

FOCS newsletter

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While the busiest period of the tourist season is over it seems that Mornington Peninsula itself is getting busier by the day. You can almost recognise which day of the week it is by the amount of traffic on the roads.

"Your Big Idea 2017" survey

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For more information, you can visit our webpage, and:

- an on-line survey will be sent to your email if we have it
- complete and return the attached survey form

Alternatively the survey can be completed on-line at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BigIdea2017_stage1

Social activities

Neighbour Day – upcoming

As in previous years we are planning to hold a Cape Schanck 'Neighbour Day' event. This will follow the popular format we have used in the past, namely a FOCS run free barbecue lunch and get together at The Pines picnic area. All Cape Schanck residents are welcome. If you are interested please reserve Sunday 26th of March and RSVP to friendscapestanck@gmail.com, or phone Robyn on 0400 557 832. We will let you know more details shortly.

Friday Tapas and drinks – regular event

Last Friday we kicked off our Cape Schanck Tapas nights for 2017. We tried an exciting new venue at The VIEWS Resort, Trent Jones Drive. It was a great evening and a wonderful local venue. We expect to be back monthly, we are finalising preferred days and will advise by email and on facebook. Join us next time for nibbles, drinks and a chat

Members only Cocktail party – upcoming

It's been a while since we held a special event for all FOCS members, so we decided it would be a good idea to get as many as possible back together again, to welcome in a new year, to renew some acquaintances and to chat about what we might be doing in 2017. If you are a FOCS member you should already have received an invitation in your email but if not let us know ASAP.

Meeting with David Gill

In January FOCS Committee met David Gill our new Councillor for Red Hill Ward. Over a terrific dinner provided by Barrie and Robyn we had the opportunity to talk about our community and discuss some of the issues raised by residents. All present



Above L-R: Robyn Johnston, Cr David Gill & Barrie Rimmer surveying the magnificent feast provided by Robyn & Barrie

Below L-R: Ian Renwick, Debbie Withers and Phil Mottolini following the meeting with Cr David Gill



appreciated David's participation and ideas that he was able to share based on his significant experience working with community groups like FOCS. Pleasingly, he demonstrated a commitment to representing the interests of Cape Schanck residents at Council.

Community matters

Green Energy

For some time FOCS has been investigating potential options to initiate some form of green energy project in our community. Last week several FOCS members met with RACV representatives to discuss ways that we may be able to work together on a shared project. As a consequence RACV have indicated that they would be prepared to organise an information event related to residential solar and battery storage if there was sufficient interest by local residents. If you are interested, please record your time and day of week preferences on the Energy Survey detailed below.

In addition, FOCS has also been asked by RACV's Home Innovation staff to survey residents related to their current energy use, such as;

- What type of air conditioner, hot water system, oven installed and your average daily electricity consumption

- Whether you have solar installed?
- How often, and how far, do you drive your car? and also,
- Do you have an interest in participating in community energy planning and/or projects?

Your participation in the survey would be appreciated as it will help in framing what could become an exciting Cape Schanck project and enable us to ensure you are kept informed about developments. The survey can only be completed on-line at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOCS-GreenEnergy>

Red Hill Ward meetings.

Red Hill Ward Consultative Committee, via our Councillor David Gill, is developing an input to Mornington Council asking for a review to strengthen protection of our Green Wedge and adherence to Green Wedge principles. FOCS prepared a submission highlighting inconsistent application of Green Wedge principles in evaluating Development applications.

Bus Shelter

Some community members indicated that there is confusion with kids not being picked up at the bus shelter in Bernards Way of a morning. We have sought clarification from Council and they have confirmed their understanding is that the bus should travel along Bass Vista Blvd then turn right into Bernards Way to stop and collect kids at the bus shelter. Council were unable to get a response from the bus company at the time of printing the newsletter but is to be followed up next wee.

NBN

Since we can clearly see the NBN tower now we asked NBN to indicate approximately when this tower is likely to be operational. In the meantime, following recent news releases about the NBNCO website now indicates:

- Planned availability: Oct 2017*.
- Planned technology: nbn™ Fixed Wireless*

*This date is an estimate and could change. This technology is based on NBN's current deployment plans and is subject to change.



