



MORNINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

MORNINGTON NEWS



Mayor's Message



As we approach another Christmas and wet season, I would like to reflect on what has been a difficult year with the passing of some of our loved ones. The year has also included achievements for Council and community. As time passes, we lose more of our deeply respected elders and the traditional knowledge which binds us to our history and culture. I know we all feel this deeply. Council has been working hard to create a platform for future resilience and prosperity for the whole community. We have supported and invested in helping to reestablish our cultural festivals through Mirndiyan Gununa Arts and Cultural Centre, which was a truly great success and will be even greater next year.

We have initially focussed on **fixing Council's financial problems**; and we now have a profitable council operation. I have been outspoken on the lack of value we receive for the money that comes to community. We are now taking more control of these investments and are establishing a **community decision making group** representing all families in the community. The community decision making group will decide on future community priorities.

I have also been able to get **net fishing banned** from our traditional waters which will safeguard the fishing resources for all our families into the future. You will have seen the significant increase in **building activity** throughout the town which includes a facility to bring in tradesmen to fix our homes – a major priority for next year. We are also building homes and plug-ins (like granny flats) for locals. Single men's accommodation should start being built early in the new year and tavern building works are happening, too. We are in the process of final planning related to a **thirteen-block land development and subdivision**, for local housing.

The **Youth Hub** building has been completed and is being used over Christmas for various youth activities. You will see this thrive and grow next year as we look to support our youth; and address problems they are currently facing.

We have also commenced our **tourism activities** with the first cruise ship visit this year. In addition, we have invested significant time, energy and money into our **local employment, apprenticeships and traineeships**. This will expand significantly next year and **student work experience** will be introduced, too.

Finally, you will have seen the massive investment into our road works to ensure that **roads are drivable all year round**, as well as important **water and sewerage upgrades**. This will continue next year, too. Council is pleased that the Queensland Government have listened. Much needed **renal chairs for dialysis treatment** at the local hospital should be up and running in 2024. That will then ensure that our mob can move back home.

The **Salvation Army shop** located in Lardil Street has been a terrific win for the community. It needs staff, so if anyone wants to put their hand up, please see Council.

Council has worked hard to deliver everything that mainstream councils do. Our remoteness and uniqueness have contributed to a challenging year, but it has also been a pleasure serving my people and addressing critical needs, for us to be successful.

I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CEO

“

I arrived on beautiful Mornington Island in February this year and I am grateful to have been welcomed by so many good people in the community.

I have a simple belief that the only reason the Council exists is for the benefit of the community, and that employment with Council provides the opportunity for people to help their community.

This year we have first focussed on building an executive team that can help create the best Council in the Gulf and Cape region and we have already made progress towards this goal. The finances have been a major focus and are looking really good to help increase community investment next year. Next year we will be focussing on building works and service delivery improvement.

The key to our future success will be finding the local employees who want to work for community and who want to be trained to be the future leaders in the Council.

May everyone have a great Xmas and New Year and come back refreshed in the New Year.

”

CEO, GARY UHLMANN



A 'REELY' GOOD TIME

THIS DECEMBER, MORNINGTON YOUTH TOOK TO THE WATER TO SHOW US THEIR SKILLS, AT THE 2023 SCHOOL HOLIDAY FISHING COMPETITION.

Good things come to those who BAIT....and that was the theme of the day at the Mornington Island School Holiday Fishing Competition. 51 incredible anglers took to the waters determined to pull in the biggest catch of the day – and boy did they show us how it's done!

A special thank you to Mayor Kyle Yanner for presenting the winners prizes including:

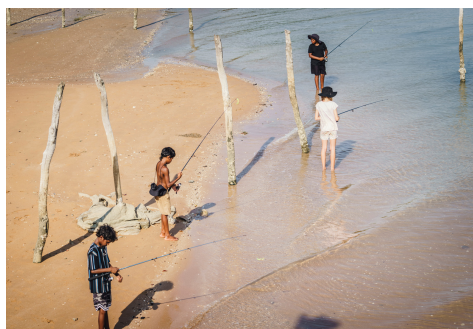
- youngest line fisher
- youngest spear fisher
- biggest haul of small fish
- biggest haul of non-fish (squid, crabs etc)
- most enthusiastic fisher
- most respectful fisher (to other fishers and the environment)

This event was made possible thanks to funding from the Queensland Government Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and supported by PCYC Mornington Island, Mornington Island Police, Mornington Island Women's Shelter, Building for Queensland QBuild Team, and Education Queensland.

