

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

Australia Day flag raising ceremony

Our Australia Day flag raising ceremony held in the car park adjacent to The Somers General and the Post Office was a great success. It commenced with an acknowledgement of the original custodians of the land, the Bunurong People, followed by the raising of both the Australian and Indigenous Australian Flags.



Briony Hutton's lovely voice led the singing of the Australian Anthem and Charli was presented with Somers Young Australian Citizen of the year certificate.

The flag raising ceremony was followed by a sausage sizzle.

The SRA would like to thank the wider Somers community for their participation. We look forward to next year's Australia Day celebration.



Recycling trailer here in Somers

The Shire's mobile recycling trailer is located at The Somers General car park, until 4 March 2022. Please bring along your clothing, hats, shoes, bags and electrical items* (eg hair dryers, toasters, drills, mobile phones, tablets and laptops) for recycling via this service.

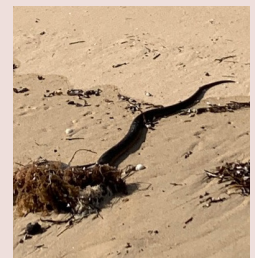
** Please remove any batteries and recycle at participating supermarkets and other businesses.*

February wildlife on Somers Beach

Somers is a place known for its koalas and dolphins. We are very lucky to live in a place where it is not uncommon to see them.

Here are some photos of wildlife spotted on the beach past the 100 steps. The turtle was coming out of the water heading to the dense bush past the steps. The snake seen just past where the Cerberus signs begin. Yes it's venomous, a timely reminder to keep an eye out and remember they are a protected species. The little seal was in the same area as the snake on a different day. There are also echidnas in the bush by the 100 steps often seen climbing the steep terrain and a pleasure to watch. It is a leash free area so keep your eyes peeled when walking your dogs to avoid any mishaps.

Do you have any pictures of our diverse wildlife to share with us on our social media page?



Camp Hill Road path update

Council has selected a contractor to complete the 'Southern' phase of the Camp Hill Road path, with works to commence this March. A letter drop to affected residents will be mailed out prior to the works commencing.

Phase two or 'Northern' (from RW Stone Reserve to Sandy Point Road) is currently undergoing detailed design, with a budget bid submitted as part of the Capital Works Program for 2022/23. We understood that the entire Camp Hill Road path had already been budgeted for, and we continue to make enquiries regarding the extensive delays. As this section is more urgent for our community, the SRA will continue to seek updates as to when it will be completed.

Whilst the new plans do not include raised platforms or pedestrian crossings on Camp Hill Road, Council has now clarified that the new plans have been through MPSC Traffic & Transport and have taken into account all prior work, in particular the previous traffic management consultants' reports.

Which well known Somers street is featured in the black and white photo?

Let us know via our socials or email.



Somers Park

MPSC have allocated funding to the community and bike park. They are currently developing a master plan for the area between the oval and Camp Hill Road. Once this is finished detailed design for the bike park will begin which will include community engagement. Once procurement is finished construction will begin.



Somers TerraCycle recycling depot

9 Garden Square, Somers

@The Somers General side door

1. 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).
2. Electric toothbrushes: electric toothbrush handle and base.
3. Oral care: toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads.
4. 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).
5. Burt's Bees: Burt's Bees personal care, lip care and skincare packaging.
6. L.O.L Surprise! dolls and packaging.
7. All brands of blades and razors (these go in labelled cardboard box next to plastic recycling tub).
8. Pharmaceutical blister packs and personal care/beauty product packaging.
9. Disposable face masks.

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

Westernport Automotive Services has proudly sponsored the SRA to support the Somers Community TerraCycle Hub.

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

Check out this handy Waste & Recycling Guide: www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Your-Property/Rubbish-Recycling/Tips-Hoppers/Waste-and-Recycling-Guide for how to dispose of all kinds of waste responsibly.