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December 2016

Council Services over the Christmas Holiday Period



Council Closure: Council's Offices will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 23 December and re-open at 8.00am on Tuesday 3 January 2016.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency during the holiday period, please phone 6269 0000.

Kerbside Collection: Garbage collections due on Boxing Day will take place as scheduled. Please have your rubbish kerbside by 6.00am ready for collection.

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made at the November Council Meeting -

- Council received and noted the Financial Report October 2016 year-to-date.
- Council voted in the nominations for the 2016 Local Government Association of Tasmania General Management Committee by-election.
- Council adopted the Risk Register.
- Council resolved to cease the provision of Council operated monthly infant immunisation clinics from the end of December 2016.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

Current or soon to be commenced works

- Urban Street Sealing Program – Erica Road in Primrose Sands and Terry Street and Thagenna Road in Carlton will be upgraded from gravel to a sealed standard.
- Nugent Road – Approximately 5 kilometres over three sections of Nugent Road will be resheeted.
- Marion Bay Road – 950 metres from Zephyr Lane to the gravel section will be vertically realigned and resealed.
- Sorell School Roadworks – Forcett and Walker Streets in Sorell will have kerb gutter and footpaths installed on the Western side and the road will be resealed.
- Sorell Streetscaping – The Sorell Streetscape plan will continue along Fitzroy Street between Gordon Street and Pembroke Park. Works will include tree plantings and construction of kerb and gutter along with a road reseal.
- Carlton Beach Road – The kerb, gutter and footpath will be continued along Carlton Beach Road between Rotuli and Parmere Streets.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on Tuesday 13 December 2016, beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at the Council Offices.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Fire Hazard Inspections

Inspection of properties for fire hazards will commence throughout the Municipality later this season due to the wetter than normal weather. It is the responsibility of property owners to ensure their property remains fire-hazard free. Please ensure your property remains mowed to avoid the issue of an abatement notice.

Dogs on Beaches

From 1 December 2016 until 31 March 2017 there are restrictions for dogs on many of our beaches. Please ensure you observe Council's signage located at the access points to beaches. It is also important to remember that our beaches are shared areas, so please be respectful of others and keep your dog under effective control and in sight at all times.

Water Sampling

Water sampling of the recognised swimming beaches in our Municipality will commence shortly. Testing has shown in previous years that our recognised beaches are suitable for swimming. However, we advise people to please avoid swimming after heavy rainfall or at sites where warning signs have been erected.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Annual Report and AGM

The 2015-2016 Annual Report is now available. Copies are available from the Council Offices as well as online at www.sorell.tas.gov.au.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held prior to the December Council meeting on Tuesday 13 December at 5.30pm at the Council Offices. Members of the community are invited to make submissions on the Annual Report for discussion at the AGM. Any person wishing to make a submission should do so in writing, addressing it to the General Manager by close of business Wednesday 7 December 2016.

SAG Christmas Meeting

The Seniors Advisory Group are having their Christmas meeting on Tuesday 20 December at 10am in the meeting room at the Sorell Memorial Hall. Morning tea will be provided and all are welcome. Please RSVP your attendance to Sonia at Council on 6269 0000 ASAP.

Visitor Information Centre Volunteers Wanted!

The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in Gordon Street requires some new volunteers! If you have a few spare hours a week, fortnight or even a month, why not share your passion for your community with visitors? If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call VIC Coordinator Vicky Roberts on 6265 2271 or email Visitor.Centre@sorell.tas.gov.au.

Gypsy Bay Boat Ramp

In the lead up to the busy summer months we remind users of the boat ramp at Gypsy Bay in Primrose Sands to please be mindful of the narrow access to the area. Signage and line markings have been installed as a reminder that this is a shared space. Both pedestrian and vehicles populate this area so we ask people to slow down and be respectful of other users.

Changes to Green and Hard Waste Collections

Attention Lewisham and Forcett Residents: As of January 2017 your green and hard waste collection dates will change. **YOUR COLLECTION WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN WEEK TWO.**

After consultation with our contractors it was highlighted that this change will make the service more efficient and hopefully prevent delays in collections occurring. The 2017 Waste Management Calendar will highlight this change.

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The 2017 Waste Management Services Calendar will be mailed out to rate payers with the December edition of the Community News newsletter. This means if you are renting you **WILL NOT** receive a copy of the calendar in the mail this year.

Copies of the calendar will be available to download from the Quick Links tab on Council's website – www.sorell.tas.gov.au.

You can also collect a copy from the following locations throughout the Municipality:

- Pittwater Neighbourhood House
- Midway Point Shop
- Sorell LINC
- Sorell Allied Health Centre
- Sorell Council Offices
- Okines Community House
- Dodges Ferry IGA
- Primrose Sands General Store
- Dunalley Post Office
- Dunalley Tasman Neighbourhood House
- Sorell Family Practice
- Service Tasmania
- Sorell Department Store
- Dodges Ferry Take Away

You can also request a copy be emailed to you by contacting Customer Service on 6269 0000 or sorell.council@sorell.tas.gov.au.

Green Waste Collection dates

Week 1 12-16 December

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

Week 2 19-23 December

Midway Point, Nugent, Orlenton, 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)

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