

Tyabb & District Ratepayers



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Your Community, Your Voice

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

President's Preamble

Hello and welcome to the summer edition of your newsletter. I say summer with tongue in cheek, but one would have to wonder with the weather we have been having; you've got to love Melbourne where we can definitely have four seasons in one day.

We can only hope the weather will pick up soon and as we know the heat can come with a vengeance, so please ensure that you maintain vigilance when it comes to fire prevention and don't forget the pets and any elderly friends and neighbours and remember: don't leave children or pets in the car.

AGM

It seems a long time ago, but the AGM of the Group was held on 8th October, 2019. After my welcome address, reading and acceptance of the minutes of the last AGM, a report of the financial status of the Group and my report of the happenings of the last year, I again called on Doug McDonald to chair the election process for the AGM. All positions were declared vacant and the result of the vote was myself to continue as President, Dr. Martin Cranmer as Vice President, Katrina Chalke as Secretary, Ken Taylor as Treasurer and committee members Dick Cox and Louise Page. Other members will be seconded to the committee as necessary to assist with special projects.

Around The Town

We understand that the awning at the antique shop in the centre of town that was so unceremoniously knocked down some months ago will be rebuilt; a planning application has been lodged.

Council is also assessing the Tyabb Guide Hall and will look at the scope of works required to update this important community space.

Tyabb Airfield

It's great news that the 2020 airshow will be going ahead. The Tyabb Ratepayers Group's representatives to the Council-sponsored CRG await with bated breath for information as to when the next meeting will take place. There is speculation that this may not happen until after the presentation of the draft Airfield Master Plan and the Noise Management Plan.

General

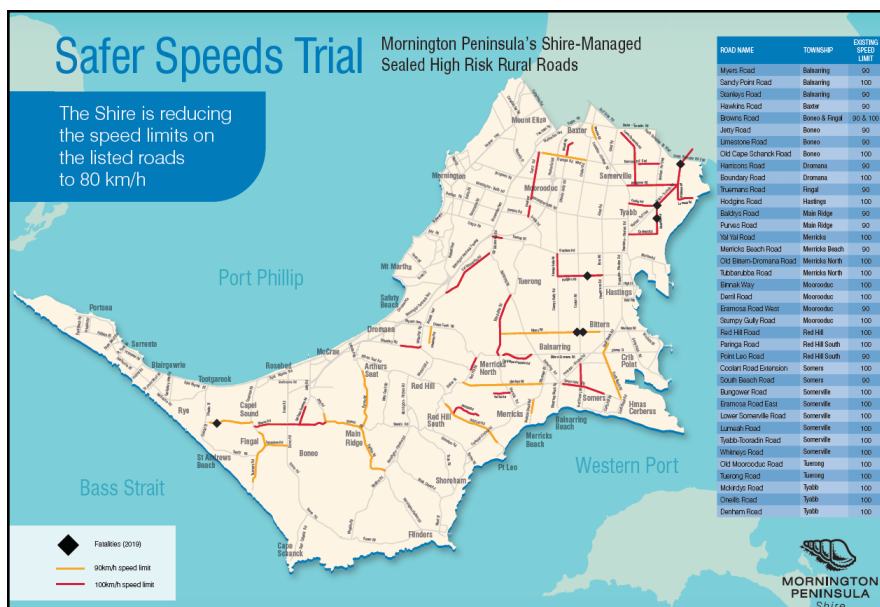
Again this year, following up many successful years, our own local church will be staging *Carols In The Park* on Sunday, 8th December so come along and enjoy the atmosphere and songs of Christmas; maybe even sing along. Details are on page 4 of the newsletter.

Now that the warm weather is here (nearly) please be vigilant and on the look out for snakes. Also keep an eye out for notification of the official fire restriction period and in the meantime be very careful when using equipment outdoors that may start a fire; remember it only takes on spark. Spare a thought for those fellow Australians affected by the devastation of the fires in Queensland and New South Wales.

Road Safety is something we all need to be aware of now that the school holidays are almost with us again and many families will be on the road. Just have a little tolerance of other road users. For those who will be staying around the Peninsula for their holidays, be aware of the upcoming speed reductions. Many roads around Tyabb will be affected. There is a map below which shows the roads which will have their speed limit lowered.

