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Include events for Nov, Dec, Jan.(25)

Hill and Ridge Community Market - the new Community Market at Red Hill

Introducing the Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society's newest initiative – The Hill and Ridge Community Market at Red Hill.

The Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society in conjunction with the Red Hill and District Lions Club, has been awarded the tender to operate a market at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

The Market will operate on the first Saturday of the month from September to May,8 am to 1 pm, beginning on October 5th, 2024, at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve.

The A&H Society is dedicated to enhancing the local community through the monthly Hill and Ridge Market at Red Hill. This vibrant market will be a celebration of the Mornington Peninsula's rich local culture and talent, offering a diverse array of locally grown produce, delicious foods, artisan products, and captivating music and art.

By fostering a welcoming atmosphere and supporting local businesses, the market will provide a dynamic platform for community interaction and growth. It will be a true reflection of the area's spirit, created by the community, for the community, with profits reinvested into the community.

We hope to see you all there to support the Hill and Ridge Community Market on the 5th of October, either as a patron or a stallholder.

Expressions of interest to be part of this exciting new venture are now open at:

Website - https://www.hillandridgemarket.com.au/

Facebook -https://www.facebook.com/

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Help Bring Down the Barriers

Voice your concerns and sign the petition now!

A group of Red Hill representative community organisations are campaigning for the removal or reduction of prominent road barriers and signage along Arthurs Seat Road, as well as the new traffic island, parking and pedestrian works in front of United Service Station.

Sign our petition

You can help us put pressure on the council by signing our petition to get some action. Hard copies are available at:

- Cellar and Pantry
- Red Hill Pharmacy
- Food on the Hill
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Alternatively, you can **sign our e-petition** by scanning the QR code with your phone.

The program of works is an overkill, an eyesore, is disproportionate to the relative road risks and compromise our rural landscape and unique character cherished by residents and enjoyed by visitors. The works are in conflict with Council's Green Wedge policies.

The community was not consulted ahead of Council submitting for this Federal Blackspot funding, and about the nature, scope and impact of the works once funding was approved, nor the separate works in front of United Service Station.

The works in front of the United Service Station are also concerning as they are disproportionate to the need, not requested nor required, and are very much a suburban solution that will increase road risks and make it more difficult and unsafe to exit the area.

The petition complements a joint short submission made to Council on 11 September. (available to view at www.redhillcommunityassociation.com) A more detailed submission is currently being prepared with facts and figures to be lodged with the petition after the government election is finalised.

The Red Hill Community Association is leading the campaign with representatives from Red Hill Lions; Red Hill Fire Brigade, Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society; Red Hill Football and Netball Club; Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association; Mornington Peninsula Regional Tourism Board; and the Hinterland Tourism Association.

Keep updated with our campaign on the redhillcommunityassociation.com website.

QR code for the petition with 'Bring down the Barriers' graphic.

The petition has been worded as follows:

This petition is concerned with: the Blackspot Program works on Arthurs Seat Road between White Hill Road and Shoreham Road Red Hill (barriers and signage); and the civil works on Arthurs Seat Road in front of United Service Station, Focus and the General Store (traffic island, new car parks, concrete path, new fence, and more signs). Our community is united in our objections to these works.

Road barriers and signage outside Eldridge Estate

HOW MANY SIGNS CAN YOU COPE WITH AND STILL FOCUS ON THE ROAD

The proliferation of road signage on a short stretch of road begs the question about their effectiveness.

A recent count of signs along Arthurs Seat Road between Whitehill Road and Shoreham Road revealed there were over 100 road signs along this stretch.

Surely this is distracting to driver concentration on safe driving ?

The reflection from large chevrons is blinding at night and results in automatically dimming headlights in most modern cars - another safety hazard.

Petition wording

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BRING DOWN THE BARRIERS – ARTHURS SEAT ROAD RED HILL

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This petition was organised by the Red Hill Community Association, PO Box 13 Red Hill 3937, in conjunction with: Red Hill Fire Brigade; Red Hill Lions; Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society; Red Hill Football and Netball Club; Mornington Peninsula Vigneron Association; Hinterland Tourism Association; and Mornington Peninsula Tourism Board.

