

Quarterly Community Report

July – September 2020



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Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges and pays respect to the elders, families and ancestors of the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years. We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region.



CEO Message

Through the majority of this quarter Mornington Peninsula residents were living under one of the world's strictest and most prolonged lockdowns, in an effort to halt the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in the metropolitan region. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, our community, for playing your part in helping get on top of this second wave of coronavirus.

Throughout this quarter, we had to find ways to safely deliver essential services such as Personal Care, Respite Care and Meals on Wheels to vulnerable clients, as well as doing phone welfare checks to ensure our 5,000 community care clients were okay and had support in place. We received referrals from State Government COVID hotline and provided support for residents who were infected with coronavirus or had to isolate due to vulnerability. This included shopping assistance, food relief, mental health support and assistance with feeding pets.

We also ramped up meal production to increase stocks of frozen meals to be able to meet increased community need. Meanwhile, our Caring for our Community initiative has now seen 3,001 care packages delivered since its inception. We contributed funding to the three community support and information centres in Hastings, Rosebud and Mornington, which provide emergency relief and support, ranging from food and material aid to bill payments. The Shire also co-funded, alongside the Mornington Peninsula Foundation, 300 face masks made by Mt Martha Boomerang Bags Group for the three support centres to distribute to those in need.

I mentioned in my previous quarterly report message that a high proportion of our local businesses were doing it tough and we were in the process of determining what else the Shire could do to support the Peninsula's economic recovery. During the July to September quarter, some of that thinking came to fruition. One of the initiatives developed is the Parklets and Slow Streets Program, which will focus on supporting local restaurants and cafes with additional outdoor dining spaces over summer. These will be crucial in enabling the Peninsula's food businesses to re-open and remain profitable while maintaining social distancing measures and space restrictions.

We also developed a Business Support Activities Roadmap – a sort of one-stop-shop for all our business support initiatives during COVID - and extended our Hardship Policy to include no interest on any outstanding balances for the rest of the year. Another initiative, the Support Local campaign, encourages the community to buy goods and services from local businesses whenever they can and has been extensively promoted throughout the Peninsula.

We have also been actively seeking out every available opportunity for grant funding for projects that will stimulate our economy. I am pleased to report we were able to secure financial support this quarter for a slew of projects, ranging from \$2.25 million to redevelop Flinders Civic Hall, \$1.66 million to upgrade Hastings boat ramp and \$1 million to restore McCrae Lighthouse.

In addition, our commitment to securing a sustainable water supply for the Peninsula has been boosted this quarter with government grants totalling \$2.625 million for a recycled water pipeline from Mt Martha treatment plant to The Briars and surrounds, as well as \$200,000 provided by South East Water towards progressing the business case for a recycled water pipeline for the Tyabb/Somerville area.

One year since our Council became one of the first in Australia to declare a climate emergency, our climate emergency response plan, Ensuring Our Future, was adopted on 25 August. This plan provides a 10-year roadmap which will guide the Peninsula towards a target of zero emissions by 2040. And I'm pleased to report the Shire is on track to become carbon neutral during the current financial year.

I'd like to finish by highlighting developments in our campaign for safer roads. Council adopted the Mornington Peninsula Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy 2020– 2025 in September. The Strategy provides a systematic and strategic guide to reducing road trauma and aims for zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads by 2050.

Along with our Team Leader Traffic & Transport, Tom Haines-Sutherland, I presented to the Parliamentary Committee for the Inquiry into the Increase in Victoria's Road Toll on 8 September. The presentation focussed on the need for new ways to significantly reduce the number of lives and livelihoods lost on our roads and nominated the Mornington Peninsula as a demonstration area for the best practice Safe System approach to road safety.

Meanwhile, our capacity to improve the safety of our roads received a significant boost this quarter, when we secured over 15 per cent of Victoria's allocation of Black Spot funding for the 2020-21 financial year. A total of seven new road projects were funded, including almost \$2 million to seal the shoulder and install crash barriers along Shoreham Road, and a further \$1.5 million for a new roundabout at the intersection of Hodgins and Stumpy Gully roads.

Throughout all our activities, our focus, as always, is on providing excellent value for money for our rate payers. We have made significant progress with our Business Transformation program this quarter, reviewing many of our key services. Through these reviews we will continue to challenge ourselves to deepen our connection with the community and provide even better value for money.

John Baker
Chief Executive Officer



COVID-19 What we are doing in response to the pandemic

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is continuing to monitor developments, receive advice from expert stakeholders in all tiers of government and take necessary actions, in partnership with other agencies to ensure the safety of our community, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Like a lot of businesses and community agencies across the Peninsula, our services have been impacted from State and Federal restrictions trying to contain the virus. Council's 2020/21 Budget was directly impacted by COVID-19 with a reduction in non-rate revenue of \$6.2M. To address this reduction in income, equivalent reductions in operating expenditure including employee costs (\$2.5M) and Materials and Services (\$2.6M) were made to the budget presented to Council. Additionally, Council agreed to monitor the Budget impact of COVID-19 on a quarterly basis. In accordance with this, the finance section of this community report contains updated forecasts and commentary on its continuing effects on the Shire.

As part of Mornington Peninsula Shire's 'Caring for our Community' initiative, we are continuing to offer free care packages for our most vulnerable, disadvantaged, and isolated community members to address the impacts of Coronavirus on the Peninsula. There are two essential packs with a variety of non-perishable items (e.g. pasta, canned goods etc.) and hygiene items (male and female). To register to receive a care package from Mornington Peninsula Shire phone 1300 850 600. At the time of writing, we had delivered 3,001 care packages.

We continue to deliver modified services to protect the most vulnerable in our community, and in response to COVID-19 utilised alternative platforms including online, telephone and video. Some of the modified service actions implemented since the start of the pandemic include:

- Maternal and Child Health (MCH) consultations delivered by a variety of different platforms, including telephone, telehealth video, face to face centre appts and home consultations.
- Online Care Team meetings for identified At Risk clients have been implemented with other service providers such as Child Protection, Family Violence services and Family Services.
- Moved the majority of community-based immunisation sessions to MCH sites to have more control over ensuring COVID-19 safe environment.
- Conducting welfare checks and in-home visits of the Planned Activity members of the Warringinee Group.

Phone welfare checks were regularly conducted to ensure our 5,000 community care clients were okay and had suitable support in place.

The Shire is also continuing to support our business community through this challenging time. Building on the Business Support package announced in March the Shire released a Supporting

our Local Businesses Roadmap to a COVID Safe Recovery. The suite of actions in the roadmap include:

- Expanding outdoor dining and retail spaces including extending footpath trading and access to grassed areas and the introduction of Parklets to repurposes part of the street outside shopfronts, such as adjacent carparks, for extra outdoor dining and public space.
- Funding program to be developed to support business associations to implement community led economic recovery activities
- Reduced, waived or deferred many shire fees or charges such as Food and Health registration for affected businesses, footpath trading and outdoor dining
- Continuing to provide assistance for existing businesses via fast tracking certain temporary change of use applications to within four business days
- Extended our Hardship Policy available to all rateable properties and sundry debtors on application and includes no interest on any outstanding balances for the remainder of 2020.
- Expanding our support local campaign. We had already developed a Support Local business Directory and are using our social media to encourage the community to support local businesses

We also met with a number of Ministers and Members of Parliament regarding the Supporting our Community Recovery list of shovel ready projects to seek investment from Government. If funded the package will hugely aid the economic recovery of the Mornington Peninsula region by creating 4,771 jobs and delivering projects valued at \$320.8 million.


Due to the restrictions in place, we increased our communication via all channels to the community and we are providing regular updates to keep you across our COVID-19 response activity. The Shire is promoting all our community efforts, news and supports via the 'Community Info and Support' bulletin, which reaches 60,000 members of the Mornington Peninsula community.

We distributed two community roadmaps outlining changes to Shire services to 70 community information stands and care package packing centres to distribute with care packages. Published our Peninsula Wide winter edition and our Caring for our Community webpage, which contained a hero story on 'life during coronavirus' with mental health support.


We are continually updating a range of webpages providing information and support to the Community during Coronavirus: including Life during Coronavirus Blog; a Stay Connected During Coronavirus page; Supporting local businesses page; and a Coronavirus and your health and wellbeing page.

Community Engagement


Fast facts – How you engaged with us




Calls taken
108,595
Enquiries resolved
70% at first contact




Customer service centres
closed throughout quarter




Letters received
4,641
Enquiries resolved
3,174




Emails received
18,277
Enquiries resolved
10,975




Webchats – **11,865**
Enquiries resolved
80% at first contact



Website users
251,638



Service Requests received
19,740
(Includes Snap Send Solve requests)



Service Requests completed
16,547
(Includes Snap Send Solve requests)

Engagement Theme	Engagement Description
Draft Emil Madsen Reserve Master Plan	Asking the community to provide feedback on the draft Emil Madsen Reserve Master Plan Media releases, social media, newspaper advertisement, sports clubs e-newsletter
Crib Point Gas Import Jetty and Pipeline Project	Urging all residents to have their say on a proposal for a new gas facility and underground pipeline at Crib Point Media releases, social media, newspaper advertisement, paid social media campaign, printed flyer for community info stands
Proposed Budget readvertised	Council readvertised the Proposed Budget 2020 – 2021 Media release, social media, newspaper advertisement, eNewsletter to community database
Draft Mornington Peninsula Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy for 2020 – 2025	Finding out the community's thoughts on the draft Strategy and on how we can work together to create a safer road system and network. Media release, social media, newspaper advertorial and advertisement, paid social media campaign
Asset Management Framework	Community invited to have their say on how the Mornington Peninsula Shire manages community assets and provide your thoughts on Council's Asset Management Framework. Media release, social media, newspaper advertisement, design user friendly document

Draft Community Investment Funding Policy	Asking the community to have their say on the draft Community Investment Funding Policy Media release, email to community database, social media posts, newspaper advertorial and advertisement, paid social media campaign
Governance Rules	The community was invited to have their say on the proposed Governance Rules Media release, newspaper advertisement, advertorial
Food Economy and Agroecology Strategy	Encouraging primary producers, Green Wedge landholders, industry representatives, food manufacturers and distributors to contribute and provide their knowledge and expertise to help shape the Strategy Media release, social media, newspaper advertisement, posters
Draft RideSafe Strategy 2020	Inviting the community to provide their thoughts on the draft RideSafe Strategy 2020. Media release, social media, newspaper advertisement, paid social media campaign, email signature banner
Crib Point Township Plan	Asking the community to provide feedback on the draft Plan. Media release, newspaper advertisements, social media, Peninsula Wide, advertorial, online community consultation session
Draft Defibrillators in Public Policy	Community invited to provide their thoughts on the draft Policy Media release, social media, newspaper advertisement, Red Hill Ward section of Peninsula Wide
Sorrento Masterplan	Shire asking for community feedback on the Draft Sorrento Masterplan Media release, social media, email signature banner, community newsletter, Have Your Say page and survey
New name for Blacks Camp Reserve	Shire invited the community to share their feedback and help Council decide on a new name for Blacks Camp Reserve in Somerville Media release, flyers/posters, newspaper advertisement, community information stands, social media, internal newsletter
Rye Foreshore redevelopment	Asking the community to provide their thoughts on the Rye Foreshore redevelopment concept plans Media release, social media, newspaper advertisement, social media FAQ tiles, project timeline
Draft Community Engagement Strategy	Asking the community to have their say on the draft Community Engagement Strategy Media release, social media, newspaper advertorial and advertisement, paid social media campaign, printed flyer for community info stand
Draft Boatshed and Bathing Box Policy 2020 – second round consultation	Community members invited to provide their thoughts on the updated draft Boatshed and Bathing Box Policy Media release, social media, newspaper advertisement

The Mornington Peninsula is one of Melbourne’s greatest assets, characterised by unique townships, highly valued green wedge land, areas of national and international conservation significance and featuring around 10% of Victoria’s total coastline.

The Mornington Peninsula is critical to the future liveability, sustainability and prosperity of the wider metropolitan region. As an area near to, but with a role distinct from, the growing metropolitan area, there are ever increasing pressures and demands placed on the Mornington Peninsula.

Combined with the challenges of climate change, managing ‘place’ requires the careful balancing of the community’s key values.

Traffic Light Legend for commentary

On track

Attention

No Activity

Strategic Objective 1.

Through strategic planning we improve and protect the unique characteristics of the Mornington Peninsula

Council continued to improve and protect the unique characteristics of the Mornington Peninsula this quarter, adopting the Rye Urban Design Guidelines for the Rye town centre and seeking authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare a planning scheme amendment to implement these guidelines.

We adopted the Housing and Settlement Strategy Refresh which provides the framework for housing change on the Peninsula over the next 15 years and sought authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare a planning scheme amendment to implement this Strategy and Council’s adopted Neighbourhood Character Study. The proposed amendment seeks to simplify the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme to reduce the regulatory burden and make it easier to understand.

