
Cape Schanck

Location

CAPE SCHANCK VIC 3939 - Property No L10040

Municipality

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Level of significance

Regional

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Excepting coastal cliffs two thirds of the area is covered by aeolian calcareous sands which naturally carried the woodlands and vegetation association which, on the Mornington Peninsula, is restricted to Cape Schanck and the Nepean Peninsula. In the Cape Schanck area most of the natural vegetation has been removed for pasture; west of the Cape Schanck Road regeneration has resulted in invasion by Coastal Tea-tree which now grows as a dense scrub.

The remaining one third of the area (ie. eastern sector) is covered by aeolian siliceous sands on which remnants of the originally extensive stands of Coastal Banksia.

Basaltic cliffs are sparsely vegetated but the limestone cliff tops carry a wide range of plant species dominated by old gnarled *Melaleuca lanceolata*.

The area contains relics of aboriginal activity, e.g.:

- a) The extensive middens adjacent to the Selwyn Fault exposure.
- b) Cliff caves in Bushranger Bay.
- c) Area adjacent to the once large waterhole which is now crossed by the Cape Schanck Road close to its junction with the Rosebud-Flinders Road.

Burrabong Creek which crossed the eastern sector of the area cuts down into fresh-water limestone (which is distinct from the marine limestone mentioned above).

Seascapes from any point along the cliff tops are of high value. This is particularly so within Bushranger Bay. The modified landscape of the pastoral land is also of high value, and is considerably enhanced by its proximity to the coast.

LOCATION:

Rowley Rocks to Bushranger Bay
Southern Coastline of Mornington Peninsula

Hermes Number 70307

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