.

The submission also indicated support for ongoing funding designated to broader sustainability programs such as climate change behaviour change and energy efficiency projects.

Schools Program

The Term 3 Edition of the Resource Roundabout Sustainable Schools Newsletter was circulated to local teachers and schools. The newsletter provides information on state-wide and local sustainability programs and events for local schools, as well grants and awards. The Term 3 Sustainable Schools Teachers Network Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th September at Peninsula Special Development School.

An officer attended the '5 Star ResourceSmart Schools Certification' Presentation held at Balnarring Primary School. Balnarring Primary School is one of only three schools in Victoria to be awarded the '5 Star Certification' in the ResourceSmart Program. Over the years Balnarring Primary School has participated in several Shire supported sustainability programs for schools and have shared a collaborative working relationship. Balnarring Primary School is congratulated for an outstanding achievement in their sustainability practices and recognition at a state-level.

Illegal Dumping Program

A Mornington Peninsula and Frankston Illegal Dumping Taskforce meeting was held on Friday 29 July. Representatives from Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mornington Peninsula Regional Waste Management Group, VicRoads and ParksVic attended to discuss enforcement and education actions currently underway to address illegal dumping and collaborate on these issues.

Mornington Peninsula Shire in partnership with Clean Up Australia and the Yulgilbar Foundation are working together to deliver an education and community action campaign to address illegal dumping across the Mornington Peninsula. 'Clean Up Dumping – Mornington Peninsula' is a community awareness and education campaign that will culminate in a clean up weekend on November 19-20. Planning is currently underway for this program.

Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Awards

The 2011 Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Awards recognise and celebrate the community's achievements in sustainability by protecting and enhancing the local environment. The awards have grown over the years from being purely an Anti-Litter awards program to encompassing initiatives as diverse as saving water and energy, preserving heritage and community leadership.

This year 13 applications were received from groups in the Mornington Peninsula including:

- Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week
- St Macartan's Parish Primary School
- Crib Point Advisory Group
- Mornington Community Garden

- Friends of Flinders Coastline
- Capel Sound Foreshore and Friends of Chinamans Creek
- Hastings BUGS
- VCAL students program
- Western Port Festival
- Western Port Secondary College
- WildLife Hastings
- Hastings Heritage Collaboration & Community
- The Township of Hastings

Finalists will be announced via a media release on Monday 29 August 2011 with a regional presentation for Mornington Peninsula applicants at the Eco House to celebrate their achievements in September.

The State Awards Presentation weekend will be held 21st – 23rd October 2011 in Rutherglen, with the awards being presented on Saturday 22nd October 2011.

Clean Beaches Awards

The 2011 Clean Beaches Awards recognise and celebrate the many different ways that communities have taken action to protect and enhance their foreshore environments.

This year WhiteCliffs to Cameron's Bight has been announced as a finalist in the following categories:

- Clean Beach of the Year
- Community Government Partnerships - Blairgowrie Renourishment - Through Partnerships and Teamwork –Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Committee of Management
- Friendly Beach

During the state presentations on 29th July 2011 The Blairgowrie Renourishment - Through Partnerships and Teamwork - Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Committee of Management was announced as the winner of the Community Government Partnerships category

Tyabb Football Club Recycling Trial

The Shire in partnership with Peninsula Zero Waste introduced a recycling trial at the Tyabb Football Club in May 2011.

An audit was conducted in July 2011 that indicated 93% of all materials in the recycling bins were recyclable. A fantastic result achieved by both players and supporters.

The recycling trail will continue for the 2011 football season, with the learning's from this trail used to assist Council in the future planning for the provision of recycling bins at sporting clubs and community buildings.





Showerhead exchange

Mornington Peninsula Shire exchanged 567 showerheads during the 2010/2011 financial year. Well done to all involved.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Since the Sustainability Street events across the Peninsula in May and June, three groups have been established with another on the way. The Balnarring Sustainability Street Group has already run several events including a tour of permaculture garden. The group is organising a Wetland tour on the 7th July. West Rosebud Sustainability Street group have met and are planning a composting workshop on the 13th August at Eastbourne Primary School. The Rye and Red Hill Sustainability Street Groups will have their initial meetings this month.

The Shire has printed banners and Sandwich Boards to help the groups promote their events. Additional Sustainability Street Information sessions are planned for later in the year in the central and northern parts of the Peninsula.

Eco Living Display Centre - Collaborative Garden Project

Thirty carers and clients from disability Day Services providers, Connections and Kankama visited the Eco Living Display Centre on 20th July to work on the vegetable beds. The team of gardeners will next visit Kankama in Mornington and return to the Eco Living Display Centre In August to develop a vertical garden.

WATER MANAGEMENT

Water Efficiency Upgrades

The Shire in continuing to reduce its water consumption across operations and have completed works upgrading several high water consuming facilities on the foreshore. In partnership with South East Water the Shire installed new dual flush toilets, water saving showerheads and new taps and expect to improve water efficiency by 50% at these sites.

South East Water Integrated Water Strategy

The Shire is now working with South East Water to arrange the public comment stage of the strategy development. The Mornington Peninsula community will be invited to provide feedback on the strategy in late September and the Shire encourages all interested stakeholders to review the strategy and have their say.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Smart Meters

Council's Sustainable Energy Officer spent an afternoon meeting with representatives from Jemena/United Energy (the local electricity distribution business) clarifying a number of community concerns regarding the Victorian smart meter rollout.

Sectors of the community have expressed concern and confusion around the rollout program, which will see 2.5 million electricity meters upgraded to digital technology.

Questions have been raised around the safety, reliability and cost of the technology. After discussions with the Jemena representatives, the Shire's Sustainable Energy Officer is now better able to assist and direct residents with their queries.

Electric Vehicle Trial

After trialling the Toyota Plug-In Prius for a number of months, the Shire was fortunate to have the opportunity to trial a fully electric vehicle.

Through the Department of Transport's Electric Vehicle Trial, the Shire was able to trial a Mitsubishi i-MiEV for eleven days. The i-MiEV has a range of approximately 100km before requiring an eight hour recharge.

The Shire learnt that incorporating a fully electric vehicle into the fleet would provide a number of challenges; however these challenges would not be insurmountable. The Fleet Manager will keep watch on the release and costs of electric vehicles from manufacturers in an effort to provide staff the opportunity to acquire an EV in the future.

Community Electricity Bulk Buy Program

Following the success of the Somers Residents Association community electricity bulk buy program, a number of other community groups have expressed interest in facilitating a similar program.

The Shoreham Community Association and a group of residents from Dromana are interested in consolidating their collective buying power to negotiate a bulk buy discount from energy retailers.

The Shire is supportive of community groups facilitating such programs, as it builds a sense of ownership and learning around energy costs and usage among the groups, as well as delivering real cost savings to individuals.

WASTE MANAGEMENT (Strategic/Operational)

New Waste Fees

For the 2011/12 financial year the Shire will experience a significant increase in costs for the provision of its waste services due to an increase in the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) landfill levy and the new waste contracts.

The landfill levy has increased from \$30 to \$44 per tonne for this financial year following an increase last year of \$21 per tonne (\$9 to \$30). An overall increase of \$35 over 2 years.

The Shire's contracts for the landfill, transfer station and green waste processing operations expired in December 2010. The contracts were in place for 8 years with only a marginal increase in cost during this time. The new contract rates for the contracts have increased significantly and in particular for the green waste operations which have almost doubled.

To address the impact of the additional costs fees and charges at the Shire's waste disposal centres need to be increased. The new fees and charges were applied from the 1 July 2011 at the Shire's waste disposal facilities.

Given the significant increase in the fees and charges due to the State Government landfill levy it was expected that there may be a drop off in the use of the Shire's waste disposal facilities. However, transaction data from July indicates that the use of the Shire's waste disposal facilities was similar to the same period last year.

Wet Weather – Waste Disposal Facilities

The continued wet weather has had an impact on the Shire's waste disposal facilities with wet and muddy conditions resulting in some areas. All three sites have their own individual problem areas due to the rain and the Shire is working to resolve these issues with the contractor. The facility at Tyabb is affected the most by the wet weather as it is located in a wetlands area and is now saturated with water. This is particularly evident in the green waste drop off area. However, funding has been allocated to construct a hard stand area for the disposal of green waste this financial year, so the muddy conditions at Tyabb should be a thing of the past.

Financially, The team ends this month with a small variance of \$35k. This was due to additional income received from private street lighting invoiced in July. The additional income will be included in the forecast for September.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	1,090	1,125	35	1,090	1,125	35	(10,782)	(10,782)	0

DIRECTOR – SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

In the infrastructure maintenance part of this report there is a short note regarding the recognition given to the Parks and Roadside Team on a very significant achievement in the area of Occupational Health and Safety. This team have now recorded 8 years without any staff member missing a day of work as a result of injuring themselves at work. Given the nature of the activities carried out by this team and the types of equipment used this is indeed a milestone worth celebrating and the team members involved are congratulated on making their workplace a safer place.

The Shire and its contractors take OH&S very seriously. The success in reducing workplace injury levels reflects the importance placed on ensuring the workplace is safe and that as far as possible all potential risks in the workplace are eliminated. In recent years the obligations to provide a safe workplace have been increased significantly through legislative change. However caring for workmates and avoiding injury is more important than meeting legal obligations. The Shire's concentrated efforts in risk management and OH&S awareness will continue to pay dividends now and into the future and will contribute to the Shire building its reputation as an employer of choice.

While continuing wet weather is impacting on the delivery of many projects there are still a significant number of projects that have been completed this month. The details are set out in the Infrastructure Strategy part of this report and as noted there will be many projects being completed in the next month or two. In addition it is worth noting that preparations are well underway for the delivery of the capital works program set out in the new budget.

The grading program for unmade roads is an area which has been impacted markedly by wet weather in the last few weeks. However, as noted in the Infrastructure Maintenance section of this report with some minor adjustments the grading program will shortly catch up the recent delays. It is also worth noting that approximately 18,000 tonnes of crushed rock was added this program and used to maintain unsealed roads, shoulders, car parks and footpaths. With the addition of this extra crushed rock the unsealed road network has been maintained to a high standard through one of the wettest periods that the Shire has experienced in the last decade.

As reported in previous monthly reports many of the infrastructure teams are actively engaged with the community on a range of programs. The wide range of consultation and community engagement events that are being carried out reflect again the diversity of the lines of business carried out by the Shire and variety of means used in consulting with the community. The information and comments received from these activities are used to inform decision making and to test understandings about the level of service expected by the community across all service areas.

Financially, there are no variances of significance.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(42)	(41)	1	(42)	(41)	1	(502)	(502)	0

CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY CARE

Youth Strategic Planning and Support Youth Programs

The young people involved in the Breakloose Mount Eliza Hip Hop Program celebrated the final of the program with an amazing performance to their family, friends, Councillor Eustace and Councillor Celi. Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Mount Eliza kindly cooked a BBQ for the crowd of 130 people who attended the event.

Paul Patterson from Sanctuary Entertainment assisted the program by working alongside the participants to produce quality musical items. This provided the participants with an opportunity to identify and share their talents either in song or by learning musical instruments, further developing and enhancing the program experience and skills development for the participants. Participants were also able to learn about audio engineering skills and DJ sound mixing.

As part of the performances two young people were chosen to play the Native American flute. The sound was captivating and very uplifting. The two boys who learnt to play the Native American flute were able to take the flute home each week to practice on and were given the flutes as a gift. One of the young people on his first attempt was unable to get a note out of it. However after a week at home practicing he got the hang of it. Paul told the boys that the flute is a healing instrument. This boy's father is presently in the United States where he has been for some time having treatment for cancer and was unable to attend the final performance. After the final performance the boy's mother came up to thank Paul at the end of the concert and told him that her son had been teaching her how to play the flute, along with his younger brother and they would play it at night, sending healing music to their Dad/husband. The mother's emotions overwhelmed her as she tearfully spoke about how this experience had led to closeness with her whole family.

The post program evaluation has been extremely positive with both parents and young people alike expressing gratitude for the program and detailing positive changes that had resulted.



The Dromana Skate and Create program concluded with a presentation afternoon held at Café Jett in Dromana. Skateboards that had been designed and painted by program participants were on display at the Gallery and friends and family of the young people were invited along to the presentation to help celebrate and recognise all of the achievements of the 13 week program.

Throughout the presentation youth team members were asked by both young people and parents to express their thanks and gratitude to council for offering the program in their community. One parent said that their child rarely came home and talked about their school day, but every Tuesday they would come home and share all of the great things that they had done in the Skate and Create Program. She stated that his social group had expanded since he started the program and was now more active on the weekends; often spending all day Saturday and Sunday at the

Hastings skate park with his 'new mates'. The Mayor Councillor Graham Pittock expressed his thanks to each of the young people and presented them with a certificate of participation and show bag.

Youth Support

A partnership has developed between Oakwood School and Youth Support to provide a Flexible Learning Program in the shire area. Oakwood School was created as a campus of Caulfield Park Community School on the site of the old Oakwood Primary School in Noble Park North at the start of 2011. The school presently caters for young people 13-15 years but this will extend over the next few years to include Year 5 and 6 students and senior secondary students.

The school accommodates around 60 students at its Noble Park Campus. The partnership with Youth Support will see the establishment, in term 4 this year, of an off campus Flexible Learning Program for young people living in the Mornington Peninsula Area delivered at the YLounge Rosebud Youth Centre and Shed11 Youth Centre in Hastings. The Flexible Learning Program provides students with an Individual Learning Plan, developed by the student and their key staff member, which will include appropriate combinations of attending classes, online learning, mainstream schooling, work placement, VET studies, employment, recreation and family commitments.

The Oakwood program caters for students who are:

- Unable to return to mainstream schooling.
- Not currently enrolled in school or at risk of exclusion from school.
- Not attending and at significant risk of disengaging from school in the following year.
- Not succeeding at school, for reasons other than a disability or significant health factor.
- Demonstrated patterns of chronic disengagement, with little likelihood of maintaining a connection to learning program in school, or successfully transitioning to employment.
- Has not responded to interventions within their school

The primary focus of the learning is literacy and numeracy. Youth Support is managing the enrolment process and so far 5 young people have enrolled for Rosebud and 4 for Hastings. This partnership with Oakwood School will provide an opportunity for some of our most vulnerable young people to improve their education and employment prospects.

The extremely successful underage drinking diversion program P.U.D.D.A.L which Youth Services developed in partnership with Hastings Police, Reconnect and Pendap for the Hastings Police area six years ago is expanding to include the Rosebud Police area. The program will be run once per month at the YLounge Rosebud Youth Centre. Anglicare, YSAS, Reconnect, Rosebud Police and Youth Support will all assist in the delivery of the program.

When a Police Officer encounters an underage young person who is either intoxicated or drinking the officer can choose to either issue an on the spot fine or send the young person to P.U.D.D.A.L. A young person must attend accompanied by at least one parent otherwise a fine will be issued. During the P.U.D.D.A.L program the young people and parents are separated. A family counsellor and Police Officer discuss the issue with the parents. The Drug and Alcohol Worker and Youth Worker discuss issues and concerns about alcohol with the young people. After 90 minutes the two groups come back together for a "Party Safe" session which concludes the program. Police research has shown that in six years only one young person who has attended P.U.D.D.A.L has reoffended.

