

Have a say on Balcombe Estuary Reserves

MORNINGTON Peninsula Shire is investigating whether further planning controls are needed to better protect the environmental values of the Balcombe Estuary Reserves.

The Balcombe Estuary is regarded as one of the peninsula's major waterways and a significant natural asset. It is rich in biodiversity and offers picnic tables, playgrounds, fishing platforms, walking tracks and a boardwalk alongside Balcombe Creek, extending from the coast through to the Nepean Highway and on to The Briars.

Within the reserves are tennis courts, cricket/football ovals, pistol club and bowls club, Mount Martha Preschool and Maternal and Child Health Centre.

There are concerns that, with an in-

creasing population, the environment and the recreational facilities of the reserves will come under increasing pressure.

In its efforts to protect and enhance the biodiversity values of the reserves the shire has developed a draft Balcombe Estuary Reserve Ecological and Planning Study which aims to find a balance between preserving the ecological values of the reserves, while supporting sport and recreation uses of the area.

The shire is recommending a new planning control be applied to the reserves to limit the impact of future development and vegetation removal on the environmental significance of the area.

Small pockets of land may need to

be rezoned where the current zoning does not match the current or future land use.

Planning controls protecting the environment may restrict certain community facilities and expansion of sport and recreation facilities. This means the shire may need to either buy land in or near Mount Martha if these facilities needed to expand. It may also dedicate areas of the reserves to recreational needs over environmental protection.

Community consultation closes Monday 28 June.

To have a say online visit: mornpen.vic.gov.au/balcombeestuary

Hard copy forms are also available from the shire's customer service 5950 1000.



Clear air: Councillors Kerri McCafferty with Arlo, Despi O'Connor, Lisa Dixon, Antonella Celi, Safety Beach/Dromana Beach Patrol's Lyn and Martin Dawes, and Cr Debra Mar. Picture: Supplied

Trial makes no butts about it

MORNINGTON Peninsula Shire has begun trialling smoke-free areas at various places this year to reduce butt litter and to encourage people to not smoke in public areas.

The areas include the Safety Beach, Mount Eliza and Rye foreshores, the shire offices at Mornington, Hastings and Rosebud, Civic Reserve at Mornington and the Point Leo Foreshore area.

The anti-smoking campaign is supported by beach patrol, community groups and Peninsula Health with the aim: "To make the peninsula happier, healthier and smoke free."

Another concern is that as cigarette butts are made of plastics they can take up to 10 years to decompose.

The smoke free zones will be marked with signs urging people to butt out before entering. Where possible, butt bins or litter bins will be placed at entrances.

Beach patrol, community groups and user groups will help the shire monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the smoke free trial to run for six months.

"About 7.2 billion cigarettes are

littered in Australia each year," the mayor Cr Despi O'Connor said. "Cigarette butts negatively impact on the environment, waterways and wildlife, and make up 48 per cent of all litter."

"In 2019, about 35,400 cigarette butts were picked up across 16 Mornington Peninsula beaches on Clean up Australia Day.

"This smoke free zone trial will help stop second hand smoke exposure, greatly reduce the amount of butt litter, protect our precious environment and reduce the health impact of smoking on our community."

An evaluation of the trial using butt litter data and community and beach patrol group feedback will gauge its effectiveness.

Other groups participating include Peninsula Health, Safety Beach/Dromana Beach Patrol, Wastewise Peninsula, Belgravia Leisure, Civic Reserve user groups, Josie Jones from The Only Butt campaign, and Point Leo Foreshore Committee.

This trial is part of the shire's Mornington Peninsula Smoke Free Environment Policy.

Fighting the scourge of elder abuse

A CAMPAIGN launched on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Tuesday 15 June, aimed to highlight financial elder abuse which is said to be a common problem on the peninsula.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre and Frankston Mornington Peninsula Respecting Seniors Network are behind the campaign: "Inheritance: not an entitlement" which aims to advise and protect those with nowhere to turn.

Elder abuse can be defined as: "A single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person."

The legal centre's Kirsten Young said close to two thirds (62 per cent) of all elder abuse cases involved financial

abuse. "The need for public awareness of this issue is more urgent than ever," she said.

The campaign's key objectives are to increase understanding of financial elder abuse and the issue of "inheritance impatience", and to show that elder abuse is really a form of family violence.

The campaign ran seven short film clips which explored the issue of inheritance impatience or entitlement which can lead to financial elder abuse.

A lawyer dispelled common "myths" about elder abuse and gave advice to abuse victims, or those trying to help them, on where to get help and advice.

The facts are that elder abuse happens most frequently at home by trusted family members; the most com-

mon forms of elder abuse are financial exploitation and emotional abuse, and powers of attorney can be changed at any time.

"Elder abuse and ageism are linked," Dr Kay Patterson, the Australian Human Rights Commission's Age Discrimination Commissioner, who launched the campaign, said.

"Ageist attitudes are often used to justify elder abuse, for example, adult daughters and sons who feel they have a right to their parents' money or assets.

"Elder abuse can happen to anyone, and it often happens in secret, but there is help available.


"A lack of public awareness about the problem leads to elder abuse becoming an invisible social issue".

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