



Community NEWS

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COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made at the January Council Meeting:

- Council received and noted the Financial Report December 2019 Year to Date.
- Council authorised the General Manager to investigate opportunities to dispose of Pawleena Dam.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

Current or soon to be commenced works:

Dodges Ferry Jetty Replacement – Work on the replacement is expected to start onsite on 3 February 2020.

Road Resheeting – Resheeting on segments of White Hill Road has commenced.

Road Resurfacing – Road resurfacing on segments of Carlton Beach Road, Primrose Sands Road and Shark Point Road will soon commence.

Roadside mowing – Slashing of Council roadside verges is ongoing.

Primrose Sands Boat Ramp Toilets – The design has been completed and plans are being finalised for the Development Application to be lodged.

Park and Ride, Sorell – Construction of new public toilets in the Park and Ride in Station Lane has commenced.

LED Street Lights – Work on replacing all street lighting in the Municipality with LED lights has commenced.

Road Reconstructions - Large road reconstruction projects on Brinktop Road, Sugarloaf Road and Lewisham Road remain ongoing. There will be some delays and reduced speed limits during the works, so please allow extra travel time and observe all signage at the work sites.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Fire Hazards

All properties have been inspected for fire hazards and abatement notices issued where required. Re-inspections occurred during January and where properties have not been cleared, Council has engaged private contractors to carry out the works. This will be on-charged to the property owner. We thank the community for their support of this important program.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on **Tuesday 18 February 2020**, beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at the Council Offices.

New Litter Offences

In December 2019 amendments to the *Litter Act 2007* and the *Litter (Infringement Offences) Regulations* commenced. These amendments provide a spectrum of penalties for large scale dumping of rubbish.

Examples of the penalties are as follows:

Depositing a single item of litter (e.g a plastic bottle) = 2 penalty units (\$336*).

Depositing litter with a volume greater than a single item of litter but less than 55 litres (e.g up to one large garbage bag size) = 20 penalty units (\$3,360*).

Depositing litter with a volume between 55 litres and 2 cubic metres (e.g. up to 1 large trailer load) = 50 penalty units (\$8,400*).

Depositing litter with a volume of between 2 and 10 cubic metres (e.g up to 1 truck load) = 100 penalty units for an individual (\$16,800*) or 200 penalty units for a business (\$33,600*).

These amendments are an important part of the ongoing work in waste policy and the resource recovery sector, and coincide with the introduction of the online Report Rubbish website to improve litter reporting.

**Penalty units increase in value each financial year. A penalty unit for 2019/2020 is currently \$168.*

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

South East Irrigation Scheme Extension

The extension of the Irrigation Scheme from Forcett to the Dodges Ferry Primary School, the Oval and Dodges Ferry Fire Brigade is complete and operational. This project jointly funded by Sorell Council and the State Government will provide a stable water supply to these facilities.

Community Conversations

Residents of Orielson and surrounds 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.

Wednesday 26 February at 6.30pm in the Orielson Hall

Council will be holding other Community meetings across the Municipality during 2020 in Dodges Ferry, Bream Creek and Primrose Sands. The details of these meetings will be communicated in the coming months via Council's website, Facebook page and Sorell Times advert.

Reporting Emergencies After Hours

Council should only be contacted after hours for emergency situations. If you see emergency

situations such as a blocked road or drains, water across the road, spill oil on the road, fallen trees or hanging tree limbs then report it to Council by phoning us on 6269 0000. This will be answered by a paging service who will then notify the on-call Council Officer to respond accordingly.

School Bursaries

Each year Council provides bursaries to students from our local schools. In January's edition of our Community News advert Ruby Caldwell was mistakenly omitted from the Sorell Primary School listing. Apologies Ruby, and all the best for your education in 2020.

Australia Day Award Recipients

The Australia Day Awards were presented at a special event on Friday 24 January at the Sorell Memorial Hall.

The recipients for 2020 were -

Citizen of the Year
Saakia Itchins

Young Citizen of the Year
Orana Bolland-Shaw

Community Group of the Year
Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club

Community Event of the Year
Lantern Parade (Okines Community House)

Council sincerely congratulates these individuals and groups on their well-earned recognition.

Green and Hard Waste Collection

GREEN WASTE

Week 1 Bookings Closed

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

Week 2 10 - 14 February

Midway Point, Forcett, Lewisham, Nugent, Orielson, Pawleena, Penna, Sorell, Wattle Hill.

HARD WASTE

Week 1 17 - 21 February

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

Week 2 24 - 28 February

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 (e.g. a small trailer load).

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