Council also sought authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare a planning scheme amendment to implement Council’s adopted Western Port Coastal Villages and Surrounding Settlements Strategy. The amendment seeks to address potential climate change impacts on the Western Port Bay coastline, specifically inundation and erosion, whilst protecting and enhancing township character in response to pressures for change. We also put on public exhibition:

- The draft Crib Point Township Plan Refresh until 14 August 2020
- Planning scheme amendment C224, which seeks to introduce built form controls for the commercial area of the Dromana township
- Planning scheme amendment C262, which seeks to introduce heritage controls to implement the Mornington Peninsula Heritage Review – Area 3

Following the 5 August 2020 change to Clause 52.12 of the Planning Scheme, the Shire took steps to notify industry and landholders of the new controls whereby the relevant parcel of land is not declared ‘Bushfire Prone Land’.

We commenced the Briars Homestead Restoration Project in August 2020. The project aims to restore and improve the historic homestead, which is one of the oldest European pastoral homes on the Mornington Peninsula. The restoration works include revitalising windows and doorways, repairing veranda areas and brickwork, making improvements to guttering, drainage and repairing the roof. The works are funded by the Shire’s operations budget with assistance from a Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning’s Living Heritage Grant.

Strategic Objective 2.

We create thriving, accessible and inclusive places to live, work and visit

Committed to working with local community and key stakeholder groups to reinvigorate our local economy, the Shire is supporting initiatives with a key focus on residents’ emotional and social wellbeing in mind.

existing Flinders Civic Hall, and the rebuilding of a new fit-for-purpose Flinders Community Hub.

- McCrae Lighthouse Restoration. Heritage Victoria is fully funding the much-needed restoration of this historical landmark. The \$1,000,000 grant will deliver interior and exterior restorative works including rust-removal, structural and window repairs and repainting.



One of the initiatives developed over the quarter is the ‘Parklets and Slow Streets Program.’ The program will focus on supporting local restaurants and cafes, as COVID-19 restrictions hopefully ease over spring and summer, with additional outdoor dining spaces. These will be crucial for the Peninsula’s food businesses to re-open and remain profitable while maintaining social distancing measures and space restrictions. We also have streamlined the permit process required by businesses to increase outdoor dining space, making it quicker, easier and cheaper for businesses to apply, with options to extend outdoor dining spaces, including: extended footpath space, temporary street closures and new parklets, which repurpose car parking spaces outside shop fronts.

As impacts from COVID-19 continue to be felt, Council sought out every opportunity for grant funding over the quarter and advocated for Victorian and Australian Government support at all levels. We are pleased to announce we secured financial support during the quarter for the following projects:

- Mount Eliza Tennis Courts. Sport and Recreation Victoria will be contributing \$250,000 towards the complete reconstruction and upgrade of four tennis courts at this facility.
- Road Safety Projects. Through the Federal Government’s Black Spot Program (2020/21), Council has secured funding for multiple road safety projects including intersection upgrades, safety improvements and speed limit changes. Projects will take place in the townships of Dromana, Hastings, Mount Eliza, Shoreham and Rye.
- Hastings Boat Ramp Upgrade. Better Boating Victoria is fully funding the \$1,660,000 transformation of the Hastings Boat Ramp with renewal and upgrade works that will deliver all-tide access ramps and improved amenity at this facility.



- Briars Recycled Water Projects. A funding total of \$2,625,000 secured through several sources, including: Environmental Contribution Fund, South East Water and DELWP, contributing to deliver a Class A recycled water pipeline from Mount Martha treatment plant to The Briars, as well as extending this pipeline to supply irrigation to neighbouring ovals and the cemetery.
- Tyabb/Somerville Recycled Water. South East Water will contribute \$200,000 towards progressing the business case to construct a pipeline that will deliver more than 1.5 gigalitres of recycled water to the Tyabb/Somerville area.

Council submitted to the Victorian Government’s Victorian Ports System Review, which is assessing the function and performance of current port arrangements and is considering reforms to ensure that Victorian ports are positioned to meet future needs. Topics reviewed included: governance arrangements for state-owned ports, regulation of key port services, pricing and access arrangements at the Port of Melbourne and the development of coastal shipping.

Work continued on the draft Parking Precinct Plans for Mornington, Rosebud and Hastings Major Activity Centres to understand and improve how current parking arrangements are working; and searching for suitable land around Somerville, Tyabb or Hastings for a new, environmentally sustainable business/industry park that meets the needs of Peninsula businesses in the future, continued.

We adopted the Regional Local Government Homelessness and Social Housing Charter on 28 July 2020. The Charter is now endorsed by 13 Local Governments in the south and east of Melbourne and will strengthen Council’s advocacy on homelessness and social housing. We also submitted to the Federal House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry into Homelessness in Australia, which supplemented an earlier individual submission by Council, and advocated to the Department of Health and Human Services for additional social housing projects on State-owned land. The Mayor also submitted feedback in response to the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement into the National Construction Code to include minimum accessibility standards for housing on 8 September 2020.

Council also adopted the Housing and Settlement Strategy, the Triple A Plan and recommended Terms of Reference for a Housing Community Reference Group as well as developing an Annual Action Plan to implement the Triple A Housing Plan 2020-2030.

Olympic Park Reserve (Rosebud) was officially adopted by Council as the site for the new Southern Peninsula Youth Hub 8 September 2020. Comprehensive engagement with Council, the community and key stakeholders (service providers, schools, young people, sporting clubs) identified the following criteria to assist with selecting the most appropriate site for a facility to deliver youth focused services on the Southern Peninsula:

- Somewhere young people want to be
- Site accessibility
- Site visibility and welcoming
- Physical site considerations, and
- Proximity to complementary support services and spaces.



The Shire’s Community Animal Shelter continued to care for dogs, cats and the occasional livestock (two roosters were impounded and released to a rescue group) and reunited lost pets with their owners, whilst also finding new homes for others.

83 cats were impounded for the quarter, of which:

- 13 were registered prior to impoundment
- 27 were reunited with their owners
- 16 were adopted via the Mornington Peninsula Shire adoption program
- 11 rehomed with rescue groups, and
- 26 were euthanised due to behaviour (feral) issues or disease / severe illness.

149 dogs were impounded for the quarter, of which:

- 138 were reunited with their owners
- 3 were adopted via the Mornington Peninsula Shire adoption program
- 3 were rehomed via rescue groups, and

- 3 were euthanised due to behaviour (extreme aggression) issues or severe illness.

The Shire received and responded to 2,142 environment protection requests for service with 296 infringements issued for animal management related offences, with 33 infringements issued for local law offences. We also received:

- 10,860 telephone calls from customers
- 1,284 items of correspondence
- 2,523 Snap Send Solve requests, and
- 3,583 requests for information via ‘Dial Before You Dig.’

Strategic Objective 3. Our stewardship and advocacy protects and enhances the Mornington Peninsula’s biodiversity and coastal experience



Council resolved to oppose the proposed Crib Point: AGL APA gas import jetty and Crib Point - Pakenham gas pipeline due to a range of concerns, including: greenhouse gas emissions, impact on marine life and increased traffic and submitted our opposition to the Crib Point Inquiry and Advisory Committee.

We successfully advocated to the Minister for Planning for changes to specific bushfire protection provisions within the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme. These changes will ensure that vegetation removal is not used to gain a development advantage and to explore more bespoke defendable space provisions that align with the bushfire risk of specific vegetation classes.

We also began exploring new technologies that may help identify areas of vegetation loss and will alert officers to investigate whether vegetation loss occurred due to a breach of the Planning Scheme. Work on the Shire’s bushland fire management works program in bushland reserves and road

There were also:

- 328 applications for permits to work in our road reserves with the Shire issuing and monitoring works associated with 286 permits
- 291 asset and amenity permits issued
- 597 asset and amenity inspections
- 753 bonds secured to the value of \$526,000, and
- 12 matters finalised with hearings at the Magistrate’s Court recommenced either online or on the papers with the consent of all parties.

Additionally the team inspected, and approved works associated with 46 multi dwelling developments to ensure assets are constructed to standard.

reserves continued throughout the quarter with no impact from COVID-19 in preparation for the summer period.

The Shire joined a mix of metropolitan and regional councils in Victoria to trial a Sustainable Subdivision Framework with the intent to identify gaps in the current assessment requirements and seek new pathways to incorporate sustainability measures into the subdivision stage of land development. The framework will include a set of objectives and measurable standards that can assist in creating sustainable and liveable subdivisions that can adapt to the changing climate. The outcomes sought by this 18-month trial align with the Shire’s Climate Emergency Plan.

And we reintroduced 300 critically endangered Mt Martha Bundy trees into the Briars as part of the first step of the Briars Ark Program, which focuses on reintroducing a range of locally endangered and extinct species to the Briars.

our place

Strategic Objective 4.

We demonstrate leadership in climate change mitigation and adaptation

Council adopted Ensuring Our Future, our climate emergency response on the 25 August 2020, which marks one year since the Mornington Peninsula Shire's declaration of a climate emergency on 13 August 2019.

The Plan provides clear priorities for how we will support and work with our community and guides the Peninsula towards a peak target of zero carbon emissions by 2040, through actions described in seven summits, 21 action steps and over 160 tasks. The Plan provides a 10-year map including targets around:

- Leadership and governance
- Climate advocacy
- Zero carbon energy
- A resilient and adaptive community
- Sustainable transport and travel
- Sustainable land use and environmental restoration
- Circular economy and zero waste

Work is now underway to embed the action steps and tasks across the Council in line with the Plan and to partner with the community to facilitate change.

We are also on track to become Carbon Neutral, certified under the Federal Government's Climate Active Program, this financial year, with final activities and the application process to become Carbon Neutral commenced.

On 8 September 2020, Council took another important step and adopted the Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy for Council Buildings and Civil Works. This will influence and provide requirements and guidance for all future capital works and renewals to reduce our impact on the environment.

The Shire also resolved 78% of 219 reported cases of littering / dumping that saved approximately \$27,000 in costs associated with dumping rubbish removal and issued five infringements. We also:

- Serviced 96,071 recycling bins
- Serviced 41,873 green waste bins, and
- Issued 217 approvals to build on flood prone land.



our connectivity

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is approximately 720 square kilometres in size. Given this factor, many residents choose – or must use - a car as their first choice of travel, and to access major employment, education, health and social support services.

Our road network is critical to the safe and effective travel of our community, whilst improving 'connectivity' and promoting increased public transport and other sustainable active transport options within, across and out of the Shire, also significantly improves the liveability of our Shire.

Strategic Objective 1.

Our advocacy and communications leads to improved mobility and connectivity within the Mornington Peninsula



Mornington Peninsula Shire is a Towards Zero municipality committed to ensuring that travelling across the Peninsula is safe and that all road users feel safe. The Shire is pleased to announce that we received over 15% of Victoria's allocation of Black Spot funding for the 2020/21 financial year. The funded projects are:

- Dromana Township 40 km/h area - \$286,000. Implementation of best-practice area-wide speed limit reduction, including static and electronic signage (at schools if applicable) and threshold treatments including road marking.
- Codrington/Ligar St Intersection Upgrade, Dromana - \$124,000. Safety treatment at the intersection of Codrington and Ligar streets, Dromana. Works include a compact roundabout with raised platforms on all approaches and associated works.
- Mount Eliza Pedestrian Safety Improvements - \$1,027,000. Improvements to pedestrian infrastructure in the Mount Eliza Activity Centre. Works include raising and narrowing existing pedestrian crossings, warning lights, 40km/h area and other associated works.
- Hastings Township 40 km/h area - \$263,000. Implementation of best-practice area-wide speed limit reduction, including static and electronic signage (at schools if applicable) and threshold treatments including road marking.
- Myers/Hendersons Road Intersection, Bittern - \$735,000. Safety treatment at the intersection of Myers and Hendersons roads in Bittern. Works include a compact roundabout with raised platforms on all approaches and associated works.

- Hodgins/Stumpy Gully Rd Intersection Upgrade, Tuerong - \$1,507,000. Safety treatment at the intersection of Hodgins and Stumpy Gully roads, Tuerong. Works include a compact roundabout with raised platforms on all approaches and associated works.
- Shoreham Road Safety Upgrade - \$1,989,000. Works include shoulder sealing and crash barrier installation to reduce likelihood and severity of run off road crashes.

Planning for the Bay Trail project accelerated throughout the quarter to ensure that priority links are ready for investment by the Victorian and Australian Governments. The Shire is advocating that the Bay Trail project is a great candidate for COVID-related stimulus as it would provide infrastructure to support new tourism opportunities, active transport, as well as supporting local contractors during construction. The priority links are:

- Baxter to Somerville Trail, connecting to the Peninsula Link Trail at Baxter
- Mornington to Moorooduc Trail, connecting to the Peninsula Link Trail at Moorooduc
- Southern Peninsula Bay Trail missing links.



