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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Dog Attacks on Livestock

Council's Animal Management Officers have recently dealt with incidences of dog attacks on livestock. A reminder that it is the dog owner's responsibility to ensure your dog is secured on your property at all times and is not able to roam at large. A dog at large is a fineable offence. Additionally, any primary producer who finds a dog at large on their property is legally within their rights to shoot the dog on sight. For the safety of your dogs and farmer's livestock, please be responsible for your dog and don't allow it to roam.

Improving Air Quality with Wood Heaters

Wood heaters are seen as a convenient and economical way to warm your home during a cold winter. However, excessive smoke from wood heaters can be a major contributor to air pollution. Smoke can be a nuisance to your neighbours and contains pollutants that are known health hazards.

To burn brighter and help your neighbours breathe better:

- Only burn dry and seasoned wood
- Always burn with a flame – don't let it smoulder
- Burn on high air-flow for 30 minutes after lighting and 20-25 minutes after adding wood.

Visit the Environment Protection Authority Tasmania's website at <http://epa.tas.gov.au/epa/burn-brighter-this-winter> for more information on using your wood heater more efficiently.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

First Rate Instalment now due

Rate notices for the 2016/2017 financial year have been mailed to all rate payers. Please note that the first rate instalment is due to be paid by Wednesday 10 August 2016.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your rate notice, eligibility for a remission or to discuss direct debit arrangements then please contact Council on 6269 0000

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Community Hall AGM's

Council's community halls are having their Annual General Meetings during August. These are open to members of the public to attend. Details of each meeting are as follows:

- Midway Point Hall – 10am on 15 August at the hall.
- Dunalley Hall – 6pm on 16 August at the hall.
- Copping Hall – 7.30pm on 29 August at the hall.

These community halls are managed by a volunteer group of community members who form a Special Committee of Council. Expressions of Interest are invited from people interested in being a member of one of the hall committees. A copy of the Terms of Reference for Special Committees, together with Expression of Interest forms, can be obtained by phoning Council on 6269 0000 or from Council's website – www.sorell.tas.gov.au. All current and prospective

members of hall committees must fill out an Expressions of Interest form and these must be received at the Council Offices, 47 Cole Street, Sorell (PO Box 126, Sorell) one week prior to each Hall's AGM.

Dog Exercise Area Parking

A gravel car park has been constructed at the Dog Exercise Area off Arthur Street for the amenity of the users of the dog park. Users are encouraged to use this area to park in.

Australia Day Awards

Nominations for Council's Australia Day Awards are now OPEN! The Australia Day Awards are all about Celebrating What's Great in our community. We have many people and groups doing great things so make sure you nominate those you know who make a positive difference!

Award categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Nomination forms are available online and in hard copy from the Council offices, and you can also nominate directly online through our website: www.sorell.tas.gov.au.

Green Waste

Green Waste Collection Dates

Week 1 Bookings Closed

Boomer Bay, Carlton, Carlton River, Bream Creek, Connellys Marsh, Copping, Dodges Ferry, Dunalley, Forcett, Kellevie, Lewisham, Marion Bay, Primrose Sands.

Week 2 8 - 12 August

Midway Point, Nugent, Orielton, Pawleena, Penna, Sorell, Wattle Hill.

To book your green waste collection phone 6269 0000 and select option 3, or go to our website.

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) should be placed out for collection.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on Tuesday 16 August 2016, beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at the Council Offices.

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following are the decisions made at the July Council Meeting -

- Council adopted the revised Credit Card Policy.
- Council adopted the revised Risk Management Policy.
- Council declared the Dodges Ferry Recreation Reserve as a Cat Prohibited Area under the Cat Management Act 2009; and adopted the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hobart Cat Centre and the Cat Trapping Protocols for the trapping and disposal of feral cats within the Reserve.
- Council received and noted the Sorell Council Audit Panel minutes from the meeting of 7 June 2016; and noted the recommendations from the Audit Panel.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

2016/2017 Capital Works Program -

The 2016/2017 Capital Works schedule is currently being finalised and will be available on Council's website under the Quick Links tab on the right hand side of the homepage shortly.

Current or soon to be commenced works

- Plantings will be carried out at the entrance area to the Sorell Visitor Information Centre.
- Maintenance works on the following will be undertaken during August:
 - 1) Maintenance grading on rural gravel roads, drains and culverts.
 - 2) Maintenance on sealed roads, drains, culverts and shoulders.

GRANTS

Tasmanian Community Fund

Council recently applied for \$50,000 in funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund's 2016 Community Infrastructure Program for the staged development of a shared gravel pathway around Orielton Lagoon. Council will be notified of the status of our application by mid-August.

Department of State Growth – Community Road Safety Grants (CRSG) Program

Council submitted an application in the second round of The Department of State Growth's CRSG Program and have been advised that the application has been successful. Council will receive \$22,825 in funding to purchase a Variable Message Trailer to promote safer speeds on our local roads that have been identified as having speeding concerns.

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