



Community NEWS

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COUNCIL DECISIONS

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

- Council received and noted the Financial Report December 2015 year-to-date.
- Council approved two Subdivision Applications.
- Council received and noted the revised Long Term Financial Plan.
- Council endorsed an Amendment to the Sorell Interim Planning Scheme 2015 for rezoning of land at 38 Gordon Street, Sorell from Residential Serviced to General Business.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

The following works are in progress or soon to be commenced throughout the Municipality -

- Lukeekah Street, Dodges Ferry – Installation of stormwater infrastructure will occur.
- Lewisham Scenic Drive – Installation of stormwater infrastructure from approximately number 149 through to number 171 will occur.
- Flyway Island – New concrete steps leading from the playground to the grassed open space are under construction.
- Boomer Bay – Parking Upgrade at the boat ramp.
- Boomer Jetty Road – Pavement renewal and installation of kerb and gutter.
- Bay Street, Dunalley – Renewal of road pavement.
- Station Lane and Cole Street Intersection – The footpaths and pedestrian crossings on the Station Lane side of Cole Street will be renewed.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Fire Hazard Abatement

During January, Council's Municipal Inspector conducted re-inspections on those properties that had Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued. For those properties not complying with the Notice, Council's contractor will be instructed to clear the property at the owners' expense. Due to the lack of rainfall this year there has been far less notices served than in previous years.

Recreational Water Quality Testing

Water sampling of the swimming beaches in our Municipality has commenced. The results so far show our recognised swimming 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.

Dumping of Asbestos

Council has received several notifications of suspected asbestos being dumped in bins and on the roadside. Dumping of waste is illegal, but dumping of waste that may contain asbestos is dangerous

and can put members of the public at risk. We encourage people who are undertaking building or renovations works on houses built before 1980 to check if they contain asbestos before starting work. If asbestos needs to be removed, the work should be completed by a licenced contractor who will dispose of the waste safely and appropriately. For further information please see http://worksafe.tas.gov.au/safety/safety_subjects/subject/asbestos

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Sorell Council Local Highways By-law

At the December meeting, Council passed the Local Highways By-Law. The By-Law has been advertised and is now in effect. The By-Law will provide Council with legislative power to better manage Council's roads. The By-law will regulate activities on Council roads by specifying the types of permissible and prohibited activities. This will ensure that any roadworks undertaken are to the appropriate standard.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Expressions of Interest - Dodges Ferry Recreation Centre Committee

At the December meeting, Council resolved to gauge community interest in establishing a volunteer committee to manage the Dodges Ferry Recreation Centre. Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from members of the community to serve on a voluntary committee to manage the Centre. Positions would be for a two year period and may include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bookings Officer and general committee. The Committee would be a Special Committee of Council and operate under a set of Terms of Reference. Information on the objectives and duties of the committee as well as a copy of the Expression of Interest form can be found on Council's website – www.sorell.tas.gov.au. Expressions of Interest must be received by Council by COB on Monday 29 February 2016.

Rates Payment Reference Number

Are you using the correct reference number when paying your rates?
On 1 July 2015 Council changed your rates payment reference number to a 7 digit number. We are receiving large numbers of payments with incorrect reference numbers which means that it is difficult to allocate the payment to the correct property. We ask residents to please ensure that you are using your new 7 digit number when making payments. The new number can be found on your rate or instalment notice. If you are unsure if you are using the correct reference number, please call Council on 6269 0000 to check. Please note that the Biller Code has not changed. We appreciate your help with this matter.

Primrose Sands Community Conversation

Residents of Primrose Sands are invited to attend the upcoming Community Conversation. Join us for an informal chat with the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager about what's happening in your local community. Meeting details are as follows:

Thursday 25 February at 6.30pm – Primrose Sands Hall

Council will be holding other Community Conversations across the Municipality over the next 12 months. Please see our website for the details of the meeting in your community!

Australia Day Award Recipients

The Australia Day Awards were presented at a special event on Friday 22 January at the Sorell Memorial Hall. The Australia Day Awards recognise those individuals in our community who make a significant contribution or achieve something special. Council had many worthy nominations this year across the four categories.

- The recipients were -**
- Citizen of the Year** – Graham Hawkins
 - Young Citizen of the Year** – Jessica Bennetto
 - Community Group of the Year** – The Causeway Club
 - Community Event of the Year** – 'Youth Fiesta' Okines Community House
- Council sincerely congratulates these individuals and groups on their well earned recognition.

Green Waste Collection Dates

Week 1 1 - 5 February
Boomer Bay, Carlton, Carlton River, Connellys Marsh, Copping, Dodges Ferry, Dunalley, Forcett, Kellevie, Lewisham, Marion Bay, Primrose Sands.

Week 2 8 – 12 February
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.

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

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