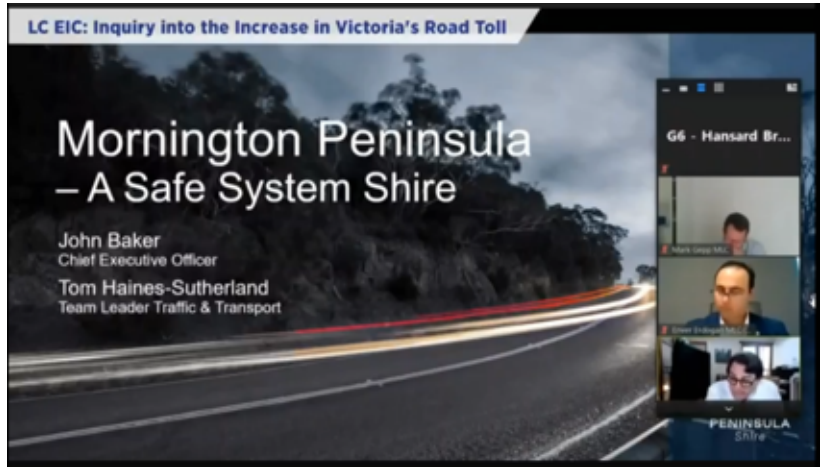
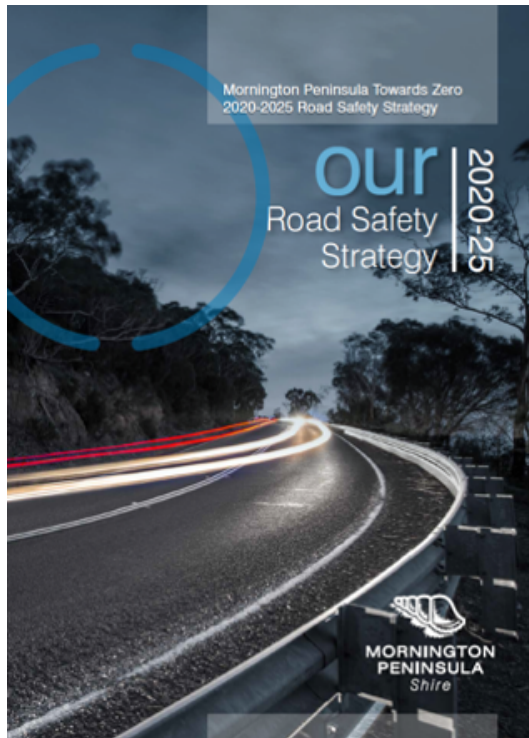
Image: Bay Trail

our connectivity

Strategic Objective 2.
We support an integrated transport and connectivity network

In response to the challenge of reducing road trauma on the Mornington Peninsula, Council adopted the Mornington Peninsula Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy 2020–2025 on 8 September 2020.

The Strategy was developed with extensive community engagement and leading road safety expertise and provides a systematic and strategic



framework to guide the Shire's policies and actions at reducing road trauma on the Mornington Peninsula. It aims for zero deaths and serious injuries by 2050.

Following a written submission made earlier this year, the Shire's CEO and Team Leader of Traffic and Transport presented to the Parliamentary Committee for the Inquiry into the Increase in Victoria's Road Toll on 8 September 2020.

The presentation centred around the need for new, innovative and strategic ways to significantly reduce the lives and livelihoods lost on our roads. The proposal nominated that the Mornington Peninsula be a demonstration area for the best practice Safe System approach to road safety. The two requests key to this proposal being:

- The formation of a cross-organisational, authorised Towards Zero Leadership Team, comprised of road safety professionals from Mornington Peninsula Shire, the Victorian Department of Transport, TAC and VicPol.
- Funding of \$150 million over ten years, to deliver and evaluate innovative packages of Safe System-aligned road safety treatments and programs across the Mornington Peninsula's road network.

During the quarter, the Shire issued 122 infringements and 20 cautions to illegally parked vehicles – most of these were for vehicles stopped contrary to no-stopping signs or too close to an intersection.

Image: presentation to Parliamentary Committee for the Inquiry into the Increase in Victoria's Road Toll

our prosperity

Promoting, supporting and enhancing balanced and appropriate economic development within the Mornington Peninsula Shire is a key objective for the community.

The visitor economy is a key strength of our Shire, with our agricultural sector having a strong connection to the Mornington Peninsula.

Our natural and recreational attractions, food and wine, outstanding educational facilities and health services, and the community culture helps us to be an exceptional place to live and work.

By providing leadership, fostering jobs and proactive conditions for investment, our businesses can be supported to develop and grow for the benefit of the entire community.

Strategic Objective 1.
Our work facilitates opportunities for job creation and an environment for business to succeed



Throughout the quarter, the Mornington Peninsula Shire focused on providing our business community with up-to-date information regarding government grants and advice on how to navigate COVID-19 restrictions and were in regular contact with our local businesses and business associations.

We continued advocating to Victorian and Australian Governments on our 'shovel-ready' projects and wrote to all relevant Commonwealth and State Members of Parliament to promote these important initiatives and sought (virtual) meetings to further discuss their benefits to the community. Included in the package is support for:

- New technology park
- Recycled Water
- The Briars
- The Bay Trail
- Community and Sporting facilities
- Support for our homeless residents

Our dedicated business newsletter and MPbusiness website were another key to keeping businesses up to date. Seven newsletters were issued throughout the quarter promoting:

- Government economic stimulus packages
- Support available to businesses such as mental health and financial support
- Online workshops
- Virtual business mentoring services.

There were eight Small Business Victoria webinars held during the quarter, attended by 98 businesses

with Marketing Your Business and Taking Your Business Online being the most popular. Additionally, 23 businesses were mentored throughout the quarter.



To continue to support businesses on the Peninsula, and building on the previous business support package announced in the previous quarter, the Shire launched a Supporting our Local Businesses Roadmap. The Roadmap includes a range of activities to support businesses such as:

- Expanding outdoor dining and retail spaces including extending footpath trading and access to grassed areas and the introduction of Parklets to repurposes part of the street outside shopfronts, such as adjacent carparks, for extra outdoor dining and public space.
- Funding program to be developed to support business associations to implement community led economic recovery activities

Our prosperity

- Reduced, waived or deferred many shire fees or charges such as Food and Health registration for affected businesses, footpath trading and outdoor dining
- Continuing to provide assistance for existing businesses via fast tracking certain temporary change of use applications to within four business days

Details of the Roadmap can be found at: mornpen.vic.gov.au/Community-Services/Health-Wellbeing/Community-Health-Wellbeing/Coronavirus/Support-and-information-for-businesses-during-Coronavirus

As part of the Business Recovery Roadmap we also expanded our Support Local campaign which is designed to encourage the community, businesses,

and organisations on the Peninsula to think, spend and recommend locally. The campaign encourages the community, other businesses, and local organisations to think about procuring goods and services locally, buying locally, and recommending locally.

We also extended our Hardship Policy available to all rateable properties and sundry debtors on application and includes no interest on any outstanding balances for the remainder of 2020. This will provide flexible payment arrangements for people and businesses in our community who have reduced financial capacity.

To support the role out of outdoor dining we have been working closely with businesses and Chambers of Commerce to explore their outdoor activation options.

Strategic Objective 2.

Support our visitor economy to enhance shoulder season and off-peak visitor experiences that are dispersed throughout the region

Whilst the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre was closed for face to face service for this quarter due to COVID-19, staff continued to respond to phone, email and online chat enquiries. A total of 215 queries were answered with the majority of these coming from local residents seeking information on walks, bike tracks and clarification around permitted activities during COVID-19 restrictions.

Five training webinars were held for tourism businesses to assist with their COVID-19 recovery activities. Topics focussed on digital marketing including planning for and executing a successful digital marketing strategy, social media basics and Google Analytics. A total of 53 businesses participated in these workshops, which were well received and enabled business owners to work on the recovery of their business. We were also provided support to tourist businesses around navigating restrictions, types of grants available, general welfare checks, and the Parklet Program.

The Shire with the Mornington Peninsula Regional Tourism Board celebrated the Peninsula's regional attributes and gave inspiration for future travel plans. This was combined with factual content to inform consumers, both local and visitors, on how they might support/access local businesses that have adapted and innovated their business models – offering takeaway, click and collect, home delivery or collaborating with other businesses to create new products for the marketplace. Channels like social media, the regional tourism website and digital newsletters were used to profile changes to business offerings. All communications reinforced the 'stay safe' message while cautiously showcasing the local tourism activities available within current restrictions.

We also received thermometers from the Victorian Government to provide to holiday accommodation providers who have communal facilities in preparation for the lessening of restrictions and the summer period. A total of 74 accommodation businesses have now received thermometers.



Image: #couchtravel

Strategic Objective 3.

Our efforts grow key strategic industries in the Mornington Peninsula



Image: Tyabb Somerville Recycled Water

Development of the Tyabb Somerville Recycled Water business case also progressed throughout the quarter and the Shire continued to work with the Western Port Catchment Land Care Network to support and develop the local food and agricultural industry. Three online discussion groups were held and included selling farm produce online, integrating trees on farms and agroecology principles.

We also partnered with the Westernport Port Catchment Landcare Network and the Bass Coast Landcare Network to film a series of short education videos explaining the key principles of Regenerative Farming. These eight videos, which can be found on YouTube's WPCLN channel, were filmed in lieu of hosting in-person field days. An online webinar was then held for farmers and landholders, using these videos, to explain the practical application of regenerative farming on farm.

The Spring edition of the Mornington Peninsula Produce (MPP) newsletter was issued to 2,500 subscribers. As well as providing readers with a seasonal update on the best spring produce to eat, it featured many ways the community can buy local produce during restrictions. Websites such as the Open Food Network and Victorian Country Market were profiled as well as the Click for Vic campaign.

The Food Economy and Agroecology project is underway with the business and stakeholder survey completed. The project will provide an analysis of the local agriculture and food industry and develop a five-year strategy to grow agriculture and farming productivity whilst preserving the region's distinctive ecology and biodiversity. As an outcome of the feedback received from the surveys, six focus groups of 40 participants were held on themes such as:

- Remaining resilient to economic shocks
- Diversifying and expanding businesses, and
- The purpose of regional branding and potential future investment.

The purpose of the focus groups was to explore challenges and discuss opportunities and solutions. The responses will form part of deeper discussion in the second round of focus groups in the next quarter.

Positive health and wellbeing is fundamentally important for the community and is a key success factor for the Shire.

Good physical and mental health, feeling safe, feeling and being empowered and connected to other people in our

Strategic Objective 1.

Our community works together to achieve reasonable standards of health and wellbeing for all residents

The Mornington Peninsula Shire continued with the 'Caring for our Community' initiative and ensured that those vulnerable and isolated within our community due to COVID-19 had the chance to receive care packages. At the time of writing, 2,966 care packages had been delivered across the Peninsula since the start of the initiative.

We continue to deliver modified services to protect the most vulnerable in our community, and in response to COVID-19 utilised alternative platforms including online, telephone and video. Some of the modified service actions implemented since the start of the pandemic include:

- Maternal and Child Health (MCH) consultations delivered by a variety of different platforms, including telephone, telehealth video, face to face centre appts and home consultations.
- Online Care Team meetings for identified At Risk clients have been implemented with other service providers such as Child Protection, Family Violence services and Family Services.
- An appointment-based system for all community infant immunisation sessions.
- Moved the majority of community-based immunisation sessions to MCH sites to have more

Strategic Objective 2.

Elder citizens feel valued and are supported

Essential services such as Personal Care, Respite Care and Meals on Wheels continued to be delivered to vulnerable clients using escalated universal precautions. Modifications to the delivery of Assessment, Domestic Assistance and Home Maintenance were implemented to limit contact to residents in the high-risk COVID-19 category. Phone welfare checks were regularly conducted to ensure

community, strengthening diversity, respecting the peace and dignity of all, and supporting individuals so they can realise their potential and their aspirations are fundamental elements to making the Mornington Peninsula a great place to live.

control over ensuring COVID-19 safe environment.

- Conducting weekly welfare checks and in-home visits of the Planned Activity members of the Warringinee Group.

As a contributor to the Municipal Association of Victoria's submission, the Shire submitted to the Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor on identifying progress and areas requiring further attention in the implementation of Victoria's family violence reforms, which was accepted by the Monitor and is now available for viewing on the Family Violence Reform Monitor's website:

www.fvrim.vic.gov.au

This information will inform the Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor's report to Parliament in 2021.

The Shire also presented at the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Early Childhood Engagement of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities and gave evidence on behalf of the State Maternal and Child Health Sector. The report was presented to the Victorian Parliament on the 17 September 2020. An electronic version of the report is available from the Committee's website:

www.parliament.vic.gov.au/lsc-la/article/4236

our 5,000 community care clients were okay and had suitable support in place. Additionally:

- Meal production was increased to build stocks of frozen meals to be able to meet increased community need in both the Meals on Wheels program and the Caring for our Community initiative.

- CASI (Community Activation Social Isolation) funding was used to support referrals from State Government COVID hotline to provide support for residents who were infected with COVID-19 or had to isolate due to vulnerability. This included shopping assistance; food relief; mental health support and assistance with feeding pets.
- Initiated a Technology for Socially Isolated Older Residents program with the help of a Victorian Government grant to provide technology for older residents who have become socially isolated due to COVID-19.

