

# Tyabb & District Ratepayers



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## Your Community, Your Voice **Stay Home, Stay Safe** **Council Elections 24th October**

### President's Preamble

In an abbreviated Preamble, I welcome one and all to your mid-Spring edition newsletter.



As can be expected, the weather is as erratic as ever, but generally getting warmer. Be alert for hayfever and, more importantly, the slithering snakes coming out of hibernation.

Daylight saving is back for the next six months.

Whilst still in the grips of COVID restrictions, we trust you are all staying safe and observing the protocols and regulations, but realise that life must go on and we will get back to normal. The case numbers are slowly reaching the magic number for release, so please do the right thing so that we can break this lockdown. Full details of the current Step 2 are later in this newsletter.

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### Council Elections

One thing that is normal is the upcoming Council elections which will take place on Saturday, 24th October. As in the past voting is compulsory and is being done by postal voting. So, to prevent being fined, all votes must be in the mail system before the last clearance (6:00pm) on Friday, 23rd October.

A further reminder is to be aware of the candidates who are standing in Watson Ward. To assist you in your choice we have reproduced the candidates' profile as published on the Victorian Electoral Commission's website. You might also like to visit each candidate's social media pages to gain more insight into their opinions.

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### Tip Tickets

It's not often we feel we have a win from Council, but one thing which must be applauded is that the expiry date on the 2019/2020 waste vouchers which you received on your last year's rates notice will be extended until 31st December, 2020. Hopefully you won't have thrown them out. The tip is open for green waste only. No word yet when the landfill section & recycling will reopen. Don't forget, you can use your waste vouchers for kerbside collection. This must be booked in with Council.

### Back to School



You can hear parents cheering all over town after months of home-schooling. All primary and year 7 students return to school on Monday, 12th October along with Year 11 & 12 students who will commence their exams soon afterwards.

Years 8, 9 & 10 will return two weeks later on Monday, 26th October.

Good luck to them all. It will be great to see your friends again and end the school year together.

We all need to be aware of more traffic, both car and by foot. Take care to observe the speed limits and watch out for the kids.

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### Tyabb Township Plan

The Ratepayers Group intends to revisit the Tyabb Township Plan once the new Councillors have been elected. Unfortunately this Plan was put on the backburner once the Tyabb Airfield Precinct Plan was drawn up. Now that this has reached a point where the next step is a VCAT hearing, it is now time for the rest of the town to be given attention.

Just a reminder that the Ratepayers Group has always advocated that the ALA (Tyabb Airfield) not be closed, but be controlled in a manner that is acceptable to the community.

**Stefan Berson**  
President

### TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP

#### NEXT MEETING

*All meetings are on hold  
until the current restrictions are lifted*

# 2020 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Watson Ward Candidate Statements



Victorian Electoral Commission

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**BORZECKI, Stefan**

A lifetime local resident and major employer in our Shire, I've spent the last 35 years building and running a large, successful business in Watson Ward. Now a retiree living with my family in Somerville, I have the time, drive and commitment to effectively represent local residents, businesses and ratepayers on Shire Council. From decades of regular interaction and dealings with the Shire I'm well aware as a ratepayer how urgently Council needs to change the Shire's negative culture and review any unsustainable business management, operations, spending priorities and debt levels. Qualified and experienced in Civil Engineering, Business Management and Finance, I aim to help our Watson Ward community weather the coming recession as a voice for change on Council. I will challenge without fear or favour, any serious shortcomings embedded in Shire culture. In supporting concerns of ratepayers I will also work towards the Shire becoming more proactive in facilitating local job creation, declaring an extended freeze on rates and operating in a more transparent, sustainable and cost-effective manner. Simple changes like taking care of our own rubbish, not dumping it in our neighbour's yard or spending more on roads and potholes and less on non-essentials and showy icons would be a positive step. Pedestrian paths and crossings need attention; the cycle foot-path from Somerville to Baxter to Mornington should be completed. The proposed low-cost, popular Tyabb-Somerville-Hastings Coastal Trail should be approved. I advocate doubling the area of our nature parks, green belt and coastline by seeking to incorporate French Island into the Shire. The Shire should cut non-essential costs, minimise unnecessary red or green tape, reduce using consultancies and avoid costly lawyer expenses. To demonstrate my commitment and willing leadership I'll donate 20% of any personal Shire income to the Somerville Salvation Army.



