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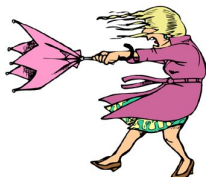
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Newsletter Edition 107 : June 2018

Your Community, Your Voice Guest speakers this month : ICRobotics Team

Come & hear about their successful trip to Texas & the competition

President's Preamble



Welcome everyone to the winter edition of your newsletter. Yes, winter is here; well at least we are getting some rain and the grass is finally growing. A reminder for those who haven't done their Autumn around-the-house chores, make sure the gutters are cleaned and for those who have wood fires, make sure the chimney is clean. If that entails getting on the roof please take extreme care.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

Newsletter Delivery Walkers Needed

We are looking for people who can help deliver our newsletter. This entails approximately one hour of your time every two months and is an enjoyable way to see parts of Tyabb and the surrounding district you may not necessarily visit on a regular basis.

A few of our walkers have either succumbed to ill health, ongoing health problems, left the area or are unable to help us with the delivery of our newsletter.

If you are able to help please contact us either by email or ring Katrina on 0412 292 816 and we can talk through how you can be part of the delivery team.

Stop Press: Thank you to three of our residents who have offered to help. More would be most welcome.

ANZAC Day

What a great morning; the weather was perfect, the turnout terrific and the service excellent. I am sure that all those who attended were very impressed and would join me in passing on our greatest thanks to the organisers led by Peter Davis. See more information later in the newsletter.

Tyabb Township Plan - Airfield Precinct Plan

After a long wait we finally have the date for the first meeting of the CRG (Community Reference Group) - Thursday, 14th June. This meeting is to be held in the Tyabb Hall. Together with the release of the date is the second draft of the ToR (Terms of Reference). The Shire did make some changes following the initial draft, however the Ratepayers Group

Committee aren't too happy as this second draft; as it stands it will disadvantage you the residents of Tyabb. We will be working further to request changes in favour of the residents.

By the time you read this the closing dated of 31st May will have passed for EOI (Expressions of Interest) to attend the CRG as an independent representative. I hope some of you have made the effort and applied.

Around Town

We have had discussions with our Councillor, Julie Edge, about ballproof fencing around the Central Reserve oval and have been assured that funds will be made available in the 2018/2019 budget.

Road Safety

I don't wish to open a Pandora's box, so maybe just a couple of points that I feel warrant a mention. With the recent press concerning the dramas between cars and bicycles using the highways and byways, I find it very disturbing to observe the seeming complete indifference by some of the cycling fraternity. They continue to ride on the roads with little or no lights, which during hours of darkness and now coming into winter with fog and rain, is extremely dangerous and potentially deadly. Also, please wear a helmet. It's amazing how many riders you see these days who are flouting this rule!!

With the increase of bike paths, please use them and if you need to use the road make it easier for car drivers to see you; maybe like 'L' plater motorcyclists, consider a 'hi-vis' vests.

The same can be said for those walking or crossing the road in these bleaker days, please try to wear something other than BLACK!!!!

And don't get me started about the apparent paranoia whilst travelling on the freeways and general roads; when there is a car parked on the side of the road that is not an emergency vehicle, but which may or may not be a camera car, there is no need to reduce your speed to a walking pace! Remember you are only in trouble if you are travelling in excess of the speed limit.

IC Robotics

The three young people from Tyabb who were part of the ICRobotics team which competed in Houston, Texas will be guest speakers at our general meeting on Tuesday, 12th June. They will give us a presentation on their participation in this competition.

Dates To Remember

Queen's Birthday

11th June

Stefan Berson
President

TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP
TUESDAY, 12th June

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

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service 2018



A big thank you to all who attended this year's ANZAC Day dawn service. This ever-growing local commemoration has become an institution in Tyabb and was again well supported with an estimated attendance of around 600.

As usual the participants were all locals and the assistance given by CFA, Somerville Tyabb Rotary, 1st Tyabb Scouts, Tyabb Ratepayers Group and the four local schools make our local service very special.

There was a strong representation from the Tyabb Football and Netball Clubs with both men's and women's Football Captains and the Netball Captain laying wreaths.

Councillor Julie Morris, herself an ex-soldier, represented the Shire and was accompanied by husband Ron, also an ex-serviceman, and their daughter.

Bruce Dollinson, Vice President of Hastings RSL conducted the service for the third year running.

Each year the local community add something a little different to commemorate and help us try to understand the horror that was WWI. This year, prior to his annual reading of the Lord's Prayer, Pastor Rod Whitford of the Western Port Christian Family Church explained that the version he reads is what would have been known by the 'Diggers' and his strong belief is that even for non-believers the prayer would have been of comfort to those men and women who suffered so terribly, both mentally and physically.

Regular attendees will have noted that we had a professional sound system for the first time. To say this has made a difference is a huge understatement and we recognise and thank the Shire for subsidising the cost.

Unfortunately our regular trumpet player, Finlay James, was unavailable due to illness, but we were blessed by four young local choristers for the singing of the anthems. Hopefully Finlay and the girls will be back next year.

