

Preserve the Cape Phase II

Greetings, Everyone,

We are all delighted that we have defeated Special Charge Scheme No. 27, and the people of Cape Paterson can now get on with property upkeep, travel, and other activities put on hold by the threat of this great big tax.

Thank you all for the great support you have given the core group, through emails, letters and your presence at the two public meetings we ran.

Despite this victory, Preserve the Cape will continue to negotiate with Bass Coast Shire Council to write a Special Charge Scheme policy, so that never again can our Council put its rate payers under such stress by trying to impose a scheme which lacks popular support, and never again can they waste hundreds of thousands of dollars planning a scheme which will not be implemented. There are several Councils which do things differently, and Professor Low and others will work with the CEO and Councillors to design an acceptable policy.

By the way, on Sunday 4 May I had a short piece published in 'The Age' (and other Fairfax papers) which expresses some of my love for the Cape. You can see this at:

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/grandmother-relishes-the-delights-of-an-earlymorning-beach-stroll-20140503-37p6e.html>

We will continue to keep you informed of progress as we enter into Phase 11 of our campaign which is to provide assistance to Council in preparing a Special Charge Scheme policy document.

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