Youth Strategic Planning

The Communities that Care (CTC) quarterly newsletter was distributed in July. This edition featured youth programs delivered in each local area, new board members and information on the Staying Fit Enhanced pilot project that commenced this month. Staying Fit Enhanced is a new internet based program to promote healthy eating and activity patterns among young people.

The CTC Board developed a draft strategic plan during this month. This plan includes a vision for CTC Mornington Peninsula and how to achieve this. Also included are implementation plans that propose activities that support delivery of this long term project.



Universal Maternal & Child Health Service

Universal Maternal & Child Health co-facilitated three x "Toddlers without Tears" Programs for parents with 18 month old children. These two hour groups are being well received by the families who attended.

The Perinatal Mental Health Network is moving from the planning to implementation phase. This is a joint partnership between Peninsula Health, Peninsula General Practice Network and the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Maternal & Child Health Services to increase awareness and service provision regarding Perinatal Mental Illness. The initiative will be launched to local GPs next week, with plans for a launch to other professionals and community groups during Mental Health week in October

Enhanced Maternal & Child Health Service

July saw the re-engagement of families in the localities of Somerville, Hastings and Tootgarook for Term 3 of the Early Home Learning Study. Great feedback from families has been filtering through after Term 2 facilitation.

A partnership between the Enhanced Maternal & Child Health Service and Youth Services has developed. In partnership the services will continue with the Baby Beanies Playgroup. Baby Beanies is a playgroup for young parents with babies 2 years and under.

Immunisation

Community sessions continue to attract stable numbers at most venues, with most clients expressing satisfaction with the service.

We have also spent some time planning strategies to increase uptake of the Year 10 Boostrix vaccine.

Early Years Community Facilitator

The Best Start Annual Report was completed and submitted on time. Feedback from DEECD on the quality of action undertaken during the financial year has been extremely positive. The Early Years Community Facilitator took part in Effective performance Conversations and then benefited from a one-on-one session with the facilitator. Discussions were commenced with the Communications team about optimising the Best Start Early Years Calendar of Event. Since the inception of this calendar hits to the Best Start website have increased from less than 30 per month to in excess of 300 in some months. Changes to the IT environment in recent months have impacted the calendar and the ongoing discussions with the Communications team will seek to resolve these issues.

The 2011 Capacity Review of Kindergartens and Long Day Care settings, which is an annual requirement during the lead up to complementation of Universal Access, has been commenced. Progress is on track to ensure a timely completion of the report.

The Early Years Team provided support to the NAIDOC Week Family Day. The event was a success despite unfavourable weather.

Initial meetings have been held with the library to discuss ways of aligning Early Years Literacy Projects within the "Ready Set Read" and "Literacy Village" initiatives. These conversations will continue into August.

Initial meetings have been held with the volunteer program at the Shire to investigate ways of supporting the volunteer aspect of the "Let's Read" Project,

A draft action plan for the Universal Access Change Management grant from DEECD has been developed and endorsed by DEECD. This project will run the end of 2012 and will support the implementation of Universal Access.

The Early Years Community Facilitator attended the Early Childhood Development Pilot Project Advisory group meeting. This project continues to progress slowly with positive work being achieved in partnership with MCH and Peninsula Health Community Health under the guidance of the Advisory Group.

The third meeting of the Rosebud West Family Access project Steering Group was conducted. The project action plan has been accepted and work is underway on finalising the evaluation documents and methodology.

The second meeting of the Rosebud West Interim Governance group was held under the facilitation of Enterprise care. There is a significant amount of work to be undertaken in the lead up to formal governance of the new building. Handover of the facility is still to occur.

The Rosebud West Early Years network met. This network has agreed that meetings now become bi-monthly so there is more time between meetings to progress initiatives.

Anthony Semann has been engaged to deliver a series of six Change Management workshops for early years educators. The workshops will have an action research methodology and will be one initiative of the Universal Access Change Management project.

Preliminary meetings have been held with Eastbourne Primary and Play for Life to formalise the workshop outline for the August Best Start Partnership meeting and to clarify the scope of the proposed Peninsula Play Partnership that will sit with Best Start under the social supports and community connectedness indicator.

The Early Years Community Facilitator assisted Peninsula Health Community Health in interviewing candidates for a new Early Years public health position. The position will take carriage of the Best Start Breastfeeding Project over the next two years following the recent resignation of the previous Project Officer.

The Best Start Service Mapping and Referral Pathways resource is progressing well. The working party met to review the draft document. It is anticipated that the final draft of the document will be available by early September.

Financially, Budget performance to date is largely in line with forecast year to date with no significant variations.

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Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(431)	(439)	(9)	(431)	(439)	(9)	(5,114)	(5,114)	0

AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Seniors Week

This year Seniors week will be celebrated in the week commencing 2 October. Once again the Mornington Peninsula Shire in partnership with Department of Planning & Community Development, will sponsor a number of events hosted by Seniors clubs and related groups over the course of the week.

Last year events included "bring a friend" day, "pizza meet and greet" day, "try crochet/ bowls" day and technology days where older people could bring their mobile phone and learn how to use some of the more advanced and technically challenging features.

This year the Shire has already received 12 applications and bawe anticipate sponsoring between 20 - 30 events. Seniors week celebrations and funding provides clubs with a great opportunity to expand membership and increase awareness of the fun, enjoyment and fellowship that clubs can provide.

Class one all the way!

In July, the two class one food processing facilities within Aged & Disability Services (the Delivered Meals kitchen in Spray Street Rosebud and our newest class one facility at the Activity Program based at the Somerville Senior Citizens facility) underwent their annual external food safety audit.

In both cases the kitchens passed with flying colours.

This is no mean feat, as the food safety requirements for class one facilities (designated as class one because they produce food for potentially vulnerable recipients) are extremely stringent requiring team members to maintain exceptional hygiene and cleaning standards across the two areas. The auditors really do get the white glove out and check everything high and low, as well as examining documentation and sampling food to ensure production, storage and delivery of food is within accepted food safety parameters.

Our Delivered Meals team produces up to 400 meals per day with standards and quality that continually attract positive feedback from its client group. The meals served at the Somerville centre to our Activity Program clients are provided by the Spray St kitchen, then heated and served from within the Somerville facility.

Congratulations to team members in both areas for their very positive food safety outcomes.

Home Care Teams Realignment

The Home Based Services team are considering options in reducing our three large geographical home care team sizes due to the number of clients receiving services continuing on an upward trend. We have found over the previous six years when we realigned our teams that as client numbers rise and hours of services delivered rise we need to reduce the team sizes to manageable numbers in order to continue to provide quality, timely services to our client base.

We are looking to introduce another team (Yellow) to our existing Red, Blue and Green teams. This team will be approximately half the size of the three larger teams. We will draw identified clients and community care workers into this new team by realigning the boundaries of the three existing teams. This will reduce all team sizes to more manageable levels.

There is a considerable amount of work which goes alongside this boundary realignment to ensure minimal impact for clients and equity of team size. We found following our previous boundary realignment six years ago that initially many community care workers worked across boundaries to

ensure consistency of service delivery to our clients. This worked well so will utilise this process again during this current boundary realignment.

Pets and providing in home support

Aged & Disability Services are currently exploring how we can continue to offer opportunities for skills development to team members to work comfortably and confidently in environments where pets are a major part of the client's life.

Current research confirms the importance that pets play as companions, not just to our client group, but within all age ranges.

To this end we have engaged with a qualified trainer to put together a training package that will be provided periodically to all relevant staff.

The training brief is to provide skills to staff so that they are comfortable going into an environment that has pets present and that staff will have some skills that allow them to quickly assess any threats or OH &S issues that may be present as a result of a pet being present. The initial training is based around dogs but will eventually look at all possible pet types.

July at a glance.....

During July, the 250 team members and 220 volunteers of the Aged & Disability Services team provided the following in home and community based support services to older people and people with disabilities to enable them to remain living at home safely and independently:

- Information and advice to 268 residents requesting assistance to access Shire or other agency services
- 468 "living at home" assessments to identify needs, develop goals and care plans to assist clients to remain independent (this equates to 840 hours)
- 19,304 hours of home/personal/respite care
- 10,258 delivered meals
- 829 hours of activity program
- 410 hours of home maintenance and modifications
- 669 Dial A Bus passenger trips

Community Engagement activities....

Community engagement focus for July has been:

- intensive dialogue with the Shire's older persons advisory committee, PACE (Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders) as the last phase of consultation and refinement of the draft Positive Ageing Strategy
- planning for annual HACC client survey, to gather specific feedback on satisfaction levels and service improvement ideas

Financially, the year to date position is tracking well to budget, although noting an unfavourable variance in general home care salaries (due to ongoing increasing need for service from a much higher than average older population and a banding review of the community care worker role which occurred after 11/12 budget preparation) and lower than anticipated General Home Care user fees and charges due to delayed implementation of fee increases.

At this early stage of the financial year the unfavourable variance in General Home Care is offset by savings in other programs. As the year progresses and the outcome of the 11/12 HACC growth funding round is known there may be a requirement to review capacity of allocated budget for this program to meet need for service from our community.

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Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(344)	(380)	36	(344)	(380)	36	(4,029)	(4,029)	0

RECREATION AND LEISURE

COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The final Community Event Planning sessions were conducted by the team in July. In total 125 events were represented with the training attracting event organisers, students and interested residents. General feedback has been very positive to the sessions.

The Australia Day Advisory Committee reconvened in July and the theme in 2012 is "Recognising our Heroes". Programs will be delivered in Sorrento, Rye, Rosebud, Dromana, Hastings, Mount Eliza and Mornington. The team has been working closely with Governance and Communications to develop consistent branding to help the community link the Australia Day Awards to the Australia Day Program.

The Pet and Pony Advisory Committee reconvened in July and the new program includes a wide range of activities and educational exhibits that promote responsible pet ownership and education. Confirmed sponsors for the Expo include Nature's Gift, Peninsula Pet Clips, Hillview Quarries, 3RPP, Mornington Racing Club, Rosebud Plaza, Year of the Dog and the Rosebud Chamber of Commerce.

RECREATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Recreation Community Liaison

COM Meetings	Purpose
Woolleys Rd Equestrian Reserve	Monthly Meeting
Mt Martha House	Bi-monthly Meeting
David MacFarlan Reserve	Quarterly Meeting

Project Liaison	Purpose
Kids Go Expo	Liaise with organisation to locate mobile skate ramp at the venue for the duration of the event
Western Port Netball Courts	Meeting with Mr Burgess (MP Hastings) and the Crib Point, Hastings and Tyabb Football Clubs to discuss Country Football Netball Program submissions for funding
Red Hill Roller Coaster (Road Race)	Meet with Born Free Events to discuss proposed road running race
Mornington Peninsula Remote Control Car Club	Meeting to discuss the possible location of the Club at the Graham Myers Reserve (Bittern)
Aquatics & Recreation Victoria	Attended seminar on latest trends in recreation delivered by Minister Hugh Delahunty
Sport & Recreation Victoria	Attend briefing on funding program information for the 2012/2013 financial year
Dromana Sec 86 CoM	Met with Chair & Secretary to discuss the Committee's meeting schedule
West Rosebud-Tootgarook Tennis Club	Met with Club members and engineers to discuss a condition report on the court's light poles
Somerville Bowls Club	Meeting to discuss proposal for disabled toilet and veranda

Project Liaison	Purpose
Camping Liaison Committee	Meeting to discuss the upcoming season and works programmed for the 2011/2012 financial year
Dromana Rotary Club	Proposed BMX Track discussions
Sport & Recreation Victoria	Meeting with Southern Region Project Officer to inspect the works completed at the Hastings Hub
MAV	Attend seminar on asset management
Currawong Stables Project Steering Committee	Meeting to discuss preliminary architectural drawings for the extension and refurbishment
Woolleys Road Equestrian Reserve	Preliminary site visit to gather information for future master planning

Community Halls

Historically, July with its colder weather can be a slower month in the halls for functions. While hall hirings have been slightly lower than last year, the Community Halls in July have continued to be popular for private functions. This month there were 27 private parties with the age ranging from one to ninety years. The halls were also used for a wide variety of community functions from football social functions, naming days, farewells, training, Theatre productions, public meetings and even a Christmas in July function.

The Halls Booking Team introduced feedback forms last year for casual hirers in an effort to provide continuous improvement. The feedback for the month has been very positive with hirers commenting that the website information and the online forms have made it easier for hirers to book and find a venue. The Booking Officers provide a one stop shop and are able to assist hirers understanding the range of venues available across the Shire. Hirers no longer need to pick up keys from the Shire during business hours as the key safes at each hall provide easy secure access for users.

The Somerville Mechanics Hall floor has been sanded and polished over the school holidays. The holidays were selected for maintenance as this period was the less disruptive period for the regular user groups at the facility.

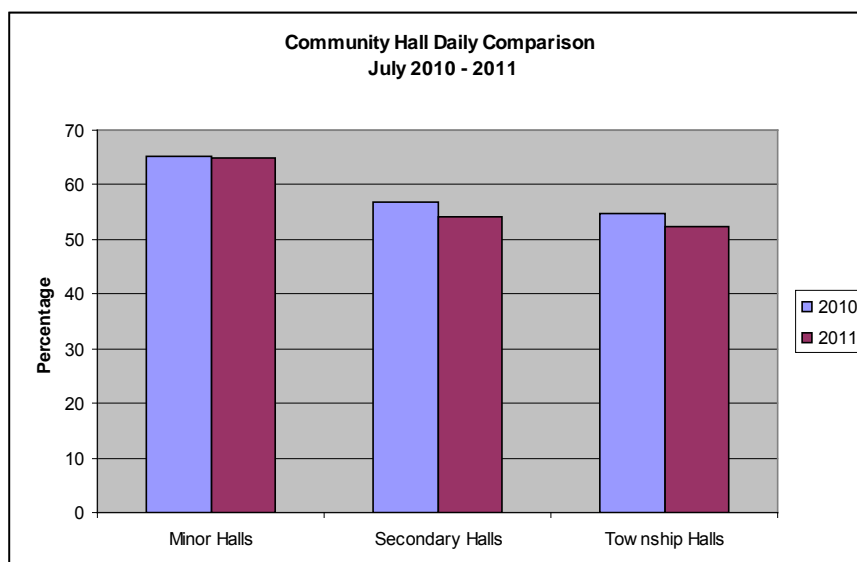
Larger Events -

Balnarring Hall – Balnarring Junior Football Club Social

Mount Eliza Community Centre – Frankston Theatre Group - Theatre Production

Tyabb Hall – Australian Navy Cadets – Christmas in July Social

Daily Occupancy Comparison Chart for 2010 – 2011



Minor Halls

Occupancy numbers are slightly less than the previous year, due mainly to a regular group at the Fenton Hall folding due to a decrease in numbers attending the classes.

