

# Raw copy of 2018 SRA survey.

## In your own words, what are three things that you would most like to see improved in Somers?

- Answered: 92
- Skipped: 5
- Happy as it is
- Better general store - with newspapers. Smaller houses for retired people (not retirement villages but places where retired people can live on smaller blocks that don't require a lot of maintenance)  
Reduce traffic speed along Tasman Road. People use it like a Freeway and it is very dangerous at the dogleg bend
- Safe paths for bikes and pram pushers. A store that sells necessities Some way to get motorists to obey the speed limit.
- The Somers cafe. I'm interested in creating an art gallery & offering oil painting tutoring. I need advice for a suitable venue. Knowledge re any walking groups and book clubs.
- 1. Extension of cycle/walk pathway around Somers 2 greater dog patrol to enforce bylaws especially on beach 3 program to bring koalas back
- The general store to act as more as a hub for locals. Condition of the bike path on South Beach Rd. heading to Bittern. I'm struggling to find a third thing as Somers is such a great place!
- Pedestrian + bike access to school and kindergarten. Somers General Store used more by residents as a community hub. R.W.Stone Reserve used more, similar to its extra use recently for Auskick which has been fantastic.
- Better parking arrangements for residents and visitors on street In some areas it is difficult to move around if in a wheelchair or pushing prams More regular police patrols
- store store store
- Protection of trees; further planting of native vegetation near the foreshore; reduced speed limits across the village including on the more major roads
- school parking to be directed to Ray Stone reserve
- Foreshore Amenities A community notice board A proper General Store coping with the supplies needed by everyday residents
- Nothing
- buy newspaper at the store
- o comments
- Coolart Foreshore shop
- Improved standard of maintenance of bushland nature strips, removal of dead trees and branches. Improved mobile telephone reception. Guaranteed assurance of no more concrete footpaths
- Better Mobile phone coverage Need the general store to be general again with bread, small amount of groceries lollies for the kids etc Improvement in walking along Parklands Av, with the increasing traffic its dangerous walking on the road and you can't walk on the nature strips, most are somewhat inaccessible, sorry another, rabbits are a major problem
- 1. Revitalised store (eg. as Lisa had it) 2. Easier access to medical support for elderly 3. Sage and appropriate (minimalist) pathways
- Mobile etc reception
- More community engagement such as increased volunteering. Improved resolution if contentious issues without rancour. Maybe use of facilitated forums to discuss issues. Support for the arts built on the school arts fair
- Invasive vegetation removed more native bush and trees planted.
- More restrictions on removal of trees and clearing of blocks of land. In the last seven years I have seen a huge amount of native flora being removed from the Somers area for building of new homes which has decreased our local fauna including our koalas. We used to see them all the time and now we are lucky to see one. Its a disgrace that people are allowed to cut down trees unnecessarily which have stood there for 30 years providing homes and food for our native animals.
- Pedestrian pathway along the main roads. Return to a vibrant & welcoming Somers store and improved efficiency in the Post Office.

