



# Minutes

Seniors Advisory Group  
Sorell Council Chambers

Meeting No. 4  
10.30am Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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## Attendance

Mayor Kerry Vincent – Sorell Council  
Susan James – Dunalley DNTA  
Wendy Simmons – Sorell School for Seniors  
Tui Simonis – Resident  
Elaine Downie – Resident  
Jess Radford – Sorell Council  
Janine Garwood – Sorell Council  
Nat Siggins Okines Community House  
Karen Peacock SECC  
Jeanette Woolford – Ningana  
Jenny Oates- Causeway Club

## Apologies

Gwen Chamberlain – Sorell School for Seniors  
Kath Aulrich – Resident  
Judy Young – Dunalley Hall Committee  
Joyce Smith – Ningana Resident

## 1. Update of Current Council Projects

- **Community Administration Centre**  
The slab has been poured, the pre-fab walls are being erected and the roof should go on very soon. It is on time and expected to be completed Aug-Oct 2013. SECC are looking forward to moving into our old building in early 2014.
  
- **Community Strategic Plan - Consultations**  
Council employed an independent Consultant to engage with community members, business and youth through workshops held in all locations from 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> March. The timeframe was shortened because of the fires. The first 8 sessions were not well attended because of the short notice, it was close to Easter and it clashed with other events. Recently one was held at Nugent where 40-50 people attended. The confidential information will be collated by the Consultant and provided to Council in a report which will provide the basis for the development of the Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.

If you have been unable to attend one of the workshops and would like to contribute there is also a questionnaire available on our website.

- **Streetscape**

Council recently contracted a Consultant from Inspiring Places to gather information from residents regarding planning to make more people friendly places including things such as more walkways, wider footpaths, narrower roadways, redevelopments with more open spaces. Council is waiting on an indication of costs to redesign the end of Station Lane area, including a Park & Ride and footway joining up with Pembroke Park. This would mean relocating the Men's Shed and also the Sorell Market and Council is currently looking at options.

Council has recently acquired from the Glenorchy Museum, an old Railway Carriage originally from the Sorell Railway and this will be stored for future use as part of the old Railway Building and track.

- **Community Bus**

We are currently looking for Volunteer Drivers for the Community Bus if you know of anyone interested in driving please let us know.

- **Coles Crossing**

The report on the installation of the pedestrian access over Pelham/Parsonage to the Coles development has been submitted to the consultants (*representing the developer*) and DIER. DIER have acknowledged the plans and agree with Councils proposal.

- **Tassie As Day**

The Firies Fun Run and Community BBQ at Pioneers Park on 3<sup>rd</sup> March was a great event and enjoyed by all who attended. Little Athletics & Heart Foundation Walkers also participated and the BBQ run by the Lions Club was very popular. Betta Milks Nikki and Frank arrived in a helicopter and were a huge hit with kids and the Firies as well. The Betta Milk ads featuring Sorell are currently running on television. The feedback was that more events like this would be appreciated by the community.

- **Seniors Event:**

Bus trip to Woodsdale Museum 21st May 2013 – Flyer handed out and everyone is looking forward to going on the trip and having lunch at such a popular venue.

- **National Volunteer Week Event**

16<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm – Volunteer Recognition Event includes entertainment and light supper – Flyer handed out

- **Community and Youth Grants Program**

Councils 2013/14 Grant program opens on the 1<sup>st</sup> May and applications can be accepted until 31<sup>st</sup> May. The new application forms will be on the website and available from Council from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## 2. Community Road Safety

- Do you have any concerns you would like raised at the CRSP this afternoon?  
Several concerns were raised and Janine will forward these to Councils Works Manager.

### 3. General Discussion

- Report to group on the vacant block in Carlton Rd where trees have been cut down, the group would like to know if permission was sought for this. – Council has investigated this and the land owners have been instructed to replant.
- public showers in the municipality – No but this has been suggested for the future – Janine will follow up with Lions as well.
- National Volunteer Week launch will be at Hobart Town Hall 13<sup>th</sup> May 10-11.30am, includes a performance by the TSO and morning tea - \$5.50 per person.
- Organise regular get togethers: Bingo, scrabble, book club, bring a plate?- This is already organised by the Causeway Club.
- Jeanette at Ningana – as part of the Ageing Well strategy would like to involve residents in community events and activities and would like to be advised of any opportunities for residents to participate. Janine suggested contacting CHATS as residents could join some of their outings.  
Ningana are also purchasing 2 share buses so that residents can be more mobile.
- SECC – Consumer Engagement Strategy is currently underway as part of the Living Longer, Living Better reforms and future planning is aimed at keeping people in the community longer with more support available.
- The group would like a Seniors Directory with up to date community, health and event information and Janine will start collecting information for inclusion.
- Janine and Wendy will attend the Kingston Positive Ageing Expo and offered to take some of the group.
- Jess will investigate a Hearing Loop for the new Council Building.

### Next Meeting

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