

Tyabb & District Ratepayers



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Your Community, Your Voice

President's Preamble

Welcome one and all to your first newsletter for 2019 and a month has already gone! Yes, the festive season is done, which I trust was well celebrated by all. Summer is at its normal Melbourne best; don't they say variety is the spice of life, but seriously we could do with some rain and in the same breath we extend our thoughts to those in Townsville and closer to home those affected by the fires. Now it's back to work and school.

AGM

The last meeting for 2018 was combined as normal with our AGM. As they say, we had a small changing of the guard. So, first I express my thanks and gratitude to those that felt it was time to move on; please don't go too far as your experience and knowledge is always valued. Thank you especially to Lyn McDonald who has been Treasurer for many years. Ken Taylor will now take over this role. We look forward to another successful year with many projects underway around the town. I must also thank Doug McDonald for chairing the elections.

AROUND TOWN

There have been some steps forward and some back with one or two projects that we have been working on and some slowly moving forward which is great to see. The Tyabb Youth (Guide) Hall which is owned by the Shire, located in The Crescent adjacent to the car park behind the community hall, is in need of repair and renovation. With some meetings between members of the Ratepayers Group, Guide leaders, the Shire and their contractors and Rotary, positive moves are being made to have this work done.

There are still discussions being had, albeit slow, concerning the establishment of a community garden. If you would like to get involved please make contact with us via our email.

As a general safety issue which was raised some time ago concerning the possible creation of a made pathway adjacent to the railway reserve from Craig Avenue to Mornington-Tyabb Road; this subject was presented to Metro (VicRail) by Councillor Julie Morris, together with the possibility of a walkway crossing from the Kathleen Avenue estate to the traffic lights on Frankston Flinders Road opposite Padua College. The reply from Metro was not what we wanted to hear. We are now taking up the challenge with our local state member Neale Burgess.

Please read the article later in the newsletter about these talks as it will definitely affect you if you use this path. Put it this way, Metro are on the warpath and will be looking to prosecute those who use these areas.

ANZAC Day

I appreciate that it's a little early to be talking about ANZAC Day, but it will be here before we know it. The reason being that it will be straight after Easter, which is later this year. We will remind all again in our April newsletter. Be assured that planning is well underway for an even bigger and better service this year. The accolades from last year were very pleasing.

TYABB TOWNSHIP PLAN / AIRFIELD PRECINCT PLAN

As previously mentioned, the original Township Plan was scuttled and somehow became combined with the Airfield Precinct Plan. On the township front the Shire created a Placemaking program which has had a few projects created and finished and a few more are in progress with more ideas coming forward.

We look forward and call for things that you would like done around the town that beautifies and adds to the amenity of the area.

Regarding the TAPP and CRG, their last meeting in December was postponed, hence the last Shire website only has the review from the meeting prior. We understand that the number one issue for the CRG is the presentation of an Airfield Master Plan to be produced by the airfield operators, in conjunction with the Noise Management Plan.

It was our belief that whilst the CRG process was in progress any related airfield planning amendments would be suspended. This isn't the case and subsequently there has been a surge in social media, which really needs to be calmed. It is not doing anyone any favours.

The next meeting of the CRG is due to be held in mid-March.

For those who wish to understand the history and the facts please make it your business. All I wish to reiterate is that from the outset we at the Ratepayers have NEVER called for the airfield to be shut down, but only to be operated within the controls and conditions of the original permits.

GENERAL

With the current fluctuating weather, hot for a few days and then cooler, and the recent outbreak of fires across the state, it just reminds us all to be vigilant and be prepared. At this time of the year **no burning off** is allowed without a Council permit. Once restrictions are lifted we will give a full description of what is allowed. Associated with the warmer weather, of course, native fauna and in particular snakes are looking for water, so be on the lookout.

As mentioned earlier, schools are back and lots of children and extra cars are moving around the four schools in town, so I call on everybody to take care and most of all please show patience and have some consideration for other on the road. It's better to be late than not get there at all.

With the heightened bush fire activity around the state this summer a pertinent question was raised by a resident: where in Tyabb is the REFUGE CENTRE or SAFE SPACE. Guess what, there isn't an official one! This query has now been passed on to our Councillor to pursue. There is some further information later in the newsletter which will amaze you.

Stefan Berson
President

TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP
TUESDAY, 12th February

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

Dates To Remember

	Now In Force
Fire Restrictions	
Weekly recycling finishes	1st February
NBN in Tyabb town	8th February
Valentines Day	14th February
Unveiling Annie Sage portrait Somerville Community House	23rd February
Labour Day	11th March
Somerville Family Day	11th March
School Term 1 finish	5th April
Daylight saving finish	7th April
Good Friday	19th April
ANZAC Day	25th April

Road Works at Coolart Road roundabout



What on earth are VicRoads doing at the Coolart Road roundabout that is going to take from the end of January to May?

