

What is the SRA?

The Somers Residents Association (SRA) is an incorporated, not-for-profit, voluntary organisation. Our role is to liaise and lobby where necessary, with representatives from the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Victorian State and Federal Governments and relevant business leaders, on behalf of the community. Membership is open to full or part-time residents living within postcode 3927.

Renew or become a member:
<https://somers.org.au/become-a-member/>

SRA Focus 2021

- Community Bike Jump Track
- 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
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- Distributing Community News



Koala Tree Planting

The MP Peninsula Koala conservation group have co-ordinated a tree planting plan to create a corridor of trees from Cerberus to Coolart. All members of the community are invited to participate. Please check the MP Koalas website for dates and times of planting and register to attend.
<https://www.mpkoalas.org.au>



Somers Community Park

A \$10K federal grant was recently awarded to the development of the Somers Community Park. In the last Mornington Peninsula Shire budget, capital funding was allocated for community-built bike tracks. We are waiting for confirmation on how much funding has been allocated for the Somers Community Park.



Mobile Phone and Internet Connectivity

The Victorian Government is gathering data on mobile coverage across the state. If you would like to contribute please complete the survey via the web page or QR code.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Tell us where mobile and broadband improvements are most needed.

To have your say go to
engage.vic.gov.au/connecting-victoria
before 20 September 2021





Community defibrillator map and Emergency CPR morning

AEDs: There are eight defibrillators (AEDs) located in Somers. These have been marked on a Google Map and shared within our community and on our socials. You can access the map via the QR code here:



Please note:

- Four AEDs have public access 24/7: Somers General Store, Somers Tennis Club, Somers Cabin Park and Somers Yacht Club. These are marked on the map with a RED icon.
- Four AEDs are located within buildings or on CFA truck. They are locked unless trucks are in use; marked by a GREEN icon.
- Always ring 000.

Emergency CPR morning:

On May 4th Somers By Stander CPR Instruction was held at the Yacht Club. Many thanks to members of our community who shared their knowledge, expertise and skills in order to present a By Stander CPR session at SYC on Saturday morning. Especially Amanda Nutting for her organisation, Geoff Wall who demonstrated adult CPR and Katrina Harris for her demonstration of paediatric resus. Participants brought their own dolls for practice due to Covid-19 restrictions.



Somers Primary School building needs urgent support

Somers Primary School (SPS) is one of the area's largest schools and continues to expand as families move into the area. Unfortunately, SPS is overlooked for capital works funding. This means several of the school's old demountable buildings are not fit for purpose. In particular, the SPS's administration building, stairs, and ramp – a 20-year-old 'temporary' construction – are in such poor state that there is restricted access and children cannot access the first aid room.

On behalf of the SPS, the SRA have written to local MPs, Chris Brayne Member for Nepean; Neale Burgess, Member for Hastings; and Upper House MP, Hon. Edward Donohue; to plead with the Education Department to assign funding and undertake urgent capital works.

SRA asks the Somers Community to support Somers Primary School and the campaign to the Department of Education to allocate capital works funding and prioritise the school's needs. The louder our voice, the more likely we are heard.

You can write to your MP and sign a petition we plan to present to State Parliament by a local MP.

Details on how to support Somers Primary School are on SRA website and socials.