- I actually don't believe any changes are required!
- Great just the way bit is apart from those folk who want to concrete footpath the place. Would like nature strips returned to public use that would remove need for concrete paths, too many regard the nature strip as their own and have extended their gardens onto roadside verge to exclusion of others
- Electricity supply. Improved roads. No change re zoning and building heights.
- The general store
- parking in Parklands Ave during the summer
- Traffic, divert buses and commercial vehicles away from seaside. Address parking Informal footpaths for foot traffic
- Footpaths for children, adults, those with walking aids etc to walk on
- 1. Roadside vegetation 2. 1. Roadside vegetation 2. School parking situation 3. Speed humps on strategic streets
- The roads i.e. Sandy Point Road The general store - Its very limited in its range of products Reduce the frequency of the NBN and power drop outs
- Clearing of tree branches over verges for safer walks. No dogs on the loose to attack and kill koalas. A path along Camp Hill rd to Sandy Point rd.
- Some clearing of nature strips to enable safer walking around the village. More sensible approach to dogs on the beach, not a simple black ban. Similar to other beaches (Cheltenham?) where the leash is required to be carried and must be used when the dog might interfere with others. Better maintenance by council of the roads and drains to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes.
- Tasman Road walking path Nothing else
- Off leash rules on the beach. Water bubble near the top steps. Keep development restrictions inplace.
- Better parking arrangements for Parklands Ave.
- less traffic
- More attention paid to maintaining Somers as a village. Disabled parking bays. Dogs given freedom on the beach with on the spot fines for those owners who don't pick up doggie 'does'. Rubbish bins for the beach.
- The store Parking along parklands in summer being monitored.
- Stop the beach erosion. 5 min parking only in post office area. Build the bicycle path.
- Better policing of yellow line no parking zone. Better control of building standards. Reduction of road speed throughout the village.
- 1. Need footpath along Camphill Road 2. Stop cars from parking at the back of Somers Primary School at drop of and pickup time. There is no reason this cannot be done at the tennis courts.
- Beach access from Haven Lane. Removal of ugly wire fence at end of Haven Lane. Yacht Club carpark resurfaced - potholes
- the current appalling architecture ghastly factoriesmake BeachHill Ave the main road out of Somers newspapers at the store
- Footpaths
- Walking paths Walking paths WALKING PATHS
- more organised post office more community based cafe
- I like the area as it is. I like the dirt roads and the relaxed feel. The beach access is lovely. I would really like much improved internet access, ideally by cable, or very fast wireless. The current speeds make it very hard to work from Somers when we are down there.
- The store; mail delivery; neighbourhood watch.
- Reduction in vehicle speeds Less impact on residents of Primary School student numbers Less impact of McMansions upon the foreshore and beach
- Footpaths
- Phone/internet service Area between houses and foreshore from South beach Rd to the store especially near Williams point which is a mess ( Badly run by Parks Vic) Footpath down Camp Hil Rd only non chargeable to residents
- Stop off lead dogs in on lead areas on beach Reduce speed limits i.e. 40km through village
- Store : No newspapers , no dinner at least in summertime No green waste pickup
- Access for pedestrians
- The store/ cafe ! Needs new owner . Link cycle path to village . Better mobile phone reception.
- Nothing much
- 1 Better parking for visitors to the beach. 2 Widening of the Sandy Point Road 3 better maintenance of the road and edges

- Walking tracks
- We are pretty with Somers as it is having been home owners for years. However it would be important to have better reception for mobile phones.
- Nothing....leave it just as it is
- Nil
- Safety of pedestrians within the village main traffic arteries. Foreshore vegetation controlled and made safe against possible disasters. Establish a future disaster plan including ability to escape in an emergency.
- Eradication of the rabbits. Better NBN access without the need to rely on telephone lines. Roads into Somers and Sandy Point Road to be resurfaced to a better standard.
- School crossing moved to new foot path for Parent/ student drop off at R.W.Stone Reserve .
- Footpath along Parklands Avenue, more koalas!, no more expansion
- Improvement of the General Store (like the Merricks Store) Pathway on Camp Hill Road. Community Events.
- I would love to see Beach Hill Ave road surface sealed we don't need gutters but it would mean our homes would be clean and my windows clean. One of our worse offenders is the Garbage Truck when he returns from his round. Delivery trucks and holiday makers also do not respect that the what we have to tolerate.
- Our only concern is for Somers character to be preserved and overdevelopment prevented.
- Phone reception is the number one issue now that we have the NBN. However rubbish on beach eg plastic and beer bottles left on beach and decrease in koala population is also a major problem
- Bike path on camp hill road Get rid of rabbits.
- Footpaths The General Store food All else is great
- Adequate but sensitive footpaths. Revitalise Somers store.
- Decent Store-not utilised for 2 years! Repairs to nature strips following repairs to road Control over speeding on all roads
- Nothing
- Better footpaths for pedestrians Improved beach car parking facilities Beach erosion management
- 1. Revival of the general store 2. Removal of beach dog restrictions 3. Nothing
- - Pedestrian footpaths - better playground equipment and safe areas for kids to play - more somers community events
- No more signage Yacht club car park upgraded Council funded foot path upgrade
- Seal unmade roads with rollover curbs and swale drains. This will allow the drainage systems to work more efficiently. Ridding standing water will help reduce the mosquito problem and disease potential. Reducing vehicle dust by sealing the roads will help prevent obstructive lung diseases.
- Footpath down South Beach Road from water tower.. More defined bike paths
- More greenery More koalas Fix the stairs from South Beach Rd going down to the beach Wheelchair access to a beach
- Some winding paths for safety. Nothing else
- No retirement villages Another sporting venue such as an indoor basketball or netball or volleyball courts Activities run down the beach for kids in holidays, art and craft activities or writing workshops organised by SRA
- Pathway for Parklands Ave, More use of Coolart for residents and local activities,
- 1. Footpaths for safety. 2. Recognition of high use side roads such as Alexandra avenue. 3. Upkeep and speed limits to Alexandra ave.
- Roads. Do not want sealed roads where we are (Victoria Ave) but believe there are ways to reduce dust. Would like speed limit on unsealed road reduced to 20. Would like all road speeds reduced to 80 to be consistent across the peninsula and aligned with Coolart Rd which has significantly improved safety on this road. The 100kph on Sandy Point Rd is way too high
- Good walking & bike paths for safety for all ages, Preservation of environment surrounds Improved facilities such as Telstra service & Somers store which are below par
- Reduced speed limits on some roads; bushes and shrubs cut back from road side for visibility and pedestrian safety; road surface improvement alongside HMAS Cerberus.
- Improved pathways Improved foreshore management Friendlier store and post office