Community Transport services, including Dial A Bus and Outings and Excursions, and Seniors Citizens Clubs remain suspended while COVID-19 continues to be a higher risk to this cohort and social distancing restrictions are in place.



Image: Meals on Wheels prepared for daily delivery. Picture taken before COVID-19 restrictions were enforced

Strategic Objective 3.

Children feel valued and are supported

Whilst the immunisation program was affected by the closure of schools due to COVID-19 restrictions there were:

- 1,096 vaccines administered, including 440 flu vaccines to infants.
- 554 vaccines administered to 526 secondary students through the Secondary School immunisation program.
- 3,447 health, development and wellbeing checks



Image: Meals on Wheels prepared for daily delivery. Picture taken before COVID-19 restrictions were enforced

From July to September 2020, the Shire delivered the following services to residents over 65 years of age:

- 15,656 hours of in-home care
- 464 hours of home maintenance
- 17,435 Meals on Wheels

The Positive Ageing Strategy 2020-2025 was adopted by Council on 8 September 2020. The Strategy embraces the idea of residents being active, connected, valued and respected as they grow older in the community, and will play a key role in directing efforts towards ensuring our community is one where older people can continue to thrive, contribute and be appreciated. With a vision to create a community enabling all residents to participate, belong and contribute, the strategy provides a framework for the Shire's commitment to develop an age-friendly community. The Strategy's Year 1 Action Plan will focus on actions to address barriers to social inclusion, improving digital literacy and support for community led recreation.

on children aged between birth and 6 years of age and 398 referrals made to address identified health or development concerns.

A COVID-19 policy was developed for the Shire's Education and Care services and COVID Safe Plans for each individual Family Day Care (FDC) educator were also completed. Council endorsed the new Kindergarten allocation process during the quarter, which ensures residents registering for 'the Kindergarten closest to where they live' are given

priority over residents from other suburbs. We also:

- Extended Kindergarten registrations by five weeks to allow for uncertainties and preoccupation with COVID-19 challenges.
- Continued contact with wait pool families to ensure informed decisions can be made regarding alternate options.
- Uploaded virtual tours of Kindergarten to our website for families to assist in their decision



Youth feel valued and are supported

Even as our face-to-face youth programs and centres remained closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Shire continued to employ alternative platforms to deliver Youth services to ensure our youth are supported. Some of our Youth Service COVID interventions include:

- 'Social Space' is a program for young people 18+ that may be experiencing social isolation and who have an opportunity to develop their social skills through informal weekly catch ups via video. The social space allows for casual banter between members and the ability to check in on each other during this stressful time. Two Shire officers facilitate the group, keeping the conversation going and helping with any IT issues that arise.
- 'Creative Catz' is a weekly facilitated arts and craft program that allows participants an opportunity to learn a variety of creative skills but more importantly, connect with other local creatives. Each week, a different activity is explored using materials that can be found in most homes. The activity is optional, with some participants choosing to work on their own activities while participating in conversation.
- 'Quiz and Catch Up', which has replaced the physical Drop In that has historically occurred from our Youth Centres on a Friday after school. Young people from across the Peninsula tune in to participate in a fun and engaging environment

making

There were 145 four-year-old children allocated a second year of funded kindergarten in 2021, compared to 126 children in 2020. There are 95 children attending a second year in 2020. The Shire also:

- Hosted a Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning year 11 student who is completing practical placement in Certificate 3 in Early Childhood.
- Updated our Routine Outings/Excursion and Transportation Policy and distributed it to Educators and families in line with new Children's Services Education and Care legislation.

Throughout the quarter, Council enforced the safety requirements of the Building Regulations and relevant Australian Standards across six properties with swimming pools where the safety barriers did not meet the requirements to ensure children are kept safe.

Strategic Objective 4.

using the Kahoots platform..

- 'Transition Event'. The Shire's Youth Services helped facilitate a free series of speaking events for parents of young people in Grade 6 to support them as their child navigates a different kind of



transition into high school this year. The series ran over three sessions with Dr Arne Rubenstein from the Rites of Passage Institute presenting on the importance of Rites of Passage and celebrating your child well as they graduate and move to high school. Additionally, Andrew Fuller presented on how to support your child emotionally through this time, giving practical advice and information on resiliency, developmental changes and needs. Finally, we had a panel of local educators provide an opportunity for a Q & A where parents were able to ask questions. Each session saw over

900 people register for each of the events and attendance was at 350 for the first two sessions and 150 for the third session. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive from parents and educators that attended.

Also, as part of the Shire's commitment to young people and our Reconciliation Action Plan, a key stakeholder group with an emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth was formed during

Strategic Objective 5.

Families and parents feel valued and are supported



With the pandemic's wide-ranging social and economic effects placing disproportionate pressure on families already identified as high risk, the Shire recruited a new mental health worker into the Enhanced Maternal Child Health team. New parenthood and social isolation caused by COVID-19 restrictions may be a trigger for mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorders, and require a response by an appropriately skilled Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Service.

Shire Officers completed the state-wide training program on Multi Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) Screening and Identification of Family violence. The MARAM training has been designed to increase the safety and wellbeing of families by supporting services to identify, assess and manage family violence risk effectively.

We also received Healthier Masculinities VicHealth funding to deliver a two-year project to advance gender equality and improve health and wellbeing of men, boys and the broader community by addressing outdated masculine stereotypes. A governance group was established to plan, implement and evaluate the project, which will be launched on in March 2021.

The Shire also:

the quarter. The group identified that boys entering high school needed additional support to connect to their culture, which would help them reengage with school and stay out of trouble. The formation of the group also allowed us to create connections with other indigenous organisations to provide mentorship opportunities that support and nurture Indigenous values and knowledge growth.

- Implemented actions from our Reconciliation Action Plan to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and community participation in Early Years programs and services.
- Facilitated a Gender Equality session with Belgravia Leadership Staff, which led to fifteen staff being trained in Family Violence response - Recognise, Respond and Refer training.
- Distributed play and care packs to 171 families over the quarter
- Provided childcare to 62 children of 53 families of permitted workers
- Continued to deliver First Time Parent Groups and Sleep and Settling Information Sessions via an online platform.

We also supported community groups who began planning projects for the 16 Days of Activism annual campaign against gender-based violence. The campaign starts 25 November on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and concludes on 10 December, Human Rights Day. The theme is 'Respect Women: Call it Out'.



Strategic Objective 6.
People with a disability feel valued and are supported



As increasing numbers of clients transition across to NDIS providers to receive more specialised support, as a result our delivery hours to this group of people has reduced.

From July to September 2020, the Shire delivered the following services to residents under 65 years of age:

- 653 hours of in-home care
- 18 hours of home maintenance
- 854 Meals on Wheels

The Shire also:

- Commenced development of our Universal Design Policy, which aims to address the barriers faced not only by people with a disability but guide efforts to improve accessibility of places,

spaces, facilities and services.

- Undertook a beach matting audit at Portsea, Mornington, Rosebud and Flinders beaches.
- Developed a disability access and inclusion events checklist
- Provided a culturally safe space to run a weekly planned activity program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members who have a disability.

The Shire participated in a national consultation process with Family Day Care Australia (peak body) regarding our service provision relating to the Disability Discrimination Act. The feedback focused on the relation of barriers for participation for families.

Strategic Objective 7.
A self-determined, engaged and inclusive community is accessible to all residents



Whilst the Shire's Libraries and the Mobile library were closed for much of the quarter, we continued making online programming via social media and zoom events available.

Transitioning all Libraries, Arts and Culture education, public programs and workshops online from 9 July 2020 we delivered:

- 27,133 eBooks loans
- 21,486 eAudio loans
- 19,939 eMagazines loans
- 3,692 Kanopy films streamed
- 4,365 program attendances
- 134 program events

From the 16 September 2020 Shire officers returned to library sites for outreach delivery service to homebound and book clubs, and our return chutes opened. From the 28 September 2020 our Click and Delivery service re-commenced. We also undertook welfare checks on our most vulnerable active library users over the age of 60 during the quarter.

The Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery (MPRG) launched a new online only exhibition by Tara Gilbee: The Strangest Pulse, featuring photographic images

from two residencies Tara undertook at Police Point Artist in Residence in 2018 and 2019. We continued to utilise e-newsletters and zoom meetings to stay in contact and check in on our volunteers. We also:

- Shared a MPRG artist lecture series with our community.
- Supported over 30 creative and cultural businesses with advice and support through COVID-19 restrictions and impact.
- Partnered with Peninsula Grange Aged Care to trial Art and Imagination program with aged care staff facilitating the workshops.
- Continued to utilise and facilitate our Local History volunteers as they catalogue from home, digitisation of community and Shire material continues.
- Made available new creative activities for children based on the MPRG collection: Art and Koalas for ages 5+, Make a koala home for under 5s (both based on a Danie Mellor work) and Create a multi-panel work inspired by Raymond Arnold, and commissioned artist and animator Jerome Rush to create a still life Vanitas Collage workshop.



Image: Tara Gilbee, Untitled pinhole

Strategic Objective 8.
Our community is sustained through crisis



The 'Caring for our Community' initiative ensured that the vulnerable and isolated members of our community were looked after by delivering care packages to their door, as outlined in Strategic Objective 1 of this pillar 2,966 care packages had been delivered since the initiative's inception.

The Shire also supported the three-community support and information centres across the Peninsula, which are providing emergency relief on the Peninsula:

- Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre (Ph. 5986 1285)
- Westernport Community Support (Ph. 5979 2762)
- Mornington Community Information and Support Centre Inc. (Ph. 5975 1644)

The Centres provide a wide range of support to people in need of assistance ranging from food, material aid to bill payments. The Shire also co-funded, alongside the Mornington Peninsula Foundation, 300 face masks made by Mt Martha Boomerang Bags Group for our Community Information and Support Centres in Hastings, Mornington, Rosebud. The face masks were distributed to the most vulnerable on the Peninsula.

During the quarter, the Shire submitted an application as a Volunteering Support Organisation to Volunteering Victoria for \$25,000 in funding. The funding will help connect potential volunteers to organisations and provide training and support in how to use available resources to find volunteer opportunities (for members of the community) and how to recruit volunteers (for community organisations) in a COVID-19 safe environment.

Council also collaborated with the State Emergency Service, Victoria Police and Country Fire Authority in response to nine after hours calls involving house fires, vehicle impacts into buildings and structural

We also live streamed the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery FIFTY exhibition preview, and artist conversations with printmaker Raymond Arnold, Archibald-Prize winning artist Euan Macleod, contemporary artist Jess Johnson and artist Cameron Robbins.

The Mayor submitted a submission in response to the Telecommunications Consumer Safeguards Review Consultation-Part C: Choice and fairness on 8 September 2020.



Image: facemasks made Mt Martha Boomerang Bags Group

damage to buildings caused by storm fronts across the Peninsula.

The multiagency Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee met on the 17 August 2020. Key items discussed included:

- Committee endorsement of the draft Mornington Peninsula Roadsides Fire Management Plan, a risk-based plan that addresses roadside fire risk, strategic roadside fire management objectives, and appropriate treatments to mitigate roadside fire risk. The plan will be open for Council and community consultation prior to seeking endorsement in 2021.

- Drafting of the new Terms of Reference for the Committee in line with emergency management planning reforms.
- Strategic approach to ongoing review and validation of the Victorian Fire Risk Register.

The multiagency Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee met on the 21 August

2020. Key items discussed included:

- Agency reporting on COVID-19 Relief and Recovery actions
- Review of Flood and Storm Community Emergency Risk Assessment (CERA)
- Review of Flood and Storm Subplan, and
- Emergency Management Planning Reforms – these reforms are legislated to commence from 1 December 2020 and include a review of the Terms of Reference for the Committee and a review of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP).

In September, the Shire applied for grant funding through the Safer Together, Victorian Government's Strengthening Local Government Partnerships – fuel management program, to facilitate training to Shire officers and local CFA brigade volunteers on planning and conducting prescribed burning.

Shire officers participated in the Victoria Police Operation Summer Safe desktop emergency management exercise on 17 September 2020. The exercise focused on a civil disturbance on beaches scenario within the COVID-19 context, and involved Mornington Peninsula Shire, Victoria Police,

Strategic Objective 9.
Facilitate and promote connected and active lives



The Briars continued to remain open to visitors amid COVID-19 restrictions. Those within 5km could visit the Briars to take a walk through the Wildlife Sanctuary and the gardens and grounds. Approximately 1,500 visits were recorded during the quarter, with many community members thanking the team for providing a service which improved their health and wellbeing.

The Briars Nursery offered a pickup and delivery service during the quarter and was busy filling orders for indigenous and native plants as residents made the most of the lock-down and improved their gardens.

The Shire also collaborated with Peninsula Health over the quarter to deliver VicHealth's Walk to School

Frankston City Council and Parks Victoria. The learnings from the exercise will inform inter-agency and inter-council procedures for the closure of public land and provision of support to Police under legislated emergency management arrangements.

