



Summer has arrived at Merricks Beach

December	Friday	28th		Davies Cup Tennis Tournament
	Sunday	30th		MBRA AGM
January 2019	Sunday	13th		Sand Modeling Competition and sausage sizzle
	Sunday	13th	1pm-6pm	Try Sailing Day at Merricks Yacht Club
Weekly during January	Tuesday	Weekly	7.30pm	'Chill Out Tuesday' at Merricks Yacht Club for junior members age 10+
Monthly Oct-March	Sunday	First Sun month	8.30-9.30am	MBFC Beach clean ups
Weekly all year	Thursdays	Weekly	5.30pm	'Happy Hour' at MYC, hosted by Sue Rutley

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MBRA AGM – come and meet the Mayor!

As members should be aware, the MBRA AGM will be held on 30 December 2018 at 10am at MYC. As an added attraction, the new mayor of MPSC, Red Hill Ward’s own Cr David Gill, has agreed to attend again this year and to answer members’ questions.

MBRA subscription Reminder

A reminder (for those who need one) that MBRA annual subscriptions were due by 30 November 2018. The membership fee is again just \$115 this year (no inflation at Merricks Beach!) There’s still just time for your payment to be in the draw to win lunch for two at Montalto Restaurant, courtesy of John Mitchell (payment must be received by 27th December). Details of how to pay are on the membership form sent to all residents, or have a look on merricksbeach.org Thanks to all those who have already paid!

A Heliport at Point Leo Estate?

The owner of Point Leo Estate has made a planning application to permit helicopters to land on the property, primarily so that patrons at the restaurants can avoid the long and tedious drive from Melbourne. Whilst it is proposed that the helicopters would approach and depart Pt. Leo over the sea, the point at which they cross over

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the beach is up to the pilots. It seems very likely that they would frequently pass back and forth over Merricks Beach, at just 1000 feet.

The MBRA committee has resolved to object to this application, and to encourage members to do likewise. This is on the basis of the threat posed to the amenity of Merricks Beach, and also because the committee believes as a matter of principle that commercial helicopter transport into private landing sites on the (Westernport side of the) Peninsula is generally inappropriate and unjustifiable. If you agree with this position, it is important that you lodge an objection. You can do so at www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Building-Planning/Planning/Objecting-to-a-planning-application (the permit application number is P18/2295 and the address is 3649 Frankston-Flinders Road Merricks 3916). (Peter Cash)

Coastal Villages Neighbourhood Character Study/Strategy

The MPSC is conducting this study using consultants Ethos Urban. A number of residents were able to meet the consultants when they set up a "listening post" on Sat 8 December. Others hopefully will have responded to the on-line survey to have their say. The consultants are still accepting feedback by email and the MBRA is putting together a submission.

We understand the purpose of the study includes creating a statement of neighbourhood character for each village and that this statement may in some way reaffirm, renewing or modify the various planning overlays that protect our lovely village from overdevelopment. The MBRA submission has a focus on maintaining the village as it is and on retaining the protections against overdevelopment; it draws upon 2 major studies conducted over the last 10 years and also on recent feedback from community members. The MBRA's submission will be available on the website – we are aiming for the 7th January. (Roseanne Pittard)

Pick My Project and Tennis Court Update

We want to thank all members who took the time to vote for the Merricks Beach court resurfacing project on the Vic Government's website. Unfortunately we were not one of the successful projects. However...the MBRA has been advised by MPSC that we can defer expenditure of the grant provided by Council for replacement of the tennis court fences until later in 2019. This deferral was sought so that a comprehensive design and project plan, incorporating both the fence replacement and court resurfacing work, can be completed before any work needs to be done. The Shire's engineers have agreed to prepare a plan, at no cost to the MBRA; this is expected by February. In the meantime, an application has been made to MPSC for a further grant in an amount sufficient (with matching funds from our own resources) to enable the entire project to be completed. A further update will be provided at the MBRA AGM. (Peter Cash)

Crossover Cleaning Success

Several Bayview Rd residents recently took advantage of a deal the MBRA negotiated with a contractor to clean out their crossovers. Bayview Rd had been identified as being problematic and we were keen to see if such a programme could be pulled together. The work took place in Nov and involved a large truck equipped with a jetting device which was driven into the pipes and cleared them using high-pressure water. Other than one pipe (which had tree roots in it) all were successfully cleared.

