

Tyabb & District Ratepayers



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Your Community, Your Voice

Stay Home, Stay Safe

President's Preamble

Welcome everyone to the Autumn edition of your newsletter, and what a huge change in how we do things in this world of the Coronavirus - more later.

Due to the government restrictions we won't be delivering this newsletter in the normal fashion. It will only be sent out electronically to our database and also put onto our website. Our April meeting has been cancelled. The next planned meeting will be in June. Also, our coverage will be slightly constrained as the Reserves are closed and all sporting clubs are closed for the duration.

What we are concentrating on are burning off restrictions and our environment.

So, yes it's already the middle of Autumn and in true Melbourne tradition there are still days that give us all four seasons. Extended school holidays are upon us and the desire to travel for some has been curtailed, so hopefully that gets one's imagination moving to do things at home as a family. By the time you read this we will also be finished with daylight-saving time so Winter will be upon us before we know it & don't forget to change your smoke alarm batteries.

General/Around Town

The verandah outside the Tyabb Antique Centre has had the signwriting completed and is looking great.

The sponsors signs around the fence at the Centre Oval have had the graffiti removed, thanks to the Shire. We are still discussing the relocation of some signage, but fully expect that priority may have shifted.

For those who appreciate the native fauna, keep a look out for the black cockatoos, kookaburras and graceful high-flying wedge tail eagles. It is so good to see them all taking to the skies.

Even though we are having some rain, remember that the Shire's Open Air Burning Local Law restrictions still apply (see page 3).

Coronavirus/COVID-19

This pandemic has changed the way we do everything. I trust that you are keeping up to date and aware of the do's and don'ts as being advised by the governments and medical authorities. Below is a reminder of the current restrictions as taken from the Victorian government website dated 31st March, 2020. I would urge you all to remind yourselves of the requirements and, more importantly, be patient and have consideration for your fellow Australians. Please remember that it is the responsibility of EVERYONE to do their bit.

As agreed by National Cabinet, gatherings are now restricted to no more than 2 people except for members of your immediate household and for work or education.

Under the Stage 3 restrictions, the new directions mean that what was previously **advice** about staying home is now **enforceable**.

Playgrounds, skate parks and outdoor gyms are now closed.



These Stage 3 restrictions came into effect at 11:59pm Monday 30 March 2020. They will be in place for 4 weeks and reviewed as required.

If people breach these directions, they face on-the-spot fines of \$1,652 for individuals and \$9,913 for businesses. Larger fines can also be issued through the courts.

Victorians are also being told there are only 4 reasons to be out:

- shopping for what you need—food and essential supplies
- medical, care or compassionate needs
- exercise in compliance with the public gathering requirements
- work and study if you can't work or learn remotely

As we deal with this health crisis, we know that for many Victorians it's an economic crisis as well.

That's why a [moratorium on evictions](#) will be introduced for the next 6 months for residential and commercial tenants who are experiencing financial distress due to the impact of coronavirus. This will apply across all states and territories.

Should you feel the need for HELP I would urge you to make contact with one of the many services available. Use this link below:

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health/mental-health-services/support-and-intervention/telephone-and-online-services>

ANZAC Day



Obviously because of the COVID-19 restrictions, the Dawn Service has been cancelled this year. However I would like to think that one and all will take a moment on 25th April to pause and reflect and remember the fallen.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them, we will remember them*

LEST WE FORGET

.../continued

TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP
NEXT MEETING
All meetings are on hold
until the current restrictions are lifted

President's Preamble

Town Plan & Tyabb Airfield Precinct Plan

Still no update regarding the next meeting of the CRG and, therefore, still no sight of a draft of the Airfield Master Plan and related Noise Management Plan. By all reports the air show was enjoyed by those who attended.

Road Safety

Now that the weather is becoming wetter and the occasional morning patches of fog are appearing, just a reminder to take care on the roads.

Also remember that schools are scheduled to reopen around 14th April and even though most children will be doing their classes from home, some children will be at school and the 40kph zones will become active. Please watch out for the children if you happen to be driving.

Graffiti

It's encouraging to see that the graffiti around the town is slowly being cleared up. Snap Send Solve is a great tool to report things like graffiti and we would encourage all of you to report nuisances around town to the Council who will send out their cleaning teams to take care of it.

We wish everyone good health and safety during this troubling time. If we all play our part and stay at home we will eventually overcome the virus and then re-emerge to, probably, a very different way of life.

