

The Somers Residents Association Inc (SRA) is a not-for-profit organisation made up of dedicated locals who care about the issues of the broader Somers community. While our charter is broad, we liaise and lobby where necessary with representatives from the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Victorian State and Federal Governments and business leaders, for the betterment of our community.

To have your say or to support our work, please consider joining as a member. Membership is open to all full or part-time residents, homeowners, and renters, living within postcode 3927. A strong, united community voice enables us to be heard.

Committee members

President Ross Millen, Vice President Libby Moore, Hon Secretary Eleanor Bridger, Hon Treasurer Debbie Lever. General Committee: Elizabeth Charpentier, Karina Smith, Malcolm Twist, Christine Malbon, Gina Webster.

Thanks to all our members for their subscriptions and donations - your continued support is important to us and the community of Somers. Your funds will help us continue our various projects including:

- Advocating for completion of the Camp Hill Road shared pathway
- Advocating for better management of the Somers Foreshore Reserve
- MPSC Wayfinding project
- Community Recycling initiatives
- Somers Neighbourhood Watch and better liaison with local Police
- Donations to Koala tree planting / Somers Primary School / local wildlife carer / Somers Yacht Club juniors

Please be aware that renewals for the current membership year are now due. We would appreciate early payment so we can continue to assist our community.

Renew membership via this link: www.trybooking.com/CIBWH

Note: There is no need to return form unless your details have changed (send any change of details to PO Box 294 Somers 3927 or email to info@somers.org.au).

SRA Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at **4:00pm on Sunday 28 January** at the Somers Yacht Club. Please come along to hear the SRA annual report and guest speakers, new members welcome on the night, followed by snacks and refreshments.

Somers Community Bike Park

Update about donations to Somers Community Park Project

The SRA wish to refund any donations made to the Somers Community Park Project (SCPP). The Mornington Peninsula Shire have managed the SCPP development at RW Stone Reserve since late 2021, and have their own funding strategy. The SRA believes the Shire will develop facilities at RW Stone in the best interests of all of Western Port community


The SRA have contacted all donors via GoFundMe last month. If you wish for a refund or have any questions, please contact: info@somers.org.au


Western Port Writes Literary Festival, September 2024

Western Port Writes is launching their inaugural literary festival September 2024. The festival will focus on local stories and storytellers. It will bring authors and creatives to our local communities on Western Port Bay. The program will include author conversations and writers' panels, workshops, kids lit, a community function on Friday night and an official festival dinner on Saturday night. The program is being finalised and we'll share more information in January 2024 on the sessions via our website and socials.

Key dates: The festival will be held in Somers, Hastings and surrounds over three days from Friday 6 September to Sunday 8 September 2024.

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Camp Hill Road path

Northern section update

Funding to continue the path along Camp Hill Road has been provided in Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Budgeting. The construction of the extended the path from RW Stone Reserve through to Sandy Point Road has begun. It is anticipated works will be completed in early 2024.

Summer Safety in Somers

Summer is a great time to enjoy the wonders of Somers, the glorious beach and nature trails, tracks and parks. Over this time there are more people around and many of them are children or seniors walking on or near our roads. So spare a thought and slow down please. There is no need to rush through the village. You might prevent an accident and you will be looking out for our native animal friends as well. Slow down and enjoy the feeling!

Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation (MPKC) Biolink Project 2024

MPKC would like to invite landholders between Crib Point and Tyabb to partner with them in creating habitat for wildlife. If landholders are interested in revegetation of their property, MPKC will work with them on a planting plan, providing the trees and volunteers.

MPKC have planted an incredible number of koala habitat trees:

- 70,000 in the past 3 years
- 25,100+ May - Dec 2023
- 1000s given to our local community
- 25,000 planned for next year

If your property is larger than 20 acres and you want to plant indigenous vegetation, with a focus on koala habitats, send an email to:

mpkoalatreeplanting@outlook.com

Somers Recycling Depot

The SRA has bought three further TerraCycle boxes during another (30% off) Sale, at a cost of \$637.00 in support of the Somers TerraCycle Recycling Depot located @ The Somers General side door and/or @9 Garden Square, Somers.

The Somers TerraCycle Recycling Depot continues to collect hard-to-recycle items such as writing instruments/pens, dental and oral care packaging (including electric toothbrushes), pharmaceutical blister packs and personal care/beauty product packaging. Our huge thanks to Lou Taylor and The Somers General for continuing this initiative.

If you are interested in donating to or sponsoring the Somers TerraCycle Recycling Depot, please contact info@somers.org.au

Let's ensure we keep Somers clean and green over the Christmas period by re-using, recycling, picking up litter, and generally respecting our beautiful surrounds.

Neighbourhood Watch

What's happening in NHW?

- A successful 'Meet & Greet' with the Hastings police outside the General Store on Saturday, 11th November. There will be more opportunities for residents to discuss policing concerns with members in 2024.
- Help prevent residential burglary through good planning. Criminals are opportunistic so remove opportunities. Keep your home & garden well maintained & install sensor lights. Criminals don't like to be seen. Leave lights and the TV or radio on when you are out. Lock your doors and windows when you leave. Don't leave the key under the mat, a pot plant or on the BBQ plate! Lock away bikes and other valuables. Never leave your car keys in sight near front or back doors. 75% of all stolen cars are taken with the keys!

