

MCISC NEWS No. 3

Greetings,

You may be aware that we run our own social enterprise in the form of the Beach End Op Shop. It is located at 70 McLaren Place and is open Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm and on Saturdays from 10am – 2pm.

It is called the Beach End Op Shop because when it was first opened in November 2015, it was located at 10A Main St, next to the Police Station and was obviously at the “beach end” of Mornington. Given that we have been in the new location since July 2016, maybe it is time for a change of name? What about “Other End Op Shop” or “Not Beach End Op Shop”?

The shop is run by volunteers and supports our local community in a number of very significant ways.

Firstly, it provides a service to those people living in our community who cannot afford to buy new clothes.

Secondly, it provides an opportunity for people to recycle their unwanted clothes. In an era, internationally, when we have such a problem with clothing waste going to landfill, this is an important work. You can drop off unwanted clothes to the shop or to the MCISC during opening hours.

Thirdly, it provides much needed financial support to the MCISC.

Lastly, it provides an opportunity for local people to contribute to the local community through volunteering and how lucky we are to have such a wonderful group of volunteers, who give of their time on weekly basis, to staff the shop and support the work of MCISC.

In particular, I would like to recognise and thank Jackie George, who recently resigned as Co-ordinator, to take on some paid work, for her dedication to the role and welcome our new Co-ordinator, Carol Saunders. I note that our Co-ordinators are also volunteers.

In closing, I would like to invite you to the Beach End Op Shop Fashion Show at MCISC on Friday 5th October from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. \$10 tickets can be purchased from the shop or MCISC. If for no other reason, you should come along to see me in my debut as a model.

The show is being held in National Op Shop Week, so if you can't make it to the show, then I encourage you to buy something from a local Op Shop during the week.

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Manager

PS: I hope you had a chance to vote for our Clean Impressions Project in Pick My Project. Voting closes on the 17th September 2018.

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