**LOOIS, Bernhard**

Bernhard Loois was a registered builder with extensive experience in the construction industry. He has lived in the Watson ward for 25 years, making significant contributions to the community particularly among disadvantaged young people and in the youth and adult justice area for those with cognitive impairments. He has been on the board of several local service clubs over many years. Bernhard is standing for council again because he wants to see improvement in distribution of services for the Westernport side of the peninsula, also ensuring transparency of council bureaucracy activity, reducing, for example, the significant expenditure of time and money in taking residents to court (and losing) on planning and other issues. He wants to see the end of waste of money by council, and proper scrutiny by the audit committee of all expenditure. This includes a quality assurance watch on contractors used by the shire. Bernhard is passionate about buying local, for local people - and council - supporting local businesses. This has become even more important than ever. He is a strong supporter of the value of the Tyabb airfield for emergency services, pilot training, employment, recreation, and the Peninsula Aero Club's (PAC's) support of peninsula charities through its biennial air show, which brings visitors from all over Australia to our area. Local sporting facilities need improvement to offer access to all areas of the community, including those with disabilities. Bernhard believes it's time for change. Don't just sit and watch the council bureaucracy take away our local freedoms. This is our chance to make a real difference for our future, so vote 1 for Bernhard Loois if you want to see things to change within our council. Lets make it happen together.

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**MERCURIO, Paul**

I want a council that supports our community not one that polices and suppresses opportunity. I wish to see a council that celebrates our community. This can be achieved in a myriad of ways, from the smallest gesture to the grandest. For instance, the apple on a stick in Somerville by the central roundabout is a rather sad and unloved symbol. Let's fix that to something more emboldened, something that says we are proud of our history and who we are today. Somerville train station and the area around it is very tired and unkempt. Let's make that area attractive and useable so locals can use and enjoy the space. I want to be part of a council that wants to make things happen - such as Somerville Family Fun Day or Tyabb Airshow - rather than being a council that creates obstacles. Let's celebrate and bring our townships together by building the bike path between our towns and parks. Let's celebrate our wildlife and fauna by building and maintaining better walking tracks around the Western Port Coastal Reserve. Let's celebrate, support and work with the many small businesses that make the Peninsula unique Farm Gates, wineries, boutiques, our café culture, coffee carts, Food Tourism, Performing arts, craft markets and our antique shops. Let's create a sustainable environment for jobs for our children and ourselves. Let's cut red tape, cut enforcement, cut planning times, cut unnecessary VCAT hearings, cut costs and cut rates. Let's get back to basics and fix our roads, build public transport, build educational and training opportunities. I want a council that genuinely wants to help understand and meet community needs. Lastly, I have a vision to create a performing arts centre to nurture and celebrate talent with a local professional theatre for everyone to enjoy.

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**PAGE, Louise**

Some of you may not have thought about the council election, but your vote will make a difference to the future of our area. If you want that bike track, that walking trail or graffiti removed as well as job opportunities and appropriate development then please consider the following. A thriving community needs forward thinking, energetic and innovative councillors. I am a community leader, an achiever who is motivated and dedicated. I believe our youth need to be active with options for education and training. To manage growth and attract sustainable business and investment for employment while retaining the character and rural aspects we love, is the challenge we face. For a decade I worked in the food, wine, accommodation and tourism sector on the Peninsula, so I know the complexities and difficulties facing businesses and residents. I understand what it takes for a region to reach its potential and the delicate balance between growth and preservation. Currently, I am the co-owner of a niche risk management business and our clients are primarily municipalities. This knowledge gives me a comprehensive understanding of the risks faced here and at a global level. I am an active member of several community organisations. This year I received a Mayoral Commendation for my work as past president of Save Westernport and for my genuine care for the marine wildlife and coastal areas. My business and community background combined with a passion for the environment and wildlife provides a solid foundation for sound decisions. If elected, I will be tireless and accessible and will fight to ensure that this area and Westernport in general becomes a priority. For more about me and FAQs - [www.louisepage.online](http://www.louisepage.online)