On 29 September 2020 the Shire's Municipal Emergency Management Officer presented at the Emergency Management Conference, in partnership with Frankston City Council, Kingston City Council and City of Greater Dandenong, on the Are you prepared for an emergency? community preparedness booklet developed by the above councils. The online interactive booklet was developed in 2018, funded through the Natural Disaster Resilience Grant and launched by Andrew Crisp, Emergency Management Commissioner on 13 October 2018.



Image: The Shire's Municipal Emergency Management Officer presented at the Emergency Management Conference

The Shire also continued planning for the installation of a strategic firefighting water tank in Red Hill, including scoping appropriate locations and undergoing community and internal consultation.

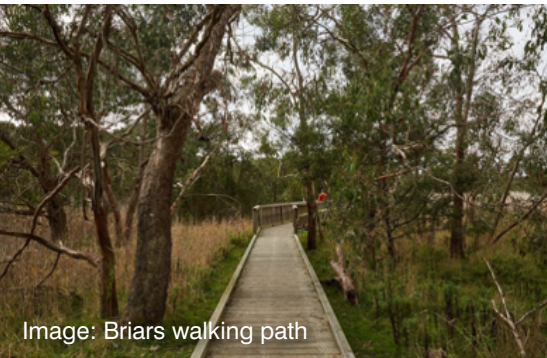


Image: Briars walking path

program in November 2020. The program aims to encourage primary school aged children and their families to actively travel to and from school. We also:

- Liaised with the Point Nepean Men's Shed mentoring program and Hope Assistance for Local Tradies to establish a pilot program that supports 12 tradies in areas of business, accountancy, and mateship.
- Supported Mornington Men's Shed who are looking at the feasibility to expand facilities.

Partnering with Mt Martha Primary School, the Shire through our Mt Martha House Community Centre initiated a Pen Pal Program in August to connect students with some of our vulnerable senior citizens who are living alone during COVID-19 restrictions. We also continued to provide online programs for our community, partnering with Southern Peninsula U3A, through our Mt Martha TV YouTube channel, which included:

- Singing
- Computer programs
- Armchair travel
- Yoga
- Meditation
- Dancing
- photography, and
- Cooking.

Council adopted the Emil Madsen Reserve Master Plan on 8 September 2020. The Plan was prepared in collaboration with the Emil Madsen Reserve User Groups and the surrounding community to create a shared vision for the future of the reserve. The Plan defines four key areas for development:

- fit for purpose sporting facilities
- improved traffic management
- increased opportunities for physical activity
- improved landscape within the reserve

Strategic Objective 10.
Facilitate and promote cultural connection and participation



The Shire's Reconciliation Action Plan Innovate 2020 – 2022, endorsed by Reconciliation Australia on 1 April 2020, is underpinned by a strong human rights framework including the:

- United Nations declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006 (Vic) (the Charter)



Image: Keith Greaves and his son cooking up a feast.

Community consultation was an integral part of the Plan with feedback received incorporated into the Plan and associated report. The largest sports precinct on the Mornington Peninsula and the main active reserve servicing the Mount Eliza township, Madsen Reserve's primary purpose is to accommodate sporting activities but offers a range of other recreational opportunities such as a playground and skate park.

Council also adopted Eco Park Active Recreation Hub Concept on the 25 August 2020. Developed through community consultation which resulted in a broad range of community feedback, the Hub will comprise a combination of elements including a new beginner level skate/scooter bowl and skate/bike/scooter loop, while retaining and improving current car parking, vegetation, existing play equipment and the natural aesthetic of the site.

We also launched a new dedicated sport and recreation website 'Our Active Peninsula'. The site aims to better connect the community to local sporting activities and opportunities to discover ways to get active on the Peninsula when restrictions end. The new site can be found at www.active.mornpen.vic.gov.au

The charter requires local councils to act compatibly with the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples including the distinct cultural rights to enjoy their identities and cultures. As such, we have been busy embedding actions within the organisation that will drive reconciliation through our business activities, services and programs, and develop mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders.

The community re-invigorated the 'History on the Peninsula' Facebook page and there were 25,186 engagements and 5,261 comments received within the quarter. Regular meetings of our Local History network continue to be held by Zoom and a volunteer strategy is currently in development.

The Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery (MPRG) published Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery 1970-2020, a 124-page major collection publication featuring 70 works reproduced from the MPRG collection, along with artwork statements and two key historical essays. We also continued to keep gallery members informed of exhibitions and programs via our membership newsletter, with the Gallery focussed on connecting with artists from around the world to provide thought-provoking content and conversation to share online. For the launch of the MPRG: FIFTY exhibition, the Peninsula Chamber Musicians performed live in the gallery prior to the lockdown and contributed to an online recording to celebrate the launch of the exhibition. The MPRG's online children's videos were also used by Rosebud Primary School's art teacher for her students during remote learning and shared on the school's social media.

Libraries online programs continue to be popular, with many booked out and waiting lists required. For ages:

- 0-5 years, Shire libraries provided weekly live streams of Baby time and Preschool story time on Facebook and attended online new parents' sessions providing information about early years literacy and the library resources resulting in new memberships.
- 5-17 years, Shire libraries delivered regular coding, Lego and reading sessions for children online as well as science week activities for families on rockpools, a science show and a bookmark design competition. To continue to promote digital literacy, Libraries promoted digital resources and received record numbers of access and loans to the Library e-resources.
- 18 years plus, Shire libraries provided regular online book chats, author talks, movie clubs and technology classes as well as a broad range of programs including workshops on spring gardening, stroke presentation, yoga and writing workshops and live n local where local writers and artists can share their works. Libraries have provided phone technology advice and digital literacy for our aging community through the Be Connected Program

The Shire's #mpbinspiration Bin Art project received 63 entries, almost 5,000 votes and over 100,000 reach and 8,000 engagements online.

Image: After school activities



Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights

YAWA Aquatic Centre

On the 28 July Council endorsed the name of the new aquatic centre located in Rosebud to be the 'Yawa Aquatic Centre'. Yawa Aquatic Centre, has strong links to the local area and celebrates local Indigenous language and culture. The community commented that Yawa Aquatic Centre is simple, easy to say, spell, remember and reflects one of the main activities at the centre – 'to swim'.

Building works were 70% complete at the end of September 2020. The focus on-site was the completion of:

- roofing works,
- erection of exterior wall glazing and cladding,
- tiling of all pools and installation of ceiling tiles in the aquatic hall, and
- wall tiling in change rooms.

Works have progressed at 25 percent normal capacity since 10 August 2020 in compliance with Victorian Government pandemic restrictions imposed on the construction sector. These restrictions have delayed the completion of works until late March 2021.

The project provides for a 50-metre competition pool with moveable boom, learn to swim pool, warm water program pool, aqua play/splash deck, wellness centre, gymnasium and associated multi-purpose

rooms. A café, school group and family change rooms and spectator seating are also featured.

Construction of site car parking and a storm water drain diversion together with works for the relocation of the woodworkers and radio clubs to Vern Wright Reserve, Capel Sound, were completed in June 2019. A contract for the installation of traffic signals at Boneo Road/Besgrove Street/Allambi Avenue intersection was awarded over the quarter.

In partnership with Belgravia Leisure Yawa Aquatic Centre's new manager was also announced this quarter. The Centre Manager is responsible for maintaining a strong relationship with Council and leading a high-performance community minded culture where all visitors feel welcome.

Also in partnership with Belgravia Leisure a local business owner has been appointed to operate Yawa Aquatic Centre's destination café. The new cafe concept named Elements Eatery, will offer a unique hospitality vision to deliver a locally inspired food experience that promotes healthy food choices, celebrates local produce and embraces an environmentally conscious approach to in-centre dining. With a menu that considers the Mornington Peninsula's Healthy Choices Guidelines, the team at Elements have already committed to enter the region's Best Bites program.



Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights

Mornington Community House

The project will deliver a significant expansion to the existing Studio@PCT hall at Wilsons Road, Mornington. The facility will include a large central kitchen space, a wet-area arts activity space, an IT learning centre, childcare and carpark upgrades.

The Morning Community House project recommenced in September with construction completed on:

Carpark complete (except lighting works)

- Roofing complete
- Structural steel complete
- Framing complete
- All rough-ins complete
- Plastering 50% complete
- Childcare landscaping 50% complete

The latest completion date for the project is January 2021.



Hastings Streetscapes stage 4

The Mornington Peninsula Shire successfully obtained partial funding through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Growing Suburbs Fund 2017/18 for the streetscape renewal of High Street Hastings from Queen Street to Marine Parade.

The streetscape redevelopment works have been underway from 2017/18 and has been carried out in stages over the next two financial years in accordance with the High Street Hastings, Streetscape Design Framework.

Construction works were completed on the north side of High St with additional street furniture still to be installed. Works also commenced on the south side of High Street.

These works are expected to be completed by November 2020. The High Street Hastings, Streetscape Design Framework is available for viewing from the Shires website.



Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights

Rye Township Plan (Napier Street)

Mornington Peninsula Shire received \$3.5 million in grant funding through the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund to assist in the delivery of the Rye Township Masterplan.

The Rye Township Masterplan has a total project cost of \$6.5 million and sets the strategic vision and direction for the improvement of the foreshore, streetscape and town centre of Rye.

As part of the Rye Township Plan, Napier Street Plaza was identified as a key project. The Napier Street Plaza will become the main pedestrian promenade within the township. It forms the extension of the historic pier axis/foreshore promenade to create a plaza space linking the

township and existing community facilities back to the foreshore. It will become the main pedestrian promenade within the township. One end of the plaza will become a shared zone specifically designed for pedestrian priority whilst being wide enough to accommodate through traffic into the shared zone on Campbell Laneway

Works on Napier Street Plaza will be completed in two stages to avoid disruption during the tourist season with the commencement of stage 1 undertaken in July 2020 and to continue through to the start of the tourist season.

Further works will be undertaken from April 2021 to June 2021.



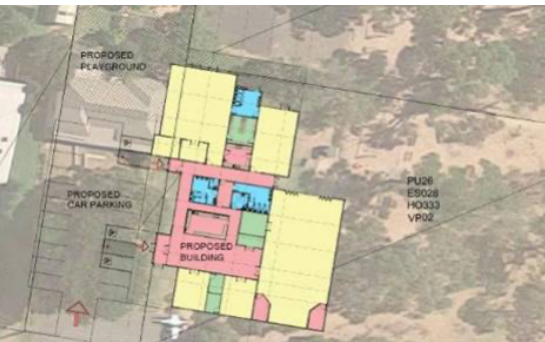
Flinders Community Hall

The Shire is pleased to announce that we successfully received \$2,500,000 in funding as part of the Growing Suburbs Fund and are currently finalising the funding agreement.

An integral part of the Flinders and surrounding communities, the community hall is due for an upgrade with the facility to include art space, meeting rooms and general community spaces for all types of users.

Detailed design was undertaken throughout the quarter after Concept Design approval and sign-off based on the current layouts of redeveloping this facility into a central multipurpose hub for the local community.

Further investigation and community consultation will be undertaken throughout the 2020/21 financial year.



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Lawson park

Identified for upgrade in the 2015-2020 Playspace Strategy the playground at Lawson Park, Rosebud received a Liberty Swing in the quarter, installed alongside the existing playground.

The swing is wheelchair accessible, which will provide play opportunity for those who would otherwise be unable to use conventional play equipment.

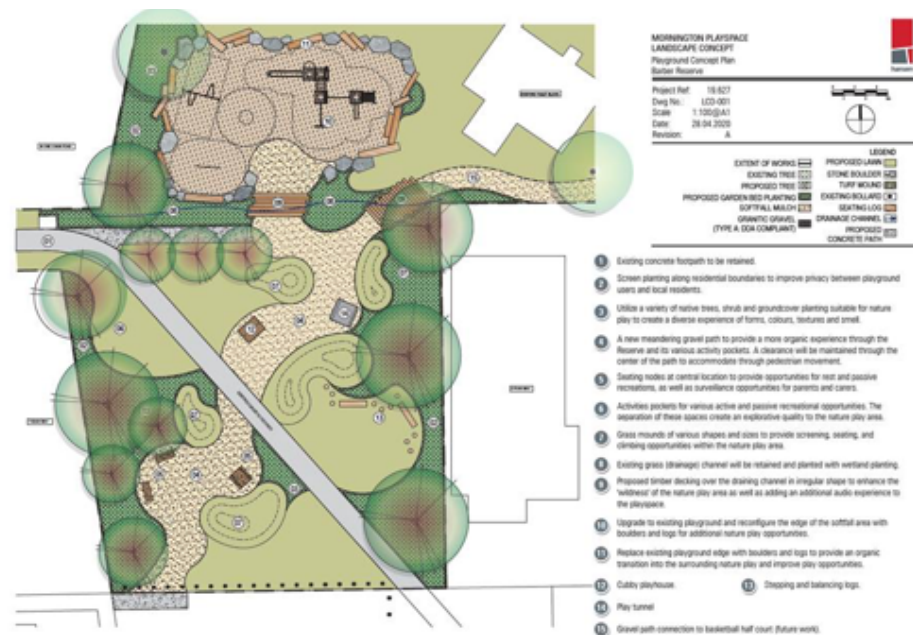


Barber Reserve

Also identified for upgrade in the 2015-2020 Playspace Strategy the playground at Barber Reserve will receive a refreshed combination unit which has a timber structure to suit the surrounding environment, a large skillion roof for shade, stair access, monkey bar, slides, net climber, abacus panel and shop front.

