



Community NEWS

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and replaced with a new concrete slab, shelter, seating and solar lighting. The Development Application has been lodged and is awaiting approval.

Dodges Ferry Skate Park – The old timber shelter will be removed and replaced by two concrete slabs, shelters and seating. The Development Application has been lodged and is awaiting approval.

Stormwater – Minor upgrades, storm damage repair and general maintenance on stormwater infrastructure is occurring in Dodges Ferry and Lewisham, and will commence in other areas in the coming months.

Fulham Road – Stabilisation, sealing and associated drainage works on the final unsealed section of Fulham Road will commence.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Septic Tank Maintenance

Recent rainfall has resulted in many existing septic tank absorption trenches being inundated with rainwater. Residents are reminded to ensure that they have a suitable and well maintained upslope surface and sub-surface drain to divert water away from the absorption trenches. Please ensure that the drain is connected to a stormwater pipe or roadside drain.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Customer Service Charter

The Customer Service Charter & Customer Service Strategy were recently updated and approved by Council. The Charter specifically outlines service standards about what the community can expect from Council and the timeframes and processes around how we will deal with service requests and complaints. This is complimented by the Strategy which provides direction around what we are doing to ensure that we are achieving what is outlined in the Charter, as well as, detailing the specific actions that will be implemented to ensure we meet the objectives of the Strategy. Copies of the Charter and Strategy are available on our website under 'Strategies and Plans.'

Building & Plumbing Permits

The Tasmanian Government has extended expiry dates for a further six months on a number of permits granted under the Building Act 2016, Building Act 2000 and Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993. The extended permits include all building and plumbing permits set to expire on 30 June 2020. The owner, builder or plumber now have until 1 January 2021 to get all work done and signed off as complete before the permit expires. If owners require further time to complete the works they should contact Council to discuss applying for an extension of time.

COVID-19 Community Update

Whilst we are getting back to some normality please be aware that stage three restrictions

are still in place. Please keep yourself informed of current restrictions by regularly checking the Government's Corona Virus website at:

www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

Please follow these simple steps to help protect yourself and others in our community:

- Take note of and abide by instructions on signage at facilities.
- Keep a distance of 1.5 metres between each other.
- Good hygiene is in your hands - Wash and sanitise your hands well and regularly.
- Cough into your elbow or use a disposable tissue.
- Please stay home if you are unwell.

Community Hall AGMs

Council's community halls are having their Annual General Meetings this month. These meetings are open to members of the public to attend.

Details of each AGM are as follows:

- **Dunalley Hall – 3.00pm on 25 August at the Hall.**
- **Copping Hall – 6.30pm on 27 August at the Hall**

These community facilities 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 these 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.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council Meeting

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on **Tuesday 18 August 2020**, beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers. The Meeting Agenda will be available for public perusal on Council's website the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Green Waste Collection

Week 1 Bookings Closed
Boomer Bay, Bream Creek, Carlton, Carlton River, Connellys Marsh, Copping, Dodges Ferry, Dunalley, Kelleve, Marion Bay, Primrose Sands.

Week 2 10 - 14 August
Midway Point, Forcett, Lewisham, Nugent, Orielson, Pawleena, Penna, Sorell, Wattle Hill.

To book your collections the options are as follows:

- Go to our website www.sorell.tas.gov.au/services
- Use '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 (a small trailer load).

COUNCIL DECISIONS

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

- Council received and noted the Financial Report June 2020 Year to Date.
- Council authorised the General Manager to finalise the sale process for the disposal of Pawleena Dam public land at an offer of \$539,000 and to execute the necessary contract documents.
- Council adopted the Stormwater System Management Plan 2020 and associated hydrological and hydraulic capacity area reports to inform future planning and investment for stormwater management. Council will now submit the flood mapping provided in the Plan to the Tasmanian Planning Commission to replace the relevant flood-prone hazard area mapping included in the draft Sorell Local Planning Scheme.
- Council awarded the tender for the stabilisation, sealing and drainage works on Fulham Road to Andrew Walter Construction.
- Council awarded the tender for construction of bridges on Woods Road and Burdons Road to VEC.
- Council approved the Development Application for the Midway Point intersection works as part of the South East Traffic Solution. State Growth have since advertised the project for tender.
- Council awarded the green waste and hard waste collection contract to Cleanaway and the street bins collection contract to JJ Richards.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

Capital Works Program 2020 – 2021: This program outlines all the capital projects and their schedules for the 2020 – 2021 financial year. It is available to download on Council's website under the *Quick Links* tab on the right hand side of the homepage.

Current and soon to be commenced Council works and projects as at 1 August 2020:

Primrose Sands Boat Ramp Toilets – Construction is nearing completion. Awaiting power connection by TasNetworks.

Levelling the Playing Field Unisex Change Rooms – Construction is on track with the block work walls complete. Framing up of the walls and roof trusses is currently underway.

Pembroke Park Stadium – The design is nearing completion. It will be advertised for tender shortly. The new access road for the stadium car park from Montagu Street is currently being designed.

Sorell Skate Park – The old concrete shelters will be removed

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