And to our volunteers – THANK YOU. This event wouldn't have been the success it was without you!

View all the photos [HERE!](#)

Keep an eye out for all the other great events taking place over the school holidays!



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EVERLAST
NEW YORK



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

It is important that all pet dogs are always suitably restrained.

Dogs should be kept in yards. They should not be roaming the streets.

WATER WATER WATER. We know it gets hot in the wet season, so it's important to ensure that all pets have plenty of fresh drinking water.

If you see any wandering horses, please do not approach them. Horses are supposed to be kept in the paddocks at the rodeo grounds at all times.

Council's Environmental Health team has been out and about conducting a domestic animal survey. This helps Council understand the number of pets on the island, as well as community opinion related to de-sexing and microchipping.

Council will consider the prospect of registrations for animals in 2024. Parasite reduction programs will continue, too.



FIREWORKS THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE

Please ensure that all pets are safe during the lead up to the New Year's Eve fireworks. Fireworks can be particularly frightening and overwhelming for animals.

There will be two displays this year. 8pm and midnight.

2024

FAREWELL 2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



MUSIC . FOOD . DRINK
FREE ENTRY

31 DEC	6PM - MIDNIGHT
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LELKA MURRIN TAVERN
18+ event

*Tavern Membership Card required

FIREWORKS

8PM
OVAL

MIDNIGHT
TAVERN



YALMIYAL FESTIVAL

16 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2023



WHAT'S ON

CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN

22 DEC – 2 JAN | COUNCIL SERVICES CLOSED

25 – 29 DEC | PCYC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

25 DEC | **CHRISTMAS DAY** (public holiday)

26 DEC | **BOXING DAY** (public holiday)

31 DEC | **NEW YEARS EVE – TAVERN + FAMILY EVENT FIREWORKS**

1 JAN | **NEW YEARS DAY** (public holiday)

8 – 19 JAN | 54 REASONS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

15 – 19 JAN | PCYC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

16 JAN | SCHOOL HOLIDAY FISHING COMPETITION

24 JAN | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

21 FEB | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING



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MORNINGTON ISLAND STATE SCHOOL FORMAL

On Wednesday 29 November 2023, Council had an opportunity to host Mornington Island State School at the tavern, for their annual school formal and presentation night.

Students graduating from Year 6 and Year 10, were celebrated by school staff, friends and family, for their attendance throughout the year.

Guests enjoyed dinner, as well as music and dancing throughout the evening, and may we say, LOOKED INCREDIBLE!

Congratulations everyone for a wonderful year!





HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



BUILDING WORKS AROUND TOWN

Council Administration Building

Council's administration building in Lardil Street is almost complete. During early 2024 staff will relocate from the Mission Road offices near the tavern, to the new facility. This will ensure that Council's customer service point is more conveniently located for the community.

VAC Development

Council is particularly excited about ensuring that additional accommodation will soon be available for contractors and support staff at the Visitor Accommodation Centre (VAC) Complex. Additions to the facility will include a dining room, fully equipped kitchen, as well as bathroom and laundry facilities. There will also be an additional, thirty-two rooms, most of which have ensuites!

Duplex Homes

Contractors have been working on two five bedroom duplex homes in Lardil Street. The additional community housing should be completed in early 2024.

Library

Early in the new year, works will also commence on a new community library. The library will be located on the same site as Council's new administration building and will be a place for recreational reading, activities, as well as education and learning. Footings should be in the ground by February 2024.

Subdivision Approval

During December Council received funding approval for a thirteen-lot subdivision opposite the Arts Centre. This subdivision will enable more community housing to be built.

Much more building activity is planned in the new year.



WORKERS ACCOMMODATION

Mornington Island Shire Council

Lot 921. Mukakiya Street. Mornington Island



Note - site area and site cover calculations are based only on the area of expansion associated with the Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment) and do not include the area of existing Lot 296 on SP270889.