- Mt Martha House recorded the highest occupancy in key rooms.
- Balnarring Small Hall, Currawong Community Hall, Dromana Small Hall and RW Stone Somers Hall were all heavily used and all recorded above 70% occupancy.

Secondary Halls

Occupancy numbers are slightly less than the previous year due to the Somerville Hall being closed for two weeks for floor maintenance.

- Currawong Halls recorded the highest occupancy in this category at 93%.
- Hastings Hall and Balnarring large hall occupancy were both above 70%.

Township Halls

- The Studio@Pct recorded 100% daily occupancy. Currently some regular groups from the Mornington Park Pavilion are using the Studio during the period of the Pavilion refurbishment.
- Rosebud Memorial continues to be very popular, recording 80% daily occupancy.
- Mount Eliza Community Centre recorded occupancy at 70% due to the regular user groups and the Frankston Theatre Group rehearsals and their performance of the show "It's My Party".

Foreshore Camping

The month of July has been a very busy time for the Foreshore Camping team. The team has already been working hard behind the scenes to create a new invoicing process to make it easier for campers to pay. Over 1500 invoices have been sent to campers via the Revenue Department.

New camping documents and procedures have also been created to ensure that clear and concise information is provided to campers. The team has updated the Foreshore Emergency Management Plan (EMP) to ensure the Shire has the best possible safety strategies in place for all campers and staff.

The team has also revised the reservation management system. This includes data archiving, site updates and tariffs. Extensive maintenance and amenity audits have also been conducted to ensure that all will be in place once the season officially begins.

The Camping Liaison Committee meeting held on the 20th of July was a great success. The meeting had both SIMS Cleansing and SIMS Maintenance in attendance, with both delivering presentations and answering campers' questions and concerns. The Camping Liaison Committee acknowledged the success of last season, and is keen to work with the Foreshore Camping team to achieve another great result in 2011/12.

RECREATION PLANNING

Operations

Playground Strategy Implementation Program

Subject to draft budget approval, new playgrounds are planned at Balnarring, Karina Street Mornington, Mount Arthur Reserve Rosebud and Rye and replacement pieces of equipment for safety reasons at other playgrounds including the water slide at Pelican Park.

Balnarring/Bittern Skate Facility

As part of the final stage of site selection for the skate park, the property team have agreed to assist in the process of consultation about the possible closure of Civic Court to enable the skate

park to be located in the area of highest visibility near the playground. The Recreation Planning team will report the findings of the site assessment to Council.

Bunguyan and Tyabb Central Reserves Master Plan

After thorough public consultation with residents and stakeholders, consultants have prepared a draft report and master plan which Shire Officers are in the process of reviewing.

Draft Active Sport, Tennis and Soccer Strategies

Consultants are in the final stages of preparing reports. The strategies will provide a sound basis for future decision making about sporting facility improvements and other support required for clubs.

Basketball Feasibility Studies – Western Port and Southern Peninsula

Consultants are gathering further information about other users of basketball facilities to determine the frequency of use of facilities and usage by other sports.

Equestrian Strategy Update

Consultants have prepared an online survey for trail users to complete, to help identify which trails are used and how often, and where the gaps are in the roadside trail network. Trail users include horse riders, mountain bike riders, walkers and dog walkers.

Balcombe Army Group

The Balcombe Army Group working on the Mace Oval War Memorial upgrade have been successful in their grant application for \$10,000 to repair the memorial. The group have asked that the Shire assist in the preparation of drawings and estimates to construct the project.

PELICAN PANTRY

Staff Success

This month Tarryn Titley was promoted to Front of House Supervisor – permanent part-time. Tarryn originally began with the Shire in July 2007 when she commenced a Certificate III in Hospitality, progressing to a permanent part-time role as a casual Food & Beverage Attendant until October 2010.

Leesa Oakley successfully completed her apprenticeship in July and is now a recognised Chef. Leesa will continue to work for Mornington Peninsula Shire on a casual basis until she is able to secure full time employment outside of the Shire.

Training Update

Chisholm Institute of TAFE have commenced the recruitment for the next intake of students and will be meeting with officers from Pelican Pantry to discuss their current marketing strategy and how both organisations can work together. The current intake of students are still on track to graduate in August 2011.

SPORT AND LEISURE

Programs

Pelican Park Recreation Centre was awarded 5 Star Platinum Pool status for the 4th consecutive year.

Pelican Park has cemented its position as a benchmark community facility by being acknowledged with the highest accreditation status provided by Life Saving Victoria through its rigorous Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment Audit. The assessments comprised of a Safety Assessment, Supervision Assessment and a Mystery Guest Visit.

What is most pleasing is that the Centre scored 96.99% in the Safety Assessment category – the highest since the Centre opened in 2003. A safety score over 90% for the Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment is required before a centre is considered to be part of the Platinum Pool Award.

Pelican Park's Tour De France Promotion the most successful ever.

Pelican Park Recreation Centre's July Tour De France Challenge is a three week promotion incorporating various RPM (cycle) classes currently on the Group Fitness Timetable. The aim of the challenge is to complete as many classes as possible within the duration of the promotion and, while getting fitter, go into the draw to win a prize. The theme of the challenge is based on the real life Tour de France, consisting of 21 classes, with each class representing one stage of the race.

2011 has been Pelican Park Recreation Centre's biggest and most successful annual Tour De France challenge, with a massive 45 enrolments. The competitors really got into the spirit of the competition, dressing in their favourite bike riding attire and bringing props such as bike bells, headlights and horns to attach to their spin bike. The room was blacked out and last year's Tour De France footage played through a projector, which was seen on a big wall behind the instructor. The last day of the challenge culminated in a lunch at the Hastings Marina with a fabulous lunch with over 30 participants and instructors in attendance.

The Top 3 riders for the event were:

- 1st place: Sheryl Watt – 215 points
- 2nd place: Amanda Johnston – 205 points
- 3rd place: Michael McGivern – 195 points



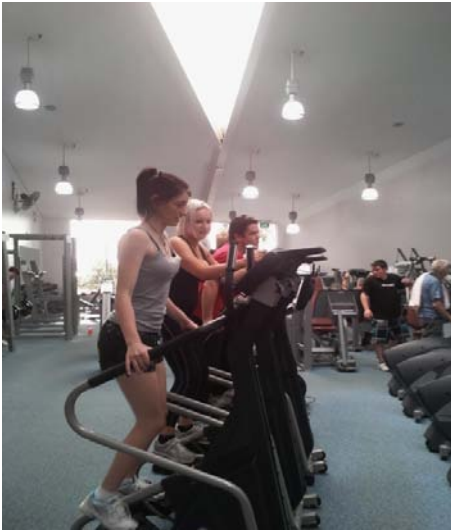
Active Peninsula – Program Update

Hastings VCAL- Healthy Lifestyle Program, Pelican Park Recreation Centre and Hastings Community HUB:

In Term 2, the VCAL students were focusing on healthy lifestyle options as part of their curriculum. This topic achieved marks towards personal development skills, engaging in community, numeracy and for some; work-related skills.

The activities that the students were involved in ranged from cardio workouts, gym and personal training sessions, boxing with a professional boxer, swimming, basketball and general fitness games to increase their personal fitness levels.

This program was very successful for both VCAL students and the Pelican Park Recreation Centre. Three students will be completing their work experience at the gym with other students now attending the gym in their own time to continue their pathway to establish healthy lifestyle choices.



Peninsula Special Development School

On 20 July, 18 students commenced a nine-week program for Term 3 of the school year.

This is the third group of students who have participated in this program, presenting the most challenges to date due to their range of abilities. All students, their carers and swim teachers are having a fantastic time developing relationships, water awareness and skills with water play.

This program highlights the significant role the Centre plays in providing participation opportunities for people in the community which are often missed by private providers of similar facilities.

PPRC – Little Pelicans Child Care

Little Pelicans acknowledged the week dedicated to N.A.I.D.O.C National Aboriginal and Islander Day Organisation Committee by encouraging the children to do traditional dot painting in earth colours on Australian Animal and Boomerang cutouts. The book "Possum and Wattle" provided lovely inspiration for children to paint at easel time.

Difficulties/Issues Currently Being Faced and Proposed Solutions

Months of wet weather has taken its toll on Mount Martha Public Golf Course. After months of sustained rain, the major focus for the 2011-12 Course Improvement Program will be the upgrading of the drainage systems.

As evidenced by the photos below, certain areas of the Course have now been deemed unplayable, meaning some holes have been shortened to Par 3 to ensure continuity of service delivery and accessibility.

The 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th and 18th holes will be the first to be addressed. Quotes are currently being sought from the Course-preferred engineers to find the most cost-effective way to remedy these issues in an expedient manner.



Financially, the monthly and year to date favourable variances of \$69k is largely made up of more grant income being received than expected.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	965	1,034	69	965	1,034	69	(4,322)	(4,322)	0

LIBRARIES, ARTS AND CULTURE

Library Services

Community Engagement and Programs

Significant highlights include:

- The Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) travelling exhibition, **Footprints: the journey of Lucy and Percy Pepper** continued to be on display at Mornington Library until Saturday 9 July. This special exhibition provided a fascinating search through public and family records that traced the lives of one Aboriginal family in the first half of the twentieth century. Throughout its four week display **26,032** visited Mornington Library and viewed this special exhibition.
- Over 520 people also attended a range of events at all libraries which were presented in conjunction with the **Footprints** travelling exhibition and NAIDOC Week. These included family history research classes; Koorie culture workshops for families; a jewellery workshop for adults; a fascinating talk by Adam Edwards'Magennis, the Shire's cultural heritage and development officer, which provided an insight into places of significance on the peninsula for the Boonwurrung people; and a special performance by **Djambana**, a choir founded by members of the award-winning **Choir of Hard Knocks**.
- The **Researching Your Family History** class at Rosebud Library, presented in conjunction with the **Footprints** travelling exhibition, was so popular that two additional classes were presented in order to meet demand.
- Over **1,030** children also hopped, skipped, galloped and swooped into our libraries to enjoy a special pet-themed Winter School Holiday program between 4-15 July.
- **Our Library** started to deliver its pilot literacy outreach program, **Ready Set Read**, across the Westernport catchment area. **Ready Set Read** aims to improve pre-primary school literacy skills and to increase the usage of library services. Every kindergarten, playgroup, occasional care, childcare and family day care group will be visited along with immunisation sessions in the target areas of Bittern, Somerville, Tyabb, Hastings, Moorooduc, Baxter, Crib Point, Shoreham, Balnarring, Somers and Flinders. That translates to approximately **1,500 children aged 0-5 years** and their parents!
- This month team members promoted Our Library at ABC Mt Martha Childcare Centre, Baxter Childcare Centre, Baxter Preschool, Blackscamp Kindergarten, Dromana Preschool, Eramosa Childcare Centre, Hastings Community Health, Hastings Family Life Church, Mainly Music at Somerville, Mt Eliza Primary School, Somerville Childcare Centre, Somerville Kindergarten, Somerville Rise Primary School, Tyabb Childcare Centre, Tyabb Kindergarten, Fun4Kids at Hastings, Tyabb Rail Primary School, Wallaroo Preschool and Childcare Centre, along with attending meetings for the forthcoming Literacy Villages across the peninsula.



Members of **Djambana** performing at Mornington Library on Saturday 9 July as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Collections

In July, the Collections team catalogued and processed 2,928 books, talking books, magazines, comics and DVDs. The team also placed 1,110 orders for new items for the collection and processed requests from our customers for 165 additional books and 44 additional DVDs. There were 122 interlibrary loan requests from customers for items, which were met. We also sent out 62 items from our collection to other libraries.

Home Library Service

During July 1,378 items were borrowed via our Home Library Service.

Facilities

This month a new wall and storage furniture was installed at Somerville Library to enhance the children's area and improve health and safety standards. A new settee was also introduced in the foyer of Mornington Library to enhance our customers' experience.

Cultural Planning

Major achievements included:

- Planning for the October 2011 Festival of Arts and Ideas continued to progress and will feature for the first time a collaborative and integrated approach with 3 other festivals also scheduled for October
- The draft Arts & Culture Strategy continues to be refined and should be ready for presentation in October 2011.
- The Cultural Planner attended a workshop at Point Nepean with arts community stakeholders and Director of the MPRG, Jane Alexander for a discussion on future arts, cultural and educational uses and opportunities for the site.

Local History

Significant highlights for the Local History Coordinator include:

- Distribution of the Local History brochure across the Peninsula.
- Commencement of digital imaging of Hastings Museum Archives.
- Ongoing planning, promotion and delivery of the 150th Celebrations.
- Provision of cataloguing assistance, computer assistance, collection management advice and collection digitisation assistance to Dromana and District Historical Society, Hastings Western Port Historical Society and Mornington and District Historical Society.

Gallery Exhibitions and Programs

Exhibitions

The current Gallery exhibitions are: **Surface Tension: The art of Euan Macleod 1991-2009** (A Tweed River Art Gallery touring exhibition, curated by Gavin Wilson) and **W.D.Knox: Nocturnes and harmonies**. Both exhibitions were officially launched in early July and are on display into early August. **Surface Tension** was officially opened by Susi Muddiman, Director, Tweed River Art Gallery and **W D Knox** was officially opened by Briar Williams, Head of Art, Leonard Joel. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Frank Martin, gave the official welcome to the large crowd in attendance.

Education and Life Long Learning

The range of Gallery public programs offered in July have been very well attended and fully subscribed with waiting lists in a number of instances. The new Gallery members' induction tour conducted by the Gallery Director was attended by 10 people. Interestingly, the membership base of the Gallery continues to be steady with slight fluctuations. It is encouraging that so many people continue to appreciate the value of taking up this option. Increasingly more people are investing in the three year membership.

Our range of floor talks, lectures and master classes have also generated much interest and community participation. Highlights included renowned curator and ever popular lecturer, Kenneth W. Park's talk, **Evolution of Australian Landscape Painting**, which had the 'full house' of around 80 people enthralled and entertained by Kenneth's broad knowledge and wit. Artist, Euan Macleod presented programs at the Gallery and The Briars over a three day period late in the month. These comprised an early evening illustrated talk, floor talk, talks to school children and a landscape painting master class at The Briars. The CEO of the Abbotsford Convent, Maggie Magire, also attracted a large crowd to her enthralling talk about the history of the Convent and its future directions.

Marketing

There has been much early interest in the Gallery's exhibitions that are scheduled for the next block commencing in mid- August. As a consequence, programs, interviews and visual coverage have been negotiated and lined up in advance by a number of Melbourne daily newspapers and television programs. We are also pleased that the August edition of the RACV members' magazine carried information about the forthcoming exhibition **Desert Country**.

Plans are also underway to produce six-monthly exhibition brochures rather than brochures for every exhibition block. This will create greater efficiencies and be more cost-effective as well.

STATISTICS AND REPORTING

Library Services

Library Membership

During July, *Our Library* signed up 807 new members, which was an increase of 139 people compared to June 2011.

Library Loans

Total loans for July 2011 were 128,523 items, which was an increase of 4,401 loans compared to last month.