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## **STEPHENS, Michael**

My name is Michael Stephens and I am running for Watson. I have been working on the Mornington Peninsula as a Plumber for 35 years and have grown up fishing in our treasured local bays. I have been a local school councillor for 6 years, 2 of these as President. I have led and participated in community-driven Climate networks and volunteer for a local foreshore management committee. I have worked hard to reduce my personal and business carbon footprint over the last 20 years and now I am focussing my energy on assisting the council to implement rapid emission reduction. I am running to ensure the MP council fully implements and improves on their Climate Emergency Plan. Why Emergency? We all saw the climate bushfire refugees arrive in Somerville last summer. I am worried that global targets of 1.5 and 2 degrees of warming exist in hope only, and that governments globally are committing our planet to 3+ degrees of warming. A future too devastating to describe, however one our children will have to survive. We can avoid that future; however, it will require Emergency Mobilisation by all levels of government. The good news is that our council can help make this happen. I will listen to your concerns. I will drive our council to spend your rate payment dollars within our council electorate. This will regenerate local economies, communities, and address the Climate Emergency at the same time. This approach will boost local jobs, providing hope for children's future. Creating local jobs benefits us all. The COVID crisis has revealed to us that when governments listen to the science, and act decisively, worst-case scenarios can be avoided. Now is the time to act on global heating. To accelerate climate rescue and action, Vote 1 Michael Stephens for Watson.

# Caring for our community

during Coronavirus



To find out how many infections we have on the Mornington Peninsula, [click on the interactive map on the DHHS website](#).

## Current restrictions on the Mornington Peninsula

Thank you to the Mornington Peninsula community for following the rules and keeping each other safe. This week important **changes to the restrictions** have been introduced including lifting the curfew.

There are still only four reasons to leave home (permitted work/study, care/caregiving, essential shopping and exercise). Continue to wear a face mask every time you leave home (unless you have a lawful reason for not doing so) and stay within 5km of your home. You can also leave home in the case of an emergency, including escaping family violence.

Enjoy catching up with friends and family again (up to five people from a maximum of two households), but remember no hugs or kisses yet, please and keep practicing good hygiene 😊☐

## Changes to our services

- Tips are open for people living within 5km to dispose of garden waste only. All waste vouchers for the 19/20 financial year have been automatically extended until 31 December 2020. **Did you know you can use your vouchers for kerbside waste collection?** A hard and/or green waste collection can be booked by calling us on 5950 1406
- The Briars is now open to vehicles.

### Libraries

- Our library can **deliver books to your doorstep** via a contactless delivery service
- Return chutes are open between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday
- All current loans have been renewed until Saturday 7 November.

# Community Info and Support

during Coronavirus



## Changes to restrictions

### Socialising

- Up to five people from a maximum of two households can meet in a public space outdoors for social interaction, exercise or recreation for a maximum of two hours and within 5km of their homes (infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap)
- People living alone or single parents can nominate one person with whom they can form a 'single social bubble'. A bubble allows you to visit each other for social interaction. Single parents with dependents who cannot be left alone are allowed to include their dependents in the bubble. Mornington Peninsula (metropolitan Melbourne) residents can only form a bubble with someone in metropolitan Melbourne, not regional Victoria.
- If the person you nominate to be in your bubble lives with other people, you can only visit if they are home alone. Alternatively, they can visit you at home.

### Outdoor recreation

- Limit outdoor recreation to two hours per day total, split into a maximum of two sessions
- Outdoor recreation must be within 5km of your home or work
- Outdoor exercise with a personal trainer is allowed with up to two people per trainer
- Outdoor pools can open
- Go to the [Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning's website](#) for a comprehensive overview of activities and access to public land.