SITE AREA - 3442 m²
SP270889 COVER - 13%
SP270889 GRAVEL AREA - 630 m²
GFA - 428 m²
TOTAL ACCOM. UNITS - 32
TOTAL BEDS - 32
TOTAL WASHING MACHINES - 6
TOTAL DRYERS - 2
TOTAL TOILETS - 29
TOTAL SHOWERS - 29
TOTAL BASINS - 29

1 Master site plan
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Workers Accommodation

Lot 921 on SP270889

Mukakiya Street

Mornington Island

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Master site plan

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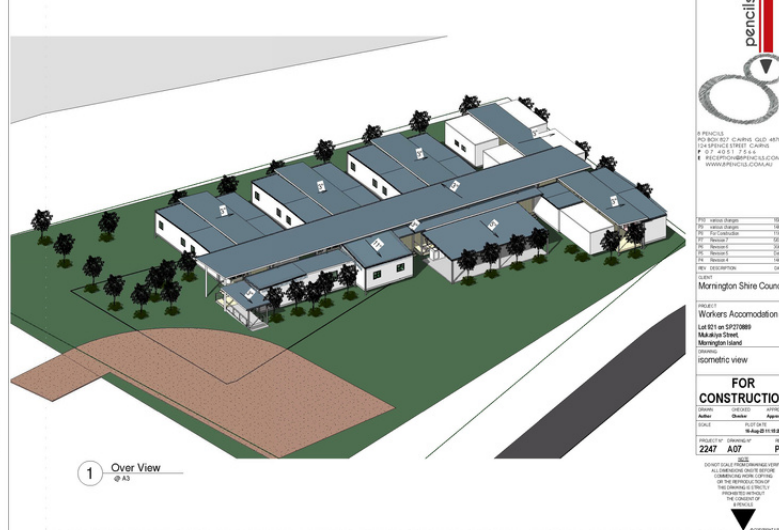
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Isometric view

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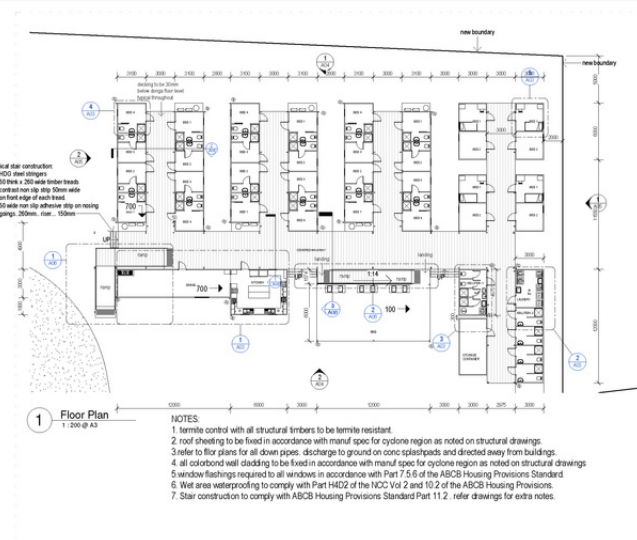
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Floor Plan

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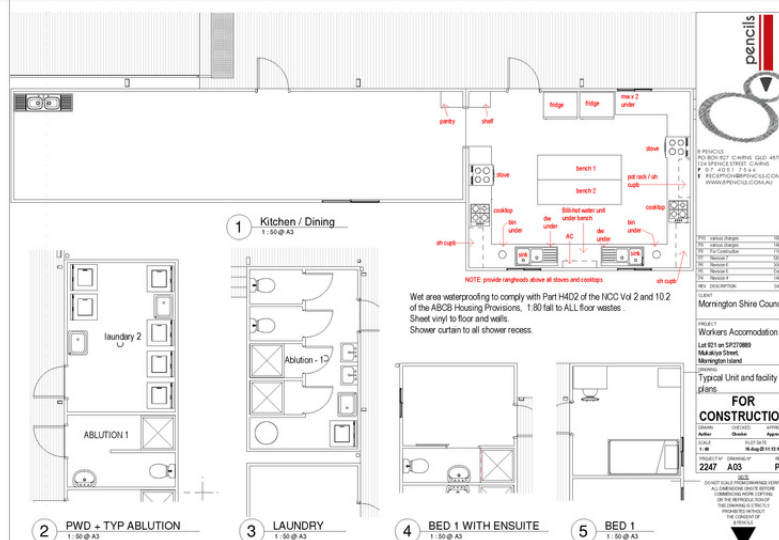
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Typical Unit and facility plans

