

FAMILY FUN – Autumn 2023

Warm days and cool nights of Autumn at the Briars enable us to become a bit more active. Take a tour of the Briars by using our new Geocaching trail. Engage with nature and discover new areas of the property. Learn how to protect Mornington Peninsula koalas, build your own microbat box, or enjoy playing games on the Visitor Centre Deck. Our Autumn program encourages active bodies and reflective minds.

Briars Junior Ranger – Mini Ecologist! *

Can you think like an ecologist and help our rangers create safe spaces for our wildlife? Come and join our rangers as they share stories of our Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet various native animals up close and hear about what their roles are in keeping our natural spaces healthy.

12 April
10.30 – 12 noon
\$29.90 per child. Suitable for kids 6 to 10 years old.

Calling all wannabe Ecologists* After Dark wildlife survey and animal encounter

Our Rangers manage the animal population in the Wildlife Sanctuary to ensure the health and happiness of wildlife. Join them in the Wildlife Sanctuary after dark as they demonstrate several research techniques. Assist in wildlife spotting and just for one night pretend to be an ecologist.

Suitable for all ages. If you have accessibility questions, please give us a call on 5974 3686

12 April
6 – 8pm
\$32 adult, \$25.90 concession/child

Build a Bat Box*

Enter the Wildlife Sanctuary to discover more about microbats. These amazing tiny mammals are undergoing a feeding frenzy to survive winter. Then build your very own bat box for home. Installing your very own Microbat sanctuary at home is a great way to encourage bats to visit your backyard, where they will assist to pollinate, fertilise, and reduce the number of insects in your garden in no time.

6 May and 20 May
2 – 4pm
\$23.60 Adult/child/concession. Suitable for 8 years and older.

Briars Geocaching

Want to take treasure hunting to the next level? Then the Briars site-wide geocaching is for you! We're putting a Briars spin on traditional geocaching with themed 'caches' or boxes hidden onsite. You'll get a clue to where each cache is hidden, but that doesn't mean they'll be easy to find! Grab your family, friends, or go solo on this self-guided geocaching adventure to find out what is awaiting in each cache. See our rangers in the Visitors centre to begin your Briars Geocaching adventure.

March, April, May
10am - 4.30pm
Free



*Registrations and Bookings are essential for programs/walks and can be made by visiting https://the_briars.eventbrite.com.au

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Koala Country

Learn about the Peninsula's koalas and how you can help care for koala country. Join us at 10 am for a Welcome to Country with Bunurong Traditional Owners and a talk from Deakin Uni researchers about their study into the Peninsula's koalas. Sign up for other activities on the day. Browse the stalls and talk to local volunteers about how you can care for koala country or bring a picnic.

18 March

10am – 1pm

FREE

Please register in advance: mornpen.vic.gov.au/koalaevent

Australian Native Plant Sale

Interested in native plants but not sure how to grow them, what will suit your garden or when to prune them? Come along to the Australian Plant Society sale and pick the brains of the experts. Buy from up to 10 local and regional growers of native and indigenous plants. Short sessions run on pruning, maintenance, and propagation. Book stall for you to pick up a wide range of reference books. Kids are welcome to get up close to touch and feel some of the range of interesting flowers and fruits that our native plants display.

29 April

10am – 3.30pm

Free Entry

Mount Martha Briars Market

Purchase the freshest food, the most unique gifts and the most innovative homewares from across the region and engage with our talented stallholders, all of whom love their craft. Presented by Craft Markets Australia.

26 March and 28 May

9am – 2pm

Free Entry

Parking \$5 or \$3 parking for Mornington Peninsula Shire Residents

Games on the Deck

Challenge your family to a game of chess and backgammon, or another of our fun free Games on the Visitor Centre Deck! Available every day during Easter school holidays and on the weekend.

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10am – 4.30pm

Free

Nursery

The Shire Nursery specialises in native and indigenous plants. Our experienced nursery staff can advise you on the best plants for your place.

Wednesday to Friday 9am – 3.30pm and the 1st Saturday of every month 9am – 1pm

For more information call 5974 8417 or email nursery@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Eco Living Display Centre

Discover how easy it can be to create a healthier, more energy-efficient home.

Friday 1- 4pm and the 1st Saturday each month 9am – 1pm.

Free Entry

For more information go to: mornpen.vic.gov.au/ecolivingcentre