On a final note, on behalf of myself and all at the Tyabb & District Ratepayers Group I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Stefan Berson
President





Fire Restrictions

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting. CFA declares the Fire Danger Period for each Shire or Council at different times in the lead up to the fire season. It depends on the amount of rain, grassland curing rate and other local conditions.

The Fire Danger Period for Tyabb is between 16th December, 2019 and 1st May, 2020.

Local laws apply
Check with the Council



Bushland Reserves

Special thanks and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all our Friends Groups members who have helped make Tyabb a greener and more pleasant place in the past year.

Clifford Drive

The Reserve is looking terrific and the major task is now maintaining the natural wonderland that a decade of work has created. At our last working bee for the year the loyal Friends spread a few cubic metres of mulch around the southwestern entrance allowing the gate to be closed and locked again. This will hopefully deter the trail bike riders who have been accessing the Reserve to the detriment of the walkers.



The next working bee will be held on **Sunday, 2nd February, 2020 at 9 Clifford Drive, Tyabb at 10:00am** (near the picnic table). Keep an eye out for signs & a reminder in your letterbox.

Oliver's Creek

This great project is being co-ordinated by Yashmin Beaumont. In November, the second working bee of this new Group attacked the Pittosporum in the centre of the reserve. This built on an excellent start made by workers from the Esso plant in Hastings who as part of their Community service, Day of Caring spent a hot day in the reserve helping out. Another exciting development is the future attendance at working bees by members of the Watson Creek Land Care Group. The Working bees at Oliver's Creek are scheduled for the second Saturday of the odd numbered months, so the next one will be on **Saturday 11th January, 2020 at 10:00am** meeting at the tennis courts.



Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

**TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP
TUESDAY, 10th December, 2019**

All meetings are held at 7:00pm in the CFA rooms in Tyabb

The Story of the Crosses

Some readers of our newsletter may have seen the story of *The Crosses That Connect* in the Western Port News a couple of weeks ago. The Ratepayers Group Committee co-ordinated the Tyabb ANZAC Day Commemorative Service on behalf of the Hastings RSL and it was through this connection that the crosses, now located in the ANZAC garden of the Tyabb Railway Primary School, came into being.

As most of you know the local schools and organisations are heavily involved in the local Dawn Service and the enthusiasm of all involved is infectious. The participation of all the schools is most rewarding and we see the ANZAC memory alive and well through their involvement. During a meeting with the Tyabb Railway Primary School Principal Emma Slater, Emma expressed an idea she had of having a white cross made for each student at the school so the student could research a soldier or nurse, put their story on the cross and then place the cross in the commemorative garden at the school. And so the story begins.

Opening the mouth before engaging brain, a lifelong trait, Emma's wish was granted in less than a heartbeat. "It's a given, you shall have your crosses", I said. Off to Bunnings to get the wood and discovering it's not so simple this cross making. Not being a timbersmith I gave the worry beads a bit of a rattle and came up with the brilliant idea, community project in timber, yep the Men's Shed. Off I go to the Peninsula North Men's Shed (Baxter) to seek the required help.

I have just the man for the job says the boss. He makes crosses every year for the Nasho's (those persons who did national service many years ago when it was compulsory). It looks like bloody cemetery around here when he gets going.

So I am introduced to this guy and blow me down if it is not my old neighbour from over the road who shifted out many years ago; Bob Frood, an original member of the Tyabb Ratepayers, ex Officer in Charge of the Hastings police some 30 years ago and a perfectionist.

Done deal. Bob works out the exact proportions of the crosses, allowing for the in ground bit and we find we need over 100 metres of timber. More worry beads but Chris from Bayswood Timber Wholesalers in Hallam comes to the rescue with the wood. Bob and his helpers complete the task and deliver to me 140 unpainted, perfectly manufactured and proportioned crosses. A quick coat of paint and this will be done by tomorrow. Nope, they have to go in the ground and last a long time. So after lots of research, two coats of preservative and three coats of paint the crosses are finally delivered three weeks later. So much for the quick coat of paint.