There's only one way to find out – jump out of the car early one morning and ask the man with the map. The story is that they are widening the shoulders of the road between the roundabout and the 'top of the hill' (their technical explanation) about 200 metres west along Mornington-Tyabb Road and then they will reseal the road.

Why are they doing it? Is there a particular problem? The answer is that they didn't really know why, they are just tackling the task.

The first stage is to do the drainage pits on both sides of the road. This is now near completion.

STOP PRESS: The electronic signs have been switched off and there is very little activity. We wait now for stage 2 which no doubt will start soon. Bungower Road is your friend!!

The same type of works are also being undertaken in Moorooduc once the Tyabb works are completed.

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We were asked by a recently arrived new resident, "where is Tyabb's Neighbourhood Safer Place in the event of a bushfire or emergency?" Good question we thought so we checked the CFA web site. What we found was not very good.

There were only two *Safer Places* listed on this part of the Mornington Peninsula, Balnarring and Red Hill!

Not good enough!

So we got onto our Local Councillor, Julie Morris who was also amazed that there was no Safe Space in Watson Ward. She took up the case with the Shire Officers. The response was that they are now looking at suitable sites in Watson and Cerberus wards. The sites have to be Shire owned or managed and have to meet a number of other criteria such as protection from radiant heat. Hastings Foreshore and Graham Myers Reserve in Bittern are currently under consideration. Somerville Recreation Centre will be an Emergency Relief Centre once it is rebuilt. We have asked that the Tyabb Hall and car park as well as the Central Oval be added to the list for consideration.

Hoon Drivers



Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

If you see hoon drivers & wish to report them then ring Crime Stoppers

Friends of Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve

It is 10 years since we started on the remediation of what was then Olivers Creek South, but is now known as Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve.



CEO John Baker & Councillor Julie Morris

We were delighted that John Baker, the Shire's new CEO and Julie Morris, our ward Councillor, were able to visit the Reserve and see what has been achieved over the last decade.

Looking at the before and after photographs the Friends had forgotten how far we have come and our guests were staggered with the change.

As John Baker is from Britain, conversation inevitably turned to the perils of the Australian bush and snakes. John was telling us that he was pleasantly surprised the ground wasn't writhing with snakes during summer and the Friends assured him that we hardly ever see a snake. Naturally, as we rounded the corner near the bridge there, in all its glory, was a fully grown red bellied black snake sunning itself right across the path. This proved a great serpentine photo opportunity for our new CEO and he will be able to send photographic proof back to the UK about how dangerous the Australian bush is!!!! (The snake slowly slithered away to hide under a fallen log and we all continued on our walk—although our footfalls were a little heavier).

Great news, we have been awarded a new round of funding from Melbourne Water and the Shire which will enable us to maintain the Reserve for at least another two years.

More good news: at a Friends Group Network Event held last Saturday the Friends of Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve were given an award and goodie bag in recognition of 10 years of great work within the Reserve. Two of the founding members of the Friends group, David Lines & Lyn McDonald, were on hand to receive the award. Sadly a third, Bill Agnew, was in hospital, but now is the keeper of the certificate and the chocolates from the goodie bag. Well done everyone.

With new families moving into the area it was great to welcome Joel from Clifford Drive to our working bee last Sunday. We hope many other young families will join us in maintaining the Reserve for future generations.

Next Working Bee

The next working bee will be held on **Sunday, 7th April 2019 at 9 Clifford Drive, Tyabb at 10:00am** (near the picnic table). Keep an eye out for signs & a reminder in your letterbox.

Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

David Chalke (President)



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.

You can download it direct to your phone from the AppStore or Google Play.

Bayport Pottery Road Quarry



Bayport has another contract to supply clay to HMAS Cerberus. This will run until April, so the temporary Jones Road 60kph limit will remain at least until then.

VicRoads has been approached by the Chair of the Quarry Community Reference Group to make the 60kph limit permanent so as to avoid people being inadvertently caught speeding.

VicRoads has passed the buck back to Council.

We're still waiting to hear from Council as to what is being considered for an up-grade to the road junction of Pottery Road and Jones Road.

It's just like *Utopia* but without the gags.

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Tyabb Guide (Youth) Hall

During a 'walk around town' last year with a team from the Council who are undertaking tasks identified in the Tyabb Place-making project, we visited the Tyabb Guide Hall to show them maintenance work which is needed on the building to bring it back to a reasonable standard, ie., no leaks, no possum nests, no bird nests and rectification of the weatherboard exterior. The Tyabb Guide Hall is owned by Council, so the expectation is that they will undertake this work for one of their buildings.