You will receive notification as to when your specific address is serviceable. You can also go to the following link and register for updates: www.nbn.com.au

Community Block Proposal for Cape Schanck

A Cape Schanck Recreational Reserve - Key Stakeholders meeting & information session was organised by Mornington Peninsular Shire officers on Tuesday 28 February. The project for providing a Cape Schanck Community Reserve is progressing and a preliminary evaluation of the pros and cons for four identified potential sites was presented. The sites under consideration are:

- Council owned block at 27 Bernards Way
- Council owned block at 38 Casuarina Drive
- Council owned block at 21 Bass Vista Bvd
- "Blacks Camp" block corner of Cape Schanck and Boneo Roads

Wider community consultation and input to follow. We will separately distribute a summary of the current evaluation status as soon as possible.

The question of Gas

As mentioned in our previous newsletter FOCS approached the local area natural gas distribution company to try to negotiate the extension of the RACV mains supply to all Cape Schanck residents. Initially the answer was that it is not economically viable. But we have continued discussions and APA have advised they are undertaking a review. Recently we also got the support of our State Member so there is still some hope. Watch this space.

Please pick up after your dog

We are a dog friendly community. You can frequently see residents walking their 4-legged friends around the streets chatting to neighbours and each other. That's great to see, but some of us don't remember to pick up after our dogs. As you can imagine this is a very unpleasant surprise to find on your front lawn. FOCS will ask MPS to provide us with a Poo bag dispenser but in the meantime any bag will do, please pick up after your dogs.

Feedback, Enquiries, Membership

If you have any feedback or questions, or are interested in joining our group, please check our website at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Cape-Schanck>

<http://focs.com.au/index.php/focshome>

If you feel passionate about any of our activities and can devote some of your time we are always looking for some help championing of projects.

Contacts

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Your Big Ideas 2017 stage 1

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The survey will be carried out in two stages.

Stage 1 is to identify all ideas. We are sending out potential priorities FOCS has previously collected, and seeking input on any new ideas that will help to make this a better community in which to live.

Stage 2 will survey interest/priority for all the identified ideas. We think that a list of 20 actions is a bit too ambitious and will therefore seek to prioritise these down to those that the community sees as important for us to focus our attention on

Remember your input is really valuable and will be driving our efforts for next few years. If you prefer a pen to paper approach please look out for Survey delivered to your letter box

1. Post Box at RACV (with the potential to expand to a Post Office agency at a later date and if warranted)

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Second school bus shelter

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Community reciprocal help like: house minding, dog minding, help with the shopping

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

4. Promote local businesses/services

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Continue investigating extension of Gas reticulation to Cape Schanck

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Negotiate access to RACV facilities for local residents

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Lower speed limit on Cape Schanck Road

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

8. Monitor council to maintain fire safe vegetation and potential fire fuel reduction

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Council is investigating 4 locations for development as a community reserve (each has their individual issues and final decision would have to consider this). Would you prefer:

- Council block on 27 Bernards Way
- Council block 21 Bass Vista Blvd
- Council block 38 Casuarina Drive
- Blacks Camp block, corner Boneo and Cape Schanck Roads
- Other (please specify)

10. Community social gatherings such as BBQ/picnic, neighbor day or other gatherings

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

11. Negotiate upgrade road and cycling facilities with council and VicRoads / cycle lane or path

Low

Medium

High

Priority

Other (please specify)

12. Joining together for equipment rentals (Example Mulcher, gazebo)

Low

Medium

High

Priority

Specific suggestions:

13. New Signage for Boneo / Cape Schanck Road

Low

Medium

High

Priority

14. Investigate Public transport options

Low

Medium

High

Priority

15. Organise public interest sessions/presentations

Low

Medium

High

Priority

(please specify)

16. Organize Neighbourhood Watch

Low

Medium

High

Priority

17. Natural environment restoration

Low

Medium

High

Priority

Specific project (please specify)

18. Other types of community events (game nights, walks, trivia nights)

	Low	Medium	High
Priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

19. Create action group to monitor and act if inappropriate development is proposed

- Interested, Happy to help
- Interested, Sorry can't help
- Not interested
- Other (please specify)

20. Do you have OTHER priorities you would like to add - please specify

21. Tell us bit about yourself. Are you?

- Full time resident
- Part time resident
- Visitor
- Other (please specify)

22. Contact details (optional)

Name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>