



MINUTES

Seniors Advisory Group
Sorell Council Chambers

Meeting No. 3
Wednesday 20th Feb 2013

Attendance

Mayor Kerry Vincent – Sorell Council
Susan James – Dunalley DNTA
Judy Young – Dunalley Hall Committee
Wendy Simmons – Sorell School for Seniors
Tui Simonis – Resident
Elaine Downie – Resident
Myrna Martin - Resident
Jess Radford – Sorell Council
Janine Garwood – Sorell Council
Joyce Smith – Ningana Resident
Wendy Dalton – Ningana
Nat Siggins Okines Community House
Sam Fenney – Sorell Council
Cathy – (proxy for Jeanette) Ningana

Apologies

Karen Peacock SECC
Jeanette Woolford – Ningana
Gwenda Chamberlain – School for Seniors
Kath Aulrich – Resident
Jenny Oates

1. Update of Current Council Projects

- Community Administration Centre

Work has started and Council aims to move in before 31st Dec 2013 as we have to vacate our current premises by that date. The slab has been poured and the pre-fab walls will soon be delivered and erected. It is expected to be completed Aug/Sep 2013.

South East Community Care are looking forward to moving into the existing Council premises as they do not have enough room in their current building. Kerry V expects this to be the start of more allied health services in the area.

There will be a road detour around the Community Health Centre from 25th Feb to 1st March to allow work on the CAC to proceed and an info sheet was handed out explaining this in more detail.

- **Pembroke Park**

The new committee has been formed and had their first meeting on 13th Feb. All information regarding the redevelopment will now go through the committee who will make decisions on future planning after liaising with all sporting groups, council and the community.

Wendy S asked if Sorell market will be moving to Pembroke Park area. Kerry V explained that zoning won't allow for this.

Jess explained that the committee will engage with all users of the area.

- **Community Conversations**

The Dodges Ferry & Primrose Sands Community Conversation will be held before the end of the Financial Year. This has been delayed due to the bushfires but new dates will be decided shortly. Community engagement has been ongoing over the past months however and Kerry V plans to organise community discussions with all areas very soon.

- **Community Bus**

Council's Community bus runs a twice weekly service operated by volunteer drivers on Tuesdays and Thursdays (public holidays excepted). The bus leaves the Primrose Sands Store at 10am and starts its return trip by leaving the Sorell RSL at 2pm. Bookings can be taken at Council.

The Community Bus increased services for the summer period going from Midway Pt. to Park Beach and return. This service was interrupted due to the fires but will be considered again next summer as the Youth Advisory Group advised that youth would like to go to the beaches during if there was transport available.

- **Coles Crossing**

Sam Fenney handed out plans for 3 possible solutions to the problem of crossing the road at Coles. Sam explained that previously roads were designed to keep traffic moving rather than addressing the needs of people and that this attitude is now changing.

Solutions discussed were:

1. Block the Coles carpark entrance near the roundabout and only use the second entrance further down Pelham St. and install a pedestrian crossing. This is unlikely to meet with approval from the developers.
2. Stop the right turn into entrance near roundabout, narrow the road to slow cars and include a pedestrian crossing.
3. Install a pedestrian crossing further down Pelham St. which would mean people would have to walk some distance down Pelham St. to cross.

Kerry V explained that this option would not address the problem of cars going fast down Pelham St.

The second option was the most obvious choice and the group was happy to leave the decision with Sam as he had obviously investigated this thoroughly. The group thanked Sam and Anthony Walters, Councils Project Engineer for their expert work.

Wendy S also raised the problem of crossing the road at Cole St. as this is also a problem. Sam explained that DIER won't address this as the bypass was designed to fix the traffic jams and keep the traffic moving and any fixes would reverse this.

- **Australia Day**

Our 2013 Australia Day Award winners were:

Citizen of the Year - Mr Bryan Dean

Bryan served the community as a Councillor for a period of 35 years - 1973 - 1981, 1984 - 2004 and 2006 - 2011. He also served two terms as Deputy Mayor. He was chairman of the committee that built the Midway Point Hall and chairman of the committee that built the Pittwater Community Centre. He also served on the Midway Point Hall Committee for many years and is a past Member of Rotary Club of Sorell. Bryan has a long and proud history of serving his local community.

Young Citizen of the Year - No nominations received.

Community Group of the Year - Sorell Spirit Cheerleaders

Starting with eight athletes in 2011 the team grew to twenty one athletes by the start of the 2012 season. The athletes range in age from fourteen to nineteen, train bi-weekly for an average of three hours. Their goal after securing the Tasmanian State Champions title was to travel to the largest competition in Australia (the Asia Pacific Grand Finals in Brisbane) and win a National Title. The team won their National Title and were consequently invited to the 'Dance Worlds' in Florida, USA.

Community Event of the Year - No nominations received.

- **Tassie As Day**

On 3rd March we will have a Fun Run and Community BBQ at Pioneers Park in recognition of all those who helped during the bushfires. Information flyer handed out.

2. Community Road Safety

- Do you have any concerns you would like raised at the CRSP this afternoon?
 - It was noted that the footpath near McDonalds is currently being fixed.
 - There is a need for a Bus Shelter at the bus stop on 1st & 3rd Ave at Dodges Ferry as everyone has to stand in the sun/rain/wind.

Action: This will be rectified – Kerry V / Janine will follow up

- The kerbing at the doctors near Coles is too high and makes access difficult – This is not Council property and can only be raised with the developers.
- Car parking is an issue especially in disabled spots as people park in these spots and stay past limits.

Action: notify council of any concerns as we have parking officers to issue infringement notices.

3. General Discussion

- The group once again raised the issue of the need for a pool or a therapy pool in the area. Kerry V explained that this is very expensive and unless we can access some funding Council cannot build a pool in the short –term. The group suggested some of the current funding available for fire recovery but it was explained that this funding cannot be used for commercial enterprises only individual recompense.
- It was also noted by the group that all money raised by or donated to Red Cross goes to the community and not to administration or staff costs.

- Kerry also explained that the Community Recovery Plan can now be restructured to include best practice from lessons we have learned during the fires.
- Kerry V - the Tracks and Trails Waterway is almost complete and there are plans for pathways and landscaping near Nicks Hobby Shop. The car park at Pioneers Park will be sealed next year and benches and seating are ready to install along the trail.
- A vacant block in Carlton Rd was sold and about 20 trees subsequently cut down, the group would like to know if permission was sought for this.
Action: This will be investigated and report back to group at next meeting
- Wendy asked if there are any public shower in the municipality
Action: Janine will follow up
- There are dead trees and rubbish on the pathway outside Mitre 10 –
Action: Kerry V has rectified this.
- Kerry V said that the Art Prize was very well received and we will run this again next year along with other planned projects.
- There was a question regarding the subdivision of acreages in rural zones – this needs to be discussed with Council Planning Officers.

Next Meeting

10.30am on Wed 10th April at Council Chambers