

Make a difference — be a member

Application Form

Membership: Family \$15, Single \$10, Concession \$7

☐ I/We wish to join M.E.A. \$_____

☐ I /We agree with the objectives of M.E.A.

☐ I/ We wish to attend Working Bees to restore the natural environment.

☐ I /We wish to donate towards the work of MEA and enclose a cheque for \$_____

Total enclosed \$_____

☐ Signed_____

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____

EMAIL_____

A brief History of M.E.A

Our Association was formed by a group of local residents to protect Mornington beaches when a large marina was proposed in 1991. M.E.A. also opposed the Centro shopping centre on historic railway land. In 2011/12, representing the community, we successfully opposed another harbour development proposal. These and other threats to our local environment underlie our members interests and objectives.

In recent years grants have allowed us to support local Friends' groups with revegetation projects.

We liaise with many networks to engage in awareness, advocacy, education, objection and positive protection of our local environment, such as Melbourne Water, Mornington Foreshore Advisory Group, Devilbend Foundation, Peninsula Ratepayers and Residents Association, Dolphin Research Institute, Peninsula Speaks, Peninsula Exchange, Port Phillip Conservation Council, Parks Victoria, local contractors, local residents, local radio and print media & numerous regional friends' groups.



Members preparing for Australia Day Parade 2011

SEND APPLICATION FORM WITH MEMBERSHIP CHEQUE AND /OR DONATION TO

Mornington Environment Association

PO Box 580 Mornington VIC. 3931

**Attend our monthly General Meetings:
7:30pm, every 2nd Thursday Feb – Dec.**

Mornington Library Meeting Room.

Vancouver St.

M.E.A.

Locals caring for our local environment



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more information at:

www.morningtonenviro.org.au

M.E.A.'s Aims

The **purpose** of the Association is to work for the protection and enhancement of the environment in the Mornington area, and to preserve the essential character of Mornington. We meet monthly to share information and plan activities. We involve all members in decision-making.

Our OBJECTIVES are to:

- (a) continue the campaign to defend the foreshore, our initial objective;
- (b) work to protect existing positive attributes of the natural and human environment, including flora, fauna, the foreshore, public and private land, the seabed, waterways, and structures of historical significance;
- (c) work to ensure that alterations to the environment enhance rather than damage natural systems;
- (d) where appropriate, work to support, oppose, or amend development proposals which impact upon the natural or human environment;
- (e) co-operate or affiliate with other organisations with similar goals.

What you can do

Take action around the home.

- Involve all the family
- Recycle using your Shire bin; you can request a *green waste* bin
- Plant local natives—available at Mornington Youth Enterprises or Shire Nursery at The Briars
- Mulch your garden to conserve water
- Weed and compost; dispose of seeding weeds in black plastic bags
- Plant a vegetable patch
- Use reusable bags for shopping – refuse plastic
- Provide an enclosed cat run for your pet to meet Shire's 24 hour curfew.
- Install solar panels and water tanks.

Take action around your town

- Be more environmentally active—join a local group.
- Join working bees to revegetate natural flora along the foreshore.
- Help **Clean up Australia day** (1st Sunday in March)
- Report local dolphin sightings to Dolphin Research Institute, 1300 130 949
- Be alert to potentially inappropriate development. Recognise and read planning application signs. These may signal development issues we should consider and comment on.
- Report tree damage to the Shire.
- Report illegal shellfish poaching to the Dept of Environment and Primary Industry (EPI) PH:136186 or -13FISH
- Report Illegal tree damage to the Council.

What M.E.A. does

- Advocate by commenting on Peninsula Development Projects, State Plans for vegetation and green wedge areas; fire protection
- Act to protect Mornington Harbour and surrounds from further infrastructure expansion
- Represent Members' interest with Shire and other Government agencies.
- Work to protect threatened remnant vegetation with Friends' groups
- Encourages developers and residents to protect the local environment.
- Educate students and the public through restoration projects, monitoring nest boxes and encouraging awareness and participation
- Coordinate local Clean Up Australia day campaign
- Undertake Water Watch and water quality monitoring in local creeks, waterways and the sea
- Promote removal of rubbish from beaches, storm drains and roads
- Support improved public transport and promotes walking and cycling network for Mornington.
- Support the conservation of historic buildings and precincts.
- Increase awareness through newsletters, local media, our web site and letters to governments.
- Work with local community networks.