### Childcare and school

- Parents/carers no longer need a permit to send their little ones to childcare. Kindergarten programs return in term 4
- You can leave your home to care for children and enter another person's home for this purpose. This applies to all children, not just those of permitted workers
- In term 4, from 12 October, there will be a phased return for onsite learning for prep to grade 6, VCE (Y11-12 or those doing VCE or VCAL subjects) and special schools
- For secondary students, remote and flexible learning continues when term 4 resumes, except for year 11-12
- The 5km limit does not apply to child care, school and health care.

### Work

- If you can, you must continue to work from home
- If you can't work from home you need a [permitted worker permit](#)
- Private inspections for residential real estate can resume (specific restrictions apply)
- Visit [Creating a COVID-safe workplace](#) on the Business Victoria site
- The 5km limit does not apply to work.

# Community Info and Support

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## Testing at home for vulnerable people

A **Call-to-Test service** is available for people who have coronavirus symptoms and cannot leave home due to injury, mobility or other eligible reasons.

The Call-to-Test service is available to:

- people with an injury, chronic health issue, or frailty affecting mobility
- people with moderate to severe physical or psychosocial disability
- people with moderate to severe mental health or behavioural issues not otherwise classified as a psychosocial disability
- carers for a person with moderate to severe disability.

Call the coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on 1800 675 398 and select option 9 to find out if you are eligible for this service.

## Coronavirus testing

If you have any cold or flu like symptoms, however mild, you should get tested. Symptoms can include: fever, coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, headache, muscle or joint pains, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, loss of sense of smell, altered sense of taste, loss of appetite and fatigue.

For further advice call the 24-hour Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398, your general practitioner or use the State Government's **online self-assessment tool**.

Testing is free if done through a public health facility or GP offering bulk billing.

### Peninsula Testing Clinics

**Rosebud Hospital:** A Coronavirus Screening Clinic is now open at Rosebud Hospital. The clinic, located in Eleanora House at the front of the Rosebud Hospital site, is open daily 10am-6pm.

**Frankston Hospital:** Open daily from 10am-6pm at 12 Hastings Road, Frankston.

**Atticus Health Medical Clinic Hastings:** COVID-19 testing at the clinic carpark. Tests are by appointment only.

**Rosebud Respiratory Clinic at the Rosebud Skin Cancer Centre:** COVID-19 testing at the clinic. Tests are by appointment only.

### Somerville Mechanics Hall

Pop-up clinic is available daily



## Community Info and Support

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Stay alert and continue to:



Make sure you wear a face mask/face covering when outside your home



Keep 1.5 metres away from anyone you don't live with



Wash your hands – and cough and sneeze into your elbow



Stay home when unwell – if you have symptoms, get tested

### New outdoor dining on the Peninsula

Mornington Peninsula Shire has introduced extended footpath trading and a new 'parklets' program to support local restaurants and cafes as COVID-19 restrictions ease over spring and summer.

Parklets and other additional outdoor dining space will be crucial for the Peninsula's food businesses to re-open and remain profitable while complying with social distancing measures and space restrictions.

Parklets are temporary outdoor dining spaces set up by businesses on car parking spaces outside shopfronts. They use seating and planting to create a welcoming space to sit and dine, while allowing for increased social distancing.

They will provide a much-needed economic boost to our local food businesses after months of business restrictions and a welcome opportunity for people to reconnect socially outdoors while supporting local businesses.





## What's the Peninsula Aero Club - Tyabb Airfield issue all about?



Posted by antonellaceli on September 30, 2020 at 5:35 AM

### **Peninsula Aero Club - Enforcement Order currently in VCAT**

Due to the current Shire Officer initiated enforcement order process currently in VCAT and decisions yet to be determined, I will refrain from making opinions and comments that speculate on any outcomes of the VCAT proceedings because:

1. The VCAT proceedings refer to compliance matters being dealt with by the operations of the Shire which come under the remit of the CEO and Council Officers in accordance with the applicable Local Government Act
2. The Councillor role during this process is not an involvement in the operational nature of executing the compliance matter at VCAT, that function belongs in the remit of Council officers and the legal team.
3. The Councillor role is to ensure that when all decisions are handed down by VCAT and brought back to Council briefing that strategic decisions made by the "Council" represent the best interests of Tyabb Airfield, the PAC and the community.