The crosses are given to the kids and they come back with the research they and their families have done and are ready for the garden on Remembrance Day. It is only then that I realise how significant this project was when I see the level of commitment and enthusiasm the staff and students have undertaken to finish this project.

For Emma this project was all about connection. Connection of little Tyabb to places all over the world where the fallen rest, connection between the old and the young of Tyabb and connections of community coming together to not only make and research the crosses but coming together to remember the fallen and never forget those sacrifices.

Well done Tyabb Railway Primary School and Peninsula North Men's Shed.

Peter Davis (ANZAC Day co-ordinator)



Hannah, Kate & Thomas join with Men's Shed members Bob Frood, John Warbrick and Gerry Spoor listening as Piper Steve Iverson plays the lament

Photo by Gary Sissons

Dates To Remember

2019

Last school day 20th December
Christmas Day 25th December
Boxing Day 26th December

2020

New Years Day 1st January
Australia Day 26th January
School resumes 28th January

*Tyabb Carols
In The Park
Sunday 8th December
7pm (for 7.30 start)*

*Bring a picnic blanket or chair & your
singing voices & join us for a night of
carol singing*

Glowsticks Flameless candles



Western Port Christian Family Church

Christmas Trees For Sale

TYABB SCOUT HALL
FRANKSTON FLINDERS RD, TYABB

10am - 2pm
December 7th/8th
December 14th/15th
Prices start from \$50
eftpos available



1st Tyabb Scouts

Summer Weekly Recycling



It must be summer, Christmas & party time!!!
Weekly recycling returns from **Monday, 16th December, 2019** until **Friday, 31st January, 2020**.
Your recycling bin will be collected every week during this period. Bins will be emptied on all public holidays.

Stop Press!!!




A planning application notification board has now been erected in Stuart Road announcing the plans to build over 200 units plus community amenities on a large parcel of land on the eastern side of Stuart Road.
Plans are available for inspection at any of the Shire offices and objections or otherwise can be lodged over the next two weeks.

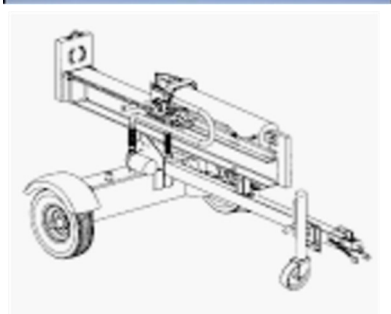
Pottery Rd Open Cut Quarry



The confronting sight of massive tipper trucks and trailers exiting the Bayport quarry on the wrong side of Jones Rd is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. The Council approved plan to upgrade the junction and put in a turning lane is stalled. According to the Council, the quarry owners are unwilling to meet with Shire officers to progress this vital road safety initiative. This is despite the Council having invested \$35,000 in geotechnical reporting and planning already.

Sadly, residents must continue to be extremely vigilant when approaching this junction.





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Neil's Music School

Music is my passion and I aim to give a spark to the same flame in others.

About me:

Hi, my name is Neil. I'm a music teacher specialising in Piano, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Theory.

I focus on keeping music enjoyable whilst including all necessary techniques and theory tuition to inspire performing, songwriting & composition.

I teach across all ages and experience levels - from preschool to seniors, from complete beginners to the more advanced musician. Every lesson is tailored to meet the needs of the student. I'm happy to go through AMEB grades and ANZCA grades if required.

Cost:

\$35 per half hour

Location:

Lessons are offered at our studio in Tyabb
For an \$10 call-out fee, I can come to you

Qualifications & experience:

Bachelor of Applied Music Composition 2016

AMEB 6 Piano 2010

VCE guitar contemporary Yr 11-12 2008-2009

Teaching/Performing on the Mornington Peninsula for 10+ years

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Guitar/Bass



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Theory

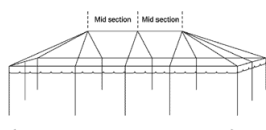
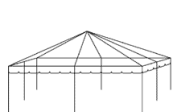


