

Why it's important to become a member of the Shoreham Community Association

We all have our own reasons for coming to Shoreham, but the one reason we share is our love of the beauty and tranquillity of this place. We love it for its unique character and history, its peace and quiet, the beautiful beaches and hinterland, the koalas, echidnas, shorebirds and much more. Shoreham is a sanctuary, whether for an occasional weekend, a holiday or on a more permanent basis. Most of us would like it to stay this way. And if the sanctuary can provide some vibrant social interaction then all the better!

So what's this got to do with becoming a member?

SCA needs your membership so that we can work with you to protect and maintain the integrity of Shoreham and its community; so we can all continue to feel connected to this very special place.

Strong membership means a strong organisation with a strong mandate. This is needed since our Community Association is often the first point of contact for government and other organisations canvassing a change or new policy. Mandate is needed also for SCA to proactively address policy or planning matters that may adversely affect the quality of life in Shoreham. SCA is the community's voice and is well regarded by representatives at all levels of government.

SCA's Committee of Management meets monthly and between times sub-committees, individual committee and interested community members, engage in activities that support its Objectives (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/our-objectives/>) and its mandate. A strong mandate was given by the community on SCA's inception in 2011; more recent mandate has flowed from other activities, incidents and engagements. Some of the activities include (and this is not exhaustive) -

- The Taskforce sub-committee that monitors and responds to continuing development issues at the Post Office and General Store sites; (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/strategic-planning/>)
- Our work with community members, groups and the Shire over vegetation planting at the Triangle; (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/sca-projects/>)
- Raising issues with Cr Tim Wood at his bi-monthly Residents' Associations' (RAM) Meetings eg road safety issues;
- Engaging with the Shire Council to clear weeds on the verges along Byrnes Road;
- Attending the Red Hill Ward Consultative Group meetings to discuss and act upon issues of joint concern – for example the recent inappropriate cutting back of road verge vegetation by a shire contractor; (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/strategic-planning/>)
- Engaging with Local and Federal Governments over road safety issues – a meeting is scheduled with Flinders MP, Minister Greg Hunt in December;
- Monitoring, responding to and proactively engaging with the Shire's 'Mornington Peninsula Planning Statement' and the State Government's 'Coastal Village Strategy';
- Presenting a yearly submission to the Shire's Budget, pushing for Shoreham to get a monetary fair share;
- Applying for grants, either on its own or with other community groups. Recent successful applications include:
 - Shire Placemaking Grants: one with the Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade for tables and benches at the CFA in Byrnes Road; another jointly with the Pt Leo Foreshore Park and Reserve Committee of Management for a feasibility study for a walking trail between Point Leo and Shoreham (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/sca-projects/>)
 - to Bendigo Bank for a defibrillator to be kept at the Shoreham Post Office;
 - jointly with Flinders Historical Society for historic signage in Shoreham; (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/sca-projects/>)
- Engaging with the Shire over development of the Common – this includes the new seating, tables and play equipment; also with regard to much needed renovation work, structurally and internally to the Old School Hall; (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/sca-projects/>)
- Organising regular community social events – the monthly Friday morning 'Cuppa and Talk', the Community Dinners and a monthly walk. (see <http://shoreham.vic.au/events/>)

SCA welcomes your membership – please download a form at <http://shoreham.vic.au/welcome-membership/> . It needs your feedback, ideas, suggestions and future visions. In particular it needs your ideas on how best to communicate with you.

A list of current Committee Members and Executive contact numbers can be found at <http://shoreham.vic.au/sca-committee-of-management/>