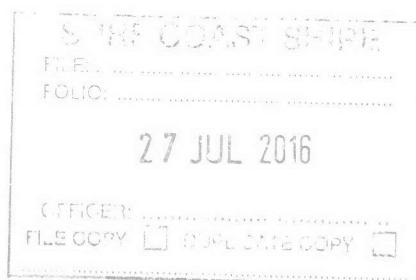


Anglesea
Vic 3230

21 July 2016



Cr Rose Hodge
Mayor
Surf Coast Shire
PO Box 350
Torquay Vic 3228

Dear Cr Hodge

Please find enclosed two petitions for Council to consider. The first is regarding adequate and informative signage in the Anglesea Shopping Precinct prohibiting the riding of bicycles, skateboarding, rollerblading and use of scooters on the shopping centre footpaths.

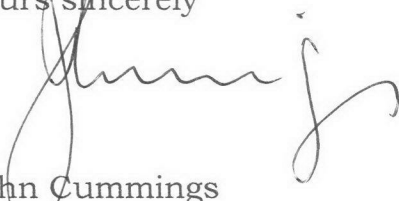
The second is in regard to the reversing out of car park spaces in the Shopping Precinct.

Some months ago I wrote a letter to the Surf Coast Times about the first issue and was surprised at the comments I received from some of the shop owners and staff who had seen the letter. I spoke to some more shop owners/managers and realised that they all shared my concerns. It was suggested I formally approach Council on this matter so I drew up two statements and asked the shop owners/managers to sign. I made the decision that I would stop collecting signatures once I had more than half of the shops signed up. I achieved that target with zero refusals.

To back up the shop owners/managers I sought the support of the four major organisations who have health and safety as their main concerns. I approached the Anglesea Police Station, the Anglesea Medical Centre, the Anglesea Ambulance Team and the captain of the CFA. All signed willingly and have wished me good luck and hope that this successful.

I look forward to hearing from Council on these matters and having further discussions.

Yours sincerely



John Cummings



Proposal to the Surf Coast Shire
To provide adequate and informative signage
at key places in the Anglesea Shopping Precinct
prohibiting the riding of bicycles, skateboarding, rollerblading
and use of scooters on the footpaths

We the shop owners/managers of the properties below support this proposal.

Great Ocean Properties
101 Great Ocean Road

 Ian Larless 5/7/16.

Anglesea Post Office
99 Great Ocean Road


 Eric Campbell 5/7/16.

Malee Thai restaurant
97A Great Ocean Road

Bendigo Bank
97 Great Ocean Road

 14/7/16.

Caffe Daniele
95 Great Ocean Road

 Daniele 04/07/16.

Anglesea Pharmacy
93 Great Ocean Road

 6/7/2016

Great Ocean Road Real Estate
91 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea News and Lotto
89 Great Ocean Road

 5/7/16.

Hayden Real Estate
87 Great Ocean Road

 4/7/16.

Guns & Roses
17/87-89 Great Ocean Road

Offshore Café
87 Great Ocean Road

Coulter Roache
87-89 Great Ocean Road

Coastline Financial Group
20/87-89 Great Ocean Road

McMillan & Associates
87-89 Great Ocean Road

Sundar Ghara
9/87-89 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea IGA Supermarket
69/71 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea Beach Club
3/87 Great Ocean Road

Frangipanis
10/87-89 Great Ocean Road

SeaEyes Restaurant
12/87-89 Great Ocean Road

Oaks Bakery Café
87 Great Ocean Road

Sun. Sand. Sea
87 Great Ocean Road

Commonwealth Bank Anglesea Branch
85 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea Fish Shop
83 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea Bakery
81 Great Ocean Road

Surf Coast Real Estate
79 Great Ocean Road

Jums BBQ Chickens
77 Great Ocean Road

Nordenfine Ice Cream
75 Great Ocean Road

Laneway 73 Café
73 Great Ocean Road

Seaside Seconds OpShop
71 Great Ocean Road

Lisa Worell 6.7.16

Pat Johnson - 4/2/16

Christine Key 4/7/16.

Jacqui Rogahy 6/7/16.

