

Reading the Peninsula Explorer's byline "Every Stop Has a Story!" got me thinking about starting something new. I've been in the rag trade for 28 years since I started screen printing t-shirts in Southern California back in the early 80s.

I grew up in a place non-unlike the Mornington Peninsula called "Palos Verdes" but regardless of its proximity to Los Angeles like we are to Melbourne, it just doesn't compare to what we have in our backyard.

We live in one of the best places in the entire world and National Geographic seems to agree. We have a wealth of outdoor opportunities on land and in the water, have world class resorts and golf courses and are fortunate to be a premiere culinary and wine region of stellar proportions. You just gotta love the MP!

For 2015, I want to do more in and for our community and support everything we cherish here on the Mornington Peninsula. So I thought about what I could do? For starters, I know how to make t-shirts and know that I can help small business, teams and clubs, schools and individuals.

Locally, we have a thriving economy that is exploding with potential. In the last few years, I've been able to move my screen printing company from the US and UK back to Australia and now, [Big Texas](#), serves 78+ countries daily right from the Mornington Peninsula. We sell on many of the worldwide eBay and Amazon sites and have a thriving website. These days, exports are more than just possible, they can expand business opportunities and provide local jobs for our children.

But that isn't enough ... I want to help local businesses grow and print hoodies for netball and soccer clubs and create a local website where groups or clubs can create their own fundraising t-shirt sites or a local tradesman can easily order a couple t-shirts with their contact details.

So I am launching **MORN PEN** | [www.mornpen.com](http://www.mornpen.com) | MP Screenprint | MP Screenprinting

@ [mornpen.com](http://mornpen.com) you'll be able to design your own custom t-shirts or choose from 1000s of our own designs, import your own design or logo, open a fundraising store for your team or club and just about anything under the sun that you might need on a t-shirt. Collectively, we are the Morn Pen and together we can support our community and grow!

I have much to do to get MORN PEN up and running but the foundation is set to build a fantastic, sustainable business that's mission is to support the Mornington Peninsula. I'd like to grow the business to provide jobs in both trade, customer service, IT, and e-commerce.

Let's work together to achieve our goals right now. I know I can help with no minimums, free local delivery, fastest service and a reliable and sustainable business that is a part of this fantastic community!

- Mike Fowler, *MP resident*

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