Library Visits

Our Library was visited by 63,806 people, which was an increase of 3,976 visits compared to June 2011.

Library Enquiries

A total of 11,937 information enquiries were received, which was an increase of 5,031 enquiries compared to last month.

Library Event Attendance

This month 2,092 children and adults attended events at *Our Library*, which was an increase of 204 people compared to June 2011.

Financially, the Libraries, Arts and Culture budget is on track to forecast and there are no factors to suggest that phasing of income and expenditure will create major difficulties in the year ahead. Unfortunately, State Government cuts to library funding resulting in a budget shortfall of \$26k may be forecast down during the first quarter review.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(327)	(283)	45	(327)	(283)	45	(4,762)	(4,762)	0

SOCIAL PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ABORIGINAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Awareness

Southern Peninsula Indigenous Flora & Fauna Association (SPIFFA) in partnership with Shire representative Adam Edwards Magennis, (a [Boonwurrung](#) man and the Shire Cultural Heritage Officer) hosted a "Connection to Terrestrial and Marine Landscapes" workshop on Saturday the 23rd of July from 8am until 1pm at [The Briars](#) for 24 participants. The day included a site visit to a [local cliff top midden site](#) and a "cultural cook-up" for lunch at the Briars Barn.

Dear Jenny

I write to thank you for assisting us with our cultural values workshop at The Briars last weekend. We had 24 participants, give or take an organiser or two and all were impressed (and in one elderly lady's case, quite moved) by Adam's presentation. It's very gratifying to us to know that Adam has put together a professional presentation that's locally focused and we hope he takes the show to all corners of the peninsula. The event was booked out within 4 days, just through our networks and website, and we believe that we could easily get the numbers to repeat the performance. I will advise you if we organise another one. Erin was great value and a big help and the venue was a really good place for our kind of event. We don't like to spend too much time indoors teaching about things that are actually outdoors. We have acknowledged your assistance [on this page of our website](#) and we look forward to further opportunities to collaborate.

*Regards and thanks from SPIFFA
Philip Jensen
SPIFFA Secretary
www.spiffa.org*



Koori Women Taking Charge

Through FACHSIA 's Indigenous Women's program, the Shire received a \$10,000 grant for the Koori Women Taking Charge program. This program will promote Koori Women's leadership and enable them to investigate best practice models of Koori run venues and services across the State. As part of the program the women will visit Mullum Mullum Gathering Place in Ringwood East to learn about successful programs and they will also visit an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Bendigo and the Brambuk Cultural Centre to investigate the available cultural/tourist programmes. The selected women have already participated in a women's leadership programme and are about to undertake Governance Training.

Cultural Heritage Management (CHMP) Desktop Assessment:

The Shire's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer is working with a range of Council departments on a number of desktop assessments to inform Council in its obligations to the Aboriginal Cultural heritage Act on those sites. Desktop assessments also highlight constraints in advance before any operations take place and notify council or other parties as to whether more detailed assessments should be undertaken. The BMX track at Dromana was one example of a location requiring such an assessment



NAIDOC Flag Raising

More than 100 people participated in the annual NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony and Art Exhibition held at the Council offices in Rosebud on 4 July.]

Lionel Launch
recipient of
NAIDOC
Award 2011
with Tony
Williams at
NAIDOC
Dinner Dance



Aboriginal Gathering Place – Willum Warrain

The Shire is currently organising access to utilities and facilities for the Gathering Place in Hastings so that power, water and internet are accessible. The Willum Warrain Board has been undertaking training in developing business plans and management. It is hoped that a landscape plan will be developed in partnership with the Warringine Rangers and Friends group once the veranda is completed and utilities are connected. The Shire is also seeking funding to improve community safety around the site i.e. lighting and fencing

ACCESS AND EQUITY

Human Rights Arts Film festival (HRAFF) Comes to Rosebud Secondary College

Rosebud Secondary College held harmony week (delayed from earlier in the year) in partnership with a range of agencies, including the Shire and HRAF. Harmony Week is usually celebrated around Australia and encourages the nation to celebrate its cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Week 2011 is 'everyone belongs' and encourages the community to celebrate the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live. The Shire and Partner HRAFF presented a number of short films and at another event to celebrate that week; the Shire's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer, undertook a smoking ceremony and explained the indigenous welcoming process onto Boonwurrung land.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Rosebud West Community Renewal Stronger Communities – Respectful Relationships Project Respect Mural: Eastbourne Primary School

Engaging Our Children and the School Community

The Frankston Mornington Peninsula Stronger Communities Project has the overall goal to create a safe and inclusive community to reduce the social, health and economic costs of family violence which inhibits participation in community life. This project will increase opportunities for community

participation, and improve knowledge, skills and social networks through addressing barriers affecting disadvantaged populations

Eastbourne Primary School in Rosebud West expressed interest in developing a school mural that would provide a mechanism for the local children to express their connection to the community, their families and each other. The issue of respect was the underlying theme behind a consultation with three year levels of the school. The discussions were lead by the Principle and a local artist, Susan Beveridge.

A concept for a mural was developed and presented to the school board that represents the students' experience of respect. On completion, the mural will be placed in a prominent position between the school building and the Family & Children's Hub.



Friends: Respect your friends

Respect: People, my brother, a tree

Above: Some artwork from the consultation at Eastbourne Primary School

DISABILITY AWARENESS AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

MetroAccess continues to work with existing disability support providers to enhance their capacity to provide relevant and appropriate supports in the community through the Collaborative Garden Project.

Participants and support staff from two Day Services, Karingal Konnections and Kankama attend fortnightly at the ECO Living Display Centre at the Briars, Mt Martha as an enthusiastic gardening group. Activities include weeding and planting the raised garden beds and forward planning for seasonal growing of vegetables, herbs and the maintenance of the existing fruit trees. The Climate Change Community Engagement Officer with the Renewable Resources team supports the project with facilitation and advice.

The Collaborative Garden Group has also visited the two Konnections nurseries and participated in potting up of seedlings and meeting the staff and clients from the service. Kankama will host the next session to their garden and bus tours to other community gardens are planned for the warmer months.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Drug and Alcohol Policy Activities

Capacity Building for Workers – Training: in partnership with Peninsula Health, the Mornington Peninsula Shire supported Drug and Alcohol education to service providers across the Peninsula. Three workshops were organised (at Hastings, Rosebud and Mornington Shire Offices) for service providers that have contact with people that have drug and alcohol dependences. Each workshop was filled to capacity (approximately 80 people in total) and the workshops gave people a chance to network and learn more about the impacts of substance/chemical abuse.

Health and Well Being Team Leader Position

The Shire has recently advertised the above position to enable the final development and implementation of the Health and well being Plan. Under the State Health Act, the Shire is obliged to provide and review a Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan. The position sits within the Social Planning and Community Development Unit and works with other officers to improve and enhance the well being of communities on the Peninsula.

HOUSING RIGHTS AND ISSUES

Homelessness: the Housing and Social Justice Officer worked with one of the Shire Rangers to minimise the impact of an eviction on an older resident with a number of health issues living in an old caravan with his dog on a nature strip in one of the towns. The collaborative process led to placement in a registered rooming house and support from MI Health Outreach Worker.

Housing and Older People Film, Ageing on the Edge on you Tube



The Shire collaborated with Housing for the Aged Action Group (HAAG), to develop a short film on the impact of homelessness on the lives of older people who are forced out of their housing. This film includes an interview with a Peninsula resident. The film will be screened on the Peninsula alongside a range of housing and social justice activities. The film can also be viewed at <http://www.vimeo.com/25925966>.

Other Housing

Other work includes completing the Draft Rooming House Policy and Guidelines; refining the Draft Social and Affordable Housing Strategy for Council; and commencement of the Older Persons Housing Policy review.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For details on SP&CD events and activities see the Shire's website www.mornpen.vic.gov.au under events or call Erin or Emma on 5950 1685.

- Wednesday 31 August , 2.00pm – 3.00pm at Council Chambers, Shire offices, Corner Queen and Main Streets Mornington – Ageing – Part of Life's Rich Tapestry.

DIRECTOR – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

This month has seen the announcement of policy directions, sector reforms and funding alterations which may have significant impacts for the projects and services delivered through the Sustainable Communities directorate of the Shire including:

- Potential changes to levels of library funding from the State Government
- Announcement by the Prime Minister that the Productivity Commission Final Report on “Caring for Older Australians” will be released to the public on Monday 15 August. The Federal Government then has 25 sitting days of parliament to deliver their response to the Commissioner’s recommendations
- Signing of the Health Agreement with acknowledgement of the role of local government in Home and Community Care (HACC) which sees Victoria remain exempt from the transition of HACC to full Commonwealth responsibility as has occurred in other States.

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Updates will be provided in future reports, when further information comes to hand, details have been analysed and implications fully understood

From a policy perspective to grass roots, a read through of the monthly reports from the Units and teams within Sustainable Communities brings into stark focus the ongoing close connection with the community and the many/varied ways the Shire provides opportunities for community members of all ages and abilities to live well on the Mornington Peninsula.

Financially, the monthly and year to date favourable variances of \$17k is due to the phasing of employee costs.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(98)	(81)	17	(98)	(81)	17	(1,159)	(1,159)	0

CORPORATE PLANNING AND PROJECTS

Shire Strategic Plan

This month the team have continued to assist Council and Executive in considering a revised set of strategic themes for the Shire Strategic Plan. Eight themes have been identified in conjunction with Council which provide a clear indication of the strategic direction that Council has elected to pursue. They include enhancing our 'Public Places and Spaces' and 'Community Facilities', 'Leading Change on Climate Change' and 'Enhancing the Coastal Experience'. These themes have proven to be a clear and accessible way in which to describe the many initiatives being delivered by the Shire. A briefing to Council this month confirmed the desire to integrate these themes into a revised version of the Shire Strategic Plan.

Business Planning, Measuring and Reporting

July has seen the team continue to develop the new software product we will use to capture business planning and strategic plan reporting for the organisation. After successfully completing our Administrator training we have been concentrating on specific structural development that will give us the most streamlined, effective and efficient use of the system.

The first of the Business Units to complete their 2011/12 Business Plans have begun to submit their plans to the Corporate Planning & Projects Team. Corporate Planning and Project's own Unit Business Plan was also finalised this month, following a number of review and planning sessions with the unit's team members.

SMRMF Community Engagement Project

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Management Forum (SMRMF) Community Engagement Project continues to make very good progress. The SMRMF is comprised of executive level members of all local government authorities and State Government departments and agencies operating within the Southern Metropolitan Region. Mornington Peninsula Shire is leading this project within the SMRMF which will equip the member organisations with a Community Engagement Toolkit to utilise in their diverse work with the community. The project is regionally significant with a total of \$96,000 of external funds having been received for its implementation.

During July planning for the next SMRMF quarterly meeting was finalised. Arrangements for the Social Media workshop to be held on August 15th are almost complete. Work will now focus on preparation of the resource and planning the associated launch event.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Community Engagement Framework

This project is intended to produce a framework (Policy and Guidelines) to support the diverse and sometimes complex work that the organisation does in engaging with the community. The framework, which will be tailored to the unique requirements of our Shire, will also include a policy statement focused specifically on Social Media. Capire Consulting have been appointed to assist the team in moving through this process. The context review undertaken by Capire identified that community engagement not only helps to achieve effective and transparent governance, it also strengthens the community, helps to build resilience by increasing knowledge and active involvement in decisions and contributes to a more engaged, healthy and prosperous community. The review has also found that the Shire's engagement practices currently incorporates a full range of activities for a number of purposes including information provision, improved decision-making processes, community events and advocacy or support for vulnerable groups or the general community. There was also strong recognition that the Shire's current engagement practice is extensive and involves all levels and departments of Council. In this way, the review recognised and confirmed the Shire as a Local Government leader in terms of depth and breadth of engagement activities. A working draft has been prepared, with further officer input underway.

Community Partnerships

A program review is currently underway to ensure that the benefits of the program to the community are maximised.

Graffiti Management

The team have assisted in developing a coordinated response to graffiti management across the organisation. Corporate Planning and Projects have facilitated discussions between various teams within the Shire to explore how we might better integrate prevention and cleansing activities. This work is now coming to conclusion and will be presented to Council early in the 2011/12 fiscal year. The group will also prepare a coordinated funding submission to the Department of Justice *Graffiti Prevention and Removal Grants program*, with funding focus on graffiti removal kits, trailers, murals, education programs and environmental design features.

Mornington Main Street Community Amenity Advisory Group

The inaugural meeting of the Mornington Main Street Community Amenity Advisory Group was held this month. The purpose of this advisory group is to provide an opportunity for interested members of the Mornington Main Street surrounding community to meet to discuss and provide advice to the ward Councillor, Councillor Bev Colomb, and Shire officers on issues that impact on the amenity of the Mornington Main Street and the surrounding environments.

Mayor and Councillor Support

The Mayor and Councillor Support (MCS) team are finalising the arrangements for the Mayoral Charity Ball being held on 12 August 2011. Sponsorship and donations have been very fruitful and ticket sales are still being encouraged. Additional casual staffing has assisted the team during this extremely busy period.

MCS attended the Mornington Peninsula Tourism event held at Lindenderry last week, meeting more owners of local businesses from around the Peninsula. The team have joined the Australia Day Committee and attended the first meeting held on 27 July. Being part of the committee will give MCS a good insight of all the events being held around the peninsula on Australia Day, as well as developing relationships with those involved.

The Rosebud Ward Meeting being held at the Rosebud Council Chamber on 24 August has been organised by the team and RSVPs and items for discussion are being collected. A catchup with local journalists was arranged and attended by MCS, providing a valuable opportunity to meet with local media.

As part of the ongoing review of efficiencies within the team, a number of procedural changes have been identified and are now being implemented. These amendments will allow MCS to spend more time on providing support to the Councillors.

A great milestone was also met when team member Tracie Cook attained 20 years of working with the Shire.

Financially, expenditure is tracking slightly under forecast due to a minor delay in refining forecast information for the 2011/12 financial year.

\$'000	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Month	Month	Month	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(73)	(59)	14	(73)	(59)	14	(868)	(868)	0

COMMUNICATIONS

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is currently conducting an electoral representation review of Mornington Peninsula Shire. The review will look at:

- what is an appropriate number of councillors for the municipality
- whether the municipality should have wards or be unsubdivided, and
- if the municipality is to have wards, how many wards there should be, the names of the wards, the number of councillors per ward and the ward boundaries.

Everyone in the Shire is invited to contribute to the review through written submissions. Information in submissions can help by providing local knowledge and perspectives. The VEC will consider the ideas in submissions and will look at demographics, the municipality's growth potential and the situation in similar municipalities.

Council will make a submission arguing for the retention of single councillor wards – more information and a copy of Council's submission will be available on the website after 8 August.

To find out more or to have your say on the review, visit: www.vec.vic.gov.au/Reviews/default.html or call 131 832.

Other activities for the month included:

Peninsula-Wide

The August Budget edition of *Peninsula-Wide* is underway and will be distributed August 15. This edition features details of the adopted budget for 2011-12.

