

FOCS newsletter

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Friends Of Cape Schanck AGM & BBQ

23rd October at 12 at the home of Meg and Chris,
41 Bass Vista Blvd Cape Schanck.

The AGM is to be followed by a BBQ.

All Cape Schanck residents are welcome to join us and discuss those issues that are important for you and our community and to share some food and BYO drink afterwards.

RSVP 20th October Debbie Withers 0419 302 238 or friendscapeschanck@gmail.com.au

TAPAS reminder

The next TAPAS night at Blue Mini is on 21st October at 6 pm for a couple of hours. RSVP Debbie Withers friendscapeschanck@gmail.com.au or 0419 302 238

Gas news

Thanks to Phil, we have had discussions with the gas company who have conducted a feasibility study for extending gas provision beyond the RACV. The costs we received were somewhat prohibitive at approx \$1m. Discussions continue.

Bus shelter news

After months of negotiations MPS has agreed to support the construction of a bus shelter for school children between Bernards Way and the RACV Resort's Boneo Road entrance. They have sourced a reclaimed shelter, met with the bus company, obtained VicRoads approval and received quotes to construct it.

It was originally planned to site it closer to the corner of Bernards Way between the Service Road and Boneo Road which is closer to where children currently congregate. Due to the 100km/h speed limit and sight lines, VicRoads would not approve that location hence the current proposal.

It is anticipated that construction will commence once they have received feedback from FOCS in relation to the proposed location. The original pdf can be viewed at:

http://focs.com.au/images/documents/DesignBrief_BusStop.pdf

Responses by 30/9/16 to: friendscapeschanck@gmail.com.au



Figure 1: Location of the proposed works

New Energy Jobs Fund – providing grants to communities

In December 2015 the Victorian Government announced the *New Energy Jobs Fund Grants Program*. The Fund is designed to support Victorian-based projects that create long-term sustainable jobs, increase the uptake of renewable energy generation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and drive innovation in new energy technologies.

Grant funding is available through three annual rounds. Successful projects from Round 1 are currently in the process of being announced. Applications for funding under round 2 should be announced towards the end of 2016.

Funding is available to support projects in four categories – Community, Manufacturing, Technology and Energy Storage.

Under the community category, grants will support the development of new energy or renewable energy business cases and implementation of projects for the benefit of local communities, including through co-operatives or social enterprise organisations.

A number of communities throughout Victoria are taking up the opportunity to determine the benefits they can derive through this initiative. The Cape Schanck community also has an opportunity, if there is sufficient interest, to put forward a proposal seek funding to prepare a Business Case in support of a project in our area that will deliver economic benefits to individuals through decreased energy costs and environmental benefits to the community as a whole through decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

FOCS wants to hear from you – if there is sufficient interest, even at a neighbourhood level – then we will pursue the opportunity. To register your interest and to be informed about future meetings, email: friendscapeschanck@gmail.com.au

Council elections

There are 6 candidates; James Whelan, Roslyn Browning, David Gill, Esther Gleixner, Tom Davies and Neale Adams. David and Esther have already sought information about the issues for Cape Schanck.

What do we know about Cape Schanck?

We are planning on organising a series of talks on the history of the area as well as indigenous flora and fauna.

We are hoping this will include walk arounds the block at the end of Bernards Way (No. 37) and then some working bees to remove weeds and replant indigenous species. By labelling examples we are hoping this could become a community resource to encourage recognition of appropriate planting in the area as well as being the site of a very small walk to playground that is in the Shire's plans.

If you have any further suggestions or want to participate in some way then please let us know.

Free green waste disposal weekend

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November.

Noise about RACV Resort redevelopment

Some residents believe that Council's recent decision, to extend the previous working hours, breaches EPA guidelines in granting the builder permission on 36 days to work till as late as 9pm. In the words of Krystal Blizzard, Principal Planner MPS, "it was considered reasonable to allow the request to extend the hours to facilitate a quicker turn-around to finalise the development"

Given that the EPA clearly states (EPA 425/14) that, "construction noise with an adverse impact on amenity must not occur...except between 7 am and 7 pm". Furthermore in relation to weekend/evening work beyond normal work hours, "Noise level at any residential premises not to exceed background noise by 10 dB(A) or more for up to 18 months after project commencement" (ref: EPA Document 1254). Note: 10 dB(A) is equivalent to the sound of someone breathing!

On the basis of Ms Blizzards response, and no action from Cr Tim Wood and other Council staff, the opportunity to provide information to *Southern Peninsula News* was pursued.