We, the undersigned, petition the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to:

1. 1. Remove barriers and signage in front of Eldridge Estate

2. 2. Review and supply data underpinning this Black Spot Program and consult regarding justification for retention of all the other barriers and signs on Arthurs Seat Road

3. 3. Commission a fresh independent report on traffic movement in front of United Service Station and subject to community consultation, modify and rectify those works.

Commit to genuine consultation ahead of any future program concerning public infrastructure in the Red Hill Ward including Blackspot Program works.

QR Code to access petition

What do we love about our iconic peninsula home?

The views before and after the barriers, are a stark illustration of the destruction of the scenic views the hinterland is recognised for.

As residents, we must take into consideration the impact on the landscape when considering of any changes to our properties.

Surely there is a need for some consultation **before the process begins** to ensure the decisions made are compatible with all aspects of our precious rural environment.

Yes, safety must come first, but if you investigate the accident figures you might discover that in fact no accidents have been recorded on this stretch of road over the last 50 years!

The speed limit in this area has recently been reduced to 60km per hour, reducing the likelihood of accidents even further.

HILL AND RIDGE EMERGENCY NETWORK

The recent period of storm activity resulted in power outages, fallen trees and debris on road verges and around properties. The damage across the Peninsula was widespread with the Shire fielding over 900 calls for trees down. The incident highlighted the significant contribution of local emergency services and the Hill and Ridge Emergency Network to support the community before, during, and after severe weather and other emergencies. The value of developing communication networks and local planning shone through and highlighted opportunities for the network to follow up.

- If you see fallen trees or hanging branches that pose a risk, we ask you to assist with reporting so that the Shire's contactors can respond. There are two ways in which this can be done, either directly through the Shires website www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Contact-Us/Report-a-problem or via the Snap Send Solve App. Both options are recorded in the Shire's system which means that you will also have a record of the request.

The Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Spring shows an increased likelihood that many areas across Victoria are likely to experience more extreme warming events throughout the period. So now is the perfect time to assess your risk and prepare your property for fire

Key actions to start thinking about:

Join or create a local Neighbour Network. Check if there is already a group or street coordinator in your area by contacting the network at hillandridgenetwork@gmail.com. If there is no group and you wish to start one, get in touch and request a Neighbour Card pack.

- Move your winter woodpile away from the house or sheds.
- Prune tree branches so they are not overhanging the roof or touching walls.
- Clear your gutters.
- Keep grass shorter than 10cm.
- Remove leaves and twigs from around your property.
- Test anything that is part of your fire plan such as sprinklers, pumps and generators.
- Check that your home and contents insurance is current and includes a level of cover in line with current building standards and regulations.

If you have a block over 1500 sqm and intend to burn off to remove green waste, register your burn-off online at Fire Permits Victoria at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au.

- Residents can dispose of green waste at no cost during the Shire's upcoming 'No Charge' Green Waste event from Friday 25th to the 27th October 2024 at a Resource Recovery Centre.

Please bring proof of residency (driver's licence or rates notice). Commercial vehicles are not accepted.
Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan. Find out how at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan.

If you would like a Property Assessment Form to check your level of preparedness and highlight any areas to action before the start of the bushfire season, please email hillandridgenetwork@gmail.com

If you have any questions or would like further info, please feel free to get in touch.

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REPOWER TO HOST CLIMATE CHANGERS FILM

Repower Mornington Peninsula is proud to host a special screening of the inspirational **Climate Changers** film at the Rosebud Cinema on **Wednesday 9 October at 7pm.**

This is an important film for our time, with messages not only of the urgency to act on climate change, but with hope of what can be achieved if we demand strong leadership, and are prepared to do whatever is within our own sphere of influence.

The film follows acclaimed scientist Tim Flannery as he searches for the missing ingredient in our fight against climate change – leadership. It is an inspiring and thought-provoking film that offers a blueprint for effective climate leadership. It charts the different qualities, challenges and triumphs of diverse leaders around the world working at both grassroots and systems levels to create positive change.

After the screening, there will be a short discussion with guest speaker Tim Forcey, well known home energy adviser, researcher, and author. Tim founded the thriving My Efficient Electric Home online community and has recently published a book of the same name. You will also hear how Repower and our partners can help you navigate your way towards a more energy efficient home with cheaper energy bills.