Annual Report

Submissions from Managers have been received and are being edited. Information within the Annual Report that is featured every year is also in the process of being updated to reflect 2010/11 figures etc.

It has been decided to stick with last year's approach of producing a complete annual report online only for download, and in addition producing a snapshot which will be printed and available to the public.

Media

Media releases issued in July include:

- Young Parents – Good Parents
- Beef herd information sessions
- NAIDOC Flag raising
- Mayoral Ball
- King Creek Connect
- Freeway Reserve Fire Plan
- Sustainable Homes Program
- St Johns Wood Road

Media enquiries were received and information provided on topics including: planning applications, Shire annual budget, liquor store, McDonalds Somerville application, Taxi Enquiry, Joe Cauchi Farewell, Empty Nesters on the peninsula, Rates,

Graphic Design

- Annual report
- Mayoral Charity Ball suite including invitations, sponsorship opportunities, web advertisement, newspaper advertisement, A4 Flyer, Auction Item forms, Seating Plan templates, complimentary tickets, labels,
- Planning permit process flow chart feedback follow up and formatting

Fact Files

New Fact Files –

- Dwellings/Dwelling additions within the Green Wedge Zone
- Amplification Approval Process

Updated Fact Files —

- Dogs & Cats Infringement
- Undertaking Works within Road Reserves
- Private Building & Construction Works
- Green Wedge Zone
- Freedom of Information
- Land management controls along Tanti Creek

Website Statistics

There were a total of approx 31,000 visits, resulting in 112,500 page views, with an average of 3.64 pages viewed per visit to our website during the month of July. Time spent on the site was average of 2.30 minutes, with majority of traffic (45%) entering through search engines, 36% direct traffic and 19% coming from referring sites. These figures are very similar to that of last months.

Support for other Departments

Support for other departments includes communications assistance with: Sustainability Street and Sustainable Homes (SECCA), Best Bites program, Australia Day, Rates, Budget, VEC Review, 3RPP Launch, 150th events, Social Planning advice re: facebook page and preparation for the Mayoral Charity Ball.

Financially, the variance for July reflects a timing issue with the production, delivery and payment for Peninsula Wide and is not expected to impact on the YE forecast.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(88)	(38)	50	(88)	(38)	50	(1,048)	(1,048)	0

TEAM SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

Traineeships

The Wal Morrison Traineeship Program provides specific 1:1 career counselling to achieve two outcomes:

1. Identify areas of interest for a 2 week work experience rotation in the area of the trainees choice,
2. Address their longer-term career goals so trainees can begin working towards that prior to the traineeship ending.

Each trainee has had their first meeting – several psychometric assessment tools were used as well as detailed career conversations and provision of information about exploring the world of work. The work done in this sequence of meetings also fulfils one of the competencies of the traineeship (Access Learning & Career Development). The work done in this module provides trainees with the skills they need to manage their own career; put very simply it's about “knowing yourself”, “knowing the world of work” and “finding a match”. A second meeting to consolidate a career plan will be held in August.

Peninsula Way Best Practice

The first Sustainable Environment information technology e-team project – ‘*CIS User Guides*’ has been completed. The project resulted in the review, consistent formatting and publication of twenty-three (user friendly) guidelines on the use of our corporate information system, consolidating the extensive work undertaken in 2010 when the system was introduced. In addition to the guides:

- ‘*Our Space*’ was also updated to include an easy to use menu containing links to the guides.
- An e-mail was sent to all team members advising them of the new resources and their location.
- Screen shots from ‘*Our Space*’ have been included in the user manual provided to new team members undertaking introductory CIS training.
- The workplace induction checklist has been updated to include the requirement to point new team members to the new guidelines.

Learning and Development

There are currently forty three staff attending Shire assisted tertiary courses. In July 226 staff attended corporate training programs.

Course Title	Profile of attendees	Number of attendees
Corporate Induction	New Team Members	26
First Aid – various	Team Members with legislative or vocational requirement	24
CIS training	New Team Members	7
Introduction to the MPS IT environment	New Team Members	7
GIS	Customer Service Team Members	11
MERIT	New Team Member	1
Having Effective Performance Conversations Workshop	Team Leaders and others responsible for upcoming PDR process	13
Procurement Portal Training	Purchasing User Group	16
Time Management	One session for Planning Support Officers and another for those who requested via L and D plans	30
Chameleon Basic User Training	Team Members with responsibility for Financial Management/Purchasing	91
TOTAL		226

This month the Learning and Development Program for 2012 was published electronically, with a number of hard copies also circulated to key Team Leaders and work locations across the Shire. The Learning and Development program assists staff and their team leaders in identifying skill gaps and undertaking appropriate training to address those gaps.

The First Aid Training Tender closed and was evaluated by a panel consisting of three Team Support & Development representatives and an independent representative. The provision of first aid training is an occupational health and safety obligation and a significant recurring training need for an organisation with the size and diversity of the Shire.

With the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* coming into effect in Victoria on 1 August 2011, planning for the upcoming briefings to our Managers/ Team Leaders and Outcome Facilitators on the changes to the legislation was underway during the month.

Developing our Leaders

A number of coaching sessions for Team Leaders and some Managers/Team Leader small group sessions took place during the month, with the aim of assisting our leaders in having difficult conversations in the work environment. The feedback from these sessions has been excellent and extremely beneficial for our leaders in helping them tackle some difficult issues in a proactive manner.

Work Health & Safety (WH&S)

In July the Shire conducted a manual handling session at the Mornington office. Rosebud and Hastings WHS Committees met.

Recruitment

Seven roles were recruited in July, with a total of 291 applications processed.

Position	No of Applications Received
Assessment Officer (Permanent Full-time)	40
Intake/Assessment Officer (Permanent Full-time)	31
Administration Co-ordinator - Infrastructure Projects Unit	1
Traffic and Road Safety Support Officer	3
Clean Up the Mornington Peninsula Project Officer	25
Administration Officer	167
Unsolicited applications	24
TOTAL	291

Financially, the year to date favourable position of \$49K was due to less than expected expenditure in job advertising of \$14K, training of \$14K, salaries due to long service leave of \$19K and legal fees \$6K. This was partially offset by over-expenditure in maternity leave of \$15K and rehabilitation of \$9K.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(109)	(60)	49	(109)	(60)	49	(1,290)	(1,290)	0

GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SUPPORT

Governance

During July, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) gave public notice that there will be an electoral representation review of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. The aim of the review is to ensure fair and equitable representation of voters by reviewing:

- the appropriate number of Councillors;
- whether the Mornington Peninsula Shire should be unsubdivided or divided into wards, and
- if Mornington Peninsula Shire is to be divided into wards, how many wards there should be, the number of Councillors per ward and the ward boundaries.

Public information sessions will be conducted by the VEC in Hastings, Rosebud and Mornington on 3 August. Preliminary submissions in relation to the electoral arrangements must be lodged with the VEC by 17 August. Council will formally consider its position at the Council meeting on 8 August and endorse the lodgement of a preliminary submission to the review.

As reported last month, the State Government has introduced legislation into Parliament to bring forward the date of local government general elections from the last Saturday in November to the fourth Saturday in October, commencing 2012. The purpose of the change to election dates, which responds to requests from the local government sector, is to allow more time for new Councillors to learn about their role and responsibilities before having to address major decisions around the preparation of the Council plan and the budget. The Local Government Amendment (Electoral Matters) Bill 2011 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly for the second reading on 29 June however debate on the Bill has been adjourned until 16 August.

Customer Service

The 20 second telephone call answering performance for July was 88%, which was above the target of 80%. The two minute performance was 99%, which was above the target (target 95%), and the customer call abandon rate was satisfactory at 0.5%, which is better than the target of 3.0

The number of calls during July was 17,118, compared to the June call rate (19,401 calls). The evening out in call numbers generally reflects a slow down in enquiries for the new green bin waste service, the absence of storm events, less rates enquiries and less part time residents and visitors to the Shire.

Statutory Planning Administration Telephones

The call answering performance for both the 20 second (target 80%) and the two minute performance (target 95%) targets were met. The customer abandon rate was an excellent 2.8% (target 7%). These results are consistent with recent months. Calls regarding current applications are directed to the particular planner handling the application and are therefore not included in this report.

Environment Protection Unit Telephones

The call answering performance for the 20 second and the two minute performance targets (target 95%) were met. The customer abandon rate was similar to June, being 1.3% (target 7%).

Extended Hours Call Service

Calls during the Shire's extended telephone hours (before and after normal operating hours) was 21 calls per day and 439 for the month, this is similar to June. The customer abandon rate during the extended hours improved to 1.2%. Of those extended hours callers, over 86% were resolved immediately and 98% were judged by Customer Service Officers to be satisfied or very satisfied with the outcome of their call. Most calls were of a routine nature and dealt with by Customer Service staff by the raising of Service Requests or the provision of general information.

After Hours Contact Service

This is the call service to the Shire's external service provider for calls received after 6pm and before 8am. There were 321 calls for the month, a slight decrease of 15 on June.

Service Requests

Service requests raised during July numbered 5,366 compared with 6,065 in June. This is a decrease of 709 on June, and a decrease of 127 when compared to last June.

The number of overdue requests at the end of July was 129, a decrease of 57 when compared with June and an increase of 59 compared to July of last year.

Community Engagement Activities

A Citizenship Ceremony was held at the Peninsula Community Theatre, Mornington, on 20 July where 39 local residents became Australian citizens.

Council at its meeting on 25 July, 2011, formally considered submissions received to the proposal to officially name the unnamed reserve located at 26 Atunga Terrace, Dromana, to the "Shaw McKeown Reserve". The proposal, in honour of the Shaw and McKeown families, acknowledges the major role both families played in providing guesthouse accommodation in Dromana for the many visitors to the area from the 1880's to 1960's. The land on which the small bushland reserve is located was owned by the descendants of the Shaw and McKeown families at the time of its subdivision. Council approved the naming of the reserve to the "Shaw McKeown Reserve, and that the proposal be forwarded to the Registrar of Geographic Names for final consideration and approval.

A local township Council Meeting was held at the Rye Civic Hall on 25 July with many local residents and representatives from community groups in attendance.

Financially, the year to date favourable variance of \$30k is due to budget phasing on a range of accounts including large payments such as insurance (and insurance recharges), memberships to peak bodies such as MAV, VLGA, Biosphere etc. No impact is expected on end of year.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(902)	(873)	30	(902)	(873)	30	(4,502)	(4,502)	0

PROPERTY AND VALUATIONS

PROPERTY

Wilson's Road, Mornington

For some time, the Department of Health has been holding informal discussion with Council on the potential sale of part of the Council land at Peninsula Community Theatre site at Wilson's Road Mornington. The land is required to accommodate the expansion plans DHS has for the Mornington centre, including car parking requirements for the site. Further traffic and specialist analysis will be required to be undertaken over the coming months in the preparation of the options available for Council's consideration.

1097 Frankston-Flinders Road, Somerville

Negotiations are nearing conclusion in relation to the proposed sale to ALDI in Somerville. Once all details have been agreed upon by the parties, a notice of intention to sell the land to ALDI will be published in the local paper and interested parties notified of the proposal. Any submissions received will need to be considered by Council before a final decision can be made in relation to the sale.

Minor Land Acquisitions

Other projects commenced include provision of assistance to other Council Units with the acquisition and transfer of land to enable road projects to be undertaken. The progression of these property transfers will enable both Developers and Council to seamlessly proceed with construction works without unnecessary delay. Examples of such projects include:

- 219 Waterfall Gully Road Rosebud (Road Widening as part of Safer Local Roads)
- 350 Dunns Road Mornington (Creation of Road Splay for construction of new roundabout)
- 107 & 141 Bungower Road Mornington (Road Widening & Road Splays for construction of new roundabout)

Leasing

New leases completed in July include:

- 2 no. Long Point Reserve sports clubs;
- Martha Cove Owners Corporation for the foreshore area in Safety Beach;
- Roads Corporation (Rye landfill monitoring)
- Broadacres grazing licence at The Briars

Bathing Box and Boatshed Condition Audits

Condition audits of bathing boxes and boatsheds on the northern foreshore reserves is 75% complete. The inspection reports are being input to Council's bathing box database and letters are being sent to bathing box licensees where maintenance is required.

Maintenance

Maintenance work has been completed at the following Council properties under lease or proposed to be leased:

- 20 Picnic Avenue, Hastings - commercial factory
Maintenance included replacement of spouting, installation of water pump, electrical repairs, diversion of rain water runoff, cleaning & vegetation removal.
- Mornington SIMS Depot
Upgrade of security alarm system

- Red Hill Recreation Reserve
Replacement and upgrade of seven external power distribution cabinets. The new cabinets include circuit breaker controls and safety switches. This has been a significant safety improvement and will benefit all reserve users including the Community market, Red Hill Show, Food and wine festival, Country Music festival etc.



VALUATIONS

Revaluation

Stage 2 of the 2012 General Valuation is progressing strongly and on schedule with 67% completed.

Supplementary Valuations

983 supplementary valuations have been processed during July, the benefit of which will flow through to the 2011/2012 rating year. 373 supplementary valuations are currently awaiting inspection.

Valuation Objections

The Valuation Office negotiated the withdrawal of a VCAT appeal and has reduced the number of State Revenue Office unresolved objections from 46 to 6.

Farm Rate

Inspection of a number of rural properties has been undertaken and as a result 55 properties have been removed from the Farm Rate for 2011/2012. The owners of these properties have the right to appeal the revocation to VCAT.

Financially, the year to date \$24k unfavourable variance is as a result of phasing and will not affect the Unit's budget at year end. More accurate phasing will be undertaken before the end of August which should result in minimal variance next month.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	334	309	(24)	334	309	(24)	4,852	4,852	0

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Services unit is experiencing significant demand for access to mobility solutions with trials underway in several areas as diverse as Councillors, project management engineers, Environmental Health and Home and Community Care. In each case, carrying out Shire business remotely is the goal and early indicators are that productivity benefits will accrue. This is an area to watch.

Transfer of Documents from Network Drives to the Corporate Information System

The task of migrating files in network drives to the Corporate Information System (CIS) continues. By now all units have commenced the process and departmental network drives are read-only unless there are exceptional circumstances, and it is expected that the CIS will be used to store documents of corporate value.

Microsoft SQLServer Upgrade

A Microsoft software upgrade strategy is in place, awaiting Council approval for a new three-year licensing agreement in August 2011.

Systems Software Upgrades

Several major systems upgrades are planned over the next year, and there is such a degree of inter-connectedness between each of the software configurations that we are treating them as a single project. The upgrades include -

- TechnologyOne Property and Rating CI upgrade (major property and rating software)
- Objective upgrade (next stage of corporate information system upgrade)
- Integration between CI and Objective (critical connectedness between the two core products)
- Office 2010 upgrade (major office systems upgrade)
- Windows 7 upgrade (underlying operating software upgrade)

There is a dependence on systems, so it is important that there is a planned process for upgrade; we cannot afford to lose functionality from one version to the next.