[Signature] 6/7/16

Paulis O'Dyne 13/7/16

Real Estate rentals
69 Great Ocean Road

Trailhead Bike Co.
67 Great Ocean Road

Rose Chinese Restaurant
65 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea Pizza
1/63 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea Fruitz
2/63 Great Ocean Road

Anglesea Police Station
55 Great Ocean Road
Anglesea 3230

SURFCOAST MEDICAL CENTRE
McMILLAN ST ANGLESEA 3230
PROV. NO. 0220292H
ABN: 85 517 300 637
PH: 4215 6700 FAX 4215 6796

ANGLESEA AMBULANCE
3-5 McMILLAN ST
ANGLESEA 3230
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ANGLESEA CFA.
60 MC MAHON AVE
ANGLESEA 3230
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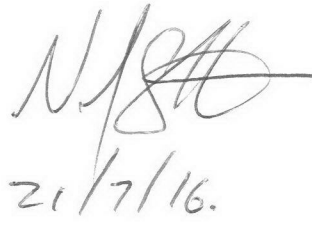


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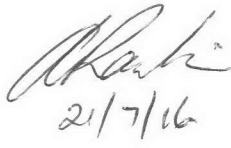
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Anglesea Shopping Precinct

Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and scooters – motorised or non-motorised.

It is not uncommon to see people – children and adults, riding bicycles, skateboarding, rollerblading and riding motorised or non-motorised scooters along the Anglesea Shopping Precinct footpaths. It is much more common during school holidays and other holiday periods.

I acknowledge that many people who ride their bicycles on the Shopping Precinct footpaths do so sensibly but unfortunately not everyone does.

However, the law in the State of Victoria forbids the riding of bicycles on footpaths with the following exceptions:

Riding on a footpath or shared path

You can ride on a footpath if you:

- are a child under the age of 12
- are an adult supervising a child under the age of 12
- have been given and are following the conditions on a medical certificate that says you have a disability that makes it difficult for you to ride on the road. You need to follow the conditions on your medical certificate and show it to a police officer or authorised person when asked.

When riding on footpaths and shared paths, cyclists need to:

- Keep to the left on footpaths and shared paths (unless impractical to do so)
- give way to pedestrians

The footpaths in the shopping precinct are quite different to the footpaths that exist in any of Anglesea's streets. Although it isn't legal, I actually have no problem with children riding along Noble Street, Camp Road, McMillan Street or any other street that has a footpath, especially going to and from school. Most people leaving their premises, either on foot or in their car, are conscious that someone may be riding their bicycle along the footpath, or just walking past. And young children riding to and from school are clearly safer on footpaths where they exist.

At the moment there are only two small signs, both erected quite high up and not very visible, banning skateboarding in the shopping precinct. What

is needed in the Anglesea Shopping Precinct is adequate signage informing the public that cycling, skateboarding, rollerblading and the use of scooters – motorised or not, is prohibited. When I say scooters, I do not include the motorised scooters used by the elderly and disabled.

A good example of the type of sign that is needed is the sign outside the pharmacy in Birregurra:



Another example of a good sign is the one on the railway stations between Warrnambool and Melbourne - clear signs, displayed at a sensible height, prohibiting cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding and the consumption of alcohol on the station platforms.



I approached several shop owners about this situation and all agreed that this is a real problem that needs to be addressed before someone is seriously injured. I haven't visited with every shop in the precinct but have met with more than half of the shop owners and/or managers and all without exception have signed the attached petition.

I also have the support of the local police sergeant, the CFA Captain and the local Medical Centre.

I am requesting that the Surf Coast Shire Council erect suitable signage similar to the above at the entrances to the Anglesea Shopping Precinct and these signs need to be displayed in positions and at a height so that people can't claim they didn't see them. If this isn't done, then I fear that one day, someone will be seriously injured and the Council may find itself looking at a form of legal claim.

In support of this last statement, I would like to bring a recent incident to your attention. Maurie Dean, who has Parkinson's Disease, was leaving the Osteopath building next door to the local butcher's shop, when he was hit by an adult riding a bicycle along the footpath. Maurie ended up in hospital and had to endure about sixty stitches. The chance of a similar incident in the Anglesea Shopping precinct is very likely.

As well as erecting adequate signage, the Council needs to ensure that someone polices it from time to time, either by the rangers or by-laws officers. This is not the job of the local police as was suggested to me by the Shire Engineer recently although the local police do drive through the car park as often as they are able to.

Finally, several shop owners have said that if adequate signage was in place, they would be more likely themselves to challenge people ignoring the signs.