Residents have been diligent in recording breaches in permit conditions and informing Council. Purportedly Council will be fining Kanes \$1500 for noisy works that commenced outside the permitted time several weeks ago.

NEWS DESK



Work in progress: Cranes dot the skyline at Cape Schanck. Pictures: Ivanu

Row over 'noisy' works at RACV's Cape Schanck resort

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The company requested the longer hours to cope with "intermittent or essential safety works that may fall outside current permitted working hours". Mr Rennick said the extra hours contravene the EPA rules stating that construction noise with an adverse impact on amenity must not occur on a Sunday or other public holiday, or on any other day except 7am-7pm. "On the basis of permitting Kane to work until 9pm it appears council has breached EPA guidelines."

Friends of Cape Schanck's Irene Wylie said members were concerned the council continued to override the views of ratepayers. She said they were considering approaching the Ombudsman's office for assistance. "It doesn't seem to matter how many objections the council gets, they just ignore them," she said.

It is rumored that construction delays have been caused by concrete being being sunk in the wrong place. A concrete-breaking machine on site for several weeks last month could be heard and felt at neighbouring homes. A pile of broken concrete at the southern end of the work site was visible from Trent Jones Drive. The RACV did not offer comment on this. Mr Rennick said Ms Blizzard's editor that "no pneumatic power tools, grinding or other impacting tools will be used between 7am-9pm on Saturdays" was "another change to the original CEMP which did not refer to the use of specific tools but rather noisy works".

"So, while there were noisy works last Saturday from 7.30am, Kane was able to assert that no pneumatic power tools, grinding or other impacting tools were being used," he said.

"Her email of 12 September further states that: It is noted cleaning of vehicles, general packing up and making both the site and machinery safe is not considered to be construction work."

"However, the EPA (4773 Construction Noise) document states: Construction noise is noise that arises from an activity at a construction site that includes demolition work, site preparation work, and building maintenance or repair work; operation of vehicles within, entering or leaving a construction site; any activities at, or within, the immediate vicinity of a construction site, of persons who perform work at the site, or activity connected with work at the site."

The shire last weekend issued residents with notices so they could monitor out-of-hours noise from the construction site. Breaches were to be reported to the compliance team.

Project manager Brad Van Cuylenberg said the RACV was continuing to provide residents with updates through a stakeholder committee, which "has been meeting regularly since December 2017".

"Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has approved the hours of work for the site. If the builder sees any benefit in altering those hours then they would raise this directly with the council," he said.

Kane Construction has reportedly been fined more than \$1500 for working hours breaches so far.

Community block - Future plans

The Shire has organised a meeting to talk to Cape Schanck community members about infrastructure and planning ideas including the use of 37 Bernards Way. If you are interested in meeting with them please pass your details onto Debbie Withers so that they can be forwarded to Adrian Smith at MPS. The meeting is set for October 11th at 4pm at Rosebud Shire office.

Neighbour Day

A drawing competition about community

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. FOCS has previously organised several local Neighbour Day BBQ events.



As part of building stronger communities Relationships Australia are inviting children and adults in neighbourhoods around Australia to draw a picture that shows what is special about their neighbours or what makes their community a great place to live. The competition is titled, 'My neighbours, my neighbourhood' and is open to all age groups. The total prize money pool is \$1000. Entries close 16 October 2016.

Find out more at <http://www.neighbourday.org>

Want to get more neighbourly?

Verandah by Neighbour Day Enews is now monthly and provides the latest news and tips to help create the community you want. The Neighbour Day website has been refreshed for Neighbour Day 2017 and FOCS will again register a Neighbour Day event which will be advertised in a future newsletter.

Feedback, enquiries & membership

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Peninsula Speaks' survey re future of Peninsula



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



LOOKING FORWARD – MORNINGTON PENINSULA 2030 LOCAL COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEYS

Peninsula Speaks Inc is undertaking independent online research in order to get local opinions for the future. This ongoing survey of public opinion on a broad range of topics is open to all residents of the Mornington Peninsula.

Community input will be vital in informing decision making at Federal, State and Local Government levels to shape the Peninsula's future allowing for population growth, managed development and climate change.

The process will involve simple online surveys on a wide ranging series of topics distributed electronically on a periodic basis. We are requesting that Peninsula residents, ratepayers, friends and family register for ongoing participation.

Register by emailing - info@peninsulaspeaks.org.au (www.peninsulaspeaks.org)