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We are excited to invite you to a Chainsaw Awareness Training session as part of our efforts to help the community prepare for the upcoming storm and fire season.

Date: Saturday, 19th October -**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - **Location:** Red Hill CFA, 21 Mechanics Road, Red Hill

This session will cover essential strategies for preparing your property for storm and fire by identifying risks and offering practical tips. You'll also learn about chainsaw maintenance and safety, including best practices for

operation and upkeep. Whether you're an experienced user or new to chainsaws, this session will offer valuable insights.

What to expect:

- Learn how to prepare your property for extreme weather.

- Chainsaw safety and maintenance tips.Bring your own chainsaw (optional)

- Demonstrations of chainsaw use, cuts, and proper techniques.

To register for this free session, please reply to this email. Numbers are limited so get in quick.

We look forward to seeing you there and helping our community become safer and more prepared.

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DROP IN TO THE SHIRE'S NEW RED HILL OFFICE

Red Hill has a new 'Your Local Connection Points' Mornington Peninsula Shire office which is open one-day a week, every Thursday from 9am to 5pm.

The Red Hill Office is located at the rear of 137 Shoreham Road, next to the Red Hill Café and Wine Bar.

The office provides residents with access to Shire team members to answer questions and help you with a wide range of Shire-related customer needs, service advice to form submissions and EFTPOS payments.

The Connection Points are designed to be convenient, save time and provide us with a more personalised service.

Red Hill is one of four sites of this new Mornington Peninsula Shire initiative and complement the main offices in Mornington, Rosebud, and Hastings.

Other Local Connection Points are located at:

- Dromana - Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre: New service open every Wednesday, 10am to 4pm.
- Somerville Library: Extended service, open Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

Sorrento Community Centre: New service open every Friday, 9am to 5pm (Excluding public holidays)

You are being encouraged to provide feedback on the Local Connection Points initiative, regardless of whether you have used the services or not. Feedback forms are available at the hubs or can be accessed through the Shire's website at mornpen.vic.gov.au/abetterconnection

Councillors. council staff and locals gathered for the opening of the Red Hill Connection Point.

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Valé Robert Commerford

Local community organisations, along with friends and family farewelled local identity Robert Commerford, a long-standing an well-known resident of Red Hill.

Robert was well-known for his community activism. He was vice-president of the Red Hill Community Association, and represented RHCA on the Hill and Ridge Emergency Network. Carolynn Massola President, Red Hill Community Association said " Rob's humour, enthusiasm, eye for the future and great range of skills is greatly missed by our Association."

He also shared the leadership of the Repower Mornington group.

" Rob was a dear friend to many of us, with a warm sense of humour, deep love of his family, and a real passion for his local community. He will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and love go out to Pattie and her family," said Michael Hund from Repower.

CELEBRATE FROCKTOBER AND SUPPORT OVARIAN CANCER

Main Ridge Bowls and Pétanque Club is again hosting a Frocktober fund raiser to support the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF). Last year in excess of $5,000 was raised at the Club for the cause and all funds raised will again be donated to the charity.

This is a very worthy cause and one we hope the community will support. Ovarian cancer is the worst of the gynaecological cancers and there is no early detection test available that is non-invasive.

Funding from the Government is limited so the OCRF relies on fund raisers such as Frocktober to support their research work.

The fund raiser is in the form of an afternoon tea to be held at the club rooms.

All are welcome to attend - it's not just for Ladies,- It will be a fun-filled afternoon.

For catering purposes bookings are essential. but if you can't make it, donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

SPRING INTO ACTION: LIVE MUSIC EVERY WEEKEND AT THE SHED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Get ready for a jam-packed Spring at The Pig & Whistle in Main Ridge! The Shed Theatre is buzzing with excitement as they announce an incredible lineup of live music shows. With over 20 shows scheduled between October and December, this beloved rustic space has never been so popular.

October is set to be a highlight, featuring a mix of local talent and touring artists. Local legends like Mutual Colour, President Roots, Marty Williams, Brad Kennedy, and Paul Dillon will take the stage. Don't miss the epic 10-hour music marathon, "The Pigs in Lipstick," featuring Bloody Norah's, Rennie & The Shit Chair, NAMES, The Earthworms and many more. Touring acts like Emily Barker, Neil Murray, and Georgia Mooney will also be gracing the Shed Theatre stage.

