

Tyabb & District Ratepayers



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Your Community, Your Voice

Lockdown #4

President's Preamble



Welcome everyone to the Winter edition of your newsletter. Yes, the cold and wet has arrived and in recent days with a vengeance, but with the sunny days it is quite bearable. We still need to be vigilant with COVID as recent events have shown and hopefully the authorities can get on top of the tracing to prevent, or at least limit, the widespread lockdowns. Rest assured, we have a long way to go before there is complete control of this virus.

Unfortunately our general meeting due to be held on Tuesday, 8th June had to be cancelled due to the lockdown. Our next planned general meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10th August.

ANZAC Day

Wasn't it heart warming to see so many brave the pre-dawn chill to remember the fallen. We pass on a big thank you to Peter Davis and his crew for a well organized and run event. As a postscript, the food that was left over from the breakfast was donated to the Church. More news on the ANZAC Day dawn service appears later in the newsletter.

Tyabb Youth (Guide) Hall

We are not able to update the progress of the rectification on the Hall owing to the fact that we are awaiting further discussions with the Shire. Planning for these discussions has stagnated due to the current lockdown situation and lack of communication from the Shire.

Dates to Remember

14th June Queen's Birthday holiday (sort of)
25th June - 12th July School holidays

Around Town

Some time ago we made contact with the Shire concerning three main areas around the town, these being the Youth (Guide) Hall, the traffic/parking issue in the vicinity of Tyabb Primary School and Flinders College and the roundabout at Mornington/Tyabb Road and Jones Road, and lastly, the full fencing around the Central Oval.

With regard to the traffic/parking issue, we understand the Shire is shortly to conduct a site inspection of the area which will hopefully lead to some positive and constructive action to resolve the serious issue. Let's just hope they didn't do their site inspections during the latest lockdown when the school traffic was virtually non-existent!

As mentioned earlier we are awaiting news on the Youth (Guide) Hall and also for the Central Reserve fencing. The neglect of the Youth (Guide) Hall is a real pity as we have been approached by local trades people ready and willing to assist.

On a good news story, the Scout Hall has been re-roofed by the Scouts managing to organise the materials and work, following much fund raising by themselves. Well done!

To date the Shire has not been willing to commit to the restoration of the Youth (Guide) Hall: the original, 130 year old, Tyabb Hall.

With a resurgence of being involved with the Junior Football/Netball Club and understanding the huge rise of children playing junior football and the added number of girls getting involved; this has increased the demand on playing ovals across the Peninsula. We at Tyabb are in a good position with both the Central Reserve and the two ovals at Bunguayan Reserve. However, the problem here is that the 'back' oval at Bunguayan Reserve doesn't have any infrastructure except the fence and is in desperate need for change rooms, toilets and lights. From initial discussions with the Club President, I was astounded to learn that they have been in discussions with the Shire for many years looking for assistance. They have access to a building ready to be relocated to the site, but obviously need Shire approval, along with other works. They like other projects around town also have access to trades people ready to assist.

It would seem that the biggest stumbling block for all these projects is the Shire; both lack of communication with our representatives and tardiness with any decision making.

COVID

As we are all aware, the lockdown has now been relaxed. You should check the latest restrictions on the Shire's website or local newspapers.

Email Addresses

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Stefan Berson (President)

TYABB DISTRICT RATEPAYERS GROUP
NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, 10th August, 2021
SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE
(off Blacks Camp Road)

Help to save 130 years of Tyabb's heritage and honour our pioneering families



Tyabb Youth Hall, latterly the home of the Tyabb Girl Guides is the oldest surviving civic building in Tyabb. In the last half of the 1800s the growth in European settlement in the district created the need for a Community Hall. In 1888 a 'Tyabb Hall Managing Committee' was formed to acquire the necessary land and build a town hall. Many of the names of that first committee will be familiar to us all today if only from the road names; McKirdy, Slocombe, O'Neil, Wilkinson, Thornell, Mair, MacLaurin, Berry, Denham and King.

In an interesting contrast to today, it took only a year for the funds to be raised, the land to be purchased and the hall to be built! The site chosen was the north/east corner of Frankston Flinders Rd and The Crescent. The grand opening of the hall took place on the 17th March 1889 with a ball and "a good deal of speechifying" (Local dignitaries invited to the event included "the Hastings Constable" James Watt, the Great Grandfather of this newsletter's editor).

For nearly 70 years The Hall was the centre of the district's social life. From holding Tyabb's first religious services, to welcoming home veterans of the Great War to regular dances and dinner balls the Hall was the default venue for events large and small in the District.

By the 1950s the population of the district had outgrown the original hall and so again the community banded together to build a new larger one on the same site. The original 1889 Hall was relocated to its present site on land donated by Mr & Mrs Lillywhite and dedicated to the youth of Tyabb. Built in 1957 by local builder Gaza Shaw, the current hall was opened and with the Youth Hall continued to be managed by the local community. In 1974 the Shire Council (in those days Hastings SC) took over responsibility for the management of both halls.

