

Tyabb & District Ratepayers

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Your Community, Your Voice

President's Preamble

Welcome everyone to the Autumn edition of our newsletter. I say Autumn, but could quite easily say late Summer; let's just hope the weather will soon change and get back to what we expect and with that maybe some rain. By the time this is being read the school holidays should be over and the children will be back for Term 2. Watch for changed speed limits, wandering children and distracted parents.

Around town there is the usual happening: cricket is over and football training has begun. Hopefully everyone's body clocks are back in sync with non-daylight saving time & also that the consumption of chocolate over Easter was in moderation. How many stashes are still around the house?

ANZAC Day

Lest we forget

25th April has rolled around very quickly and we are almost there again to commemorate the passing of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Even though the tradition is the result of World War I, of which this year celebrates the 100 years since the guns stopped and the war was over, but we must also remember all those brave people who have passed in all the wars and conflicts since.

More on the actual commemorative service appears later in the newsletter.

Tyabb Township Plan - Airfield Precinct Plan

After the rush of the TAPP release by Council last year the next stage, the formation of the CRG (Community Reference Group) has started and the Ratepayers Group committee members had an initial meeting with the proposed CRG chairperson. Additionally the CRG draft Terms of Reference have been produced and we are currently working through them with general comments, alterations and corrections. We are led to understand that the PAC (airfield operators) are currently preparing a master plan for the airfield's longevity, which was one of the major recommendations that came from the TAPP. Equally important will be the preparation of the noise plan. The timings for the ongoing work hasn't been released at this point in time, so again we wait and prepare as best we are able.

How the airshow affected the town I will leave with those who were at home. I was interstate working, but there won't be another for at least two years.

One comment which did come to us was parking in the main street which affected numbers at local businesses.

Around Town

As you will have noticed new soccer goals have been added to the Central Reserve. The local soccer club was running out of room in Somerville, so will be using the Tyabb Central Reserve for their games and will also use the old baseball club building. This is a great asset and will mean that it will be cleaned up and used on a regular basis.

During a recent cricket game or practice session a ball ended up on Frankston/Flinders Road which in itself isn't too worrying, as long as the players don't chase it, but a soccer ball could cause traffic to swerve. So we are in discussion with the Shire for the erection of fencing on the eastern side of the Reserve - this was in the master plan for the Central Oval in the Tyabb Town Plan. Hopefully they can move on it sooner rather than later.

Over recent months the walking/bike path from Bungower Road back to Tyabb has been upgraded to make it safer. Hopefully this will mean more cyclists and pedestrians using this path.

Graffiti has become a problem in town and the Council are working to clean it up as soon as possible. An article later in this newsletter will show you how you can report things like graffiti back to Council for their attention. This is a phone based app called **Snap Send Solve** and it works brilliantly. Many residents use it on a regular basis to report problems.

Dates To Remember

ANZAC Day	25th April
Queen's Birthday	11th June

Stefan Berson
President

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service 2018



The 2018 service will commence at 6:00am at the Cenotaph located at Central Oval. 100 years since the war to end all wars finished we, as a species, don't seem to have learned much about resolving conflict.

This significant community event is growing each year. As well as the participation of the four Tyabb schools, Somerville Tyabb Rotary, 1st Tyabb Scouts, Western Port Christian Family Church, CFA and the ongoing support of the Tyabb Ratepayers Group, we have been fortunate to have secured the professional audio set up and operation courtesy of A-V Technologies Rowville; the same company who do Tyabb Carols in the Park.

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TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP
TUESDAY, 17th April

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

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service 2018

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The MPSC events team has generously provided funding for the audio set up at this year's service. This should resolve the issues we have suffered in the past. Bill Castles Electrical, Langwarrin also give generously with their expertise. As always, as well as commemorating all those who have served and sacrificed, we place great emphasis on the involvement of the younger generations who we hope can achieve better peace outcomes in their lifetimes than previous generations.

Following the service please join us for a gunfire breakfast of eggs and bacon generously supplied by Micky at La Lupa Pizza, Eddie from Tyabb IGA and cooked and served by 1st Tyabb Scouts and the Rotary Club. We ask that you donate a gold coin for this service.

We have fingers crossed that our four young choristers: Oriyla, Jadimo, Sienna and Yardley who will lead us in singing the anthems will arrive back in Australia in time for the service. They, along with our wonderful young trumpeter Finlay, have won a robotics competition and have been invited to compete in the USA during April. See the following story on their achievements.

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FIRST Robotics World Championship



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Three local teens are off to Houston, Texas to compete in the FIRST Robotics World Championship. Jadimo and Oriyla Nelson and Finlay James are members of I C Robotics, which came second at the South Pacific Regional final in Sydney in March. This fantastic achievement reflected the 1,800 hours of work - including design, prototyping, problem solving, CAD, mechanical and electrical systems and coding - put in by team members over the six week build season.

