



MINUTES

Seniors Advisory Group
Sorell Council

Meeting No. 8
10.00am-11.00am – Monday 16th December

Attendance

Mayor Kerry Vincent – Sorell Council
Jude Vienna-Hallam – Sorell Council
Janine Garwood – Sorell Council
Wendy Simmons – Sorell School for Seniors
Margaret and John Schofield – Residents
Jenny Oates – Causeway Club
Eileen Page – Resident
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Elaine Downie – Resident
Susan James – Dunalley DNTA
Cathy Belderson - SECC

Apologies

Joyce Smith – Ningana Resident
Jeanette Woolford – Ningana
Judy Young – Dunalley Hall Committee
Tui Simonis – Resident
Gennette Briffa – Pittwater Community Centre
Nat Siggins – Okines Community House

1. Update of Current Council Projects

- Coles Crossing Update

As the Sorell Plaza complex has now been sold, Council has not received any further information regarding the pedestrian access. Council hopes to continue discussions in 2014 with the new owners and DIER. The SAG are considering starting a petition and gathering evidence to support the need for a crossing.

- **Community Newsletter**

The new Council Community Newsletter was handed out and Janine would like any information, activity or event details and flyers for inclusion in future newsletters sent well in advance. This will help to promote activities and keep the community informed and will hopefully reduce the amount of emailed information. The group really liked the newsletter and thought it was a good way of receiving information on a regular basis.

- **Seniors Directory**

Janine handed out draft copies of the Seniors Directory and would appreciate any input into the content, including alterations, additions or if any other services should be included. Centrelink recently sent a lot of information for inclusion and this will now need to go on a separate page. Everyone said that the directory looked good and there are a lot more services in the area than we thought.

- **Update on Bushfire Forum**

The forum was well attended and included police, Tasmanian Fire Service, SES, Sea Rescue, Ambulance Tas. and DPIPW who discussed the creation of an animal register for landowners. From today the media will be promoting the new rules which state that once the fire danger is high (100) then residents should evacuate. Jude left information for the group to take.

- **Exercise / HFW**

Council have applied for a grant to run exercise classes in the Municipality for seniors through to youth. If successful we should be able to run classes including using a pool for 12 months. Currently we have free Heart Foundation Walking and would like to start another walking group next year – Janine is hoping the group will help organise this new walking group. There are exercise classes currently in the area but they need to charge a fee and there is a selection of programs at the Community Houses.

2. **General Discussion**

Kerry talked about the need for Council and other services including sporting groups to begin sharing services and resources to save costs and to reduce staff numbers or increase the service area.

He also said that there is a budget allocation for the next 5 years to continue improvements to the streetscape to make it more pedestrian friendly and we are also looking at improving the entrance to Sorell from the Causeway by removing the old pine trees and utilising the Council own land.

Holts Mitre 10 are also planning a large upgrade to their premises and the Park and Ride facility will begin in Feb 2014 with help from a State Government grant and matched with Council funds.

It was asked if there are any future plans for the old railway line to the heritage shed and although there are plans to improve the walkway and the area from Station Lane near Salvation Army this is not currently a priority.

Wendy asked about the walkways and footpaths which don't allow dogs on lead and stop people from enjoying the area and Kerry explained the need to protect migrating birds in the area. He said we might be able to look at fences or other measures to help in these areas in the future. Jenny asked about improving the walkway in Delmore Road, Forcett so that people can get to the shops, particularly people in wheelchairs.

Elaine Downie asked about the car park area at Ningana and Janine has already had a meeting with Jeanette at Ningana to provide information on the best way to improve this area which is Crown Land. Council have previously supplied gravel to fill the potholes but more extensive measures are needed.

Eileen Page is concerned about the land and beach near her property at Carlton which is used by motor bikes, disturbing birdlife and people. Kerry said the best thing is to call the police while the bikes are there.

There was discussion about Neil Davis Place which needs improvements and Kerry explained this is an ongoing process as Council needs to acquire the land behind the businesses. Some land has already been acquired and once the rest is purchased an upgrade of the entire area will be planned.

Next Meeting

.....2014.....at Council Chambers