The upgrade also includes landscaping through the existing area of the reserve, to incorporate nature play, passive recreation elements and additional garden beds and trees in the area.

Procurement for delivery was undertaken in the quarter, with an anticipated tender to be awarded before the end of 2020.



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Highlights

1st Quarter 2020

- Strong cash position at \$85.4M driven by Carry Forwards from prior financial year.
- Collection of rates and charges at \$35.5M is an increase of \$4.1M on the same period last year.
- Net Operating surplus \$151.4M YTD, \$0.9M ahead of forecast.
- YTD spent on Capital Works projects is \$9.6M (net \$4.8M)
- Priority Projects year to date expenditure is \$516k (net \$256k).
- \$5.6M invested in term deposits, \$79.8M held in at call account due to continuing low interest rates. The average investment rate for August is 0.81%, reflective of the current low investment rates.
- \$0.9M in loan repayments during the first quarter of FY21.
- Total borrowings is currently at \$46.8M. YTD New Borrowings \$12.9M

Section 1.1 – Financial Performance Statement

	Actual YTD FY21 \$'000	Year To Date							Full Year			
		Approved	Variance	Adopted	Variance	Actual	Variance		Approved	Adopted	Variance	Variance
		Forecast	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) %	YTD FY20	Fav/(Unfav) %		Forecast	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) %	Fav/(Unfav) %
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Rates and charges	192,099	191,237	0%	191,237	(0)%	182,693	5%		191,627	191,627	(0)	(0)%
Grants and subsidies	3,554	3,869	(8)%	3,869	(8)%	4,942	(28)%		15,261	15,261	(0)	(0)%
User charges	5,990	6,867	(13)%	6,867	(13)%	9,758	(39)%		24,791	24,791	(0)	(0)%
Grants Commission	732	1,616	(55)%	1,616	(55)%	755	(3)%		6,464	6,464	(0)	(0)%
Other income	74	88	(16)%	88	(16)%	118	(37)%		707	707	(0)	(0)%
Total Operating Income	202,449	203,676	(1)%	203,676	1%	198,266	2%		238,851	238,851	(0)	0%
Employee costs	(23,164)	(23,469)	1%	(23,469)	1%	(21,783)	(6)%		(82,824)	(82,824)	0	0%
Materials and services	(7,185)	(7,539)	5%	(7,539)	5%	(6,356)	(13)%		(28,251)	(28,251)	0	0%
Materials and services - contracts	(19,102)	(19,839)	4%	(19,839)	4%	(18,775)	(2)%		(83,152)	(83,152)	0	0%
Other Expenses	(1,558)	(2,250)	31%	(2,250)	31%	(1,737)	10%		(6,845)	(6,845)	0	0%
Total Operating Expenditure	(51,009)	(53,098)	4%	(53,098)	4%	(48,651)	(5)%		(201,072)	(201,072)	(0)	0%
Net Operating Income/Funds Available	151,440	150,579	1%	150,579	1%	149,615	1%		37,780	37,779	(0)	(0)%
Capital Works (Net)	(4,840)	(8,650)	44%	455	1,164%	(8,521)	53%		(80,303)	(41,457)	(38,846)	(94)%
Priority Projects (Net)	(256)	(1,352)	81%	(1,352)	81%	(105)	(143)%		(9,089)	(4,407)	4,682	(106)%
Land acquisitions	-	(0)	-	(0)	-	-	-		(685)	(0)	(685)	-
Land sales	7	(0)	-	(0)	-	(1)	(863)%		7,385	2,100	(5,285)	252%
Interest Income	108	193	(44)%	193	(44)%	218	(50)%		700	700	0	(0)%
Interest Expense	(187)	(304)	38%	(304)	38%	(159)	(17)%		(1,529)	(1,529)	0	0%
Debt Servicing Principal	(962)	(962)	0%	(962)	0%	(1,344)	28%		(4,833)	(4,833)	0	0%
New Borrowings	12,900	12,900	0%	12,900	(0)%	5,000	61%		13,900	13,900	(0)	(0)%
Lease Payments	-	(0)	-	(0)	-	-	-		(2,254)	(2,254)	0	0%
Total Other Income/Expenditure	6,771	1,825	471%	10,930	162%	4,912	238%		(76,708)	(37,780)	(38,928)	(110)%
Surplus/(deficit)	158,211	152,404	4%	161,509	(2)%	144,702	9%		(38,928)	(0)	(38,928)	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	85,436	56,529		24,517		61,484			38,765	38,765	0	

Section 1.1 – Financial Performance Statement

Year to date net operating income (per FPS) ahead of forecast by \$0.9M. Major YTD Operating income and expense variances against forecast are detailed below.

Operating Income Variances against Forecast			
Category	Permanent \$'000	Timing \$'000	Commentary
Rates and Charges	123	739	Opt in Green Waste September YTD is \$123k ahead of the full year forecast, and with the exception of refunds is a permanent surplus. Remaining surplus for supplementary income are timing differences
User Charges		(877)	Unfavorable position based on current phasing including (\$431k) for User fees and charges, (\$94k) Other Permits & Licences, and (\$115k) Rental Income-Investment Properties. Comparison to PY actuals is significantly lower as foreshore camping invoices were raised in Q1 FY20, but delayed this year pending COVID.
Grants Commission	(305)	(579)	Budget is based on receiving 4 equal installments; however we received an eighth as 50% received PY plus this years is confirmed to be lower than 50% advanced payment. Permanent difference due to the portion being received in FY21 is less than 50% of the advance payment in FY20.

Operating Income Variances against Forecast			
Category	Permanent \$'000	Timing \$'000	Commentary
Employee Costs	204	101	Favourable variance due to savings from Workcover Premiums of \$204k.
Materials and Services – Contracts		737	Favourable variance to budget due to Contracts expenditure phasing and timing of expected costs.
Other Expenses		692	Due to phasing of subsidy paid \$474k which was forecast to be \$1.2M YTD.

Section 1.2 – Capital Works

	Actual YTD FY20 \$'000	Year To Date				Full Year Approved Forecast \$'000
		Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) %	Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) %	
Income						
Special Charge Schemes	-	-	-	(164)	(100%)	-
Proceeds from Sale	-	-	-	9	(100%)	-
Grants - capital	4,101	-	-	293	1300%	10,317
Contributions - monetary	732	589	24%	971	(25%)	2,969
Total Income	4,833	589	721%	1,109	336%	13,286
Expenditure						
Art Works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computers and telecommunications	-	-	-	-	-	(25)
Land	-	-	-	-	-	(1,050)
Infrastructure - Bridges	(0)	-	-	-	-	(339)
Buildings	(6,459)	(6,141)	5%	(2,188)	195%	(40,976)
Computers and telecommunications	(934)	(1,268)	(26%)	-	-	(6,544)
Fittings and Fixtures	-	-	-	-	-	(141)
Infrastructure - Drainage	(112)	(51)	120%	(402)	(72%)	(4,426)
Infrastructure - Footpaths and cycleways	(145)	(126)	15%	-	-	(3,372)
Library Books	(337)	(328)	3%	(399)	(16%)	(935)
Infrastructure - Marine structures	(32)	-	-	-	-	(1,773)
Infrastructure - Parks, open space and streetscapes	(844)	(633)	33%	-	-	(8,167)
Plant and equipment	(15)	-	-	(1,472)	(99%)	(440)
Infrastructure - Recreational, leisure and community facilities	(431)	(345)	25%	(1,084)	(60%)	(11,208)
Infrastructure - Roads	(320)	(212)	51%	(1,129)	(72%)	(14,342)
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Total Expenditure	(9,629)	(9,105)	(6%)	(6,674)	(44%)	(93,740)
Net Total	(4,796)	(8,516)	44%	(5,565)	14%	(80,454)

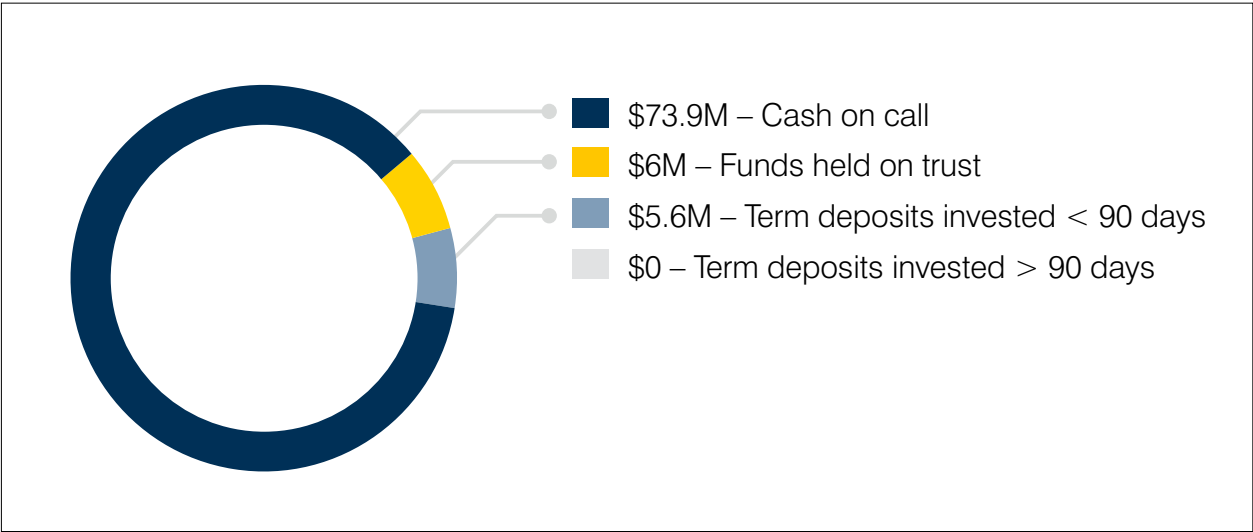
Section 1.3 – Treasury

As detailed below, MPS paid \$0.9M in scheduled principal debt repayments during first quarter. Full year principal debt repayments are on schedule, with a forecasted closing position of \$43.9M which includes budgeted provision for new borrowings of \$13.9M through the year for Yawa Aquatic Centre. Interest expense for the full year is forecast at \$1.4M with a weighted average interest rate of 3.0% (majority of loans commenced 10/15 years ago when borrowing costs were higher), which is offset by forecast interest income of \$0.7M.

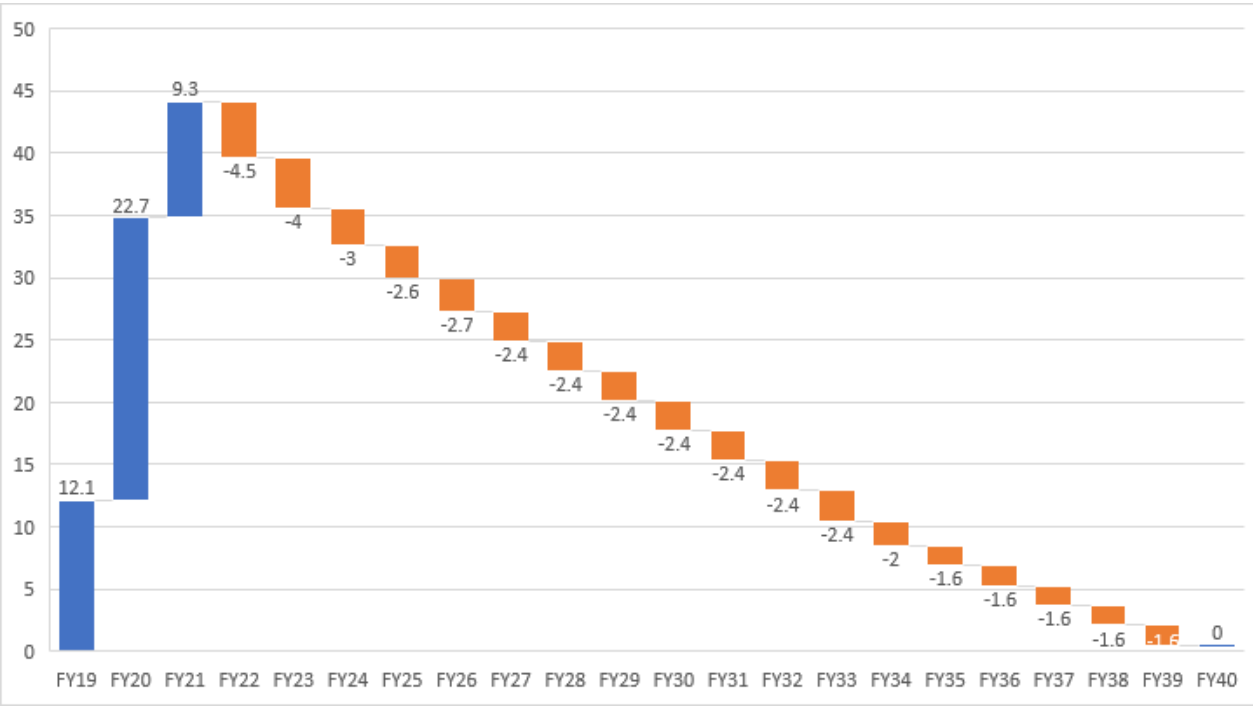
MPS has \$5.6M in term deposits earning an average interest rate of 0.81%. As term deposits mature, funds will be reinvested where appropriate & equitable with longer maturity dates (>90 days) to more efficiently manage the Shire's funding requirements dependent on favorable interest rates.

