

The Litter Problem of Langwarrin

Langwarrin has always been the perfect area to grow up, raise a family, and retire. However, in recent years, there has been a major litter problem along Cranbourne-Frankston road, and residents are struggling to keep on top of the problem.



Raijmonde Van Der Linden has lived in Langwarrin for 8 years, and for 4 of those years she's been on a mobility scooter. Raijmonde says it's a daily struggle to get to the shops, as she has to try and avoid McDonald's rubbish which is always on the sidewalk.



INTERVIEWEE 1 (Raijmonde Van Der Linden): “And it's not McDonald's itself, it's the people that purchase things there, eat them, and then chuck it into, into, the grass, or on the footpath; when you're on a mobility scooter it's extremely difficult, you can't drive through it, you'll rip your tyres to smithereens.”



The problem is also impacting on families and their quality time. Bianca Cottle grew up in Langwarrin, and now lives there with her family. Bianca often takes her daughter out picking up rubbish to teach her about how littering affects the world.



INTERVIEWEE 2 (Bianca Cottle): “Yeah, we still go out, just walking around the neighbourhood, we’ll take a plastic bag and we’ll go picking up rubbish. So, we’ll still go out and enjoy the space, but, yeah, I mean she’ll turn around, she’ll say to me like why do people put it here? What are they doing? Why are they dropping their rubbish?”



Dunkley representative, Peta Murphy, was contacted for a quote on the issue of the rubbish but was unable to respond. Sadly, if something is not done soon about the litter in Langwarrin, the community will suffer as the beautiful landscape is destroyed.



NOTE: This is a photo-journalism assignment I wrote for my university unit News Reporting 2
NOTE 2: Originally the assignment was a PowerPoint presentation of the photographs with the transcript being read over the top, but for my blog I had to upload it as a PDF format so I was able to include the photographs which were a key element of the assignment