Mobile Computing

As a means of improving productivity, we are very keen to optimise the portability of staff 'conducting business' in the field. Currently, trials are focused on a number of Environment Protection Unit areas, and particularly Environmental Health where the ability to record and update data from the field will remove much double handling. Highly portable hardware options are being investigated.

Telephone System Upgrade

The Shire's ageing analogue telephone system is scheduled for replacement in 2011-2012 and work has commenced on the procurement process.

Video Conferencing

Video Conferencing room systems have been delivered to Hastings and Rosebud with Mornington to join the network in August 2011. Demonstrations have been carried out between Rosebud and Hastings, showing that quality and functionality meets specification, and now protocols will be developed to manage the logistics of booking three meeting rooms concurrently, with the ultimate goal of overcoming the tyranny of distance between our three main sites by reducing travel costs and time.

Financially, in the first month of the new financial year there are no indicators that forecast outcomes will be materially affected. Variances will be brought in line when budget phasing is completed and year end balance-day adjustments are processed.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D.	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D.	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(451)	(540)	(90)	(451)	(540)	(90)	(2,253)	(2,253)	0

FINANCE

Revenue Management

At the end of the financial year, a review of interest charged on properties that have been on arrangements for the previous twelve months, without default, is undertaken. Where accounts are adjusted, letters are sent advising ratepayers of their new reduced balance.

With the introduction of the vacant land differential rates and the opt-in green waste charge this year, considerable time has been spent ensuring the accuracy of all data.

All printing of Annual Rate notice base stock, green waste notices, information brochures, reminder stickers and waste calendars is complete in preparation for the issue of rate notices in August.

Accounting Services

A report summarising the 20 submissions received for the 2011/12 proposed budget was presented to s223 Committee hearing meeting on the 12th July. Some of the submissions asked specific questions, which were either responded to at the meeting or will be followed up with submitters in the near future. A number of submissions advocated additions to the Proposed Budget and a number of submissions were made in relation to the development of recreation master plans, refurbishment & upgrading of community facilities (in particular sporting pavilions and toilets).

Subsequently, taking into account of the previous agenda item recommendation with regard to s223 submissions, Council included an additional \$400k for priority works for sporting pavilion improvements.

Encouraging news has come from the Victoria Grants Commission that Council will receive additional External Funding of \$371k. As previously advised, representations to the Grants Commission over a number of years, has led to a change to the GC methodology. (Two of the cost drivers that use population will now be adjusted by half the vacancy rate in excess of the state average)

Council adopted its 2011/12 budget on the 25th July 2011.

Preparation for the year-end financial statements and audit continued during the month. In addition, reporting for the Regional Waste Management Group and the Mornington Cemetery Trust is nearing completion.

Financially, the small variance for July is due to budget phasing and will be corrected next month and will have no impact on the year-end result.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	350	366	16	350	366	16	(2,134)	(2,134)	0

DIRECTOR – SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

The Governance and Corporate Support section notes that the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has formally given notice that there will be an electoral representation review of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. When this was last undertaken, the community showed great commitment to send a clear message to the VEC that single member wards was appropriate for the Shire. Hopefully the community will respond with enthusiasm to this upcoming review.

The bringing forward of local government general elections from the last Saturday in November to the fourth Saturday in October, (commencing 2012), is a positive initiative. The change will allow more time for new Councillors to learn about their role and responsibilities before having to address major decisions around the preparation of the Council plan and the budget.

The State Government has confirmed that planning fees (which are set by regulation and have not been indexed since 2009), will not be increased in 2011. This is despite local government advocacy and industry participation in a review of fees, which in fact commenced in 2008. Local Government's strong position is that there should be a full cost recovery of fees, and this is hardly achievable under the current fee structure.

The Fire Services Levy options paper was mentioned in June. The MAV has taken up the advocacy campaign on behalf of Councils, and flagged the industry's displeasure at being nominated as a tax collector for the State Government.

Recent local and metropolitan press reports have highlighted the State Government's late decision to cut the 2011/12 recurrent library funding grant. This was after Councils had completed their budget process, and effectively left Council with no room to manoeuvre. From Mornington Peninsula's perspective, the State Government funds around 14% of the cost of providing community library services to its residents, and the percentage has reduced materially over the years – the MAV has indicated that the percentage in the 1970's was 50/50.

Financially, as you would expect after the first month, the budget is on track with no variance of note.

\$'000	Forecast Month	Actual Month	Variance Month	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(36)	(37)	(1)	(36)	(37)	(1)	(472)	(472)	0

CAPITAL WORKS OVERVIEW

7371 – Portsea Strategy – Implementation

Construction of streetscape works on Point Nepean Road, Portsea, is progressing.

New concrete kerbing is currently being installed including a number of kerb outstands in the service roads to improved safety for pedestrians crossing Point Nepean Road.

Landscaping works within the outer separator islands running parallel to Point Nepean Road will follow within a fortnight.

It is anticipated construction works will be completed in August 2011.



7401 - Building Renovations – Major Building Refurbishment

Council has budgeted \$2.1m for building renovations. Four community building refurbishments will be completed in 2011/12. In addition, works are planned to commence on the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system (HVAC) in the west wing of the Rosebud Municipal Office.

The focus of the building refurbishment program is to raise the standard of buildings to acceptable community standards. Some works may be necessary to comply with regulatory (e.g. building codes), public health and safety requirements. Preventive maintenance and limited visual and aesthetic upgrade works are considered. Energy and water saving measures, elimination of waste and sustainable sources of building materials are a priority.

The scope of works for building refurbishments are project specific and may include:

- Repainting;
- Floor resurfacing and/or replacement of floor coverings;
- Toilet and kitchen upgrades including provision of a toilet for persons with a disability;
- Window repairs and/or glazing replacement;
- Removal of any asbestos materials;
- Provision of wheel chair access paths;
- New energy efficient lighting, heating, ventilation and cooling systems;
- Roof repairs or replacement; and
- Installation of water saving fixtures and water tanks for capture of roof water for toilet flushing.

Dromana Senior Citizens Building

Works for the refurbishment of the Dromana Senior Citizens Club building commenced on 1 June 2011. It is anticipated that the works will reach practical completion by the 12 August 2011.

Works to be completed in the next few weeks are concrete path, joinery, vinyl and tiling installation, A/C fit toff (internal), toilet partitions.



Dromana Neighbourhood House Building

Works for the refurbishment of the Dromana Senior Citizens Club building commenced on 20 June 2011. It is anticipated that the works will reach practical completion by the 2 September 2011.

Works to be completed in the next few weeks are roof replacement, painting, disabled ramp, weather boards and replacement of electrical meter.



Mornington Park Pavilion

Works are progressing on the refurbishment of the Band Pavilion in Mornington Park. The works include provision of new toilets, secure storage areas and a kitchenette for the pavilion.

Building refurbishment works commenced on 1 April 2011 and it is anticipated the works will be completed in October 2011.



The Stables Building, Currawong Community Centre, Mornington

Plans and tender documents for refurbishment of The Stables building at Currawong Community Centre are currently being finalised. The project includes four community meeting rooms, art room and new toilet and kitchen facilities. The heritage fabric of the original stables building is being preserved within this development.

It is anticipated refurbishment works will commence in October 2011.

7444 – Installation of Pedestrian Operated Signals, Frankston-Flinders Road, Hastings

It is proposed to construct and install Pedestrian Operated Signals across the divided carriageway of Frankston-Flinders Road Hastings. A contract has been awarded to Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd.

The signals are to be located approximately 50m north of the intersection of High Street, between High Street & Glendale Avenue. The need for Pedestrian Operated Signals to be installed at this location was identified in both the Hastings Commercial Area Parking & Traffic Management Strategy, and in the Hastings Township Ride Safe Linking Shared Paths Strategy.

The installation of Pedestrian Operated Signals (POS) includes the following ancillary works:

- Modification to the existing centre median island.
- New pedestrian links from POS to existing footpaths.
- Removal of redundant pedestrian links and reinstatement to match existing.
- Pedestrian fencing along the centre median island.
- Pedestrian lighting to AS1158.
- Removal of the existing children's crossing facility approximately 50m south of High Street and reinstatement to match existing.
- Installation of a new children's crossing facility on High Street approximately 100m east Frankston-Flinders Road.

It is anticipated that construction works will take 10 weeks and the works are to be completed by early November 2011.

7552 – NBSP – Construction of Roundabout at Hodgins Road - Boes Road - Henderson Road, Hastings

Kerb and channel has now been placed as part of the construction of the new roundabout at Hodgins Road - Boes Road - Henderson Road, Hastings. A Contract has been awarded to Downer Edi Works Pty Ltd.

The Shire has been successful in obtaining grants through the federal government's National Blackspot Program through VicRoads for this project. This program gives priority to accident prevention projects which have the highest benefit/cost ratios on a state wide basis.

The intersection is currently controlled by 'Stop' signs in Boes and Hendersons Rds, thereby giving Hodgins Rd through traffic priority at the intersection. The sight distance in Boes and Hendersons towards the west is restricted and/or obscured by vegetation or power poles.

There have been three crashes, all "Cross-Traffic" type crashes including one serious. All have involved vehicles travelling north along Hendersons Road, over a five year period from 2003 to 2007.

The roundabout construction includes the following key elements:

- Realignment of overhead power lines and poles;
- New public street lighting;
- Improved delineation;
- Improved line of sight
- Road drainage;
- Consistent approach speed limits to the intersection, and;
- Other associated works.

7585 – Construction of Freemans Road - Tintagel Court, Mt Eliza

Civil works are now completed, with landscape works now to be undertaken for the road construction of Freemans Road and Tintagel Court, Mt Eliza. These works are part of a Special Charge Scheme. A contract has awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd.

The objective of the works is to improve access, safety, residential amenity and to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff and maintenance costs.

The contract works involves the construction of a residential street (nominal 4.5m wide carriageway, 380m length) including asphalt pavement, concrete kerbing, traffic calming treatments, stormwater drainage and street lighting. Footpath works are not part of these works.

Freemans Road and Tintagel Court property owners will pay for the cost of these works under the provisions of the Tintagel - Freemans Road Special Charge Scheme. Council resolved to declare the special charge at its meeting on 9th November 2009. Two appeals to the project were lodged with VCAT, with hearing conducted on 15th April 2010 and decision ordered on 23rd April 2010.

There has been extensive community consultation through the development of the Freemans Road and Tintagel Court Special Charge Scheme, including a number of meetings with local residents and the posting of notices under relevant statutory processes.

7596 – Roads to Recovery – Construction of Two Roundabouts at Truemans Road & Browns Road Intersections, Boneo

The sealing of the shoulders between the newly constructed roundabouts has now been completed. A contract was awarded to Maw Civil (\$658k) for the construction of two roundabouts at Truemans Road and Browns Road Intersections, Boneo. The construction of the roundabouts is being funded by Federal Government through the National Blackspot Program and Roads to Recovery Program.

The roundabout construction includes the following key elements:

- New public street lighting;
- Improved traffic flows;
- Guard rails, and;
- Other associated works

The northern and southern roundabouts are both completed and open to traffic.

7610 – West Rosebud Family and Children’s Hub

A contract has been awarded for stage 2 building additions as part of the development of a multi-purpose community centre off Allambi Avenue, Rosebud West.

Stage 2 is for the addition of community meeting and activity rooms. It consists of four multi-purpose meeting rooms, two interview rooms, office, kitchenette, toilets and associated store rooms. The building additions are linked to the BER building via a wide passageway. A number of multi-purpose rooms have doors opening to an outdoor courtyard situated between the buildings. This paved courtyard includes outdoor seating and shade trees. One of the multi-purpose rooms is set-up for occasional child care. It includes toilets for children under 5 years old and an outdoor play area. Sealed car parking for 41 vehicles will be constructed.

It is anticipated building works will commence on 8 August 2011 and be completed by the end of February 2012. Planting for the landscape areas will be undertaken during autumn 2012.

7611 – Construction of Bayview Avenue, Rosebud

Construction of Bayview Avenue, an unmade residential street off Waterfall Gully Road, Rosebud, has been completed. The design of this street aims to improve residential amenity by preserving existing street trees and encouraging drivers to travel at low speed.



7617 – High Street, Reconstruction, Hastings

Works are underway for the reconstruction of High Street from Frankston- Flinders Road to Hendersons Road, Hastings. The project is being funded by the Federal Government as part of the Roads to Recovery program. A contract has been awarded to Streetworks Pty Ltd

The upgrade will provide for improved safety to motorists and by include following key components:

- Traffic lane widths of 3.5m, upgrade from current 2.8m widths
- Improved access to abutting roads
- Formal bus stops
- Improved delineation

- Improved drainage
- Improved street lighting, and
- Other associated works

The proposed road upgrade will improve the amenity, access and safety aspects expressed by many of the local residents.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by August, 2011.

7621 – Dromana Streetscape Works, Pier Car Park Precinct, Dromana

Tenders have been invited for the reconstruction of the foreshore car park on Point Nepean Road, Dromana. The works will see the provision of 72 angle parking spaces accessed by service lane off Point Nepean Road.

This development is part of the Dromana Foreshore Landscape Master Plan. It will improve traffic safety, include quality landscaping and water sensitive design of storm water runoff.

It is anticipated the works will be completed by the end of November 2011.

7641 – Elizabeth, Herring & Salmon Street Roundabout, Hastings

A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Elizabeth Street, Herring Street and Salmon Street Hastings.

The Shire has been successful in obtaining grants through the Federal Government's National Black Spot Program through Vic Roads to construct the Roundabout. The NBSP gives priority to accident prevention projects which have the highest benefit / cost ratios on a state wide basis.

There have been five crashes, with three seriously injured and two injured over a five year period from the start of 2004 to the end of 2008 at this intersection.

The upgrade will provide for improved safety to motorists and include the following key components:

- Central island construction
- Kerb and channel returns
- Splitter islands
- Pavement widening
- Drainage
- Lighting
- Other associated works

Construction is currently underway after recent power relocation work.

7642 – Church & Victoria Street Roundabout, Hastings

A contract has been awarded to Streetworks Pty Ltd for construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Church Street and Victoria Street Hastings. Funding for this project is via grants through the Federal Government's National Black Spot Program through Vic Roads. The NBSP gives priority to accident prevention projects which have the highest benefit / cost ratios on a state wide basis.

There have been three crashes, with one seriously injured over a five year period from the start of 2004 to the end of 2008 at this intersection.

The upgrade will provide for improved safety to motorists and include the following key components:

- Central island construction
- Kerb and channel returns
- Splitter islands
- Pavement widening
- Drainage
- Lighting
- Other associated works

Construction is currently underway.

7643 – Proposed Roundabout Construction High Street & Queen Street, Hastings

Mornington Peninsula Shire has been successful in obtaining part funding through the Federal Government's National Black Spot Program (Vic Roads) to construct a roundabout at the intersection of High Street and Queens Street in Hastings. The NBSP gives priority to accident prevention projects which have the highest benefit / cost ratio on a state wide basis.