The Youth Hall became home to a number of youth focused activities such as Tyabb's first Netball Club, a Boys Youth Club and in 1962 Tyabb Girl Guides. In 2001 the Hastings District Heritage Places study recommended the preparation of a conservation management plan for the Hall.

Sadly, at some time after the amalgamation of the Shires the Youth Hall appears to have been lost from the Council's asset register and for many years received little or no conservation or remedial maintenance. As a result, the Hall has deteriorated to such an extent that when the Council eventually inspected it in 2020 it had to be closed on safety grounds, and the Girl Guides relocated.

The estimated costs of stabilising Tyabb's oldest heritage building are:
Short term remediation/rectification (make safe) of the Hall:

\$447,310

Full redevelopment to bring building Hall up to all relevant standards:

\$1,477,240

If you are concerned to save Tyabb's oldest Civic Building and to honour the early pioneers who built it, we urge you to write to the Shire and ask them to make at least \$450,000 available for the remediation of the Tyabb Youth Hall.

Please help to save Tyabb Youth Hall

ANZAC Day 2021



Having been unable to commemorate ANZAC Day in 2020 due to COVID-19 lockdown, we were able to gather again at the memorial this year.

Considering the conditions, an amazing 500 Tyabbians braved the chilly air to remember those who have served and continue to serve today.

We engaged with many local groups to organise a COVID-safe event: Hastings RSL, Tyabb CFA, Rotary Club of Somerville Tyabb, Western Port Christian Family Church, Tyabb Netball & Football Club, Castle Electrical Services Langwarrin, Church Audiovisual and 1st Tyabb Scouts.

Local school students from Tyabb Primary School, Padua College, Tyabb Railway Primary and Flinders College gave readings during the commemoration. The Requiem was delivered by Mr. John Sonneveld, DFC.

Special thanks to La Lupa Pizza and Tyabb IGA for the donations of food for the gunbarrel breakfast served by the Scouts and Rotary. The food which was left over after the breakfast was donated to the Western Port Christian Family Church who were able to assist local families in need.

A huge thank you must go to Peter Davis and his team for pulling together all the logistics for the dawn service; an enormous undertaking with all the regulations needed under the COVID-19 conditions and last minute changes being made. Also, a huge thank you to the people of Tyabb for turning out to support one another and pay their respects.

Wedge Tail Eagles Are Back

This photograph of a wedge tail eagle was taken at the end of Valencia Rise. It has been some time since we have seen these birds around due to removal of local vegetation. It is pleasing to see them again.



Picture: Joan & Bob Wilson



Girls aged 5-17 years Come and join TYABB GIRL GUIDES



I'M A GIRL GUIDE



Join NOW for 2021.
Your Girl Guide friends are waiting.
guidesvic.org.au

Guides Victoria: Helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

**Monday Nights during school terms
(Come and try 3 weeks free!!)**

Junior Guides (5-10 years) 6.00 – 7.30pm

Senior Guides (10-17 years) 6.30 – 8.30pm

Tyabb Community Hall, 1535 Frankston-Flinders Rd

Our programs help girls get curious about the world and make a difference in their community.

Experience new and exciting challenges

Learn new skills

Meet new friends

Have lots of fun

Discover the great Outdoors

Participate in Indoor and Outdoor Camps

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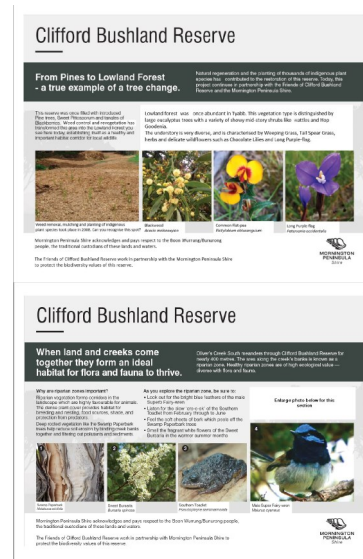


[Tyabb Girl Guides - Ages 5-17 - Mornington Peninsula - WERE FOR GIRLS!!](https://www.facebook.com/TyabbGirlGuides)

Clifford Drive Bushland Reserve

The last two working bees have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions; however, between lockdowns work has been continuing with NatureLinks and the Shire making improvements. Weeding along the creek line has prepared the ground for our planned erosion reduction planting.

Our new interpretive signage has been installed at the north-west and south-east entrances.



Olivers Creek Bushland Reserve

Major works at the reserve have seen the removal of the old tennis courts. The fencing is being used and the asphalt ground up and used on the pathways. The area has been mulched and the trees growing on the court left as habitat. In due course nature will reclaim the area.



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

RESERVES ARE NOT LEASH FREE DOG AREAS.

MARQUEE HIRE



Club of Somerville Tyabb

Professional grade, steel framed, clear or opaque sides.

6m x 6m \$700, 6m x 9m \$800, 6m x 12m \$900

Circular tables \$15 each, Chairs \$3 each

All funds raised go back into projects for the community

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Lawn Mowing and Property Maintenance

Tyabb Scout Group



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Fully equipped classroom located in Tyabb, or Neil can come to your home for an additional \$10.00.

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