



Community NEWS

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July 2020

COUNCIL DECISIONS

These are the decisions made at the June Council Meeting:

- Council received and noted the Financial Report May 2020 Year to Date.
- Council received and noted the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority Reports.
- Council adopted the Annual Plan for the 2020-2021 financial year.
- Council adopted the inaugural Land Improvement Asset Management Plan.
- Council endorsed the Customer Service Charter and Customer Service Strategy.
- Council adopted the revised Community Grants Policy.
- Council adopted a 50% reduction in fees and charges for permanent, community based use of Council's community facilities and grounds from 25 May 2020 until 30 June 2021.
- Council adopted the amended Rates and Charges Policy, inclusive of the Charitable Rebates and Remissions Procedure.
- Council adopted the 2020-2021 Rates and Charges Resolution.
- Council accepted and adopted the 2020-2021 Operating and Capital budget estimates.
- Council accepted and adopted the revised Long Term Financial Plan.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

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

Primrose Sands Boat Ramp Toilets – Construction is nearing completion. The toilets should be open to the public in the coming weeks.

Gypsy Bay Boat Ramp dredging – All permits have been approved. Works are awaiting availability of the contractor.

Pembroke Park Stadium – The design is nearing completion and the project will be advertised for tender in the coming months.

Stormwater – Minor upgrades, storm damage repair and general maintenance on stormwater infrastructure is ongoing in Primrose Sands and will commence in other areas in the coming months.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Burn Brighter This Winter

The EPA has commenced its 'Burn Brighter this Winter' campaign and is encouraging wood heater owners to

burn their fire brightly to help reduce pollution from wood heaters. Excessive smoke from wood heaters can be a major contributor to air pollution and can be a nuisance to your neighbours. It also contains pollutants that are known health hazards. Be a good neighbour this winter and reduce wood smoke from your flue by following these tips:

- Only burn dry, seasoned firewood.
- Always burn with a flame – don't let your fire smoulder.
- After reloading your wood heater, open the air control and burn the fire on high for 20 minutes, especially before going to bed.
- Make sure you have a clean flue.

Complaints regarding nuisance smoke from wood heaters or other domestic burners can be reported to Council on 6269 0000 or via the 'Report It' function in the *My Local Services* App.

Report Rubbish

We've recently had several incidences of rubbish dumping in our community. Please use the 'Report Rubbish' website www.rubbish.epa.tas.gov.au to report litter and rubbish dumping. It requests information about the location, quantity and type of rubbish found. The system automatically forwards the report to the relevant authority alerting them that the rubbish is there.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Open Space Strategy

Council engaged ERA Planning & Environment to undertake an Open Space Strategy to better understand how the community use their parks, walkways and recreation areas, and to plan for the provision of parks and facilities into the future. A draft has been provided to Council for consideration.

Budget and Rates 2020 – 2021

In response to COVID-19, Council has approved a 0% increase on general rates and fees and charges for 2020-2021. Our budget provides funding for essential services, maintenance of existing assets and new infrastructure growth. This budget commits substantial funds of \$13.8 million for capital works projects. Full details are available on our website.

Community Grant Programs

Applications in our revised Community Grants program are now open!

Community Grants Program

This program aims to provide significant contribution, up to \$2000.00, to support community events, asset purchase and projects.

Quick Response Community Assistance Program

This program aims to provide minor assistance up to \$500.00, within a short timeframe to assist organisation with running their activities.

Individual Achievement Program

This program aims to encourage and celebrate individuals who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen field by providing funds to residents, up to \$250, who have qualified or been selected by a peak body to represent their state or nation.

Full details and a copy of the Policy and application forms are available on our website.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

All Council facilities are now open. These include:

Playgrounds, Skate Parks, Dog Parks, Sporting Ovals, Community Halls and the RV Park.

Public BBQs remain **CLOSED** until further notice.

Our community and sporting facilities are now available for hire with user conditions and restrictions in place. Please contact Council to discuss as updated hire agreements are required.

Please keep yourself informed of current restrictions. Regularly check the Government's Corona Virus website for updates - www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council Meeting

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on **Tuesday 21 July 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, Kellevie, Marion Bay, Primrose Sands.

Week 2 13 - 17 July
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).

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