



Community NEWS

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Free Meningococcal W Vaccination

The Tasmanian Government will continue to fund free Meningococcal W vaccine for teenagers aged 15-19 years until 30 April 2018. If your teenager missed out on the vaccine through Council's school based program or you are 15-19 and not at High School or College, you can still access the free immunisation via your GP. Although the vaccine is free, your GP may charge a consultation fee. To learn more about Meningococcal disease and the Meningococcal W Vaccination Program please visit: www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/menw or contact Council's Environmental Health Officers.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Community Conversations

The Dunalley Community Conversation is on this month. Mark this date in your diaries:

**18 April at 6.00pm –
Dunalley Hall**

All community members are welcome to attend for an informal chat with the Mayor, Councillors and Council Management about what's happening in your local area.

Community & Youth Grants Program

Applications for the 2018/2019 Community and Youth Grants Program opens on Tuesday 1 May and will close on Thursday 31 May 2018. The program provides financial support to eligible community groups and organisations within the Sorell Municipality. Applications will be available on the Council's website soon.

Recipients of 2017/2018 Community and Youth Grants are reminded that grant acquittals are required to be submitted by 31 July 2018.

Volunteers Week Event

Save the Date! Council will be holding a Volunteer Recognition Event to celebrate our wonderful volunteers on Thursday 24 May at the Sorell Memorial Hall. Please see Council's website and ad in the May edition of the Sorell Times for all the details.

Rethink Waste

Sorell Council, as part of Waste Strategy South group, are participating in an awareness raising program to encourage people to avoid, reduce and reuse waste. Whilst recycling is a great way to keep waste out of landfill and our environment, there are many other things we can all do to decrease our waste. It's really important that we try to find ways to reuse and reduce waste, or to avoid generating waste altogether. Head to the Rethink Waste Tasmania website for loads of great information on

avoiding and reducing waste at home, at work, at school and when out and about - www.rethinkwaste.com.au.

Volunteer Pop-up Desk in Sorell

Volunteering Tasmania are running a pop-up information desk at the Sorell Community Health Centre on the third Monday of each month. A Volunteer Referral Officer will be on-site to assist with any volunteering related questions. Go along, say hello, and ask them about volunteering in our community!

Brinktop Road Reconstruction

Approximately 1 kilometre of Brinktop Road (in the vicinity of number 445 adjacent to the vineyard) will be reconstructed. Works will begin in late March and are expected to take 6 - 8 weeks. There will be short delays during the works but the Contractor will endeavour to minimise these as much as possible. However, we ask that you please allow extra travel time. We also ask drivers to please observe road signage and drive carefully. We appreciate the public's patience during these works.

Green Waste Collection Dates

Week 1 9 - 13 April
Boomer Bay, Carlton, Carlton River, Bream Creek, Connellys Marsh, Copping, Dodges Ferry, Dunalley, Kellevie, Marion Bay, Primrose Sands.

Week 2 16 - 20 April
Midway Point, Forcett, Lewisham, Nugent, Orierton, Pawleena, Penna, Sorell, Wattle Hill.

To book your collections in the options are as follows:

- Go to our website www.sorell.tas.gov.au/services
- 'My Local Services App'
- Phone 6269 0000 and select option 3

Bookings must be made by MIDDAY FRIDAY THE WEEK PRIOR to your collection.

Please place all waste on the nature strip the weekend prior to your scheduled collection week and ensure you abide by the size requirements – no more than 2 cubic metres (e.g. a small trailer load).

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on **Tuesday 17 April 2018** beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at the Council Offices.

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made at the March Council Meeting -

- Council received and noted the Financial Report February 2018 year-to-date.
- Council accepted the proposal from Community Transport Services Tasmania to transition the Sorell Community Bus to the Area Connect Brand.
- Council approved four requests for individual sponsorships and one request for team sponsorship under the Community Grants Program.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

Current or soon to be commenced works

- Urban Street Sealing Program – North Street in Dodges Ferry will be upgraded from a gravel to a sealed standard.
- Maintenance on sealed and unsealed roads throughout the Municipality will be undertaken during April.
- Forcett Street/Whitelea Court – Installation of a pedestrian crossing.
- Attunga Drive, Sorell – Installation of a pedestrian crossing and right hand turn lane.
- Orierton Lagoon Loop – Stage two works connecting Montagu Street to Shark Point Road through Miena Park have commenced.
- Brinktop Road – a 1km section of Brinktop Road will be reconstructed.
- Dodges Ferry Dog Exercise Area - an enclosed off-lead dog exercise area is being created in the Dodges Ferry Recreation Reserve at the site of the old horse-riding club. It will be open for the public to use in the coming months.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Rubbish Dumping

Council has recently investigated several incidences of rubbish dumping. Dumping of waste is illegal and can put members of the public at risk, whilst also damaging the environment. People caught dumping waste can be fined \$160 for small items (cigarette butts) or up to \$800 for larger amounts (bags of rubbish). Council encourages residents to take advantage of the fortnightly recycling and quarterly hard waste collection services that are provided.

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