Rotary Club of Somerville Tyabb Inc
Chartered June 17 1986

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MARQUEE HIRE



White with clear or solid sides

6m x 6m : (\$600) or 9m x 6m : (\$700) 12m x 6m: (\$800)

Tables (round) \$15 each Chairs \$3 each

FOR BOOKINGS CALL: 0439 831 170

Tyabb Ratepayers Group will receive \$50 for every hire that nominates that they had seen the ad in this newsletter

Councillor Morris Swims for her Peers

On the heels of her rescue of a swimmer who was in danger under the Frankston pier during the huge storms at the end of November, Watson Ward Councillor Julie Morris will be undertaking a 10km swim from Frankston pier to Mornington pier on Wednesday, 8th January to raise money to support her fellow members of the police force and to raise money and awareness for mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder among current serving members.

Julie and a colleague, Daniel Burton, have organised the Pier to Pier for our Peers event and will swim 10 kilometres from Frankston to Mornington to help members get the help and early intervention needed to deal with serious mental health issues.



Julie Morris & Daniel Burton

"We will swim as far as it takes to show you that you never ever have to drown in anything you're going through"

"We spend all our days helping others but who helps us when we need it most?", said Julie. "We have to stand (or swim) together and believe we can save each other's lives, because any life lost to suicide as a direct result of the job we do is not good enough."

Their aim is to raise \$10,000—that's \$1000 per kilometre from the swim.

To show your support and donate please jump online at the Go Fund Me address: go-fundme.com/pier-to-pier-for-our-peers

(with thanks to Peninsula Wide & MP News)

Bill Agnew (in memorium)

On Sunday 10th November, 2019, a ceremony was held at the Frankston Naval Memorial Club in Barrett's Road, South Langwarrin, for Remembrance day, this being the closest to the actual Remembrance day on Monday 11th of November, whereby groups of family members could be present, for the dedication of Plaques honouring their Husbands/Fathers/Grandfathers, for service carried out whilst in the Navy, both British and Australian.

Among those Dedicated on this day was one, Mr Bill Agnew who served in the Royal Navy as a National Serviceman, husband of Wyn Agnew, both of whom resided in Tyabb for the past 30 years. Bill was a founding member of the Tyabb Ratepayers Group, and when the Ratepayers decided to promote a local Newsletter, Bill was the driver for getting the newsletter printed, and this was by courtesy of the Publishing Department of the Business College in Mount Eliza, where Bill would as a Printing technician service their machinery in exchange for getting the local Newsletter printed. We soon found out, how valuable that had been, when the College closed down, and instead of nicely printed and stapled items, we were left printing and stapling them ourselves - a long laborious job, but an important service to the local community.

Bill's other passion, was what is now called, "Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve", this area of land (6 acres) that had been lost to the Council for a long period of time, and abutted his own land, which needed some serious attention. Covered in Blackberry and numerous Pine Trees, Bill's vision was not of a Botanical garden but something akin. He found out from contacts in the Shire, that with a creek running

through the landscape, one could acquire a grant from Melbourne Water, and so by this time, armed with that knowledge and a couple of likely lads a group was set up under the umbrella of the Tyabb Ratepayers Group.



Grant acquired, down came the Pine trees, Blackberries slashed and poisoned, and metres of Mulch spread. A reserve was born. Not quite what Bill had envisaged, but we all learned about habitat, what fallen trees would serve and the purpose of what natural wilderness could give habitation to. Opportunity arises, and one working Bee, Mr Bill Agnew was duly resting and organising us all, when he sat on the stump of a Pine Tree, someone within the group, aptly named Bill "King Billy" and as all good nicknames do, it remained with him.

So for his duty to the Nation, his service to the Community, and his ever willingness to help anybody, he will always be remembered. For all his gruffness, he loved children, especially his own Grandchildren and Great grandchildren, plus any young child who would walk through the Reserve, he would take time to talk to them. His Wife Wyn and daughters Susan and

Jeanette will carry his ashes to England in early 2020, and some of his ashes will be spread in Whitehaven Harbour, where his love of the sea, and the Sea Scouts was the beginning of a long journey.

VALE "BILL"



Tyabb & District Ratepayers Group

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 1/10/2019 to 30/9/2020

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