In addition to the opportunity to display the versatility & accuracy of their robot, the IC team was also honoured to be presented with the Chairman's Award "The most prestigious award at FIRST, it honours the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST". This award was given because of the team's significant outreach efforts, and their championing of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) education for all, including efforts to encourage girls into STEM. IC team members are active within their community; running workshops, working with council members, giving robot demonstrations and spreading STEM within local and broader communities. In addition to the STEM initiatives the 13 youth members and mentors hoping to go to Houston are all involved in their community in other ways, including: Scouts, Boys and Girls brigades, Surf Life Saving, Sailability and Riding for the Disabled. Team members coach disabled kids' gymnastics, community drama classes and Milo cricket and volunteer at church and with local RSLs.

With only four weeks to apply for passports, book the trip and raise funds, the three friends have been very busy.

The team returns from Houston on 24th April, so getting up for the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day should be easier than normal as their body clocks will think it's lunchtime! Finlay will be playing the Last Post at the ceremony and the girls will help to lead the singing of the national anthems.

Any local robo-enthusiasts who would like to find out more about the team or follow their progress in the USA, can do so via their website www.versionontree.com/icrobotics or Facebook page.



Finlay, Jadimo (L) & Oriyla (R)
Tyabb's Robotics Champions



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Somerville Quarry



Residents' objections to the operations of the newly expanded open cut quarry on the old pottery site in Somerville are mounting. Noise and dust blowing from the defoliated site and laden trucks swinging out dangerously into oncoming traffic on Jones Road all remain unresolved.



A challenge to the Work Authority for the new quarry is being mounted in VCAT by a local resident. The hearing is set for May 11th at 10:00am in 55 King Street, Melbourne. All are invited to attend.

Lastly, the quarry owners have not obtained permission to breach the water table and extract up to 90,000 litres of saline water each year. They are now applying to the EPA for a licence to discharge water from the quarry into Balcombe Creek. The pollution will be strongly resisted by residents and concerned citizens.



Friends of Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve

In March members of the Friends Group attended the Melbourne Water Healthy Waterways strategy development meeting for the Western Port catchment areas. Key targets are the reduction of pollutants entering the creeks in our area and continuing to increase the tree canopy and improve recreational access to various waterways.

The work we have done on our little Reserve was applauded and seemed to be at the forefront of rehabilitation efforts on the Peninsula.

For those of you who haven't been through the Reserve, please do come and see what volunteers can achieve when backed by resources from the Shire and Melbourne water.



Before



After

Next Working Bee

If you get this newsletter in time, the next working bee will be held on **Sunday, 15th April, 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, 3rd June, 2018.**

Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

David Chalke (President)



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We can now all do our part by recycling soft plastics which are turned into recycled plastic furniture for schools, or Tyabb's new BBQ shelter. You can recycle

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Biscuit packets - wrapper only

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Plastic bags

Old green bags

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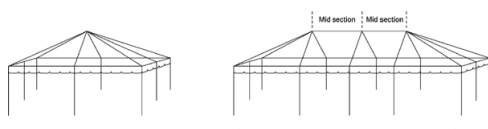
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A very warm welcome from the Tyabb Tennis Club, we are located at the Bunguyan Reserve on the Frankston Flinders Road in Tyabb, an accessible location with plenty of parking.

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



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".

The result has been a robust, user focused, mobile app that takes all the thinking out of reporting to local authorities.

The premise is simple: the app works out where you are, who manages incidents within that particular area and then using a users own email address sends through relevant information such as location, incident type and any related image to the correct contact.

The best part? Users don't have to wait in phone queues, pass on any additional personal information, if they don't wish, and the same app can be used anywhere in Australia - no need to download an app every time you travel across the country.

After being available to download for a number of years and receiving an increasing amount of feedback from users, Snap Send Solve was redeveloped so that it could similarly work in conjunction with Water, Gas and Electricity companies, Asset Management bodies and a number of other organisations who want to be a part of Australia's most used incident reporting app.



Today, Snap Send Solve allows users to report incidents to every single council in Australia as well as a growing list of new organisations.

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 works so well.

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You can choose to receive a regular phone call from one of the friendly Hastings Police Senior Citizens Register volunteers to check on your welfare.

Two bus trips and two social events are conducted each year at a minimal cost to those registered.

An Identity Card

Each person on the register is issued with a laminated identity card. The purpose of the card, which is about the size of a credit card, is to advise any emergency person who may have to attend to you in an emergency while you are away from home that your personal details are held at the Hastings Police station. Whether out shopping locally or travelling interstate or overseas in the event of an emergency this ID card will be another piece of reassurance for the holder.