There have been four, with two seriously injured and two injured over a six year period from the start of 2004 to the end of 2010 at this intersection.

The upgrade will provide for improved safety to motorists and pedestrians and will include the following key components:

- Central island construction
- Kerb and channel returns
- Splitter Islands with pedestrian refuges
- Pavement widening
- Drainage improvements
- Lighting improvements
- Other associated works

Works are awaiting power relocation work.

H028 – Hendersons Road Special Charge Scheme, Bittern

Civil works are underway for the construction of the unmade section of Hendersons Road, Bittern from Myers Road to the constructed section approximately 290 metres north of Myers Road. A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd

The road will formalize the road alignment and will provide for improved safety to motorists and significantly reduce dust to local residents.

Construction is anticipated to be complete in August 2011.



Photo of drainage works being installed

D401 The Eyrie Gully Stabilisation, McCrae

Civil works have now been put on hold due to unseasonal wet weather over the summer period. This is the first project to roll out under the Integrated Local Flood Management and Drainage Strategy. A contract has been awarded to Maw Civil Pty Ltd (\$823k). A dilapidation report for properties adjoining The Eyrie Gully prior to civil works has been undertaken to document the current condition of the properties.

The Eyrie gully is a naturally formed drainage path that collects water from the slopes of Arthurs Seat channelling it down to the foreshore and out to Port Phillip Bay. The gully is subject to erosion, making its slopes unstable and resulting in several minor landslips in recent years. The gully has traditionally been used as an access between The Eyrie and the beach by residents of McCrae. Landslips have made the walking track unsafe; one attempt was made to construct a board walk across a slip to reconnect the track, however another slip rendered the board walk unsafe soon after its completion. The track has since been closed pending further works.

This project involves partial filling of the gully to stabilize its banks reducing the risk of further landslips. A drainage system will be constructed to connect existing pipes and discharge storm water to the outfall channel in the foreshore. The drainage system has been designed to take into account increased pressures from climate change. A timber boardwalk and steps will be constructed to reopen the walking track. Landscaping and wetland works will be conducted under a separate contract at a suitable time immediately following completion of the civil works.

The first stage of the works which involves the beach outfall and the road crossing of Pt Nepean Road have now been completed. Further work is being held off until ground conditions dry out

D403 Peninsula Avenue Flood Alleviation Project, Rye.

A contract has been awarded for Peninsula Avenue Flood alleviation project. Peninsula Avenue has been subject to flooding over many years with the existing stormwater system being connected to a drainage reserve located immediately behind Rattray and Walker timber yard. The reserve was designed to act as a large soak pit; however the presence of Limestone and a shallow ground water table, does not allow stormwater to effectively soak into the ground.

The project begins with enlarging the reserve to act as a soak pit/storage basin for a new pump station. A gravity main will connect the basin to the pump station, which will pump water in a new rising main along Melbourne Rd to a sub-surface storage tank in RJ Rowley Reserve (see attached plan). If the tank is full, water will be pumped to the existing drainage system at the intersection of Melbourne Rd and Dundas St that connects to the bay. Water in the tank will be

used for irrigation of RJ Rowley reserve during drier months and other purposes during wetter months, such as street sweeping.

Works have been delayed by a shortage of special drainage pipes.



Photo of new storm water storage tank system

D405 Tanti Avenue & Barkly Street, Drainage Upgrade Works, Morningson.

Drainage upgrade works have commenced within Tanti Avenue and Barkly Street, Morningson. It is proposed as part of Shire's Integrated Local Flood Management and Drainage Strategy to construct a new drainage line from Tanti Avenue and Barkly Street intersection, down Barkly Street to Tanti Creek. A contract has been awarded to Comar Constructions Pty Ltd (\$309k).

The new drainage infrastructure will be designed so as to achieve maximum flow efficiency and sufficient capacity to account for climate change and more frequent severe storm and rain events.



Photo of new drainage line being installed within Barkly Street

D406 Nepean Highway Drainage Mitigation Works (Marine Drive to Country Club Drive), Dromana

Drainage mitigation works are planned to be undertaken along Nepean Highway from Marine Drive to Country Club Drive, Dromana. The works will provide for improved drainage network and footpath access within the area. A contract has been awarded to Downer Edi Works (\$443k).

The project is being delivered as part of the Shire's Integrated Local Flood Management and Drainage Strategy.

It is anticipated the works will commence when ground conditions dry out in August 2011.

E549 – Caraar Creek Rd Coastal Path Boardwalk, Mornington

A contract has been let for a 40 metre boardwalk on the coastal path to span the unstable area. The contract was awarded to GR Design and Construct and is underway.

Financially, there are no significant variations to report.

	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Capital Works	317	292	25	36,815	36,815	0

Capital Works

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
17010. Plant & Equipment Replacement	0	0	0	225,000	225,000	0
17012. Acquisition (splays, easements & sm	0	41	(41)	50,000	50,000	0
17016. Oval Rehab - Drainage & Sprinklers	0	0	0	142,800	142,800	0
17027. Implementation of Toilet Strategy	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
17028. Replacement of Office Furniture	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
17031. Provision of Library Books/Material	100,000	97,022	2,978	1,100,000	1,100,000	0
17032. Acquisitions - M'ton Pen Reg Galler	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0
17038. Traffic Mgt Treatments	0	2,199	(2,199)	314,700	314,700	0
17042. Unsealed Rds - Intersection Safety	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
17050. Rehab - Walkways/bike paths/footpat	0	3,512	(3,512)	2,005,000	2,005,000	0
17053. Drainage Rehabilitation	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0
17054. Drainage Upgrades	25,000	18,955	6,045	400,000	400,000	0
17062. Signage - Traffic/Parking Areas	0	(2,237)	2,237	15,000	15,000	0
17063. Signage - General	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
17065. Rehab-Foreshore Fac/Boat Ramps/Jett	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
17066. Signage - safety warning on Res & F	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
17067. Signage - Local Laws on Reserves	2,000	1,502	498	15,000	15,000	0
17082. Sale of Roads	0	4,424	(4,424)	0	0	0
17187. Fruitgrowers Reserve Machinery Shed	0	663	(663)	0	0	0
17260. Playground developments	0	1,005	(1,005)	452,900	452,900	0
17263. Implementation of Recreation Master	4,000	3,857	143	1,582,500	1,582,500	0
17272. Hall Improvements Asset Replacement	0	(2,131)	2,131	79,400	79,400	0
17273. Reserve Improvements/ Asset Replace	20,000	26,153	(6,153)	90,000	90,000	0
17362. Footpath Strategy - Impl	0	10,164	(10,164)	1,580,000	1,580,000	0
17363. Photocopier Replacement	0	0	0	17,700	17,700	0
17368. Sorrento Strategy - Boardwalk	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
17371. Portsea Strategy - Impl Stage 1	0	1,465	(1,465)	223,000	223,000	0
17381. Skate Park Facility - Mt Eliza	0	3,332	(3,332)	70,000	70,000	0
17385. SCS-Wonderland Terrace Mt Martha	0	0	0	23,000	23,000	0
17400. BBQ Upgrade Program	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
17401. Building Renovations - Major Build	3,000	14,567	(11,567)	2,579,700	2,579,700	0
17402. Recreation Building Imp	0	690	(690)	100,000	100,000	0
17403. Municipal Building Imp	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	0
17444. Hastings Com Area Parking & TMT Imp	6,000	5,288	712	238,200	238,200	0
17463. Plant & Equip Replace't Pelican Pan	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
17464. Plant & Equip Replace't Rec Facil	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
17465. LT - Coastal Mgt/Master Plan Impl	0	330	(330)	54,900	54,900	0
17473. St Mitchell Circuit, M'ton Railway	0	368	(368)	119,200	119,200	0
17482. Safer Local Roads Program	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
17483. Signage Directional	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
17486. Southern Penisnula Aquatic Recreati	0	585	(585)	456,900	456,900	0
17489. Rye Traffic Man Strategy Implementa	0	0	0	431,700	431,700	0
17490. Police Point Park Improvements	0	0	0	64,200	64,200	0
17496. LATM Shire Wide	0	1,970	(1,970)	227,000	227,000	0
17504. Signage Township Corporate	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
17522. Enterprise Content Management Syste	(39,200)	(39,200)	0	314,800	314,800	0
17533. Bus Bay Construction	0	0	0	20,088	20,088	0
17548. Dromana Community Hall - Extension	0	0	0	37,500	37,500	0
17549. Bicycle Strategy	0	1,417	(1,417)	300,000	300,000	0
17551. Mornington North Precinct - Road &	0	1,713	(1,713)	352,400	352,400	0
17552. Blackspot Program (Council contribu	0	0	0	400,000	400,000	0
17553. Boneo Road - Footbridge (near Hisco	0	101	(101)	0	0	0
17554. Skate & BMX Strategy	0	507	(507)	631,500	631,500	0
17558. Kerb and Channel - Rehabilitation	0	0	0	300,000	300,000	0
17559. Drainage - Soak Pit Refurbishment	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
17570. Emil Madsen Res Pavillion Upgrade	0	808	(808)	27,900	27,900	0
17584. Activity Centre Structure Plan - Im	0	0	0	895,000	895,000	0
17585. SCS - Tintagel / Freemans, Mt.Eliza	0	1,594	(1,594)	101,000	101,000	0
17586. Bus Shelter Rehabilitation	0	0	0	231,200	231,200	0
17592. SCS - Jerula Ave, Mount Eliza	0	1,794	(1,794)	470,700	470,700	0
17593. Integrated Flood Management and Dra	45,000	41,565	3,435	3,842,100	3,842,100	0
17594. Dromana Visitors Centre - Major Upg	0	404	(404)	12,900	12,900	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
17596. RTR - Truemans Rd / Browns Rd - Rou	0	607	(607)	280,900	280,900	0
17604. Community Hub Hastings	0	4,750	(4,750)	0	0	0
17606. B/Spot Tyabb Tooradin Rd Bungower	0	0	0	172,700	172,700	0
17607. B/Spot Hodgins Road Boes Rd Hender	0	2,817	(2,817)	168,100	168,100	0
17610. Rosebud West Community Centre Desig	0	2,458	(2,458)	1,964,700	1,964,700	0
17611. SCS - Bayview Ave, R'bud	0	0	0	179,400	179,400	0
17613. Hastings Boat Ramp Floating Pontoon	0	0	0	121,900	121,900	0
17615. Moorooduc Pavilion (SRV)	0	0	0	48,000	48,000	0
17616. R2R Graydens Rd(Coolart Rd Stumpy)	0	0	0	47,900	47,900	0
17617. R2R High Street Hastings (F/ston F)	80,000	6,341	73,659	862,900	862,900	0
17618. R2R Racecourse Rd M/ton Tyabb	20,000	16,067	3,933	74,300	74,300	0
17621. Dromana Pier Project	25,000	23,910	1,090	350,000	350,000	0
17623. R2R Racecourse Rd - M'ton-Tyabb R	0	0	0	1,150,000	1,150,000	0
17626. Foreshore Camping Areas - Amenity B	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
17628. Rye Waste Disp Centre-LT Slip Lane	0	481	(481)	0	0	0
17629. Safety Beach CC - Path to Lift Acce	0	575	(575)	29,800	29,800	0
17630. Peninsula DriveSafe	0	0	0	51,800	51,800	0
17631. SCS - St.Johns Wood Rd Blairgowrie	0	440	(440)	31,400	31,400	0
17641. B/Spot Elizabeth St & Herring St	0	4,978	(4,978)	599,500	599,500	0
17642. B/Spot Church St & Victoria St	0	780	(780)	285,308	285,308	0
17643. B/Spot High St and Queen St	0	0	0	455,300	455,300	0
17644. B/Spot Melb Rd and Hughes Rd	0	4,836	(4,836)	175,359	175,359	0
17646. Sorrento Mechanic Hall RCLIP	14,000	13,806	194	48,900	48,900	0
17647. Hasting Pontoon Jetty RCLIP	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
17648. Dromana Community House RCLIP	2,000	3,158	(1,158)	132,000	132,000	0
17649. Bus Shelters School Routes RCLIP	0	0	0	120,000	120,000	0
17650. SCS - Hendersons Road Hastings	10,000	1,243	8,757	340,300	340,300	0
17652. Sporting Facilities Lighting Progra	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
17653. Somerville Netball Courts - Upgrade	0	0	0	250,000	250,000	0
17654. Balnarring Sports Clubs - Cont	0	0	0	300,000	300,000	0
17655. Balnarring Sports Clubs - Cont	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
17656. Somerville Needs Strategy - Impl	0	0	0	260,000	260,000	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
17657. Former M'ton Sec.College Classrooms	0	0	0	350,000	350,000	0
17658. Gateway Park Development	0	0	0	55,000	55,000	0
17659. Urban Rd Contibutory Scheme Strateg	0	0	0	720,000	720,000	0
17660. Pavillion Strategy Implementation	0	0	0	850,000	850,000	0
	316,800	291,673	25,127	36,815,355	36,815,355	0

PRIORITY WORKS OVERVIEW

Financially, there are no major variations to report.

