

# Tyabb & District Ratepayers



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## Your Community, Your Voice

**Meeting 9th February, 2021 at 7pm in Somerville Community House**

### President's Preamble



Welcome one and all to your first newsletter for 2021 and yes one month has already gone! Some things haven't changed like Melbourne's weather: 40 degrees one day, 20 the next, extreme wind for days on end and flooding rains all in one week. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security either with the increasing days of no COVID cases; just look at Perth and the quarantine hotel here - it pays to be vigilant. Remember to wear your mask when entering public buildings & keep up with your personal hygiene. We need to keep doing the right thing, not only to keep ourselves safe, but also everyone else in the community.

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#### AGM

The December 2020 meeting was combined with our AGM. Despite being called away for fire support, I must pass on my thanks to Martin and Katrina for taking charge. First my big thanks yet again to Doug McDonald for stepping up and chairing the elections. The new executive remained the same: President - Stefan Berson, Vice President - Dr. Martin Cranmer, Secretary - Katrina Chalke, Treasurer - Ken Taylor. Captain Dick Cox and David Chalke make up the committee with other members willing to help with particular projects when required.

Thanks once again to both the past and future committee members for your time and dedication and help through this past year to end all years and also to the Somerville Community House for the use of their facilities while we wait for the CFA rooms to reopen for community use.

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#### Guide Hall

For the past few years we have been pushing the Shire to carry out remedial work on the Youth (Guide) Hall located in The Crescent. At long last there is a documented review from the Shire which lists three options. The Ratepayers Group supports option 1 (renovation) and trust the Shire can push through the bureaucratic paperwork and get this project moving. We are aware that numerous local tradies are more than happy to help with the project and are ready to go.

We have asked Councillor Mercurio to meet with us to discuss this project. We don't need to lose this building which is part of Tyabb's history and made possible by many of the area's early families.

#### Around Town

Schools have reopened for the year so let's show patience with the rise in morning and afternoon traffic and students near the roads.

Don't forget the 40kph school zones.

As there are still many people with and without dogs walking the footpaths and nature reserves such as Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve and Olivers Creek Reserve, a gentle reminder that these are both 'dog on leash' areas, along with all footpaths and roads. Also, remember to pick up your dog poo and dispose of it in the proper manner. We are still working with the Shire to have doggie doo bag dispensers installed around town.

Bearing in mind the generally drier weather, with regards to the new housing development, *Spindrift*, at 1485 Frankston/Flinders Road, take caution with the dust hazard during days of high winds. It should be the responsibility of the contractors to keep dust levels under control by watering; if this isn't happening contact the Shire. We are interested in pursuing with the Shire the best route for the bike path trail through Somerville and Baxter. We are also asking for general maintenance on the path between Somerville and Hastings which needs tree pruning as was done recently on the nature strips around town.

The hooners are continuing to leave their mark around town and further afield. If you hear or see such activity call the Police or Crime Stoppers. Now that there is more road traffic back on the road I am baffled by motorists travelling on the freeways who feel they need to slow down by anything up to 30kms or more below the speed limit when they see a car parked on the side of the road, perhaps fearing that it may be a 'radar camera car'. If it is an emergency vehicle with lights flashing, yes you must pass at 40kph, but providing you are not exceeding the speed limit then there should not be a problem. Keep the traffic moving!

We have contacted Councillor Paul Mercurio to arrange a meeting to discuss various projects of interest around the town and are awaiting possible dates that may be mutually suitable.

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If you have any suggestions or feedback regarding anything around town please get in contact with the Ratepayers Group or send an email to [tyabb\\_and\\_district\\_ratepayers@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tyabb_and_district_ratepayers@yahoo.com.au)

**Stefan Berson (President)**

**TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP**  
**NEXT MEETING**  
**9th February, 2021 at 7:00pm**  
**SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE**  
**(off Blacks Camp Road)**

## Dates to Remember

14th February	Valentines Day
8th March	Labour Day
2nd April	Good Friday
1st - 19th April	School Holidays
4th April	Daylight Saving finishes
25th April	ANZAC Day



A reminder that the emptying of the "recycle" waste bin has reverted to the fortnightly cycle. The next collection will be either Thursday, 11th or Friday, 12th February - depending on where you live in Tyabb.

