



Below: the NO AGL rally



Second petition handover

Rod attended the opening of Greg Hunt's new office in Somerville. While there he handed over a list of AGL's bad corporate behaviour which resulted in fines totalling \$4.5m. Greg slipped the envelope into his pocket. Let's hope he had a good look at it later. Rod also took along another batch of signed petitions to Neale Burgess. A further 1100 signatures to be presented to the Legislative Assembly. Total now: 2,500. Thank you all!

SAVE WESTERNPORT (SWP)– No AGL gas terminal for Crib Point 10th July 2018 Issue #2

Welcome to all our new members. Since the last newsletter our member email list has doubled and social media has taken off. As you probably know, we held our first rally on 1st July which was a great success and the lovely weather was a blessing. Around 450 attended and it was a terrific afternoon. Thanks to Julia Merrington and Alison Hoesler efforts since the meeting in Balnarring we now have extra hands on deck along the coast and the momentum is growing stronger every day. Go team!

The rally

As mentioned above, we had a fantastic turn out and we thank the weather gods for blessing us with a beautiful day. Of course, it would have been nothing without all the wonderful supporters who were there to show how much everyone cares for this special bay.

Speakers were Louise Page and Rod Knowles of Save Westernport, Mark Wakeham CEO of Environment Victoria, Leigh Ewbank of Friends of the Earth and Karri Giles of Westernport & Peninsula Protection Council. In between these presenters, we heard from a very special Crib Point resident, Charlotte who so eloquently told us how much she loves where she lives. The message was clear – AGL, you are not welcome here.

The media coverage was excellent - the ever supportive local papers Western Port News and Mornington Peninsula Leader as well as ABC Gippsland, The Age and Prime7.

On 25 June, AGL held a public information evening at Balnarring Hall at the request of the community who were outraged that no AGL consultations have taken place beyond Crib Point. The hall was packed – over 200 attended and it was clear that there are still so many residents unaware of this proposal.

There are more meetings with AGL & APA – see Upcoming Events

AGL's Pipeline – We are urging everyone (including government decision makers) to remember that the 60km pipeline from Crib Point to Pakenham is as significant as the FSRU. APA are the contracted company to build this invasive pipeline which will make its way through precious native habitat, farmland and agricultural businesses which are a critical asset to Melbourne's footprint. APA will be clearing a 30m swathe through this land and drilling under sections of Warringine Reserve.

NO AGL POSTERS

Thanks to a generous supporter we have some A3 AGL posters printed and laminated ready to go on your fence in your window or anywhere you want!

Then take a picture and post on our Facebook page, Instagram or email it to us and we'll take care of it.

Let us know by return email if you would like one or for someone you know on a busy thoroughfare.



Save Westernport has joined forces with the **Crib Point Action Group** (CPAG) and SWP is now a subcommittee of CPAG. CPAG is incorporated and is therefore bound by the rules and regulations required of an incorporated body. Anyone can join CPAG all you need to do is email Cecelia on c.witton@bigpond.com Membership is \$2. There is a monthly meeting.

The nitty gritty on Rod's visit to Greg Hunt's office: The list of AGL's fines handed over to Greg included links to every misdemeanor over the last 15 years for "negligence as well misleading and deceptive conduct". On the front of the envelope was "Would you employ this company with a CV like this (see Inside)" followed by "No AGL FSRU for Crib Point". Greg gave our SWP member a good hearing.

The following Monday (July 10) the headline of the Western Port News was "Libs united against gas plan" and went on to say "Flinders MP Greg Hunt has signalled his opposition to power company AGL's plans for a floating gas terminal at Crib Point"

We would like to think that we had some influence on his decision to take that action.

MP Shire Council meeting (June 26, Hastings) SWP members attended to again raise the AGL issue. Fortunately, while in Hastings, Council seemed more receptive to our concerns - Mayor Payne even apologised for his statements on Mornings with Jon Faine, ABC radio 774 back in May. However, he was not sorry for stating that Westernport was "designed for industry", but for taking a stance in support of the AGL proposal before Council had made their official position known.

We remain disenchanted with our local council who have had updates from AGL but declined our offer to present the concerns of local residents. This disparity was highlighted when members of Save Westernport were invited by the neighbouring Bass Coast Shire to give a presentation about the many concerns about the AGL proposal (which took place June 13).

But we haven't given up. We continue to raise issues with the council and persist in seeking the opportunity to present. Louise also attended the Green Wedge Summit held at Main Ridge to mention SWP and Westernport issues wherever possible.

Upcoming events: (We are working on many more events and will advise when details confirmed)

Friday 27 July **6pm – APA / AGL Community Session - Balnarring**
Balnarring Hall, 3041 Frankston-Flinders Road, Balnarring

Saturday 28 July **12.30pm - APA / AGL Community Session - Hastings**
Hastings Hall, 3 High Street, Hastings

Tuesday 31 July **6pm - APA / AGL Community Session - Crib Point**
Crib Point Hall, 7 Park Road, Crib Point

Wednesday 01 Aug **6pm – APA / AGL Community Session – Nar Nar Goon**
Soldiers Memorial Hall, 12 Spencer Street, Nar Nar Goon

Thursday 02 Aug **6pm – APA / AGL Community Session – Cardinia**
2401 Ballarto Road, Cardinia

Did you know, previous newsletters can be found on our website? www.savewesternport.org

Lots of media over the past six weeks. Something every week in Western Port News and The Mornington Peninsula Leader. Here are the main ones in case you missed them.

Media

Western Port News 12th June

Contracts 'advance' AGL's gas plan

<http://mpnews.com.au/2018/06/13/contracts-advance-agls-gas-plan/>

Western Port News 3rd July

Hundreds at power protest

<http://mpnews.com.au/2018/07/03/hundreds-at-power-protest/>

Western Port News 10th July

Libs 'united' against gas plan

<http://mpnews.com.au/2018/07/10/lib-united-against-gas-plan/>

Cranbourne Star News 10th July

Not on our land

<https://cranbournenews.starcommunity.com.au/news/2018-07-10/not-on-our-land/>

Cranbourne Leader 11th July

Pipeline fears grow

<http://leader.smedia.com.au/cranbourne/?href=LCBL-2018-07-11>

The Age 2nd July

'Great hulking ship' Crib Point locals fear floating gas hub

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/great-hulking-ship-crib-point-locals-fear-floating-gas-hub-damage-20180701-p4zovg.html>

The Sydney Morning Herald 12th June

APA to build pipelines for AGL's Victorian gas import terminal

<https://www.smh.com.au/business/the-economy/apa-to-build-pipelines-for-agl-s-victorian-gas-import-terminal-20180612-p4zkwp.html>



Action Required

1. Either print the attached poster or email us for one and let's get these signs everywhere!
2. Print the attached petition and keep collecting signatures
3. Write to state and federal government, newspapers, keep talking about it, ring radio stations
4. Stay tuned with us on Facebook, Website, Twitter – [find them all on savewesternport.org](http://savewesternport.org)
5. Let everyone know about the upcoming events
6. Sign the online petition here: <https://www.change.org/p/unique-westernport-bay-is-not-an-industrial-site-stop-agl-s-gas-terminal-at-crib-point>
7. If you are an AGL customer, you could change providers and of course make sure you tell them why you are quitting AGL