

Priority Projects for Shoreham

Shoreham Community Association

Project heading	The Common development
Purpose	<p>The Common needs to be developed sustainably to facilitate community building/enriching activities. There is a need to facilitate inclusion of a range of currently disengaged and/or excluded groups (youth, mothers and aged) within our community, as well as to more appropriately cater for families, nature lovers, sports people, music, art lovers, campers from the Foreshore Reserve and others who currently seek access to facilities on and directly around The Common in order that they can better interact and participate in community life.</p> <p>The Common is the central location for social life. The SCA's projects are vitally linked to this development and require a master plan developed with sustainability experts in landscaping, indigenous vegetation, architecture, building and planning.</p> <p>The SCA requests an initial allocation of funds to scope, plan and design this facility. It should be noted that in the SCA's submissions for funding under the 2012/2013 budget, the 'Officer Comment' in the Council Agenda Papers for the 12 July 2012 meeting stated that "a feasibility study would require \$20 000 funding" . This study was focussed on the potential for a new community hall, most likely to be situated on The Common. Unfortunately those funds were not allocated. We now seek 'in-kind' support to get a scoping activity underway.</p>
Background	<p>The Shoreham Common, positioned opposite the post office and proposed retail development, is part of a Shire accredited local heritage precinct which has changed shape and form over its circa 150 year history. Some important elements have been maintained, specifically the 'avenue of honour' plaques and trees. Some have not, specifically the historic School Hall, pathways and verges. Facilities currently on The Common include the School Hall, public toilets and a children's playground, the Shoreham Tennis Club- including clubhouse, 4 courts and a flagpole used by the RSL and citizens on special civic occasions.</p> <p>The Common is highly valued by the community for its 'open space'. Existing facilities are 'tired' and limited and do not support enrichment of community life in the way our growing permanent resident community requires; highlighted by the July 2010 Shoreham Community Association and the Mornington Peninsula Shire survey of Shoreham's desired development.</p>

Project Design	<p>The design should address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A range of activity requirements – small/large gatherings, picnic and BBQ cooking and eating facilities with shelter, seating, additional ‘play and exercise’ equipment to entice a broader range of age groups onto the Common to interact. 2. Age group and indigenous requirements – we want to include aged people from the care facility out into our community; we want to engage our youth, cater for families of all stages in life, cater for indigenous and diasporic aboriginal Australian peoples to gather and interact with our community. 3. Linking public area developments in and around Shoreham eg: future development of the General Store site, the ‘Shoreham Triangle’, the school bus stop, the public bus stop, the mobile library stop, the hall and new meeting place building/development, the beach and walking paths. 4. Planting of indigenous vegetation and places to sit within it. 5. Safety issues such as crossings to the Mobile Library, school and public bus stops, store development, as well as sensitive and appropriate lighting. 6. The lack of environmental and heritage information eg: concerning both Boon Wurrung and post settlement peoples, and flora and fauna, as well as including reference to Shoreham’s rich artistic past. 7. Carparking to be designated around The Common, no longer upon it. 8. Involvement of the community in planning processes; public meetings, newsletters, scheduling
Project members	Verity Saunders Ducos (Convenor), Rob Patrick, Peter Renkin, Peter Kelly, Madeleine Machin
Projected timeline	MPS to bring forward the Master Plan Development Process to enable planning and implementation of some elements within 12 months.
Collaborative organisations	MPS - Fiona Colquhoun, Team Leader, Recreation Planning; Alison Leighton, Manager, Infrastructure Strategy; Dr Michael , CEO; Cr Frank Martin; Shire consultants; VicRoads
Community consultation	Shoreham Tennis Club; Shoreham Foreshore Reserve Committee; Flinders and District Historical Society; Shoreham CFA; Shoreham School Hall Committee; local architects; Shoreham community

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