Dates to remember

Term 2 Start	14th April
ANZAC Day	25th April
Queens Birthday	8th June

Stefan Berson
President

Tyabb Scout Group



**For boys and girls aged 7+
Please contact us for more
information and a free trial.**

Email: gl.1sttyabb@scoutsvictoria.com.au
Facebook: <https://facebook.com/1stTyabbScoutGroup/>

**Please note that Scout and Cub programmes will
be continuing next term with
online meetings.**



What is Snap Send Solve?

Like all great ideas, Snap Send Solve was developed from a simple thought - "wouldn't it be great if I could report this broken swing in the park through an app".

**You can now report
wildlife emergencies
with the Snap Send Solve app**

To start using this service just download it from your app store. Once you have made a report to Council or whoever they will reply with a case number. It's a great idea and

MARQUEE HIRE



Temporarily suspended due to COVID-19

Rotary



Club of Somerville Tyabb

Professional grade, steel framed, clear or opaque sides.
6m x 6m \$700, 6m x 9m \$800, 6m x 12m \$900
Circular tables \$15 each, Chairs \$3 each

All funds raised go back into projects for the community

FOR BOOKINGS CALL: 0439 831 170

Anzac Day on the Mornington Peninsula



This is a press release from the Shire regarding ANZAC Day 2020.

ANZAC Day 2020 will not look like the ANZAC Day that so many of us are used to participating in. All public ANZAC Day events (including services and marches) on the Mornington Peninsula have been cancelled.

The decision was made in line with Returned Services League Victoria and the State Government's decision to cancel public ANZAC Day commemorative services and marches scheduled for Saturday 25 April 2020.

While people can't attend a local Dawn Service, the RSL is asking that instead you stand in your yard, driveway, or on your balcony and observe a minute of silence as the Last Post is played during the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

The Dawn Service will be streamed online at RSL Victoria's Facebook page at 6am on Saturday 25 April, and the public is encouraged to share a picture of themselves paying their respects to our veterans with the hashtag #standto.

Due to the current medical climate, RSL Victoria will confirm closer to the date whether the Dawn Service will be televised live.

Mornington Peninsula Mayor Councillor Sam Hearn said "While it is very disappointing to everyone that our local ANZAC Day events have been cancelled, our priority right now is to protect the most vulnerable members of our community, many of whom are veterans.

"However, we must all still take the time to stop on ANZAC Day and remember with gratitude in our hearts those who've made incredible sacrifices for others during past moments of conflict and crisis.

"It is more important than ever to check in with our elderly and vulnerable, and so I urge our community to take extra care of each other in the lead up to, and after ANZAC Day."

For more information go to: mornpen.vic.gov.au/ANZAC or facebook.com/rsllvic



IT'S NOT OK TO BURN OFF UNLESS YOU COMPLY WITH THE RULES

In 2012 after widespread community concerns about burning off the Shire undertook a public process to determine how burning off should be undertaken within the Shire.

From those sometime emotional hearings a local law was prescribed and as a result there are stringent controls and laws on who, how and when we can burn off.

In essence the laws allow and disallow burning off as follows, except during the **Declared Fire Danger Period**, or on days of **Total Fire Ban** or **Smog Alert**. No Open Air Burning can be undertaken during these times.

I AM ON LAND OF LESS THAN 1,500 SQUARE METRES CAN I BURN OFF?

No, Open Air Burning is **not** permitted on land of this size unless it is for:

- A barbecue, pizza oven or other properly constructed appliance while it is being used for cooking food;
- A fire in a brazier or chimnea while it is being used for heating;
- A tool of trade while being used for the purpose for which it was designed.

I AM ON LAND OF MORE THAN 1,500 SQUARE METRES CAN I BURN OFF?

Yes, Open Air Burning is permitted on Fridays and Saturdays between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm provided that:

- No more than 10 cubic metres of vegetation is burnt at any one time;
- The fire is more than 10 metres from any neighbouring dwelling;
- General Fire Safety Provisions are followed at all times.

I AM ON LAND OF MORE THAN 40,000 SQUARE METRES CAN I BURN OFF?

Yes, Open Air Burning is permitted provided that:

- No more than 100 cubic metres of vegetation is burnt at any one time;
- The fire is more than 100 metres from any neighbouring dwelling;
- General Fire Safety Provisions are followed at all times.

Open Air Burning outside these general regulations will require landowners to obtain a permit from Council before burning off.

