



Community NEWS

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March 2020

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made at the February Council Meeting:

- Council received and noted the Financial Report January 2020 Year to Date.
- Council endorsed the Communication and Engagement Strategy.
- Council received and noted the 2019-2020 Mid-Year Budget Review.
- Council adopted the revised Long Term Financial Plan.
- Council authorised the General Manager to reappoint the existing three Audit Panel Independent Members on the following terms:
 - one member for a further 12 months;
 - a second member for a further three years;
 - and the third member for a further four years.

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

Current or soon to be commenced works:

Dodges Ferry Jetty Replacement – Work on the replacement is ongoing.

Park and Ride, Sorell – The new public toilets in the Park and Ride in Station Lane are completed and open to the public.

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

Urban Street Sealing Program – Parmere Street will be upgraded from a gravel to a sealed standard in the coming weeks.

Road Reconstructions – two large road reconstruction projects are ongoing:

- Brinktop Road – Reconstruction of one kilometre of road.
- Sugarloaf Road – Reconstruction north of the Carlton River Road junction for 400 metres.

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 site.

GRANTS

Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program 2019 - 2020

Council recently received notification that our application in the Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program 2019-2020 for \$18,133 to install a new scoreboard on the back oval at Pembroke Park was unsuccessful.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Dogs on Beaches Restrictions

Some restrictions that apply to dogs on beaches within our Municipal area cease on 1st March. Please observe signage in these areas and familiarise yourself with Council's dog exercise areas. Maps of the dog exercise areas are available on Council's website in the "Dog Exercise Areas and Responsible Pet Ownership" brochure.

School Immunisations

Council's Immunisation team will be providing immunisations to year 7 students at Sorell High School this month. The following vaccines will be provided for all year 7 students who have returned their consent forms:

Human papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses given six months apart.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa – one dose.

For further information please contact Council and speak to one of our Environmental Health Officers.

Coronavirus

The Department of Health's website has detailed information on Coronavirus. Head to www.dhhs.tas.gov.au for full details and updates.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

How can you find out what's happening at Council?

We utilise a variety of ways to communicate and engage with our community. We post news, event and project information and updates via the following methods:

- Our monthly advert in The Sorell Times
- The monthly Mayors Report in The Sorell Times
- Council's website
- Council's Facebook page
- Council's Instagram page
- The My Local Services App
- Council's twice yearly *Community News* Newsletter
- Council's monthly meeting agendas and minutes

We endeavour to communicate as frequently and widely about our activities as we can, within our budget and resource availability.

The Communication and Engagement Survey we recently carried out provided valuable insight into how you want to hear from us. The endorsement of the Communication and Engagement Strategy will see

us investigate and trial new communication initiatives over the next twelve months.

We are always open to feedback on how we can improve our communication, so if you have any ideas please let us know! Email us on sorell.council@sorell.tas.gov.au or call us on 6269 0000.

Rate Instalment Now Due

The fourth and final rate instalment for 2019 - 2020 is due to be paid by Wednesday 11 March 2020.

Dodges Ferry Oval Lighting Upgrade

Council, in collaboration with the Dodges Ferry Football Club, are upgrading the lights at the Dodges Ferry Oval. The new LED lights are night training standard and are more energy efficient than the old lights. The work should be completed within the next month or two.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Seniors Advisory Group Meeting

The Seniors Advisory Group are having their quarterly meeting on Tuesday 17 March 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.

Council Meeting

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on **Tuesday 17 March 2020**, beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at the Council Offices.

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 16 - 20 March

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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