I very much look forward to a successful resolve on this matter going forward into the future.

### **In summary, what has led to the VCAT Enforcement Order:**

- Over many years there has been a lack of consistent and clear clarification around the operations of the Tyabb airfield (1963-2020)
- The need to once and for all clear up ambiguous conditions under which the airfield has operated in the past and going into the future, as well as overcome failed attempts in negotiation with the PAC, the Shire has lodged an enforcement order application with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) to obtain an independent adjudication for clarity on the Tyabb Airfield and for the benefit of the Peninsula Aero Club (PAC) and the for the community.
- This process does not mean that at any time the Shire has wanted to close down the Tyabb Airfield or the viability of the PAC. In fact, the Shire has sought to help the PAC to clear up any ambiguity in operations, planning and permit requirements to secure their operations on the site and address the concerns around the Tyabb Airfield to the satisfaction of the community.
- The Mornington Peninsula Shire is the responsible authority for the Tyabb Airfield within this municipality, and as such, Council, through its operations, has an obligation and a duty to provide clarity to the community about current operations and future development plans.
- Some decision points though require an independent legal ruling which this VCAT process will provide.
- Council has been seeking clarity for some time around the three permit conditions in question, as evidenced in this quote from a VCAT appeal in 2011: "68 A review of the three permits and associated conditions indicates that there are potential conflicts between these conditions. Not the least being when and what aircraft may operate under the three permissions. The Council and PAC indicate that an omnibus permit is being contemplated. I would encourage this. It would provide clarity to all parties, the Council, PAC and community about the ongoing regulation of this land's use."
- Council adopted a Tyabb Precinct Plan (2017)

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- Council is seeking the development of an airfield master plan, as recommended in the adopted Tyabb Airfield Precinct Plan, and which has previously been supported in principle by the PAC, to provide clarity and certainty about current and future airfield operations. The PAC has been involved in these discussions and have been given every opportunity to remain involved. Refer to Discussion regarding the need to focus on the preparation of the Airfield Master - Tyabb Airfield Community Reference Group MEETING 4 5.30 to 8.00 pm, Wednesday 13 March 2019 Mornington Peninsula Shire - Hastings Office <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/new-website-documents/building-amp-planning/strategic-planning/docs/tyabb-airfield/tyabb-airfield-crg-mtg-4-13mar19-minutes-final.pdf>

- Peninsula Aero Club v Mornington Peninsula SC [2020] VCAT 877 (1 September 2020) decision: "The Peninsula Aero Club has existing use rights for the continued use of the 'authorised landing ground' and aircraft landing ground' at the subject land (Tyabb airfield ) between the hours of 9:30am and 10:30am on Sundays for the purposes of aircraft departures and landings." [http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/vic/VCAT/2020/877.html?context=1;query=tyabb%20airfield;mask\\_path=au/cases/vic/VCAT](http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/vic/VCAT/2020/877.html?context=1;query=tyabb%20airfield;mask_path=au/cases/vic/VCAT)

**NOTE:** In a report to Council on 20th May, 2019 Officer's supported the removal of the outdated "church" hour condition from the three key planning permits when the PAC lodged an application to amend them pursuant to s.72 of the Planning & Environment Act 1987.

Unfortunately, the PAC decided to withdraw their applications when the report was published as part of the Agenda for the Planning Services Committee meeting. Ref: 4.1 P65/0002.08, P72/0268.08 and P61/7308.19 – Tyabb Airfield Permit Amendment Applications – Planning Services Committee – 20th May, 2019 <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/new-website-documents/about-us/meetings-amp-minutes/2019/minutes-2019/planning-services-meeting-minutes-20-may-2019.pdf>

## Tyabb Scout Group



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## Neil's Music School

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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  
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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  
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