

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: www.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

War on waste

Time to start spring cleaning

The Shire's mobile recycling trailer is booked to return to The Somers General side carpark from **12 October til 8 November 2022**. Please recycle your clothing, hats, shoes, bags and electrical items* e.g., hair dryers, toasters, drills, mobile phones, tablets and laptops.

* Remove any batteries and recycle at participating supermarkets and other businesses.

Do you have a Zero Waste idea, or wish to contribute? Contact: info@somers.org.au

Remember...look up the MPSC Waste & Recycling Guide: www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Your-Property/Rubbish-Recycling/Tips-Hoppers/Waste-and-Recycling-Guide

Camp Hill Road path update

Council has completed most of the 'southern' phase of the Camp Hill Road path, including the new parking area at the front of the school.

Phase two or 'northern' phase (from RW Stone Reserve to Sandy Point Road) is nearly at the end of its planning phase, with detailed design to be finalised in the next two months. We understand that once plans are complete, they will be made available and shared with our community. The SRA will continue to seek updates when works will occur.

Somers Community Park update

Background

The Mornington Peninsula Shire now manage the park development (since late 2021). The reasons are:

- they manage RW Stone Reserve
- Recreation and Open Space Team have allocated a budget
- the project requires statutory and other Shire approvals before works can commence.

There may seem to be less information forthcoming about the park and this is because due process must be followed by the Shire; and Somers Community Park committee is now supernumerary.

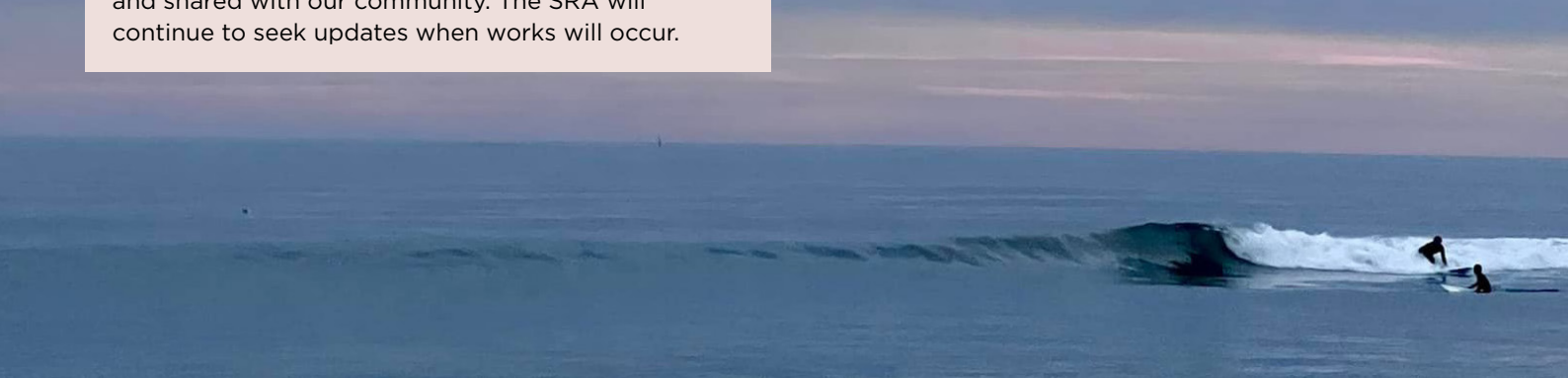
News

The park has been discussed at Shire executive level. The stakeholder process is nearly complete, including a community survey and meetings with various parties.

A location within the park will be decided by Shire once they finalise the reserve's master plan.

Community donations will still assist the project: for example: indigenous gardens, landscaping, seating.

The Shire is aware of matters such as car park pressure; sport clubs' usage; leash-free dog walking boundaries and safety; security; bike routes.



Ziggy's Environment

At just 11 years old Ziggy Torossi is as green as grass. So becoming one of the Somers Primary School's environmental captains was a perfect fit. Ziggy has always had a love for the outside world and everything it has to offer and is a true stickler for making everything fair and even in nature, as it is in his life.

With a passion for animal and plant welfare and a big heart for his local beach, you can find Ziggy collecting rubbish along the foreshore almost daily.

Ziggy is a true environmental warrior and hopes to continue his quest to make the world a little greener every day.



Reporting Crimes



What are the most effective ways to report crimes?

SC Andrew Ellams Hastings Police is the Somers Neighbourhood Watch liaison officer and these are Victoria Police recommendations for reporting crimes:

- all non-urgent crimes call: Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444
- OR submit a report online: <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/contact>.

There is no need to contact the Hastings Police Station as the operators at PAL are trained in taking reports and these will be sent to the relevant station. A police member will conduct any necessary follow up or investigation.

If the PAL operator believes the matter needs to be handled by a local station they will divert the call to them.

SC Ellams stresses:

- 'Don't ever think because something appears minor or of little significance we don't want or need to hear about it'.
- 'Call triple zero (000) when an immediate response is required, when a crime is happening, or if someone is in immediate danger'.
- 'If the call is received at 000 the police will decide the urgency of the response required and will respond accordingly'.
- 'Better to call and have police notified rather than not'.

Arts Fair 2022

@Somers Primary School 23 October

The SRA is proud to attend the Somers Arts Fair, and excited to be a part of this important community event. Come and visit the SRA stand. It will be the first in-person fair in three years...something to celebrate.

Koala Stickers

The SRA have reflective vinyl stickers for your bin...to alert drivers about koalas

Size: 225mm x 300mm

Cost: \$21

Delivered to you in Somers or can be collected.

Please order and pay via the options below:

TryBooking

www.trybooking.com/CBJDF

(note there is a small transaction fee)

Direct debit or cash

Direct debit and cash need to be accompanied by an email (info@somers.org.au) or envelope with your delivery details placed in the SRA/Neighbourhood Watch box beside Somers PO Post Office.

Direct debit

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