## What do you think the role of the Somers Residents Association is / should be?

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- Keeping the Shire aware of community concerns
- Advocating for the wishes of the Somers Residents to local government. Organisation of events and activities for residents. Keeping residents up to date on issues that affect them.
- To connect with the residents and gather opinions on various issues. Possibly to promote and share local activities and fundraising. IE Coolart renovation.
- Advise re practical functioning of local community issues. Connecting community members' skills to support each other. Ensuring all roads and services have proper upkeep. Advise re broader community issues/changes that may impact on Somers environment & culture.
- To collate from, and to communicate to residents, local issues of concern To represent residents in communication with relevant authorities eg Morn Pen Council
- Very much as it is. A forum and action group when needed
- A conduit between the Mornington Shire Council and State government alerting the community to issue that may impact the Somers community.
- To represent the community on issues that are collectively important to us, and to provide the community with a louder voice. In my experience, the SRA does this very well.
- To listen and act on residents concerns
- advocate on the behalf of "majority" of residents
- Identifying issues and alerting residents Representing broad community opinion to Council on issues
- To represent the opinions of the residents
- To attend to the needs of the residents/members. Keep abreast of the new systems that are continually being introduced around the country. liaison with the council and the governments and act on items that effect the Somers community.
- To protect the social and natural environment of Somers, and to be a bigger voice for the people of Somers.
- maintainin peace
- look after he village
- representing the views of the residents and protecting the amenity of the village
- Primarily vigorous representation of the communities wishes to relevant authorities on long term planning of future development.
- Representing the views of Somers residents, I think the Association does a marvellous job!
- To understand the wishes of the community majority (though having regard to vocal minorities & faction groups) and to assist in realising them
- To canvas and lobby on behalf of Somers residents and owners, and maintain info loop with us
- Bring residents together the identify issues and agreed solutions then assist with facilitating their implementations
- To care for the Somers Environment. To be aware of the residents needs in all aspects. To promote tourists to visit the area.
- Communicating with all the Somers residents and creating a community where we all have a say in the future of Somers.
- A voice for village concerns and issues, acting as an advocat between residents and the Shire. Facilitator for improvements/ repairs and maintenance of village infrastructure. Catalyst to encourage resident input into ideas. It is not there to support individual members "wants" but to respond to community needs.
- Representing residents interests
- keep vigilant for development proposals that increase density, further subdivisions that alter Somers character.
- Actively promoting current goals.
- Looking after the interests of the community
- be a voice for the community
- Spokesperson for concerned residents and forum to discuss issues and future
- To represent the ENTIRE community and have regular, open meetings to discuss any concerns. To act on issues that may threaten the amenity of the town