We would now like to hear from anyone else interested in having their crossover jetted. The cost will be \$150 per individual pipe (\$200 for double or multiple pipes) and we will need at least 8 participants to make it economic. Please register your interest by using the contact page on the website (<http://merricksbeach.org.au/contact-us>). Don't forget to leave your Merricks address and contact details. (Bernard Barrett)

Summer Sailing

The MYC 2018/19 season was officially opened on October 29. There's action aplenty at the club over summer, both on the water and off. Dinners, movie nights and a little dudes disco. Check out our summer calendar on <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/merricks/> for all the dates. For anyone who wants to give sailing a go, come along to our Try Sailing Day. Straight after the



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Sand Modeling Comp on January 13th. You don't have to be a member and you'll get a chance to sail with an experienced sailor.

Update on Bill Carroll Reserve

The Bill Carroll Reserve is looking lovely and green after good rainfall over the Autumn Winter and Spring with 86.5 mls for the first 16 days of December!

After some discussion with the Shire we have decided to remain an incorporated body which means we can retain the services of David Stewart who cares for the lawns and all the pesky tasks that the volunteers cannot do. Our working bees are advertised on the BCR notice board and at the entrance to Palmers Hill Road-, and also on the Merricks Beach Calendar.

The Reserve is a wonderful place to play footy and cricket, have a picnic or just wander through and listen to the frogs and birdlife in the lagoon. Our next event is our Picnic in the Park on 27th January at 5pm. Bring your own everything and meet up with neighbours.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas holiday from all the Friends of Bill Carroll Reserve (Dee Edgar)

News from the Merricks Beach Foreshore Reserve

In preparation for the summer holiday period, the committee has had the pathways in the Foreshore Reserve slashed and tidied. You may have also noticed that weeding and weed spraying has taken place regularly during the past year, and we would like to thank Ranger Raf from Pt. Leo for his excellent work.

The committee has recently conducted the annual tree inspection of trees near pathways in the Reserve, and will deal forthwith with the two trees identified with possible problems.

The committee invite your feedback about trees, and about the care of the Foreshore Reserve, as it will inform any actions we take in subsequent years. (Mary Daley)

Dog Care

During a recent working bee, one of our Foreshore Reserve volunteers was bitten by a tick in the foreshore. The tick was not identified and probably a bush tick rather than the more alarming paralysis tick, however it is a timely reminder to check your dogs for ticks.

The rules for the times that dogs may be permitted on the beach are unchanged, and are available on the MBRA website; <http://merricksbeach.org.au/dogs-merricks-beach>

The committee wish to remind you that the rangers from Balnarring Beach will conduct random dog patrols during the school holidays. If you wish to discuss a specific incident about a dog with the ranger, then please call the Balnarring ranger on 5983 5582.

Beach Cleaning

Please look out for Beach Cleaning Sign-On table on every Sunday in January 2019 and the first Sundays in February, March and April. Many residents clean the beach every time they walk there, and many dog walkers from our neighbouring areas do the same. In consequence, the State Government has not had to spend money on beach cleaning contractors for our beach, and have to date, paid an allowance to the foreshore committee for the cleaning. Though we keep our beach clean for the whole year, the rate paid to us is based on the summer signatures. Please remember to sign up with our friendly committee member whenever you see the table.



MBRA - A New Website

The MBRA will be launching a new website in January 2019. This will allow a more updated format for the Merricks Matters newsletter and a more modern look and feel. We hope you like it. A preview of the new MBRA site will happen at the MBRA AGM. Any questions afterwards please send to Madeleine Curtain. The site will be officially up and running by end of January.

Announcing a Photo Competition

We will be inviting photo contributions to the new MBRA website. We will launch with available material but will be running a photo competition and inviting submissions in various categories with prizes available. Photos are submitted on the condition they can be used as website/newsletter material. Start collecting some of your best shots and once the site is live we will update you.



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Thank you

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