On Wednesday October 2nd the Pig & Whistle are presenting their first Kids Show as part of the School holidays with Mr. Music at 11am.

To see the full lineup and get your tickets, visit www.thepigandwhistle.com.au

Everyone who purchases a ticket at one of The Shed Theatre shows, also receives a 10% discount on their meal if they come for a pre-show dinner.

If you don't want to miss out, make sure you sign up to their newsletter located on their website. HL

A NOVICE'S EXPERIENCE WITH LANDCARE

My husband and I have a 16 acre farm in Main Ridge. Our farm faces West and so we often get the prevailing Westerly winds. To combat this, we decided we'd like to section off one of our paddocks and build a wind break.

We contacted Landcare to advise and help us with this project.

Landcare was fantastic. They came out to look at our property and explained all about how a windbreak would work. Greg Holland, from Landcare, told us that what we needed was called a Shelterbelt. Shelterbelts are rows and/or patches of vegetation across a property. The name comes from the way in which they provide stock or crops with wind and thermal protection during weather extremes. If properly constructed, shelterbelts provide much more in the form of biodiversity, amenity, ecological services and substantial increases in agricultural productivity.

It couldn't have come at a better time for us after experiencing the gale force winds over August and September this year.

So, in early September, with the help of Landcare, we planted 33 Messmates (Eucalyptus Obliqua), Peppermints (Eucalyptus radiata) and Blackwoods (Acacia melanoxylon).

Landcare brought all that we needed on the day of planting. They came equipped with a Hamilton planter which is a tool that looks like a pogo stick and it makes a planting hole which is just the right shape and depth for planting tree samplings, sleeve protectors for the sapling, stakes to hold the protectors in place and the Eucalyptus saplings. A friend had given us 30 Blackwood saplings which was a bonus. Landcare had lent us a Ripper which is a very heavy tool which we attached to the back of our tractor and it "rips" the solid ground before planting and this helps to break up and aerate the soil and makes planting easier.

There was a well designed process whereby we measured and marked where each tree was to be planted, one person used the Hamilton planter to make the holes, someone (me) put osmocote in the bottom of each hole, someone planted each sapling and then the protective sleeve was put around each sapling and the stakes were hammered in. And VOILA within 45mins, 33 trees were planted. It was a fantastic, smooth and well executed process and fun to do.

There'll be a second planting to complete the Shelterbelt in 2025.

We learnt that benefits from shelterbelts are many and include increased productivity, shelter from wind extremes because of the reduction in surface wind speeds, reduced temperature extremes due to shade for stock, lower wind chill and lower daily high temperature extremes, decreased water run off/ erosion and more bird life.

So our first experience with Landcare was very successful. We now have a Shelterbelt established and have learnt such a lot. It will add to the productivity of our farm and protect our cattle from extremes of weather and bring more birds and wildlife to our farm. Overall a WIN WIN situation.

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Peter Bentley planting trees on his Main Ridge property

Lions Eye Health Program

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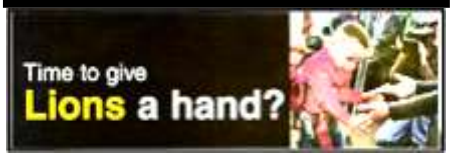

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THE HILL AND RIDGE COMMUNITY MARKET AT RED HILL - A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL CULTURE, TALENT AND PRODUCE

The Hill and Ridge Community Market is a monthly celebration of the regions culture and talent. Held at the picturesque Recreation & Showgrounds in the heart of our beautiful Red Hill community it will be an enriching experience for all who visit, as well as a true celebration of the Mornington Peninsula's unique culture, creativity and natural beauty.

A Market For The Community, By The Community

What sets the Hill and Ridge Market apart is its strong foundation as a not for-profit, community-driven initiative. Run for the community, for the benefit of the community, the market will help support local organisations such as the Scouts and local sports clubs and other community organisations.

This grass roots approach ensures support for local businesses as well as investing back into the community.