- To preserve the beautiful character of Somers To liaise with local and other government departments and be up to date on issues that affect the area To support the community
- Doing a great job as is.
- To hear and discuss issues relevant to the community of Somers. They can also act as the representative group and meet with council or other organisations. Need to be aware and empathetic of different individuals having varying opinions and views.
- Liason with Shire and representing residents
- Maintain current feel of Somers and ensure development within keeping of area.
- Representing the Somers Community when talking to various authorities eg local Government and State Government
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- Supporting community needs, e.g. requests for NO MORE FOOTPATHS! Supporting volunteer groups caring for the environment. Helping older citizens by way of letter drops with community information available to them. Supporting the Arts. Volunteer drivers to help those without transport.
- Being a voice for the Somers community
- The same role it has always done
- More representative of the local community rather than a selective few issued e .g.: footpaths.
- The role of the Somers Residents Association is to make Somers a wonderful place to live.
- What it is doing now. Representing the members and keeping an eye on what other authorities may impose on us.
- Continue as you have been
- Community I'm put into the development and upkeep of Somers
- keep the local community up to date and informed
- To lobby for broadly agreed community positions. To communicate back to residents.
- Overseeing any issue that arises for the residents, particularly monitoring any multi-site development.
- Have strategic directions and forward planning available to all residents.
- Help the community with issues where the SRA has connections eg .Council
- Listen , analyse and represent views of silent majority to local,state and federal govts and other interested bodies.
- Advocate for residents Provide information re proposed changes in the area
- Liaison / advocating with council representing the majority view of residents
- To advocate on our behalf with service providers or council . To understand The views of members - not just a noisy few .
- Preserving what is
- Advocate for the residents in order to improve services and keep residents informed.
- Comment and inform residents of issues affecting the area. Eg planning of Council, management of foreshore,
- Keep a strict on development Keeping our green wedge Ensure the 2 residents group work together closely
- Can't really offer a comment as we're still fairly new
- Maintain village atmosphere
- Not be politically motivated but to focus on the pressing needs of the Community in terms of future.
- To look after the interests of the residents without trying to make unwanted, perceived improvements taking away from the village we all love for it's uniqueness. If at ain't broke don't fix it!!
- To represent our community when required to in dealing with council and other forms of future development in our ward.
- Lobby council, as needed
- To represent its members (in looking after the better good of Somers) To represent its members (ditto)
- Pressure the Council we are not a private estate any more the council should give us more we all pay our rates.
- To represent the views of the majority of the residents, and to liaise with the relevant authorities.
- Social and political pressure and representation in council mattera
- Control developments
- Represent residents not factions or self-interest. Present detailed facts on issues
- Speak on behalf of the community.
- Try and bring together Somers community
- Promote interests of ALL residents.



- Information
- Representative of all residents views to responsible authorities
- Attention to residents concerns
- - Assist in being a voice for the residents of Somers - work to make Somers a great place to live and for residents to come for assistance and to answer questions. - run or advertise community events / competitions
- Ok as is
- SRA is the standing sentry ever ready to protect and inform residents.
- To keep watchful eye on any inappropriate development. To monitor rates and council issues for the benefit of residents. Try to maintain the village atmosphere.
- Voice the opinions and desires of residents Help preserve the amenity of our little village
- To take care of and listen to the community and their wishes.
- Overarching body to coordinate all other associations and groups relating to anything Somers A voice for residents at council and local government levels, Coordinators of local events
- To keep residents informed of issues that they may not be aware of and to be able to approach the relevant organisations to lobby about issues that affect us.
- To recognise that Somers is a growing community, something we see increasingly on the beach every summer and the resources need to be in place to manage the growth safely. The lack of footpaths is a starter.
- I think the SRA has been doing a great job preserving the feel of Somers through planting and conservation activities. Representing Somers residents view to council has and is an important role.
- To look after our interests, to keep us updated of Somers and related topics, to represent us at relevant meetings of Council and other bodies that make decisions affecting Somers residents. Accumulate people details & ask residents of influence to assist the Association's role - update all on progress on a regular basis.
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**In thinking about the future, in your opinion, name one thing that you would like to see occur / changed / addressed that would be of benefit to the greater Somers community.**

