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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Report Rubbish

The State Government has developed a new online web application called 'Report Rubbish' to make it easy to report litter and rubbish dumping. It requests information about the location, quantity and type of rubbish found, and photos of the rubbish can also be uploaded. The system automatically forwards the report to the relevant authority alerting them that the rubbish is there. If you see a pile of rubbish, hop onto Report Rubbish at www.rubbish.epa.tas.gov.au.

Dogs on Beaches

From 1 December 2019 until 1 March 2020 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 in previous years has shown 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 General Meeting

The 2018 – 2019 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 on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 5.30 pm in the Council Chambers. This meeting will be followed by the ordinary December Council Meeting at 6.00 pm. Both meetings are open to the public to attend.

My Local Services App

Don't forget to download the FREE 'My Local Services App' for iPhone and Android from the App or Play Store. It delivers local information about Council services and the community including:

- Green and hard waste bookings;
- Rate payment reminders;
- Bin collection day reminders;
- Parks, playgrounds and public toilet information;
- A 'Report It' function – ability to report local issues such as graffiti and road hazards to Council.

Are You Bushfire Ready?

Bushfire season is upon us and it is time to prepare! If you live near the bush, your home is at risk from bushfire. All the information you need is linked on our website at www.sorell.tas.gov.au/community/emergency-management/

Australia Day Awards

Don't forget to nominate individuals or groups you know that make a positive contribution to our community. We rely on the community to help us recognise those who are great!

Award categories are:

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

Full details of the Australia Day Awards, including nomination forms, are available on our website: www.sorell.tas.gov.au.

SAG Meeting

The Seniors Advisory Group are having their Christmas meeting on Tuesday 17 December at 10am in the CWA 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 0059 ASAP.

Waste Management Services Calendar

The 2020 Waste Management Services Calendar will be mailed out to rate payers with the December edition of the Community News newsletter and Rates Notices. This means if you are renting you **WILL NOT** receive a copy of the calendar in the mail.

Copies of the calendar are available in the Council Offices and from the Quick Links tab on Council's Website. You can also collect a copy from various locations throughout the Municipality (a list of these is on our website. You can also request a copy be emailed to you by contacting Customer Service on 6269 0000 or sorell.council@sorell.tas.gov.au.

The My Local Services App also has copies of the Waste Management Calendars and can send you reminders about your bin collection days.

Green Waste Collection

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

Week 2 9 - 13 December
Midway Point, Forcett, Lewisham, Nugent, Orierton, 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 (e.g. a small trailer load).

Council Services over the Christmas Holiday Period

- Council Closure: Council's Offices will be closed from 12 noon on Tuesday 24 December and re-open at 8.00am on Thursday 2 January 2020.
- Emergencies: In the event of an emergency during the holiday period, please phone 6269 0000.
- Kerbside Collection: Garbage collections due on Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day) will instead be collected on Friday 27 December. All other collections will take place as usual over the festive period. 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 2019 Year to Date
- Council approved the meeting dates schedule for 2020.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

Current or soon to be commenced works:

- **Road Resheeting** – Resheeting on segments of Nugent Road will soon be carried out.
- **Road Reseals** – Road reseat works are ongoing on segments of Old Forcett Road, Carlton Beach Road, Primrose Sands Road and Shark Point Road.
- **Road Reconstructions** – Reconstruction of segments of Brinktop Road, Lewisham Road and Sugarloaf Road will start in January 2020. Works will be ongoing for 6-8 weeks with some delays and reduced speed limits during this time. Please allow extra travel time and observe all signage at the work site.
- **Park and Ride, Sorell** – Construction of public toilets in the Park and Ride in Station Lane will soon commence. They are expected to be finished early in the New Year.
- **Fulham Road** – Stabilisation of the existing gravel, drainage improvements and a two coat seal of an 800 metre segment. Work is expected to be finished by Christmas.

GRANTS

Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program 2019 - 2020

Council submitted an application in the Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program for \$18,133 to install a new scoreboard on the back oval at Pembroke Park. The outcome of the application will be known early next year.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on **Tuesday 10 December 2019**, beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at the Council Offices.

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