The enthusiasm for all those who participate, assist and attend make the service a pleasure and honour to organise and we hope it will continue long into the future. Judging by the interest of the schools and the younger generation in general I think this is assured.

The organisers wish to thank all the sponsors including LaLupa Pizza, Tyabb IGA, MPSC, Bill Castles Electrical Langwarrin and AV-Technologies Rowville, as well as all our participants who continue to make the Dawn Service such a significant Tyabb community event.

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Finlay James reported that "the competition was huge with six playing fields, each containing approximately 60 to 70 teams. We were placed in one of the hardest fields, with the highest competition. At the end of the qualifying rounds we were placed 19th out of 67 teams."

Over in Houston ICRobotics had the opportunity to meet with robotics teams from across the world. "It was so inspiring to see thousands of other kids who share our passion for STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics]", said Ry Nelson.

ICRobotics Team 5584 said, "The entire experience of representing Australia on the world stage was incredible. We were able to gain unforgettable life skills and memories of a lifetime. Thank you Tyabb Ratepayers for supporting us as we competed at this level and continue to promote STEM in our community."



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www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/your-property/fire-emergency/open-air-burning-non-fdp

Friends of Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve

After the Autumn break the Reserve is looking great; not just green, but splashed with orange, red, white and buff as the multitude of different fungi that thrive there put up their fruiting bodies. Some look like mushrooms, others like corals, but all are fascinating. But, beware, there are some extremely poisonous ones, so don't be tempted to indulge in any gastronomical experimentation.



Fly Agaric (Amanita muscaria)

Our last working bee was a case of "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers (& sisters)". Nonetheless, the six of us managed to plant, stake and protect the best part of 200 assorted ground covers, grasses & shrubs. That should help fill the rather barren central section of the Reserve.



For those who enjoy the Reserve, but haven't yet joined the Friends Group, please do get in touch. We are a happy bunch who enjoy helping the environment & creating a lovely community space from a piece of native bushland for all to enjoy. After each working bee we all enjoy a good picnic lunch. This month's treat was a lamington cream sponge!!



Just get in touch with the Ratepayers Group and all the information will be forthcoming. We would especially love to see more young people involved. They are the future and will be enjoying the Reserve for many more years.

Next Working Bee

The next working bee will be held on **Sunday, 5th August, 2018** at **9 Clifford Drive, Tyabb** at **10:00am** (near the picnic table). Keep an eye out for the new signs. The working bee after that will be held on **Sunday, 7th October**.

Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

David Chalke (President)



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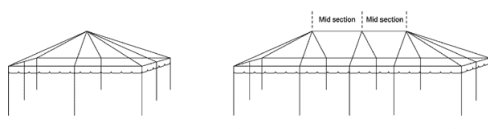
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A very warm welcome from the Tyabb Tennis Club, we are located at the Bunguyan Reserve on the Frankston Flinders Road in Tyabb, an accessible location with plenty of parking.

Our Club currently has 4 En Tout Cas courts, all of which are floodlit, with a plan in place by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to extend to six courts. The Club is served by a good clubroom, which enables us to have regular functions for Junior members and their parents. We are a family friendly Club and have thriving Junior Sections where we encourage new players who like to have fun while playing and enjoy learning the game of tennis.

We offer professional coaching 4 nights each week via our coach Travis Williams for all ages and levels from the very beginner to the more advanced players.

Tyabb Tennis Club is well represented in all the local tennis competitions and have Junior, Senior, Midweek Ladies and Night tennis teams, competing at all levels across the Mornington Peninsula. The village of Tyabb is constantly welcoming new residents and thus we are keen to let you all know about the Club as we have such great facilities that residents can take advantage of.

So there is plenty of opportunity to get involved at any level, no matter what your age or ability so whatever you are looking for, whether it be coaching, a social hit or a competitive match you will find it at the Tyabb Tennis Club.

Come down and see our Club for yourself. Initial enquiries should be directed to:

Peter Rowley by email at:
peter.rowley@bekaertdeslee.com.au
or phone 0402 817 510

Bayport Quarry, Pottery Road, Somerville

VCAT

The local residents' application to VCAT challenging the quarry's claim to be a permitted use in the Green Wedge will be going to a compulsory conference on 22nd June. This is an attempt by VCAT to obtain agreement between the parties before a full hearing in September. We will report on the outcome of the compulsory conference in our next newsletter.

Ground Water Extraction

The quarry owners, Bayport, have obtained approval from Southern Rural Water to breach the water table and extract up to 90 million litres of saline water per annum. However, to do this and to discharge the water from the site, they will need further approvals from the EPA, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources and the Shire. To date no applications have been lodged. If and when they are we will let you know.

Truck Movements



A complaint was made to the quarry operators after one of their trucks used exhaust brakes along Boes Road, which prompted a very neighbourly response from Chris DeFreitas, the quarry manager.

In future Peninsula Quarries' trucks will be re-routed to miss Boes Road unless unavoidable and will be mindful of the use of exhaust brakes in residential area.

Thank you Chris for your understanding.



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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.

Membership renewal is now due for 2017/2018, or alternately, if you wish to join please complete your personal details below and send it to the group with your subscription remittance.

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