## 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.

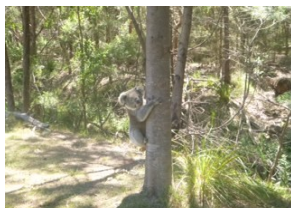
To be certain that you are able to burn off check with Council, not forgetting that different rules apply to different sized properties.

**The Fire Danger Period for Tyabb is between December and May**

Local laws apply

## Clifford Drive & Olivers Creek Bushland Reserves

With the recent weather the Reserves are looking magnificent and there have been a number of sightings of koalas.



It's great to see more and more people enjoying the fruits of the Friends Groups' labours in maintaining these special local places.

The Olivers Creek team has been energetically weeding out pitosporums, agapanthus and other weeds. They have been tackling the old tip area and removing lots of glass bottles. Exciting news: there is evidence of bandicoots living around the creek, along with pardalotes; which makes the next paragraph so important.

One downside of the greater visitation is that dogs are becoming a problem.

Please remember that the Reserves **ARE NOT LEASH FREE DOG AREAS**. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times to keep the Reserves safe for all users and to protect the local wildlife.



Friends of Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve will be conducting a working bee on **Sunday, 7th February at 10:00am** (meet near the picnic table). Keep your eye out for the signs.

The working bee will be followed by light lunch & a drink.

Friends of Olivers Creek Bushland Reserve's next working bee will be held on 13th March 10:00am to noon.

**Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.**

**David Chalke**  
(President - Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve)

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# Caring for our community

during Coronavirus



Summer is well underway and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our locals and visitors for staying COVID-safe and following restrictions during the busy holiday period.

Keep looking after your health by wearing a mask where required, getting tested and staying home if you have symptoms. When you're out and about remember to slip, slop, slap and slide 1.5 metres away from anyone not in your group.

Australia is getting closer to the vaccine roll out. Learn everything you need to know at [health.vic.gov.au/covid19vaccines](https://health.vic.gov.au/covid19vaccines)



## How to wear a face mask

There are two types of face masks you can use: cloth masks and surgical masks. Cloth masks are made of washable fabric and can be re-used.

For more information visit [Face masks](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-covid-19) <<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-covid-19>>



**Wearing a face mask protects you and your community by providing an additional physical barrier to coronavirus (COVID-19).**



Wash your hands before putting on the mask.



Make sure it covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.



**Do not touch the front of the mask while wearing it.**  
If you do touch the mask, wash or sanitise your hands immediately.  
Do not allow the mask to hang around your neck.



To remove the mask wash or sanitise your hands first.  
Carefully remove your mask by grasping the ear loops or untying the ties. For masks with a pair of ties, unfasten the bottom one first, then the top one.  
If your mask has filters, remove them and throw them away.  
Fold the mask and put it directly into the laundry or into a disposable or washable bag for laundering. Single use surgical masks should be disposed of responsibly.



Wash or sanitise your hands after removing the mask.

## What you need to keep doing

- Wash your hands regularly
- Keep 1.5 metres from others
- Get tested, even if you have mild symptoms
- Stay home if you're feeling unwell.



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The Tyabb & District Ratepayers, Business & Environmental Group was formed to assist us all in the Watson and Cerberus Wards to enjoy our community and its amenity.

The aims of the group are:

- To ensure protection of the rural nature of the area.
- To minimise commercial exploitation of the area.
- To encourage visitors to contribute to the welfare of the area.
- To protect, maintain and restore the natural environmental features of the area.
- To bring to the attention of the relevant bodies and authorities any matters of concern to members which are consistent with these objectives.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2020/2021, or alternately, you wish to join please complete your personal details below and send it to the group with your subscription remittance.

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