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A SAFE AND PREPARED GUNUNA

**DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU
WOULD SHELTER IN A CYCLONE**

PLACES OF

REFUGE

**SCHOOL
AIRPORT**

**MIRNDIYAN ART CENTRE
LELKA MURRIN TAVERN**

**IF SAFE, YOUR HOME OR FAMILY'S
HOME, IS YOUR FIRST OPTION. YOU
CAN ALSO SHELTER AT PUBLIC
'PLACE OF REFUGE'.**



HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



YOUTH HUB PUMPING THIS HOLIDAYS

Council is focussed heavily on young people in the community, and are thrilled to see the Youth Hub on the corner of Lardil Street and Djinkiya Street covered in brightly coloured paint and progressively being fitted out.

December saw the first programming occur at the Youth Hub, with One Vision conducting weeklong hip hop and music video sessions.

The sessions helped youth learn about song construction, choreography, videography and editing and were designed to be fun and engaging. They also included powerful messaging related to mental health and wellbeing.

In January youth can look forward to a series of FUN sessions including drone flying, film and television, make-up application and screen printing.

YOUTH HUB PROGRAMS

12 – 26 JAN | SCREEN PRINTING

14 – 17 JAN | MAKE-UP CLASS

17 – 21 JAN | FILM AND TELEVISION

21 – 24 JAN | DRONE FLYING

FREE programs. Come join the fun!





Charlie Cameron comes home to Gununa
Photo credit: Brisbane Lions

SO YOU WANT TO BE A COUNCILLOR?

Find out how



JANUARY 2024 TRAINING DATES

Tuesday 23 January 2024

Lunchtime session 12 – 2pm

Tuesday 23 January 2024

Evening session 4 – 6pm

Wednesday 24 January 2024

Morning session 9 – 11am

Thursday 25 January 2024

Lunchtime session

*All sessions to be held at the
Council Chambers*

For further information or to book
your spot contact:

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COUNCILLOR TRAINING

You can make a difference and represent your community as a councillor or mayor.

The Local Government elections will be held on 16 March 2024. If you've ever considered running for council, now's the time to learn what it's all about and see if you're eligible.

The mandatory pre-nomination training for the 2024 Local Government election will be happening on Mornington Island in January.

If you're running for election, you must complete the *"So you want to be a councillor"* training within 6 months of your nomination, even if you've done it before. This is a great chance to complete yours!

Join one of the sessions in January 2024
All sessions to be held at the Council Chambers

Visit the website to learn more, and if you can't make the training in person, take the free 90-minute online training session to see if it's the next role for you.



Visit

<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor>

SO YOU WANT TO BE A COUNCILLOR?

Online training now available





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LOOKING FOR A CAREER WITH COUNCIL?

Visit our website or chat with our HR team about current vacancies and opportunities!

HOW TO APPLY FOR A POSITION

Mornington Shire Council advertise employment opportunities in a variety of locations, depending on the role.

For positions that are only open to residents of Mornington Island, advertisements will be placed on Council's Notice Board at the store in Gununa, for a limited time as specified on the advertisement.

When applying from Mornington Island, the best way to ensure your application is considered for a role is to email it to **hr@mornington.qld.gov.au**.

We are unable to track applications handed to Council staff, other than HR.

Please ensure you include your *current telephone number and email address*.

An application form is available from our Office for Mornington Island candidates who do not have a current CV, however please ensure you complete all details, even if you have previously been employed by Council.

Welcome to the second edition of your Council community newsletter highlighting all the news & achievements happening across Mornington Island. Your feedback and input will help us make this a great read for community!

If you would like to suggest stories for the next edition, email **media@mornington.qld.gov.au**