

Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong people, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters.

The Bunurong name for Balcombe Creek is Tichingorourke meaning many frogs. In 1840 Captain James Reid settled here and named his run Tichingorourke. By 1846 the lease was held by Alexander Balcombe whose family owned the property for the next 130 years and renamed it The Briars. The family gifted the Homestead and surrounds to the Shire of Mornington Peninsula in 1976.

# the Briars

grow  
nurture  
share



**Wildlife Sanctuary** 2

Pick up a *Wildlife Sanctuary Map* or a map of the *Mount Martha Boardwalk* at the Visitor Centre.

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BBQs

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- Evacuation Assembly Area
- Toilets
- All access toilets
- Information
- First Aid
- Dogs prohibited from the entire property

Nepean Hwy

Balcombe Creek

# Site map

## 1 Visitors Centre

Collect maps, browse our gift shop and pick up a drink or ice cream. View our animal display. Open daily from 10am – 4.30pm. Electric BBQs in the picnic area are free to use.

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## 7 Heritage Seed Garden

This large kitchen garden tended by an enthusiastic team of volunteers focuses on producing heirloom varieties of vegetables. Seeds from the plants grown in the garden can be purchased at the Visitor Centre.



## 2 Wildlife Sanctuary

96 hectares of woodlands and wetlands sanctuary surrounding Balcombe Creek. Over 6kms of walking trails allow visitors to view a diversity of wildlife including kangaroos, emus, wallabies and koalas for FREE. Open daily 9am to 4.30 pm. (please note: Sanctuary is closed on days of extreme weather)



## 8 The Marquee

Getting married or wanting to celebrate a special occasion? The marquee is available for hire, for groups up to 200 people, adjacent the original lawn tennis court is suitable for ceremonies or games.



## 3 Balcombe Creek Walkway

Avoid the main roads and enjoy the beautiful Balcombe Creek Estuary, a gentle meander along the boardwalk leads you all the way into Mount Martha Village. The walk takes approximately 40 minutes.







## 9 Shire Nursery

The Shire Nursery specialises in providing high quality native and indigenous plants for retail and wholesale customers. Opening hours: Wednesday to Friday 9am – 3.30pm and the first Saturday of the month 9am to 1pm.




## 4 Angus & Rose at The Briars

A two acre rose garden. Café. Offering children's parties and Little Gardeners Workshops.

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## 10 The Eco Living Display Centre

Discover how easy it can be to create a healthier, more energy-efficient home. Visit the Centre FREE on Fridays 1–4pm and the first Saturday each month 9am – 1pm.  
 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/ecolivingcentre](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/ecolivingcentre)



## 5 The Briars Historic Homestead

Closed for restoration.



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## 11 Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society


Telescopic viewing nights are held on the first Friday each month at 8pm. Bookings essential.

 [mpas.asn.au](http://mpas.asn.au)  
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## 6 Homestead Garden and Outbuildings



Tours are available. There are several lawn areas available for hire for special occasions and wedding ceremonies. Please contact us to book.

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## 12 The Briars Outdoor Ed Camp

The Briars Outdoor Education Camp is situated on 15 acres within the Briars Precinct. A stunning natural setting with a variety of adventure and environmental activities.

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