Further information is available on the Shire website and includes a fact file on open air burning from which the above information was taken and the provisions of General Purposes Local Law – Part 7.

The fact file includes information on general fire safety provisions, how to determine land size and gives helpful advice that we should all become familiar with.

Your Local Environment

Here you will find Tyabb and surrounds news, information and upcoming events about our wonderful local area. If you have any interesting snippets, pictures or other items to share please send them to us using our email address:

tyabb_and_district_ratepayers@yahoo.com.au

Feel free to include any tips about reducing plastic, keeping our streets free of rubbish - anything that helps protect and respect our environs and wildlife. We'd love to hear from you.

Injured Koala in Tyabb

Around a month ago I came across a koala crossing Mornington-Tyabb Road not far from Tyabb Primary School. As he ambled across the verge to a driveway it appeared he was not moving well. He proceeded to climb the nearest tree and it became evident there was a problem with a hind leg. After some messaging and phone calls to Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation and Hastings Vet, I made contact with Jenny, a local wildlife carer.

Photos and location were forwarded to her and I departed knowing he was going to be looked after. Jenny arranged a professional animal rescuer to get him down.

Recently, I followed up with Jenny to check on progress. She said he is a good-looking 2 year old who is happily doing well. Proof is in the picture - he certainly looks comfortable and relaxed despite the bandaged leg! It is assumed he was hit by a car but we don't know for sure. The splint must stay on for a few more weeks and then a stay in a larger enclosure will be needed to build muscle and strength for return to the wild.



So much admiration goes to Jenny who is devoted to caring for our wildlife. A heartfelt thanks for looking after this fellow. And thanks to Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation for their help - you can follow them on Facebook to learn more about the Peninsula's koalas.

A few points which this encounter raised:

- Please always look out for wildlife and particularly drive carefully along Mornington - Tyabb Road, next to Olivers Creek Reserve between Boes and Coolart Roads, where wildlife may be more active.
- Hitting an animal with your car can be so distressing



you might not feel like stopping. But please do. Don't leave them to suffer and die. Carry a towel or old blanket in your car. Animals are usually calmer if you cover them. Even if you think they are dead they might have young in their

pouch. Then call the experts (numbers below).

- It's pretty rare to see koalas around here - in fact, koalas on the Mornington Peninsula are in trouble, so let's treasure them.
- Keep these numbers handy:

WILDLIFE RESCUE Contacts:

- * Koala rescue Jenny Bryant 0417 395 883
- * WHOMP (Wildlife Help On Mornington Peninsula) 0417 380 687
- * Wildlife Victoria – 03 8400 7300 or report a wildlife emergency directly through the Wildlife Victoria website www.wildlifevictoria.org.au
- * You can now also report a wildlife emergency using the Snap Send Solve app for iOS or Android. For more information or to download the app please visit www.snapsendsolve.com

Events

Last issue we mentioned **Koala Forum** to be held in Mornington. It was cancelled due to Covid-19. It's now going to be held online:

Sunday, May 3, 2020

2.00-3.30pm

It will be a zoom session but you still need a ticket so go to: www.eventbrite.com and search "mornington peninsula koala conservation"

Birdlife Australia



Needing more ideas during isolation? Here's one from Birdlife Australia:

Hello parents, carers and kids! Are you looking for at-home activities to keep everyone chirpy? Here at BirdLife we have lots of resources that are fun AND you can learn about amazing birds and places

We think that learning about and keeping in touch with nature (including birds!) during challenging times can make us feel calmer and happier, and we hope these activities allow you to add a bit of fun to your day! Keep an eye out for more activities from us in the coming weeks.

<http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/content/article/Keep-your-kids-chirpy-home-these-activities>

Our health and open air burning



Earlier in the newsletter we outlined the current rules for burning off rubbish/garden waste, etc. One thing that has become apparent is the amount of smoke in the air over the past few days; probably with people taking the time to clear up their properties during this enforced downtime. However, it does have its implications.

It's great to see so many people maintaining physical and mental health during Covid-19 stay home orders. However, this has coincided with an increase in open air burning which can be damaging to our health. It can also severely impact others enjoyment of their properties and surrounds. For those reasons, bylaws are in place to help reduce the impacts.