Showcasing The Best of The Mornington Peninsula

Visitors of the Hill and Ridge Community Market at Red Hill will be treated to a spectacular array of local talent, from passionate artisan makers to award-winning produce growers, providing a unique opportunity to experience everything the Peninsula has to offer.

Embracing the spirit of excellence and inclusion, the new Hill and Ridge Community Market will showcase an impressive array of artisan makers, produce growers and creators, as well as delicious food and music.

Among the highlights of the market are apples and craft ciders from **Eddie's Cider**, paying homage to the Peninsula's rich apple growing history.

Wine lovers will relish the chance to sample locally produces wines from **Rahona Valley Wines,** whilst Pure Peninsula Honey offers the sweet taste of nature's best.

The artisan range of hand made products will feature a beautiful selection of handcrafted products, including natural botanical skincare, beautiful jewellery, hand-poured candles as well as vintage prints, indoor plants and stunning locally grown flowers.

Flinders Sourdough will be on hand with their famous Sour Dough Bread,

as well as artisan cheeses from Main Ridge Dairy.

A Feast for the Senses

Take a moment to unwind, stop for a coffee and soak up the market's atmosphere. For the food lovers, there will be a diverse range of delicious offerings such as sweet treats, savoury snacks and a range of beautifully cooked foods.

Family Fun and Community Spirit

More than just a shopping destination, it's fun for all the family, with plenty of activities for the kids. With a chance to meet friendly farm animals and live music performances it's a welcome environment for people of all ages.

Supporting Local, Celebrating the Mornington Peninsula

With a strong emphasis on inclusion, quality and community the Hill and Ridge Community Market is poised to become the cornerstone of the Red Hill Community. It will bring together the best the Peninsula has to offer, fostering a sense of connection whilst promoting the importance of local business.

Come along and experience a vibrant energy, the beautiful handmade crafts, and the delicious produce and make the Hill and Ridge Community Market a great destination.

Whether you are a local or just visiting, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Developing Community | Supporting Youth | Addressing Disadvantage

Celebrate the Festive Season at the Red Hill Community Christmas Tree Festival

The Red Hill Community Christmas Tree Festival returns on Saturday, December 14th, offering a delightful day of holiday cheer and community spirit at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve. This annual event invites families, friends, and visitors to celebrate the festive season with an array of activities and attractions designed to bring joy to all ages.

The festival will take place at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve, transforming the area into a festive wonderland with beautifully decorated Christmas trees and dazzling lights. Attendees can look forward to a variety of attractions, including:

- **Creative Competitions:**
  Showcase your holiday creativity by participating in our exciting competitions. Categories include Christmas Tree Wreaths, Table Decorations, Decorated Christmas Cakes, and Biscuits or Cup-Cakes. There's even an open category for unique creations—let your imagination run wild!

- **Live Entertainment:**
  Enjoy performances from local musicians and choirs, adding a melodious touch to the festive ambiance.
- **Interactive Workshops:**
  Engage in hands-on workshops such as wreath-making and pottery decoration, perfect for creating personalized holiday keepsakes
- .**Photos with Santa:**
  It wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from the big guy himself. Capture the magic of the season with photo ops alongside Santa and beautifully decorated Christmas trees.
- **Community Picnic and BBQ:**
  BYO picnic or enjoy dining alfresco with fare from the community BBQ and a range of food truck offerings.
- **Christmas carols and songs to celebrate the season**—

"The Red Hill Community Christmas Tree Festival is more than just an event; it's a celebration of our community's spirit and creativity," said [Spokesperson's Lyn Connor, President of the Red Hill District Lions Club "We invite everyone to join us for a day filled with festive fun and meaningful connections."

Organised by the Red Hill District Lions Club, entry to the festival is by donation and open to all. Proceeds from the event support local charities and community initiatives, making your participation impactful. For more information, please visit [www.redhilldistrictlions.com.au or contact Lions at [info@redhilldustrictlions.com.au or ring or message 0427 551 890

To help bring this event to fruition Lions are seeking volunteers to join our team.- No specific skills needed, just a willingness to help out where needed.

If you know of choirs, performers, musicians etc who might like to support our program please get in touch.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be willing to assist with a workshop evening on making Christmas decorations of any kind,.

RED HILL DISTRICT LIONS

Making a difference in our community