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  - Solve the problems of blackouts
  - Places for retired people to live - not retirement villages but smaller house lots, or clusters houses where neighbours are nearby and that encourage community activities.
  - Definitely the upgrade of Coolart, to be used for both private and public events more often. This is a very lovely House and grounds
  - Happier demeanour from Cafe staff I have many friends interested in purchasing in this area & they're amazed at the lack of quality coffee/tea venues Advice re local activities and/or ways one can contribute to the community
  - Pathway around Somers Koala protection
  - Improve the General Store to become more of a community hub. I realise this would be difficult as it is privately owned and run.
  - The lack of pedestrian and bike paths linking up the Somers village. It is currently dangerous for children, dogs and very anxious parents to be walking and biking on roads which can be quite busy at times.
  - A free flowing tidal stream - it is no benefit to the community to have a stagnant closed mess - I am referring to Merrick's creek
  - annual meetings with bbq and family friendly
  - Reduced speed limits throughout.
  - footpaths in Tasman Road & on the other side of the post office
  - Improvement of the General Store
  - Better protection of koalas.
  - remove old fuel bowsers
  - improve the shop
  - Prevention of further subdivision and/or development of additional commercial activities.
  - Mobile phone coverage
  - See above
  - Mobile etc service as above , and maintain environment
  - Greater community participation in volunteer activities to improve our township
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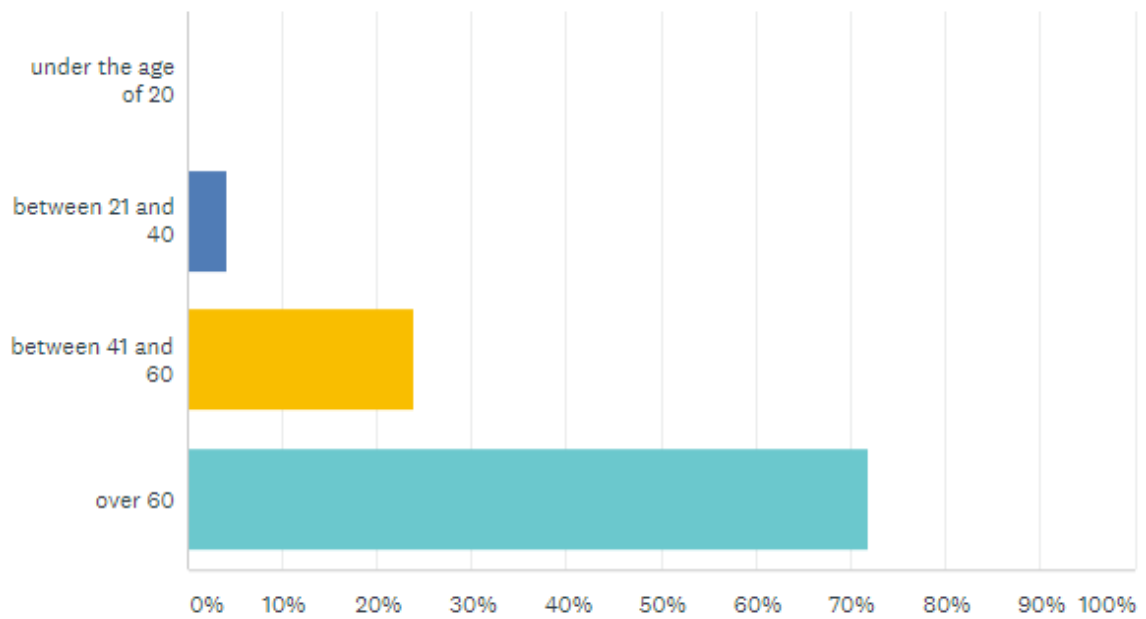


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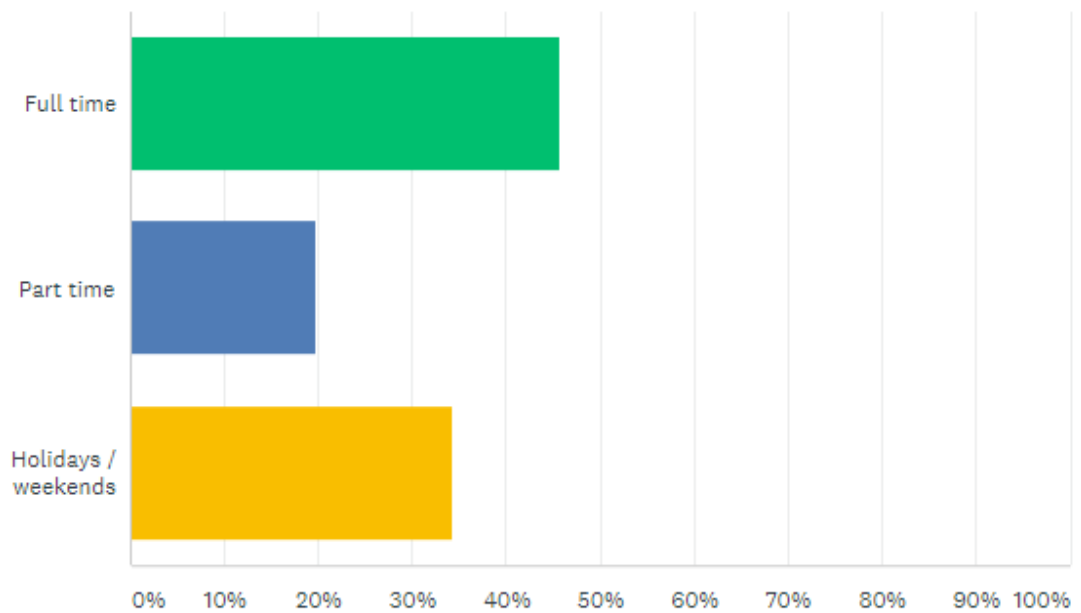
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