



**Somers Residents Association (inc.)**

# September Bulletin

On behalf of the Somers Community Association Committee, we hope you are all staying safe and well in these very difficult times.

Here is the latest news from the SRA.

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- Defibrillator and training video.
- AGL
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- Waste disposal arrangements.
- Latest on the BMX park.(stop press)

## DEFIBRILLATOR.



*Pictured: Ron Kempster, Director of the Bendigo Bank Balnarring and SRA President Gerry Lewis*

The SRA has installed a monitored Defibrillator at the Somers Post Office, thanks to the generosity of the **Balnarring Bendigo Bank** in granting us the money to purchase the unit.

We also would like to thank the Post Office and Store for allowing us to install the unit on the front of their building and Mark Joyce for the SRA signage.

To Zoe and Dean (Somers General) a special thanks for the use of their Wi-Fi to allow the monitoring of the unit.

Watch this easy video on how to use the Defibrillator [HERE](#):

## AGL

You would have noted in our previous correspondence we have had a team of committee members working on a submission with regards to the AGL project in Westernport Bay.

The proposal against this project was put together to represent those members who wished to oppose that undertaking .

It has now been lodged and circulated to all members.

Find a copy of the proposal via our website [HERE](#).

## MEMBERSHIP / COMMITTEE

Somers Residents....we are looking for your support!

There are some major issues that will ultimately affect us all such as:

- Pending changes in the management of our foreshore
- AGL Proposal
- Road conditions / traffic flow
- Bike facility and track (BMX park) – funding and management
- Koala revegetation
- MPSC Wayfinder path project



In so many of these cases, it is imperative that the Somers community has an organisation that can lobby to the various groups on your behalf – that is where the SRA comes in.

We are a formal not for profit incorporated body operating under government rules and regulations. “Acting on behalf of the interests of the Somers wider Community.”

“The more members we have the more effective we are”...If you have new neighbours and or friends in Somers who are not members, could we ask you to draw their attention to the function and purpose of the Somers Residents Association and become a member.

Or better still, if you would like to join our Committee and have a voice in your community, please contact John Copeland at [info@somers.org.au](mailto:info@somers.org.au)

### Membership forms:

For Membership information and forms, please click [HERE](#)

## STAGE 4 QUERIES?

Here are some common questions being asked by our residents during the Stage 4 Lockdown.

### **If I have a holiday house in Somers, can I choose which property I stay in?**

For people with more than one ordinary place of residence, your place of residence as of 11:59pm on Saturday 1 August must remain your principal place of residence for the new stay at home period.

### **Are there limits on the time of day I can leave the house?**

Yes, a curfew applies from 6pm on 2 August. That means from 8pm until 5am you must be at your home. The only reasons to leave home during these hours will be for work, medical care and caregiving. You can leave home if there is an emergency or if there is family violence, or violence by another person in the home, and you are at risk.

### **Can I go to the beach?**

Yes, if there is a beach within 5 km from your home. You can go to the beach for exercise only. Exercise is limited to a maximum of one hour per day.

### **Can I walk my dog?**

Yes, if there is a dog park or off-leash area within 5 km from your home. If you live in metropolitan Melbourne, you can only walk around a dog park by yourself or with one other person, including members of your household. Keep away from other people by maintaining a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres (SRA... the on-leash area of the beach is being regularly patrol by the rangers)

### **How will this be enforced and who will enforce it?**

Directions will continue to be enforced through spot checks by Victoria Police and use of emergency powers by authorised officers to ensure compliance with the Public Health Directions.

Industry bodies, Victoria Police, WorkSafe, and Authorised Officers will work together to inform Victorians about the directions, as well as undertake enforcement and compliance activities as needed.

Community members can raise concerns about compliance with directions through the Police Assistance Line (PAL) on **131 444**. (*you may wish to use this number to report any breaches of stage 4 in our community*)

For more information, please contact the DHHS or go to the website [HERE](#)

## FROM OUR SHIRE

### Waste Disposal guide Rubbish & Recycling Changes to Operations.

- Resource Recovery Centres are closed to residential users.
- Hoppers are closed to all users.
- Resales Shop at the Mornington Resource Recovery Centre is closed.
- Residents can still book hard waste collection using their vouchers. Bin collection continues as normal.
- The 2019/20 Waste Voucher expiry date will be extended until 31 December 2020.

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## PROPOSED BMX PARK



Good news from Councillor David Gill

*“I successfully initiated \$60,000 in the recent budget for a new bike strategy.”*

Well done David!