



Community NEWS

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May 2020

COUNCIL DECISIONS

These are the decisions made at the April Council Meeting:

- Council received and noted the Financial Report March 2020 Year to Date.
- Council approved a draft amendment to the *Sorell Interim Planning Scheme 2015* to insert Bushfire-Prone Areas Overlay maps as recommended by the Tasmania Fire Service. This amendment will now be exhibited to the public for 28 days.
- Council approved a Subdivision Application for a 55 Lot Subdivision and Roadworks at 20 Arthur Highway, Sorell and Lot 1 Pawleena Road, Sorell.
- Council adopted the following recommendations in response to COVID-19 relief:
 - No penalties, charges, interest for late rates payments and extended payment periods for ratepayers meeting hardship requirements up to the second rate instalment in October 2020 in accordance with the Financial Hardship Assistance Policy.
 - Rent relief on Council owned buildings where tenants are experiencing financial hardship until 30 June 2020.
 - A common approach to hardship / assistance policies with LGAT to develop a model policy based on engagement with Councils.
 - Community grants to be refocussed as appropriate to support local business and not for profit recovery until 30 June 2021.
 - Creditor invoices will be settled within 14 days, irrespective of normal trading terms to support local businesses.
 - Council adopt a 0% increase on general rates, fees and charges for 2020-2021.
 - Council will not alter current asset and financial management practices.
- Council adopted the LGAT template Financial Hardship Assistance Policy with an interim review date of September 2020.
- Council approved a remittance for part of the DA assessment fee for the Midway Point Intersection Solution.
- Council approved lodging a speed reduction request with the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Sugarloaf Road (between the Arthur Highway and Carlton River Road) from 100km/h to 80km/h.

Gypsy Bay Boat Ramp dredging –The Development Application is currently being assessed and will go to a forthcoming Council meeting for the determination of Council as the Planning Authority.

Levelling the Playing Field unisex Change rooms –The contract has been awarded and work will commence shortly.

Pembroke Park – a scoreboard will be installed on the back oval in the coming months.

Marion Bay Road – Road repair works are ongoing.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Recycling Contamination

We've had reports from our kerbside contractor that there has been a lot of contamination in recycling bins. Contamination is when non-recyclable items are put in the recycling bin. If your recycling bin is contaminated it can mean an entire truckload of recyclables cannot be recycled. Visit our website for a list of what can and what cannot be placed in your recycling bin.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

National Volunteers Week

National Volunteers Week is held during May each year. Council hosts a Volunteer Recognition Reception, but due to COVID-19 this year's event has been cancelled.

Council acknowledges the outstanding and significant contribution that volunteers make to our community every day. The work of countless volunteers greatly enhances the strength and vibrancy of our community. The Mayor, Councillors and staff of Sorell Council thank all volunteers in our community for their efforts. It is valued and appreciated.

Review of Community and Youth Grants Program

Council's Community and Youth Grants Program opens for applications throughout May each year. We are currently reviewing the Community Grants Policy, as well as the Financial Assistance for Individual or Team Selection Policy. This means the Grants Program will not be open as usual during May. The revised Policy will be going to the May Council meeting for approval with applications for funding likely to be open in the new financial year (1 July 2020). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council Meeting

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on **Tuesday 19 May 2020**, at 6.00pm. The meeting will be held via video conference.

Any person wishing to submit a Question on Notice can do so by addressing it to:

Robert Higgins, General Manager.
Email: sorell.council@sorell.tas.gov.au

Mail:
PO BOX 126, Sorell TAS 7172.

Questions on Notice will be accepted up until close of business on Tuesday 12 May 2020.

The Meeting Agenda will be available on Council's website the Thursday prior to the meeting. A recording and minutes of the meeting will be available shortly after the meeting on Council's website – www.sorell.tas.gov.au

COVID-19 Community Update

Council's Offices remain closed to the public until further notice. In the meantime, please contact us via one of these methods:

- **Email** – sorell.council@sorell.tas.gov.au
- **Phone** – 6269 0000
- **Facebook** – Sorell Council
- **Website** – www.sorell.tas.gov.au
- **My Local Services App** – Download the App for free from the App Store or Play Store and use the 'Report It' function to report issues.

ALL our community and sporting facilities remain closed until further notice. These facilities include playgrounds, sporting fields, community halls, dog exercise parks and the Sorell RV Park.

The Dodges Ferry and Sorell Recycling Centres remain open. However, we ask that users remain COVID-19 aware and follow the Government's guidelines on social-distancing and personal protection measures.

We encourage all members of the community to follow the Department of Health's advice regarding protecting yourself and others from novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and regularly check their website for updates -

www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

Green and Hard Waste

Green Waste

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

Week 2 11 - 15 May
Midway Point, Forcett, Lewisham, Nugent, Orielson, Pawleena, Penna, Sorell, Wattle Hill.

Hard Waste

Week 1 18 - 22 May
Boomer Bay, Bream Creek, Carlton, Carlton River, Connellys Marsh, Copping, Dodges Ferry, Dunalley, Kellevie, Marion Bay, Primrose Sands.

Week 2 25 - 29 May
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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