The Shire reviews its treasury position monthly to optimise interest on cash assets. Surplus funds are invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

	Q1				Full Year			
	Opening Balance	Principal Repaid	New Borrowings	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Forecasted Repayments	Forecasted New Borrowings	Forecasted Closing Balance
Loans Maturing	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cuurent Loans	4,833	(897)	-	3,936	4,833	-	-	4,833
Non Currnet Loans	29,983	-	12,900	42,883	29,983	(4,833)	13,900	39,050
	34,816	(897)	12,900	46,819	34,816	(4,833)	13,900	43,883



Debt Repayment Schedule (FY20-FY40)



Section 1.4 – Mid Year Review

Looking towards Mid Year Review...

Early next year we will be workshopping the Mid year budget review with Councillors. This will be the opportunity to review the key assumptions contained within the Budget, particularly those relating to the impact of COVID-19.

The adopted 2020/21 Budget included the following adjustments to accommodate the projected impacts of COVID-19

Income

User charges

Foreshore camping \$1.5M
Sporting Club licence Fees \$149k;
Rental income \$650k,
Footpath licence fees \$75k.
Permits & Enforcement \$1.5M

Total \$6.4M

Expenditure

Employment costs \$2.5M
Operating (fleet management, advertising, legal and consultancy) \$1.2M
Contracts \$1.6M
Other Expenses (staff training) \$0.3M
Capex \$930k

Total \$6.4M

The trends in the income and expenditure items identified on the previous page will be further analysed with Councillors as part of the mid year review. Additionally other impacts and opportunities will also be further analysed and explored, including but not limited to the following:

- Cash flow from rate payments – approximately \$17M of Capex has been “paused” for consideration at mid year subject to collection rate.
- Working for Victoria Program – potential additional temporarily FTE funded positions relating to COVID response and recovery.
- COVID recovery including business support
- Footpath trading - costs and potential grants associated with extension of trading areas and parklets
- Operational spending such as vehicles, catering, legal, utilities etc
- Freeze on Landfill levy increases
- Staged restrictions impact such as events, schoolies, camping, sport etc
- Commencement of YAWA operations
- Aged care services – commencement of contact for new clients

Finance Statements

Section 2.1 – Income Statement

Mornington Peninsula Shire Income Statement Y-T-D(Sep) FY21

	Actual YTD FY21 \$'000	Year To Date							Full Year			
		Approved	Variance	Adopted	Variance	Actual	Variance		Approved	Adopted	Variance	Variance
		Forecast	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	YTD FY20	Fav/(Unfav)		Forecast	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Fav/(Unfav)
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Revenue												
Total rates and charges	192,099	191,237	(0)%	191,237	(0)%	182,529	5%		191,627	191,627	(0)	(0)%
Total statutory fees and fines	1,579	1,750	(10)%	1,750	(10)%	1,555	2%		7,014	7,014	(0)	(0)%
Total user fees	4,077	4,595	(11)%	4,595	(11)%	7,561	(46)%		15,709	15,709	(0)	(0)%
Total grants - operating	4,463	5,485	(19)%	5,485	(19)%	6,024	(26)%		21,725	21,725	(0)	(0)%
Total grants - capital	4,101	-	-	-	-	293	1,302%		10,317	7,624	(2,693)	35%
Total contributions - monetary	732	589	24%	589	24%	1,150	(36)%		2,969	2,355	(614)	26%
Total contributions - non monetary	2	50	(95)%	50	(95)%	178	(99)%		200	200	(0)	(0)%
Total other income	475	791	(40)%	791	(40)%	984	(52)%		3,429	3,429	(0)	(0)%
Total Revenue	207,528	204,496	1	204,496	1	200,273	4		252,990	249,684	3,307	1
Expenditure												
Total employee costs	23,216	23,481	1%	23,481	1%	21,957	(6)%		82,944	82,869	(76)	0%
Total materials and services	26,552	28,567	7%	28,567	7%	25,574	(4)%		120,585	115,979	(4,606)	(4)%
Total depreciation	7,834	7,834	-	7,834	-	7,484	(5)%		31,347	31,347	-	-
Total amortisation - intangible assets	-	45	100%	45	100%	45	100%		181	181	-	-
Total amortisation - right of use assets	-	414	100%	414	100%	-	-		1,655	1,655	-	-
Total Bad and Doubtful Debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Total borrowing costs	187	263	29%	263	29%	159	(17)%		1,366	1,366	-	-
Total finance cost - leases	-	41	100%	41	100%	-	-		162	162	-	-
Total other expenses	1,676	2,524	34%	2,524	34%	1,737	4%		7,119	7,119	-	-
Total Expenditure	59,465	63,168	6%	63,168	6%	56,957	(4)%		245,360	240,678	(4,682)	(2)%
Surplus	148,063	141,328	5%	141,328	5%	143,316	(3)%		7,630	9,005	(1,375)	15
Total Other items	29	-	-	-	-	(16)	286%		(0)	(0)	0	-
Total Comprehensive Income	148,092	141,328	5%	141,328	5%	143,300	(3) %		7,630	9,005	(1,375)	15%

Section 2.1 – Cashflow Statement

	Actual YTD FY21 \$'000	Year to Date Approved Forecast Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000 \$'000		Full Year Approved Forecast Adopted Budget Variance \$'000 \$'000 Fav/ (Unfav) \$'000		
Cash flows from operating activities						
Rates and Charges	35,476	25,488	9,989	191,627	191,627	(0)
Statutory Fees and Fines	1,579	1,750	(171)	7,014	7,014	(0)
User Fees	5,403	5,883	(480)	17,708	17,708	(0)
Grants - operating	6,223	5,485	738	21,725	21,725	(0)
Grants - Capital	4,101	-	4,101	10,317	7,624	2,693
Contributions - monetary	732	139	593	1,172	558	614
Interest received	192	193	(1)	700	700	(0)
Dividends	1	0	(0)	3	3	(0)
Trust funds and deposits received	982	-	982	-	-	-
Other receipts	366	597	(231)	2,726	2,726	(0)
Net GST refund/payment	1,095	-	1,095	-	-	-
Employee costs	(21,495)	(23,481)	1,986	(82,944)	(82,869)	(76)
Materials and Services	(29,254)	(38,991)	10,055	(122,509)	(118,311)	(4,606)
Other Payments	(1,635)	(2,508)	873	(7,054)	(7,054)	(0)
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	3,766	(25,445)	29,529	40,485	41,451	(1,375)
Cash flows from investing activities						
Payments for property infrastructure plant & equipment	(9,629)	(9,105)	(524)	(93,772)	(50,901)	(42,870)
Proceeds from sale of assets	29	-	29	7,418	2,100	5,318
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(9,600)	(9,105)	(495)	(86,354)	(48,801)	(37,553)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Finance costs	(301)	(263)	(37)	(1,366)	(1,366)	(0)
Proceeds from borrowings	12,900	12,900	(0)	13,900	13,900	(0)
Repayment of borrowings	(962)	(962)	(0)	(4,833)	(4,833)	(0)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	11,638	11,447	191	7,350	7,350	(0)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	5,804	(23,103)	29,225	(38,519)	0	(38,928)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	79,632	79,632	0	79,632	38,765	40,867
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	85,436	56,529	28,907	41,113	38,765	2,348

Capital Works
Expenditure

Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Capital Works by Program

		FY21 YearTotal \$'000	FY21 Budget \$'000
	10206: Capital Works Program Design	4	100
Capital Works Program Design Total		4	100
	10257: Hastings Sound Shell	3	284
	10226: Drainage at Boneo Reserve	1	208
	10224: Drain Upgrade Dromana Community Garden	0	35
	10260: Hillview Reserve Pathway	3	124
	10355: Tennis Court Renovation Main Ridge Tennis Club	0	60
Community Capital Projects Total		8	710
	10322: Yawa Aquatic Centre Relocation of Woodworkers and Radio Club	15	17
	10323: Yawa Aquatic Centre Traffic signals installation	48	1,816
	10321: Yawa Aquatic Centre	4,280	20,295
Aquatic Centre Total		4,343	22,128
	10341: Somerville Recreation and Community Centre Rebuild	0	86
Somerville Recreation and Community Centre Rebuild Total		0	86
	10325: Rosebud Youth Hub - Relocation Project	27	1,711
Rosebud Youth Hub - Relocation Total		27	1,711
	10336: Shire Office Renovations	36	1,041
Shire Office Renovations Total		36	1,041
	10282: Mornington Community Centre	783	2,435
Mornington Community Centre Total		783	2,435
	10288: Oak Hill Gallery Building Renewal and Improvements	20	35
	10244: Flinders Civic Hall Redevelopment	9	180
	10347: Sorrento Museum Storeroom Addition and Essential Works	2	149
	10372: Hastings Seniors Learning Hub	32	28
Major Building Renovations Total		63	391
	10204: Building Compliance and Risk Management Works	127	667
Building Risk Management Works Total		127	667
	10297: Police Point Cottage 6 Refurbishments	7	494
Moderate Renewal Community Facilities Total		7	494
	10369: Waterfall Gully MCHN Centre Renewal	1	294
Child and Family Health Centres Renewal Total		1	294
	10280: Minor Renewal Works - Community Facilities	566	2,470
	10345: Sorrento Community Centre Renewal and Improvements	1	50
Minor Building Renewal and Improvements Total		566	2,520
	10214: Community Animal Shelter OH&S Management Works	1	117
Community Animal Shelter Improvements Total		1	117
	10210: Carbon Neutrality Energy Lighting Upgrade Works	31	266
Carbon Neutrality Program - Minor Renewal Total		31	266
	10364: Tyabb Preschool Upgrade	17	1,494
Kindergarten Strategy Implementation Works Total		17	1,494
	10304: Public Toilet - Mount Martha North Foreshore	0	8
	10306: Public Toilet - Red Hill Hall	4	418
	10307: Public Toilet - Safety Beach opposite Victoria Avenue	8	633
	10305: Public Toilet - RJ Rowley Reserve	0	33
	10301: Public Toilet - Flinders Park	14	34
	10310: Public Toilet – Sorrento Park	1	30
Public Toilet Strategy Implementation Total		27	1,156

Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Capital Works by Program

		FY21 YearTotal \$'000	FY21 Budget \$'000
	10237: Emil Madsen Reserve Soccer and Netball Pavilion	37	203
	10284: Mornington Sports Pavilion (Athletics/Soccer)	72	134
	10273: Main Ridge Reserve Change Rooms	3	71
	10362: Tyabb Central Recreation Reserve Pavilion Renewal	8	15
	10186: Alexandra Park Pavilion Change Room Renewal & Redevelopment Project	43	514
	10299: Portable Change Facilities	2	494
	10276: Marna Reserve Dromana - Pavilion Renewal and Upgrade	1	250
	10197: Boneo Cricket Club Pavilion	3	266
	10365: Tyabb Unisex Change Rooms	2	1,453
	10217: Crib Point Recreation Reserve Pavilion - Change Rooms	16	1,848
	10314: RM Hooper Reserve Pavilion	286	1,255
Sports Pavilion Strategy Implementation Total		474	6,504
	10187: Aquatic & Recreation - Pool Plant & Equipment	15	300
Recreation Plant and Equipment Renewal Total		15	300
	10272: MPSC Core Systems Replacement	934	6,449
MPSC Core Systems Replacement Total		934	6,449
	10267: Library Book Stock Non Print Materials	37	180
	10268: Library Book Stock Print Materials	144	605
	10269: Library eAudio and eBooks	156	130
Library Resources Program Total		337	915
	10311: R2R - Reconstruction of Bentons Road Moorooduc	36	1,848
Roads to Recovery Program Total		36	1,848
	10374 :Black Spot Data Analysis, Reporting and Council Contribution	4	112
Black Spot Road Safety Program Total		4	112
	10387: Pedestrian Refuge Arthur's Seat Road Red Hill	1	230
	10225: Drainage and Road Rehabilitation-Improvements Broadway Rd, Rosebud	31	31
	10207: Car Park Accessibility Works, Shire Wide - Improvements	13	60
	10281: Minor Road Infrastructure Risk Reduction Works	8	200
	10392: Roundabout Merricks and Stanleys Road, Balnarring	10	702
Road Infrastructure Improvements Total		62	1,223
	10403: Creswell Street East Crib Point - Development Contributions Plan	3	250
	10333: Safer Residential Areas	106	317
Traffic Transport and Road Safety Strategies Total		109	567
	10196: Boardwalk Replacement	53	220
Boardwalk Renewal and Improvements Total		53	220
	10248: Footpath Renewal Program - Western Port Bay Trail, Hastings	2	660
	10381: Footpath Renewal for Risk Management	65	400
Footpath Renewal Strategy Total		67	1,060
	10245: Footpath Haig Street Mornington	0	100
	10253: Harrap Road Footpath	5	20
	10402: Camp Hill Road Footpath	6	64
	10340: Small missing pathlink projects	2	200
	10332: SCS Somers Path Network	3	555
	10400: Alma & Field Street Footpath	4	1
	10218: Crib Point Schools Footpaths	4	125
Pedestrian Access Strategy Implementation Total		24	1,065

Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Capital Works by Program

		FY21 YearTotal \$'000	FY21 Budget \$'000
	10412:Peninsula Strategic Trails Minor Works	1	30
Trails Program Total		1	30
	10411:Mt Eliza Car Parking Strategy	48	50
Unmade Road and Car Park Strategy Implementation Total		48	50
	10194:Bike Safe Pit Lids Replacement	3	100
	10236:Emergency Drainage Works	46	1,000
	10228:Drainage soak pit upgrades	0	350
Drainage Renewals and Urgent Works Total		49	1,450
	10229:Drainage upgrade works Patterson Grove Flinders	0	14
Drainage Outfall Improvements Total		0	14
	10227:Drainage design and investigation	47	328
	10243:Flinders Catchment and Flood Mitigation	3	256
	10215:Cook Street Outfall Upgrade	1	211
	10312:R2R - Wilkinson Street Road and Drainage Upgrade	8	711
	10406:Drainage Upgrade - Arundel Crt-Walkers Rd, Mount Eliza	3	200
	10337:Shire wide flood mapping and floor level survey	1	11
Local Integrated Drainage Strategy (LIDS) Total		62	1,718
	10356:Tennis Strategy Implementation	1	1,330
	10360:Truemans Rd Netball Courts	1	1
	10275:Marna Reserve Dromana - Netball Courts Renewal	4	563
	10317:Red Hill Recreation Reserve - Tennis Court Renewal	158	216
Netball and Tennis Facilities Renewal Total		164	2,109
	10221:Dallas Brooks Soccer Fields Reconstruction	0	160
	10404:Crib Point Oval Rehabilitation	38	118
	10192:Balnarring Recreation Reserve Oval Rehabilitation	1	30
Oval Rehabilitation Program Works Total		1	30
	10287:Narambi Reserve Junior Oval	48	50
	10343:Somerville Soccer Reserve	48	50
Sporting Fields Capacity Planning Total		14	733
	10349:Southern Peninsula Sports Lighting	12	858
	10350:Sports Growth Lighting Package	11	983
Sports Field Lighting Program Total		37	2,575
	10255:Hastings Foreshore and Splash Park	0	14
	10293:Planning and Design of Future Playspace Program	0	14
	10296:Playspace Strategy Design and Construction	-12	161
Playspace Strategy Implementation Total		-18	125
	10190:Balnarring Civic Reserve Master Plan Implementation	-24	90
	10212:Civic Reserve Sporting Precinct	-31	54
	10298:Police Point Master Plan Implementation	-37	18
	10252:French Street Community Environment Park, Rye	-43	-18
	10279:Merricks Station Grounds Master Plan	-166	431
	10318:Red Hill Station Ground Master Plan	159	-168
Recreation Master Plan Implementation Total		207	-446
	10342:Somerville Skate Park	254	-724
	10286:Mt Martha Skate Park	301	-1,002
Skate and BMX Strategy Implementation Total		922	-2,341

Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Capital Works by Program

		FY21 YearTotal \$'000	FY21 Budget \$'000
	10254: Hastings Boat Ramp	26	811
	10335: Safety Beach Rock Revetment Remedial Works	7	292
Marine Structure Renewal Total		32	1,103
	10367: Urgent lighting requests	23	66
Urgent lighting requests Total		23	66
	10258: Hastings Streetscape Plan	454	1,351
Township Streetscape Works Total		454	1,351
	10330: Rye Township Plan - Napier Street Plaza	15	10
	10399: Rye Township Foreshore Playground Picnic Tables	31	45
	10329: Rye Township Plan - Foreshore Camping Reconfiguration	111	4,168
Rye Township Plan Total		156	4,223
	10359: Township Placemaking Implementation	9	477
Township Placemaking Implementation Total		9	477
	10396: Briars Recycled Water Project	4	500
	10200: Briars Culvert Bridge	0	289
Briars Infrastructure Renewal and Improvements Total		4	789
	10346: Sorrento Foreshore Master Plan Implementation	2	19
	10334: Safety Beach Master Plan Implementation	2	84
Foreshore Masterplan Implementation Total		4	103
	10327: Rye Foreshore Improvement Works	6	281
Rye Foreshore Improvement Works Total		6	281
	10265: Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works - Crib Point	0	58
Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works Total		0	58
	10239: Enclosed bins for ewaste	37	46
Resource Recovery Centre Renewal and Upgrades Total		37	46
	10354: Strategic Water Tank	1	42
Fire Management Program Total		1	42
	10235: Elgan Avenue Rye- Coastal Bio Infiltration Basin	2	423
	10213: Civic Reserve, Mornington- Wetland and rain gardens	2	562
Water Management Program Total		4	985
Grand Total		10,090	71,803

Priority Projects

Priority Projects Listing

	Net Amount	Expenditure	Income
Aboriginal Culture and Community Development			
Willum Warrain	51,346	51,346	-
Climate Change Energy and Water			
Stormwater Quality Program	(15,000)	-	15,000
Tyabb-Somerville Recycled Water Scheme: implementation plan	(64,518)	-	64,518
Community House Support			
Community Houses Reactivation	(31,349)	63,264	94,612
Community Houses Feasibility Study	5,957	9,446	3,489
Economic Development			
Rosebud Promotional Fund	0	21,470	21,470
Mt Eliza Promotional Fund	(12,240)	-	12,240
Mornington Promotional Fund	(0)	28,032	28,032
Sorrento Promotional Fund	(2,731)	-	2,731
Mornington Peninsula Branded Produce	164	364	200
Infrastructure Services Management			
Next Generation Maintenance Contracts	105,675	112,001	6,326
Local History Program			
Shire Archives Preservation and Management Project	22,304	22,304	-
Natural Systems			
Corridors of Green Grant 2018/19	592	592	-
Arthurs Seat Escarpment Weed Management	(31,000)	-	31,000
Biolinks weed management	14,771	14,771	-
People Operations			
Childsafe Legislation Compliance	968	1,064	96
Property Operations			
Westernport Yacht Club Contribution	50,000	50,000	-
Strategic Planning			
Major Activity Centres Carpark Over	177,235	177,235	-
Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan	4,968	4,968	-
Dromana Activity Centre Structure Plan	538	538	-
Planning Scheme Amendments	3,600	3,600	-
The Briars			
Briars Ark	6,507	6,507	-
Traffic and Transport			
Mornington Peninsula Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy	1,540	1,540	-
Ride Safe Strategy Network Risk Assessment	(10,200)	-	10,200
Waste Management Administration			
Waste Strategy Implementation	12,187	12,187	-
Youth Services			
School Focussed	(22,432)	44,463	66,894
FREEZA (D&A Free Entertainment)	(11,307)	693	12,000
Schoolies Week Project	(1,632)	-	1,632
	255,941	626,383	370,442

Contracts and Tenders

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At the time of preparing the monthly report, year-end adjustments have not been finalised. These adjustments will impact on the year-end position. The Audited Annual Financial Statements will state the year end position in accordance with applicable accounting standards and regulations.

Contracts and Tenders Awarded

To meet the needs of the community and enable the functions of business, Council conducts procurement processes (tenders) and awards contracts for Infrastructure (works), Goods and Services.

In accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's -Instrument of Delegation all contracts over \$1,000,000.00 will be awarded at a formally constituted Council meeting. Contracts falling under the delegated limit will be awarded by delegated Officers, noting that Council has the right to call in any tender to be considered at a Council meeting.

The following is a public summary of all contracts awarded at Council or under delegation during the 1 July 2020 to 30 September2020 period:

Contracts and Tenders

Contracts Awarded at Council

Contract Number and Name	Award Date	Contract Type	Supplier	"Contract Term"	Estimated Contract Value (EX GST)	Estimated Contract Value (inc GST)
2391: Provision of a Landfill Facility to receive and dispose of solid inert municipal waste	9/6/20	Lump Sum	Grosvenor Lodge Pty Ltd	3 Years	\$8,837,288.18	\$9,721,017.00
2460: Provision of Internal Audit Services	9/6/20	Lump Sum	Pitcher Partners Consulting Pty Ltd	3 Years	\$930,000.00	\$1,023,000.00
2469: Hastings Boat Ramp Upgrade	23/6/20	Lump Sum	Simpson Construction Company Pty Ltd	12 Months	\$938,890.00	\$1,032,779.00
2516A: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Australian Centre for Advanced Computing and Communication Pty Ltd	2 years		
2516B: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Blue Connections Unit Trust	2 years		
2516C: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Forward IT	2 years		
2516D: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	LWT Systems	2 years		
2516E: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Onel Consulting P/L	2 years		
2516F: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	The Trustee for Computers Nows Unit Trust	2 years		
2516G: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Thomas Duryea Consulting Pty Ltd	2 years		
2516H: PA Contract No: 2106/0712 - Information Technology Products & Services	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	WINC Australia P/L	2 years		
2517A: MAV NPN 2.17-3 - Provision of Victorian Local Government Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner Panel	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Data#3 Ltd	2 years		
2517B: MAV NPN 2.17-3 - Provision of Victorian Local Government Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner Panel	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Insight Enterprises Australia Pty Ltd	2 years		
2517C: MAV NPN 2.17-3 - Provision of Victorian Local Government Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner Panel	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	Rhipe Australia Pty Ltd	2 years		
2517D: MAV NPN 2.17-3 - Provision of Victorian Local Government Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner Panel	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	SoftwareONE	2 years		
2517E: MAV NPN 2.17-3 - Provision of Victorian Local Government Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner Panel	23/6/20	Schedule of Rates	WINC Australia P/L	2 years		
2478: Crib Point Recreation Reserve Pavilion Extension	14/7/20	Lump Sum	Ducon Maintenance Pty Ltd	12 Months	\$1,673,854.00	1,841,239.40
2496: Boneo Road/Besgrove Street/Allambi Avenue Traffic Signal Installation Works	14/7/20	Lump Sum	Maw Civil Pty Ltd	12 months	\$768,200.30	845,020.33
2518: Tyabb Kindergarten Upgrade and Expansion	8/9/20	Lump Sum	Rodine Australia Pty Ltd	12 Months	\$1,122,845.00	1,235,129.50

Contracts and Tenders

Contracts Awarded under Delegation

Contract Number and Name	Award Date	Contract Type	Supplier	"Contract Term "	Estimated Contract Value (ex GST)	Estimated Contract Value (inc GST)
2438: Safety Beach Rock Revetment Refurbishment	28/07/2020	Schedule of Rates	Maw Civil Marine Pty Ltd	12 months		
2495A: Leachate Disposal	28/07/2020	Schedule of Rates	Cleanaway Operations Pty Ltd	2 Years		
2495B: Leachate Disposal	28/07/2020	Schedule of Rates	CSA Specialised Services Pty Ltd	2 Years		
2509: Wilkinson Street and Carmichael Street Road Upgrade, Tootgarook	28/07/2020	Lump Sum	Maw Civil Pty Ltd	12 months	\$616,157.35	\$677,773.08
2481 A: L2P Program Professional Driving Instruction	05/08/2020	Schedule of Rates	EDUSKILL Driver Training & Education	3 years		
2481 B: L2P Program Professional Driving Instruction	05/08/2020	Schedule of Rates	Pegasus Driver Training	3 years		
2424: Boneo Cricket Pavilion Toilet	28/09/2020	Lump Sum	Croft Wootton Construction Pty Ltd	12 months	\$242,967.48	\$267,264.23

Contracts Over Expenditure

Due to changes in timing, quality, risk and scope of projects, occasionally an awarded contract may require additional budget(contract over expenditure) to deliver the project.

In accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's Instrument of Delegation, contract over expenditure exceeding more than 30% of the original contract price or \$200,000.00 must be approved at a

formally constituted Council meeting, contract expenditure under these amounts may be approved by delegated Officers.

The below is a list of contracts that have required an over expenditure over the original awarded contract amount, within the1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 period::

Contract Over Expenditure - Approved under Delegation

Contract Number and Name	Date Approved	Awarded Contract Value	Variation	Revised Contract Value	% increase
increase2322 - Quantity Surveyor Services for Rosebud Aquatic Centre Development	07/09/2020	\$139,810.00	\$14,091.00	\$153,901.00	10%

Further information

Further information about road safety and the Mornington Peninsula Towards Zero 2020-2025 road safety strategy is available on the Mornington Peninsula Shire website

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