	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Priority Works	(43)	(70)	27	5,231	5,231	0

Priority Works

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
56001. Installation of New Fire Plugs.	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
56002. Resurfacing of Cricket Pitches.	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
56003. Developer Wks - Drainage Upgrades.	5,000	5,000	0	20,000	20,000	0
56004. Upgrade Disabled Fac - Rds Res & Ca	7,000	6,577	423	50,000	50,000	0
56006. Rehab - Foreshore Facilities.	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
56007. N/Ball Crt Resurf (Sport Club Fund)	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
56009. Conservation Works-MPRG.	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
56012. Building Demolition.	2,000	2,378	(378)	20,000	20,000	0
56013. Street Lighting Improvements.	6,000	5,188	812	94,600	94,600	0
56015. Half Cost Fencing	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
56028. Watsons Ck Catchment Program Partne	2,000	1,906	94	10,000	10,000	0
56030. Implement Dog free & leash areas	0	50	(50)	58,000	58,000	0
56036. Office Renovations (3 Offices)	0	506	(506)	50,000	50,000	0
56039. Disabled Facilities Council Buildings (Inc)	0	(41,800)	41,800	0	0	0
56039. Disabled Facilities Council Buildin	(30,000)	682	(30,682)	30,000	30,000	0
56044. Dredging of Boatramp at Hastings	0	101	(101)	50,000	50,000	0
56064. Minor Streetscape Works- Commer Cnt	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
56065. Sewerage Connection- Council Buildi	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
56067. Coastal Reserves Biodiversity Cons.	0	0	0	(70,000)	(70,000)	0
56067. Coastal Reserves Biodiversity Cons.	0	380	(380)	267,800	267,800	0
56071. Regional Synthetic Hockey Facility.	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
56105. Tree Removal Program	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
56107. Building Renovations Misc.	0	701	(701)	105,000	105,000	0
56108. Street Furniture.	0	0	0	70,000	70,000	0
56109. Minor Traffic Improvements.	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
56112. Risk Mgt Initiatives former Landfil	0	0	0	268,500	268,500	0
56123. Sustainable Energy Funds Initiative	0	0	0	(140,000)	(140,000)	0
56123. Sustainable Energy Funds Initiative	5,000	2,169	2,831	140,000	140,000	0
56146. Infrastructure Upgrades - Landfills	0	838	(838)	220,000	220,000	0
56147. Infrastructure Invest/Studies/Analy	0	110	(110)	40,000	40,000	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
56149. Signage - Bushland/Roadside Reserve	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
56151. Main Roads - Improvement Works	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
56152. Parks & Reserves (Passive) Rehab Pr	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
56167. Special Charge Schemes Design.	3,000	3,157	(157)	30,000	30,000	0
56170. Open Space Strategy - Implmentation	8,000	8,000	0	71,000	71,000	0
56171. IT Systems Upgrades and Development	(55,000)	(52,694)	(2,306)	265,800	265,800	0
56172. Asbestos Removal Program.	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
56189. Sorrento Mechanics Institute Restor	0	202	(202)	0	0	0
56226. Landfill Cell Capping Provision	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	0
56228. Corporate Water Conservation Progra	(30,000)	(29,981)	(19)	150,000	150,000	0
56230. Rosebud Foreshore Camp Site Markers	0	(20,788)	20,788	0	0	0
56261. Telecommunications Tower Projects	0	0	0	41,000	41,000	0
56262. Community Support & Information Cen	0	0	0	(400,000)	(400,000)	0
56273. Arthurs Seat Rd Shared Pathway	0	0	0	9,753	9,753	0
56274. Bungower Road Offset Plan Constitut	0	0	0	48,603	48,603	0
56275. Long Term Coastal Management Master	7,000	10,732	(3,732)	468,000	468,000	0
56277. Martha Cove Fish Ladder (Inc)	0	0	0	(114,626)	(114,626)	0
56277. Martha Cove Fish Ladder	0	0	0	114,626	114,626	0
56278. Investigation of catchments	20,000	15,793	4,207	1,256,000	1,256,000	0
56281. Hall Works	0	4,243	(4,243)	0	0	0
56283. Vic Roads Wilson Rd Contribution	0	238	(238)	0	0	0
56289. Mt Martha North Beach Renourishment	0	0	0	67,200	67,200	0
56292. Somerville Pre-School-Relocation	7,000	6,640	360	400,000	400,000	0
56295. Bittern Township Plan-Impl	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
56296. Crib Point Township Plan - Impl	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
56297. Somerville Township-Amentity Works	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
56298. Baxter Township-Amentity Wrks	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
56299. Tyabb Township - Amentity Wks	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
58301. Eco Living Display Ctre - Upgrade	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
58302. Library Buildings Furn & Fittings	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
58303. Pavilion Strategy - Priority Works	0	0	0	400,000	400,000	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
	(43,000)	(69,672)	26,672	5,231,256	5,231,256	0

PRIORITY PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Financially, there are no major variations to report.

	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
Priority Projects	68	(17)	85	4,535	4,535	0

Priority Projects

Program	Forecast Y.T.D	Actual Y.T.D.	Variance Y.T.D	Budget Y.E.	Forecast Y.E.	Variance Y.E.
6459. Hastings Promotional Fund (Inc)	0	(56,058)	56,058	0	0	0
6482. Rosebud Activity Centre Struct Plan	0	0	0	31,200	31,200	0
6483. Hasting Activity Centre Struct Plan	0	0	0	22,200	22,200	0
6496. Business Development Plan for Morni	0	0	0	11,000	11,000	0
6502. Community Partnerships	0	0	0	65,000	65,000	0
6581. Events	3,000	2,551	449	180,000	180,000	0
6588. Music for Life (Musica Viva Aus) (Inc)	0	(4,800)	4,800	0	0	0
6588. Music for Life (Musica Viva Aus)	0	1,134	(1,134)	0	0	0
6664. Disability Action Plan	0	200	(200)	0	0	0
6674. Health & Well Being Plan Implementation	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
6679. Rosebud Promotional Fund	0	0	0	22,550	22,550	0
6680. Mt Eliza Promotional Fund	0	0	0	12,100	12,100	0
6716. Interface Research Project (Inc)	0	1,362	(1,362)	0	0	0
6717. Mton Coastal Mgt Plan incl Mton Pk	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
6718. Green Wedge Action Plan	0	0	0	19,500	19,500	0
6736. Careers Expo	1,000	1,000	0	30,000	30,000	0
6742. Prep of Conservation Master Plans	0	0	0	4,700	4,700	0
6766. Geotechnical Investigations	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
6770. Domestic Wastewater Management Impl	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	0
6774. M'ton Pen Sustainable Water Initiat	0	0	0	12,000	12,000	0
6779. Flinders Village Landscape Masterpl	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0
6794. Responsible Gaming Policy	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
6795. Drug and Alcohol Strategy	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
6797. Positive Ageing Strategy for Mornin	0	1,058	(1,058)	11,600	11,600	0
6901. Crib Point Investigation Area Study	0	0	0	6,200	6,200	0
6910. Reconciliation Action Plan	0	0	0	1,550	1,550	0
6911. Somerville Community Needs Assessme	0	0	0	33,000	33,000	0
6923. Red Hill Character Assessment and D	0	0	0	41,000	41,000	0
6926. Parking Precinct Plans	0	0	0	39,900	39,900	0
6927. Port Phillip Urban Design Framework	0	0	0	43,000	43,000	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
6931. Contract Document Review	30,000	27,612	2,388	50,000	50,000	0
6938. Community Arts-Metro Access Project	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8603. Local Housing and Settlement Strate	0	0	0	32,250	32,250	0
8605. Tyabb Structure Plan	0	0	0	19,100	19,100	0
8606. Character Assessment and Design Gui	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
8619. Triple Housing Policy	0	(95)	95	25,000	25,000	0
8630. Contr-Esta.Balnarring Pony Club CoM	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	0
8641. Road Safety Program Shire Wide	0	2,597	(2,597)	0	0	0
8646. Provision - Matching Grant Applicat	0	0	0	400,000	400,000	0
8649. Parking Precinct Plan Mornington To	0	0	0	36,750	36,750	0
8654. Early Home Learning P'ship (PRC)	0	0	0	24,550	24,550	0
8666. Climate Change and Social Justice P	0	0	0	3,100	3,100	0
8669. Spatial Employment Strategy	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0
8670. Mount Eliza Town Centre Plan	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
8671. Somerville Town Centre Plan	0	0	0	2,050	2,050	0
8672. Local Law Review and Rewrite	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8674. Biodiversity Action Plan Modelling	0	0	0	27,350	27,350	0
8675. Stony Point Coastal Management/Fram	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8676. Hastings Port Land Use and Transpor	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8678. Township Design Guideline Brochures	0	0	0	14,900	14,900	0
8679. Heritage Review - Stage 2 Analysis	0	0	0	4,300	4,300	0
8680. Green Wedge Management Plan consult	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
8681. 3D Visualisation computer model upd	0	0	0	17,750	17,750	0
8692. Sorrento Recreational Boating Prec	0	0	0	42,500	42,500	0
8700. Equestrian Strategy	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0
8701. Bittern Traffic Management Strategy	0	0	0	23,850	23,850	0
8703. Arts & Culture Strategy - Implement	0	994	(994)	0	0	0
8705. MPS Sustainable Food Project	0	0	0	5,500	5,500	0
8706. Land Management Overlay Implementat	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8707. Opt-in Green Waste Kerbside Collection (Inc)	0	(33,184)	33,184	0	0	0
8708. Implementation of Food Act Amendmen	0	0	0	42,050	42,050	0
8709. Community Animal Shelter - 2nd Stag	0	0	0	7,300	7,300	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
8710. South East Council Climate Change P	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8711. Validation of Infrastructure Assets	0	3,167	(3,167)	0	0	0
8712. Sustainable Management of Community	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
8713. Library on Legs Project	0	1,731	(1,731)	9,100	9,100	0
8714. Disability Action Plan	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8715. Community Network of welfare servic	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0
8716. Warrenda - Oral History project	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	0
8717. Library Services to Older Residents	0	0	0	4,350	4,350	0
8721. Rooming House Policy development	0	1,292	(1,292)	8,650	8,650	0
8722. Tanti Park Active Community project	0	0	0	4,950	4,950	0
8724. Public Recreation Space Strategy	0	0	0	70,000	70,000	0
8725. Police Point Conservation Managemen	0	0	0	45,000	45,000	0
8726. Dromana Activity Centre Structure P	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
8728. Review of Coastal Mgt Plans S/Beach	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8731. Local Coastal Vulnerability Assessm	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0
8732. Climate Change Community Engagment	4,000	2,729	1,271	18,400	18,400	0
8733. Waste Strategy Impl - Education Pro	4,000	2,855	1,145	8,500	8,500	0
8734. Waste Strategy Impl - Resource Reco	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	0
8735. Bunyip Food Belt - Feasibility Stud	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
8736. Soil Mapping - Various Locations	0	0	0	43,750	43,750	0
8737. Signage Policy Review	0	0	0	22,700	22,700	0
8742. Community Engagement Policy & Guide	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
8744. WOL Volunteering Community Capacity (Inc)	0	(2,000)	2,000	0	0	0
8744. WOL Volunteering Community Capacity	0	3,538	(3,538)	0	0	0
8748. Rye Coastal Process Study	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	0
8751. Rosebud West Family Access Project	0	0	0	575,000	575,000	0
8752. WOL 150th Anniversary Celebrations	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8753. Refurb Former Mton Sec Classrooms	14,000	14,000	0	70,000	70,000	0
8754. SMRMF Community Engagement Tool Kit (Inc)	0	0	0	(57,600)	(57,600)	0
8754. SMRMF Community Engagement Tool Kit	7,000	6,182	818	71,600	71,600	0
8755. Mornington S/Centre Promotional Sch	0	0	0	72,200	72,200	0
8756. Community Infrastructure Project	0	0	0	11,000	11,000	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
8757. Iron Bar Project	5,000	4,491	509	10,000	10,000	0
8758. Peninsula Link Implications Study	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
8759. WOL Equipment Pilot	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8760. Visitor Information Ctre Staffing	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
8761. M/ton Peninsula Branded Produce	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
8762. Police Point Houses	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
8763. Interface Muni Comm Support Group	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8764. Mobility Maps	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
8766. Opening Hasting Community Hub	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
8767. Review Ticket Machines	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8768. Implementation Positive Ageing	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0
8769. Peninsula for Parents Publication	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8770. Mapping Early Yrs Service System	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
8771. Indigenous Playgroups	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8772. Conduct Conference for Early Yrs Pr	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8773. Defibrillator Staff Training	0	0	0	10,500	10,500	0
8774. Field/Based S/tem Enhance Health	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
8775. Continuation of Animal Shelter Up	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8776. Community Ed Local Laws	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8777. Arts & Culture Strat Project	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0
8778. Literacy Villages Project	0	0	0	64,000	64,000	0
8779. Radio Frequency Feability Study	0	0	0	12,000	12,000	0
8780. Local History Digitisation Project	0	0	0	18,000	18,000	0
8782. Reconciliation Action Plan	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
8783. Food Access Plan	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
8784. Neighbour Day Rosebud West	0	0	0	6,000	6,000	0
8785. Music & Social Change Workshops	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
8786. Rosebud Design Strategy	0	0	0	60,000	60,000	0
8787. Legal Advice-Waste Contract Develop	0	0	0	30,000	30,000	0
8788. Heritage Review-Stg 2	0	0	0	60,000	60,000	0
8789. Heritage Review-Stg 2	0	0	0	65,000	65,000	0
8790. Music Bursary Program	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0

Program	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Budget	Forecast	Variance
	Y.T.D	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D	Y.E.	Y.E.	Y.E.
8791. Foreshore Camping Fire Strategy	0	0	0	60,000	60,000	0
8792. Stream Watch/Water Watch Program	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
8793. Land Subject to Inundations Overlay	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
8794. Maintain 3D Visualisation Model	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
8795. Heart of R/Bud Precinct Plan	0	0	0	45,000	45,000	0
8796. Community Engagement Guidelines	0	0	0	45,000	45,000	0
8798. Impl Performance Manager Software	0	0	0	22,000	22,000	0
8799. Ranelagh Conservation Man Plan Impl	0	0	0	18,000	18,000	0
8800. Best Practice Review MPS Com Engage	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	0
8801. Intergtrted Facility Man Building	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
8802. Develop New Web Site MPS	0	0	0	60,000	60,000	0
8804. Communitie That Care Student Survey	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	0
8805. Youth Services Replace Internet	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
8806. Community Grant-ArtsStream	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
8807. Electoral Review	0	0	0	45,000	45,000	0
8808. Shire Strategic Plan	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
8809. Marketing MPS to Nat Conference	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0
8810. WOL Bushfire Planning Provision	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
8811. WOL Universal Access Planning & Cha	0	414	(414)	20,000	20,000	0
8812. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Balcombe	0	0	0	2,800	2,800	0
8813. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Cerberus	0	0	0	7,807	7,807	0
8814. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Kangerong	0	0	0	5,131	5,131	0
8815. Ward Discreatinary Fund - M/ton	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8816. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Mt Eliza	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
8817. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Red Hill	0	0	0	1,583	1,583	0
8818. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Rye	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
8819. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Truemans	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	0
8820. Ward Discreatinary Fund - Watson	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
	68,000	(17,232)	85,232	4,535,221	4,535,221	0

STANDARD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME STATEMENT COMMENTARY

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT COMMENTARY

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BALANCE SHEET COMMENTARY

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STANDARD STATEMENT OF CAPITAL WORKS COMMENTARY

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CORPORATE FORMAT STATEMENT COMMENTARY

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KEY FINANCIAL STATUS INDICATORS

BORROWINGS

Loan No.	Financial Institution	Debt Principal 1 July 2011 \$'000	New Borrowings \$'000	Principal Paid 2011/2012 \$'000	Debt Principal 30 June 2012 \$'000
5	National Australia Bank	4,398	-	-	4,398
6	National Australia Bank	773	-	-	773
7	National Australia Bank	549	-	-	549
8	National Australia Bank	1,809	-	-	1,809
9	National Australia Bank	1,906	-	-	1,906
10	Commonwealth Bank	1,849	-	-	1,849
11	Commonwealth Bank	6,331	-	270	6,061
12	Commonwealth Bank	6,088	-	227	5,861
13	Commonwealth Bank	3,958	-	-	3,958
14	Commonwealth Bank	2,461	-	-	2,461
15	Bendigo Bank	2,680	-	-	2,680
16	Bendigo Bank	2,788	-	-	2,788
17	National Australia Bank	3,000	-	-	3,000
		38,590	-	497	38,093

LEASES

Lease No.	Financial Institution	Debt Principal 1 July 2011 \$'000	New Leases \$'000	Principal Paid 2011/2012 \$'000	Debt Principal 30 June 2012 \$'000
North	CBFC	554	-	13	541
South1	CBFC	305	-	8	297
South2	CBFC	312	-	7	305
South3	CBFC	343	-	8	335
		1,514	-	36	1,478