



## **Sorell Community Conversation Meeting**

### **Sorell Bowls Club – Thursday 27 September 6pm**

#### **Councillors in Attendance**

Mayor Kerry Vincent, Crl Carmel Torenus, Crl Natham Reynolds, Crl Deborah De Williams

#### **Staff in Attendance**

Russell Fox – Manager Engineering & Regulatory Services, Robert Higgins – General Manager, Jackie Rafferty – Customer and Community Services Team Leader

#### **Local Election Dates**

The polling period for the 2018 elections is from the week of the 8 October to 10am Tuesday 30 October 2018. Every elector will be sent their very own postal ballot pack to their postal address. Candidates consist of:

#### **9 Councillors** – 9 candidates (no ballot required)

Deborah De Williams – Midway Point  
Kerry Degrassi – Dodges Ferry  
Vlad Gala – Dodges Ferry  
Geoffrey Jackson - Sorell  
Beth Nichols – Dodges Ferry  
Melinda Reed – Dodges Ferry  
Natham Reynolds – Midway Point  
Carmel Torenus – Forcett  
Kerry Vincent – Forcett

#### **Mayor** – 1 candidate (no ballot required)

Kerry Vincent – Forcett

#### **Deputy Mayor** – 4 candidates

Deborah De Williams – Midway Point  
Melinda Reed – Dodges Ferry  
Natham Reynolds – Midway point  
Carmel Torenus – Forcett



### **Increased bus services to the Sorell Township**

The Liberal Government is in the process of planning and increasing bus services across Tasmania making it easier for communities to access employment, education, training, services and recreation opportunities from January 2019. The government will look at doubling bus services between Sorell and Hobart.

- **Services between Sorell and Hobart (including Midway Point)** - Week day services will increase from 14 services per day to 33 services every week day.
- Saturday services will increase from 8 to 14.
- There will be 14 new Sunday services.
- Dodges Ferry and Carlton Beach will receive a better span and frequency of services including two new Hobart return services on Sunday.

### **Sorell to Hobart Planning Study**

The Tasmanian Government has commissioned a planning study for the Tasman Highway from Sorell to Hobart to find ways to reduce congestion and improve travel time reliability. This is part of works for the South East Traffic Solution. To find out more and have your say The Department of State Growth will be providing a number of sessions and workshops in the area. For more information please visit our website – [www.sorell.tas.gov.au](http://www.sorell.tas.gov.au)

### **Sorell High School Project**

The government has committed capital works funding that will see a re-development of Sorell School over the next few years. The works will include new buildings and refurbishment of existing facilities. The Government has also announced recently additional capital investment to fund the building of an Early Learning Hub to be located on the Sorell School site. Initial planning for the re-development has begun and community consultation will follow. Kerry suggested that Sorell School needs to consider suitable transport movement around the school, including student and teacher parking, how cars flow in and out of the school and bus routes. If pupil numbers increase this will require significant consideration.



### **Sorell Library**

Q: Are we likely to see an upgrade / extension of the Sorell Library?

R: This project is currently on hold until the Master Plan for the school is completed.

### **Sorell Emergency Services Hub**

The Government are looking at increasing emergency services in the South East region of Tasmania. Sorell Council has available a substantial parcel of land in central Sorell which would be ideal to build a new complex and house all emergency personnel. This project is likely to occur in the next 4-5 years.

### **Dog Park**

A Sorell resident commended Council on the well planned dog exercise area next to Pembroke Park and considered the park to be frequently used by dog owners in the area.

Q: Would Council consider shaded areas in the park for people to sit?

R: This would be subject to Council budget allocation.

### **Senior Advisory Group - Road Safety**

Council hold Senior Advisory Group (SAG's) meeting 4 times per year located at the Sorell Memorial Hall – CWA Room. Over the years Council has worked collaboratively with seniors in the immediate and broader municipality areas to identify road safety and pedestrian usage issues. These meeting have led to a number of traffic islands, wider footpaths and pedestrian crossings installed in the area.

### **Sorell Bridge**

Q: Will the bridge next to Coles be replaced soon.

R: The Sorell Bridge next to Coles and Shell Service Station is not likely to be replaced until 2021 due to tender prices being higher than estimated and the Department of State Growths reprioritisation of infrastructure projects.

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# Conversations

## Tracks & Trails - Orielton Lagoon Loop



Concept shared Pathway for Orielton Lagoon Loop, linking tracks from Midway Point, Penna and Sorell. Funding or budget allocation of 200k – 300k is required to complete the project.

## Dodges Ferry – intersection upgrade of Carlton Beach Road and Carlton River Road

Council is considering upgrading the intersection at Carlton River Road and Carlton Beach Road due to safety concerns raised with pedestrians crossing in this area. This project is subject to funding through the Vulnerable Road User Program. The program is an initiative aimed at improving the safety of vulnerable road users including pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. The project is supported by the Dodges Ferry Primary School.



### **South East Development Association (SERDA) Development Report Update**

Council is proactive in the encouragement of sustainable development within the Municipality that will establish or expand business, employment opportunities, or local services. Council has been working with other South East Regional Development Association (SERDA) member Councils to lobby for greater attention and funding to be directed towards the South East region for many years. SERDA successfully applied for a grant through The Tasmanian Community Fund for funding for a Workforce Planning Coordinator for the south east region. This three year role will see a coordinator work with local community employers, industry groups, trade training centres and registered training authorities to support, train and encourage local employment from within the region.

For more information on SERDA report, visit Councils website on:

<https://www.sorell.tas.gov.au/planning-building/economic-development/>

### **Fish Farm**

A number of people have expressed their concern regarding the relocation of diseased salmon to Norfolk Bay by Huon Aquaculture.

What we know:

- The virus killing the fish is known as pilchard orthomyxovirus (POMV).
- Huon have secured a 3 month lease with the State Government to keep the fish at Norfolk Bay so they can be safely harvested. This is not a permanent site.
- Majority of concerns from the public were in relation to the environmental impact the diseased fish will have on the local fish.