Privacy and Security

Your personal information will be kept private and confidential on a secure database at the Hastings Police station and all volunteers have undergone Police checks.

Reassurance for Families

With this service all families who may be worried about their more senior members welfare can rest assured that someone is in regular contact.

Community Garden



If you are interested in being involved in the creation of a community garden behind the Guide Hall in The Crescent please contact the Ratepayers Group, either by email or phone. A number of groups, including Rotary and Western Port Christian Family are helping with the project and it is hoped that many in the community will offer their assistance.

Why Keep The Mornington Peninsula Rural

The following article was written by Cllr. David Gill, Red Hill Ward Councillor. It speaks to what our Ward Councillor, Julie Morris said at the Ward meeting on 10th April.

People who talk to me would love to protect the future of the Mornington Peninsula from urban sprawl and insensitive development.

The Peninsula has a split of 70% rural/agricultural to 30% residential/commercial zonings. The Green Wedge and urban growth boundaries maintain this in our planning laws. However, we are threatened by a projected increase in Melbourne's population from 4 million to up to 10 million people within just a few decades.

This will create even more pressure on governments by the powerful development industry to erode the local urban growth boundary and may lead to larger housing developments on the Peninsula and the loss of important agricultural areas.

Why should we protect the Peninsula?

Feeding the booming city from nearby rural zoned areas is essential. We are already losing this prime agricultural land to those pursuing unproductive rural lifestyles and inappropriate tourist developments. This then applies pressure to prices and leads to less available farmland.

It is obvious that we will need to increase our output from the already substantial \$1.1 billion local food bowl in order to support Melbourne's growing population. Melbourne simply cannot afford to lose any more nearby prime agricultural land.

Of course, we also don't want to lose the many other rural and environmental values that we appreciate.

How do we accomplish this?

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council (MPSC) has released its Green Wedge Management Plan for public comment and finalised its local Housing and Settlement Strategy for State Government adoption.

The strong attendance at the recent Council series of town planning public meetings has prompted the MPSC to take these planning issues to the population of the city of Melbourne and to all Members of Parliament through an ongoing advocacy and advertising campaign. Thank you to all those who came and voiced their concerns.

The MPSC advertising campaign will promote rural and village aspects of the Peninsula as essential to Melbourne on many levels.

Most Melbournians visit the Mornington Peninsula and they are the target audience of the campaign. We don't have swinging electorates here, but they do and we hope that politicians will listen to them.

The message is clear ...

Don't expect us to build more suburbs on the Mornington Peninsula and don't force urbanisation onto us

David Gill

Red Hill Ward Councillor, MPSC

Watson Ward Meeting

Cllr. Julie Morris & Naill McDonagh, COO of MPSC

Tuesday, 10th April at Somerville Mechanics Hall

Topics covered included:

Tyabb Airfield

- The Shire will investigate any complaints of overweight non-emergency services aircraft using the airfield at night, if they are forthcoming.
- Breaches of the Sunday morning curfew on flights at the airfield are being investigated by the Shire.
- The TAPP Community Reference Group will probably begin in May this year and all are welcome to apply to be members of the Group.
- The proposition of a regional airport at Tyabb raised in a recent radio interview was dismissed as impossible by both the Councilor and the PAC.

Somerville Quarry

- With 120 truck movements a day (one every 4 minutes) the junction of Pottery Road and Jones Road is inadequate and constitutes a serious safety risk to traffic on Jones Road.
- The Shire is continuing to negotiate with Bayport Industries over funding of an upgrade to the junction.
- Concern was expressed by residents as to what assurances any trade-offs the Shire may have made to Bayport to secure their financial contribution to the upgrade.
- The Shire admitted that with a Work Authority issued by the Department of Earth Resources no one body was responsible for the effects on the safety of the junction caused by the quarry's operation.
- It was pointed out that the 60kph speed limit signs erected by the quarry owners were probably not compliant with VicRoads standards and therefore probably not enforceable. The Shire will investigate.

Tyabb Guide Hall

- A request was made to put in place maintenance on the hall, which is believed to be heritage listed and in need of a facelift.

Tyabb Central Oval

- The provision of a ballproof fence first promised in the Tyabb Town Plan was again requested.
- The inclusion of the cypress trees adjacent to the cenotaph in the 'High Risk Trees' program for 2018/2019 was requested.

Somerville Community House

- External lighting was discussed and will be included in the S223 submission for the 2018/2019 budget.

Grant Road Speed Limits

- A request was made to reduce the speed from 70kph to 60kph along Grant Road from the roundabout to Tait's Hardware.

Councillor Morris' Leave of Absence

- Our congratulations to Cllr. Morris who is expecting her second baby and so will be taking leave of absence later in the year. During that period the Mayor, Cllr. Payne and Council Support will look after Watson Ward matters.

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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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