

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 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 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).

Clean up Somers Day

Sunday March 3 is the annual Clean up Somers Day held in conjunction with Clean up Australia Day.

Please give a portion of your day between 10am and 12.00pm to help clean our Somers Foreshore.

Register with the QR code either before or on the day at the Somers Store Car park to ensure you are covered by public liability insurance.

Wear gloves, shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring water. You will be assigned to an area of the Foreshore to collect rubbish and given rubbish bags.

The SRA will provide a sausage sizzle at 12pm at the car park BBQs.

If you prefer to do your own thing and collect rubbish around another area of Somers please register.

Registration QR code. Our Event number is 46838.



Fire Readiness at Somers

Members of the Somers Community attended a talk on Fire Readiness given by Drew Jackson of the Somers CFA on January 14th. He emphasised the difficulty faced in Somers if many residents try to exit the village during a fire situation with only one main road in and out. The CFA have a clear message which is that in the event of a forecast of "catastrophic fire conditions" in our area, residents should **LEAVE** Somers, where possible, for the period of the forecast. There is no Fire Refuge in Somers or Balnarring so it is safer to move away into metropolitan areas for the day.

Older and more vulnerable residents of Somers who may not be able to or understand the need to leave can be placed on a Vulnerable Persons Register with VicPol. Contact Hastings police for more information.

Victorian Container Deposit Scheme

You can now exchange eligible drink containers for 10 cents. Together we can make a positive difference to our community and our environment in Somers.

Refund points are located at Crib Point cellars and 3/15 Wallis Drive, Hastings. Refunds can be donated to your chosen charity. Assistants at the depots make the process easy.

House Numbers

A Visible House Number could save your life

You can fix this now!

Thanks to Somers CFA & Somers Neighbourhood Watch, reflective house numbers are available to Somers residents at a small cost. The numbers are mounted on Colorbond steel plates so numbers can be seen from both directions,

To obtain your house number plate:

- Write your name, street address & contact number on an envelope & mark 'For Neighbourhood Watch'
- Enclose \$15 cash
- Return to Somers NHW / SRA Drop Box located on the left-hand side of the Post Office door.

You will be contacted regarding arrangements for delivery.

Assistance is available for residents unable to install themselves.

Somers Community Park Project – refund update.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire have managed the Somers Community Park Project (SCPP) development at RW Stone Reserve since late 2021. In July 2023 they released the updated 'Recreational Facilities for Mountain Bike and BMX- Strategy'.

The Somers Residents Association (SRA) in collaboration with the SCPP committee facilitated the collection of donations towards the construction of this park.

We were informed last year that the Shire now have their own funding strategy therefore, all previous donations towards the original Somers Community Park Project (SCPP) have been or are in the process of being refunded.

Whilst some of the monies have been refunded, we also gave some other options for those that wished to donate their contribution to other community initiatives:

- Maintenance of the Community Bike Park (to be managed by the SRA) - \$500.00
- Mornington Peninsula Koalas via Landcare - \$2,500.00
- Jenny Bryant for care of local native animals - \$3,850.00
- Somers TerraCycle Recycling Depot - \$350.00
- Somers Primary School - \$50.00

A great result all around!

If you have not received correspondence or your refund from the SRA, please let us know at info@somers.org.au

Somers TerraCycle Recycling Depot @ The Somers General side door



The following items can be recycled:

- writing instruments: pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens and ink cartridges (NO glue sticks, rubbers, rulers, pencils, scissors).
- oral care: toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads.
- dish and air care: dishwashing liquid bottles (including caps), dishwashing tablets flexible packaging (including snap locks and zip locks), air freshener aerosol cans and spray bottles (including spray and trigger heads), plug-in air fresheners and refills (including plastic outer packaging), clip on car fresheners and refills (including plastic outer packaging).
- Burt's Bees: Burt's Bees personal care, lip care and skincare packaging.
- L.O.L Surprise! dolls and packaging.
- all brands of blades and razors (these go in labelled recycling tub for razors only).
- pharmaceutical blister packs (these go in labelled recycling tub for blister packs only); and
- personal care/beauty product packaging (these go in labelled recycling tub for beauty packaging only).

**Packaging need not be washed, however excess product should be removed.*

Somers Place Marking Project

An order has been placed with contractors for the production of Interpretive Signs to be placed in Somers. Once they are complete, the shire project team will oversee their installation this year.