As a reminder, the bylaws regarding "burn offs" are attached but it is also timely to remember the health warnings regarding air pollution from burning -

Smoke pollution can aggravate existing heart and lung problems like angina, emphysema and asthma. It can also cause:

- itchy or burning eyes and throat irritations
- breathing difficulties and respiratory illnesses like bronchitis
- headaches, tiredness or chest pain
- decreased lung function in children.

To minimise possible health effects during times when outdoor wood smoke in your local area is a problem:

- Avoid outdoor physical activities

- Stay indoors with windows and external doors closed

- If you suffer from heart or lung disease and you notice symptoms of smoke exposure, take your regular medications, rest and seek medical advice if symptoms persist.

Our council also asks that residents only burn off in accordance with the following:

- Ensure the vegetation to be burnt is dead and dry prior to lighting (no green waste)

- Ensure the fire is supervised by an adult at all times

- Ensure there is sufficient fire protection equipment available on site at all times

- Give notice to adjoining landowners/occupiers 24 hours prior to the burn

- Give notice to ESTA (Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority) 2 hours prior to the burn by calling 1800 668 511 (Prevents unnecessary response from fire brigades)

For everyone's enjoyment and so we can enjoy a healthy lifestyle on the Peninsula, please keep burning to a minimum, consider the weather conditions, timing and duration.

More information can be found here: <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Your-Property/Fire-Emergency/Open-Air-Burning-Non-FDP>

Want to do more for the Environment?



Ever wondered how to dispose of those old pens, toothbrushes, dishwasher bottles and caps - all that hard plastic that just goes in the bin? Wonder no more! TerraCycle has arrived in Somers.

TerraCycle is a recycling company specialising in hard-to-recycle materials. They're dedicated to getting rid of waste. Especially waste that can't or shouldn't go into household bins.

Local households can now access this innovative recycling solution: a registered drop-off site, where you can now dispose of an array of plastics.

Not only is it free, convenient and environment friendly, it's making the most of community power. The average household can't call TerraCycle, but by banding together to recycle in larger quantities we get the benefit of this specialised service.

TerraCycle Recycling Drop Off

Writing Instruments

Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils, fountain pens & ink cartridges
Correction tape & fluid pots

(NO gluesticks, rubbers, rulers, pencils, scissors)

Electric Toothbrushes

Electric toothbrush handles & base

Oralcare

Toothpaste tubes & caps

Floss containers

Toothbrushes

Electric toothbrush heads

Dish & air care

Dishwashing liquid bottles (including caps)

Dishwashing tablets flexible packaging (including snaplocks & ziplocks)

Air freshener aerosol cans & spray bottles (including spray & triggerheads)

Plug-in air fresheners & refills (including plastic outer packaging)

Clip-on car fresheners & refills (including plastic outer packaging)

Burt's Bees Products

Burt's Bees personal care, lipcare & skincare packaging

*Packaging need not be washed; however, excess product should be removed

Where to drop off (please only drop off the listed products)

9 Garden Square, Somers

(Driveway entry is on Florida Ave, at Camp Hill Road end, on the left just before you get to Garden Square)

All listed items can be put in the big plastic tub in the carport.

There will be posters in situ reminding folk of what can and can't be recycled.

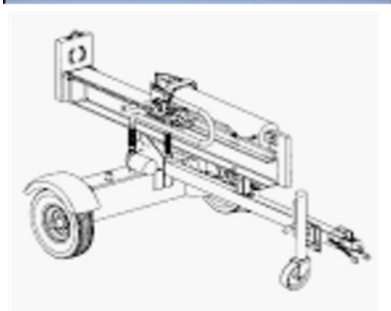
What you can drop off (Cut this out & stick somewhere handy)

Like to know more?

You can visit the TerraCycle website www.terracycle.com for more information about their programs. They have a range of free programs and, if you'd like to take part in others, Lou is happy to investigate. You can contact her at:

lou@heartandcentre.com.au

PS: It would be fantastic if there is a Somerville or Tyabb local who would like to do this so we don't have to drive to Somers. Let us know if you can help.



At Off the Hook Lawn Mowing & Property Maintenance, I offer punctual reliable and friendly service.

My goal is to take care of your property so you are free to enjoy the important things in life.

As well as general garden maintenance, rubbish removal and pressure cleaning, I now offer log splitting on site.

For a professional and hardworking service, call John on 0477 777 601

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

Contact: 0415 453 111

NeilGMcDonald@gmail.com

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Guitar/Bass



Drums



Theory



Tyabb & District Ratepayers Group

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

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