

What is the SRA?

The Somers Residents Association Inc (SRA) comprises dedicated locals who care about the Somers community. The SRA liaises and lobbies with the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Victorian and Federal Governments and business leaders, for the betterment of our community. To have your say or support our work please consider joining as a member. **Further information and membership:** <https://somers.org.au>

SRA Focus 2022

- Somers Community Park
- Community defibrillator map
- Community emergency CPR
- Koala safety signs
- Koala tree planting
- Mobile phone connectivity
- Somers Primary support
- Arts Fair sponsorship
- Wayfinding Project
- Residents survey
- Liaison with Council
- Somers foreshores
- Distributing community news

Camp Hill Road path update

We have received an update from Council and understand that a letter drop to residents will be mailed out soon. Council expects to start building the first stage of the works in March 2022, or as soon as the selected contractor is available.

We are concerned however, that the new plans for the Camp Hill Road path are different from the original plans that were approved and budgeted for back in March 2019. In particular, the revised plans do not include the raised platforms and/or pedestrian crossing on Camp Hill Road; and the revised plans also split the Camp Hill Road path project into stages 'one' and 'two'. We consider that the Stage two section is urgent, however there are still no clear details or plans on this latter more urgent stage.

The SRA is seeking further engagement with Council on the Camp Hill Road path project. The project was also discussed at our AGM held 21 November. MPSC CEO John Baker and Red Hill Ward Cr David Gill were in attendance and were very responsive to our concerns.

Presentation to Charli our local hero

We introduced you to Charli Watson in our September newsletter. Charli is our young Somers hero and environmental activist who continues with her daily mission of collecting rubbish from our beach and parks. The SRA met up with Charli to present her with a Certificate of Appreciation and \$50 Bunnings voucher...no doubt she will be stocking up on heavy -duty gloves and buckets for her clean up ventures.



SRA survey

The SRA welcomes your comments in our online survey, which can be found via:

<https://forms.gle/MDuuxGJk3CTPKfJR6>

Here is a snippet of survey responses recently submitted to our question, 'What things would most like to see improved in Somers?':

- internet access issues
- street bins emptied more often
- foreshore improvement- environmental, tree cover increased,
- safer roads, lower speed limit, path network (multiple responses)
- have all of Somers made a 40km zone.
- re-open Sandy Point Rd, East of South Beach Rd.
- foreshore Reserve better managed.
- a bike park
- a community house available
- mobile phone coverage
- locked in assurance no more development south of Frankston-Flinders Road
- address beach erosion
- bike paths on main routes for young kids and pedestrians to be safe
- planting of native trees, keeping the quiet environment free from high rise buildings

Have your say and make a difference.



General Store noticeboard

This is Tim Mitchell painting the notice board at The Somers General. He also painted the outdoor tables.



After a lifetime of traveling and 'mucking about' in boats, Tim retired to Somers just before the pandemic in December 2019. A master varnisher and marine restorer by trade, he cared for some of the finest privately owned super yachts in the country (we bet he has a few stories he could tell). Together with a lifelong friend, Tim happily restores any loved objects of timber, including outdoor furniture, boats, sheds, etc. Tim's other passion is teaching Vedic meditation and lifestyle advice (Ayurveda).

Tim is grateful to be a part of the Somers Community and be able to give a back some of his appreciation.

Thank you so much Tim, the notice board looks fantastic, and we certainly appreciate your work.

If you would like to contact Tim his number is 0407 275 712.

Congratulations Briony Hutton

Our very own Somers resident and SRA committee member Briony Hutton has won preselection for the Liberal Party for the State seat of Hastings (which includes Somers).

Well done Briony!

Somers Neighbourhood Watch

Somers Neighbourhood Watch plays an integral role in creating and maintaining the safe community that makes Somers unique. We are pleased to announce that NHW is now part of the SRA.

We say a heart-felt thank you to Denise Kempster for her 15 years of service as coordinator and to the long serving committee members. Somers NHW has been running for 25 years and is the only NHW on the Peninsula to still be in existence. Christine Malbon has taken over the role as coordinator.

Please be involved by coming to SRA meetings. We need as many people as possible to watch out for our neighbourhood.

MPSC mobile recycling trailer coming to Somers 4 Feb to 4 Mar 2022

The Shire's mobile recycling trailer will be located at The Somers General carpark from 4 February to 4 March 2022. The trailer takes items such as clean clothing, hats, shoes, bags and electrical items such as hair dryers, toasters, drills, mobile phones, tablets and laptops (please remove batteries and recycle at participating facilities).

The MPSC has put together this handy Waste & Recycling Guide. Find links to waste items and how to dispose of them responsibly: www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Your-Property/Rubbish-Recycling/Tips-Hoppers/Waste-and-Recycling-Guide

A reminder to also bring your Keep Cups when out and about, to avoid single use takeaway cups as much as possible.

Somers TerraCycle®

The SRA have now put a large TerraCycle® disposable masks container at Somers Primary School. Other depots are at The Somers General side door and 9 Garden Square.



TerraCycle® depot at The Somers General

There are separate buckets for blades and razors; disposable face masks; and all other TerraCycle® items. A poster at the store noticeboard outlines the items that can be recycled... almost everything you can think of.

**Reminder, packaging need not be washed; however excess product should be removed.*