In January the Building Management Team from Council, representatives from Broadspectrum, the contractors, and members of the Tyabb Ratepayers Group inspected the building and began the process of putting in place a plan for works to be undertaken to bring the building back to an acceptable level of repair. Work has already been undertaken to inspect and improve the septic system and the electrics within the building, and a re-vamped ramp at the back of the hall. Special thanks to Caz at Council for pushing this through so quickly. Consideration will also be given to a storage facility on the land for equipment and materials needed by the Guides.

The building itself is heritage listed as it was the first community hall in the town. It was moved to its present situation early in the 20th Century by various local families who donated the land and physically moved the building and gifted the building to the youth of the town. Because of its heritage listing the full maintenance program will take longer than usual, but rehabilitation works to bring it back to a habitable state will be undertaken as soon as possible.



Tyabb Youth Hall on The Crescent



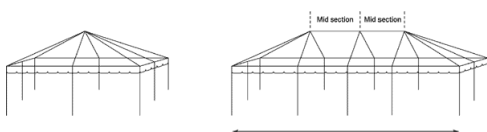
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Tyabb Ratepayers Group will receive \$50 for every hire that nominates that they had seen the ad in this newsletter



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:
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TYABB FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

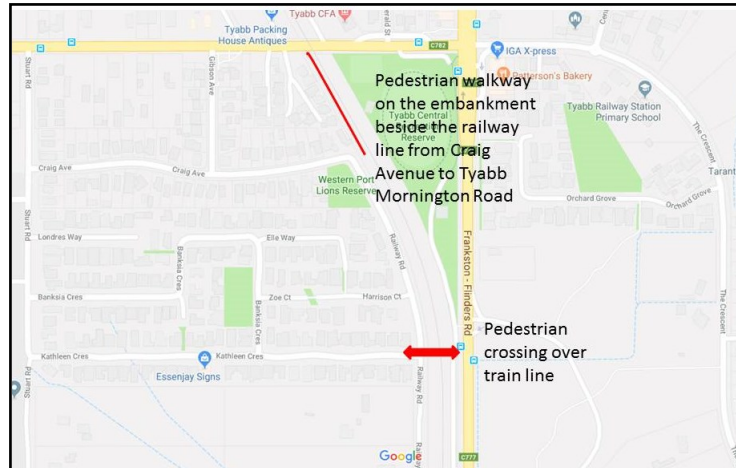
Bunguyan Reserve
14th February
6pm Start

Bar open
BBQ with free sausage
for any junior in either
clubs gear



WATCH OUT

If you use the pathway between Craig Avenue and Mornington-Tyabb Rd or hop across the train line from Frankston Flinders Rd to Kathleen Crescent, you could be prosecuted for trespassing by Metro Trains. Yes, that's right. The heavy-handed people at Metro Trains are determined to stop you using these handy shortcuts and are going to send out their "Compliance Officers" to stop you.



We asked the Council to write to Metro Trains to get them to clean up the weeds and long grass and generally improve these unkempt, but well used local walkways.



Mornington-Tyabb to Craig Avenue



Kathleen Crescent to Frankston-Flinders Rd

We were Gobsmacked by the response from Metro Trains. They have advised that they will clean up the weeds and blackberries, but that **both locations are illegal to walk along or cross and anyone observed walking here will be issued with an infringement for trespassing on railway land.**

Unfortunately now they are aware that the residents in Tyabb are using these areas frequently, they have informed Council that they intend to send compliance officers out to check the area regularly, and will take steps shortly to prevent further access to these areas by way of erecting cyclone fencing. These are the comments they made to Council:

Craig Avenue to Mornington-Tyabb Road walking track

- the area between the residential paling boundary fencing and cyclone fence is not a public path and those using it are trespassing
- cyclone fencing should be running perpendicular to the tracks with a gate in it to cut off trespasser access
- as we have now been made aware that the path is being used by trespassers, it will now be reviewed in line with our net work priorities for remedial works to prevent further trespassing

Walking track over railway track at Kathleen Crescent

- the pedestrian walkway over the train line is an illegal crossing, which also has signs either side of the track indicating trespassers will be prosecuted
- this will also be reviewed as part of the fencing priorities for further trespasser fencing to be installed

If you are as outraged by this as we are, complain to our local State MP Neale Burges (neale.burgess@parliament.vic.gov.au or 5977 5600). Write to the local papers (team@mpnews.com.au or Mornington@leadernewspapers.com.au), phone your favourite radio station, and generally kick up a fuss. Otherwise, the fences will go up and the Metro compliance officers will descend on Tyabb.