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## **Climate change – our home, our future**

Worldwide there is significant concern and confusion about climate change. On the Mornington Peninsula, we're seeing changes in our climate and our natural environment impacting our health and wellbeing.

'Coastal erosion is really just the tip of the iceberg' said Peninsula Voice convenor, Peter Orton. 'We're naturally worried about how the Peninsula is being impacted, and we also want action before it's too late'.

Victoria is already experiencing the impacts of climate change. Since 1910, the average annual temperature has increased by 1.2 °C. Victoria's cool season rainfall has declined over the past 30 years compared to last century, and the number of days with dangerous weather conditions for bushfires has increased across the region.

Closer to home, the Mornington Peninsula has seen an increased frequency and intensity of storms with the resultant damage to property, businesses and the environment, especially to our coastline.

Longer fire seasons, rising sea levels and more extreme rain events are all predicted over the coming decade across Australia.

In addition to environmental, social and economic impacts, our health is also impacted directly by climate change due to more intense and frequent extreme events including heatwaves, floods, drought and bushfires.

It also affects health indirectly, such as through deteriorating air quality, changes in the spread of infectious diseases, risks to food safety and drinking and recreational water quality, and mental ill health.

Our community includes many groups who are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, so protecting them is an important priority.

Much is already being done to address climate change but there is more we must do.

Peninsula Voice invites you to join us on Thursday 29 February 2024 to look at how climate change is impacting us now both globally and locally, and to explore what we can and must do to protect our future.

You'll hear from experts on the environment, our economy and health, and from some of the many groups and individuals taking action and making a real difference locally.

This includes Repower, who champion the reduction of energy-related carbon emissions by helping households and businesses to get off fossil fuels and repower with 100% renewable energy and Sam Lundberg, a young Mornington Peninsula local, who is working with schools to become emissions neutral.

'There are some fantastic local initiatives we'll be showcasing at this event as we want our community to feel both informed and empowered' said Peter Orton.

This event will run from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Peninsula Community Theatre, 91 Wilsons Rd, Mornington.

For more information about Peninsula Voice and to register, go to

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