



Community NEWS

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Assurance Program monitors the safety of commercially grown shellfish. For more information on this please visit the Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Alert's page: <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/alerts/>

installed. The car park has been fenced off, the old track closed and a new crushed rock path installed to provide safe access to the beach and keep people out of the sensitive sand dunes area. This project was completed with financial support from Crown Land Services.

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made at the September Council Meeting -

- Council received and noted the Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Report 2015/16 and adopted the recommendations.
- Council resolved to close Woodtha Street at the intersection with Moomere Street in Carlton to vehicular traffic.
- Council received and noted the Financial Report August 2016 year-to-date.
- Council endorsed the nominated members of Council's Special Hall Committees for the period 2016 – 2018 and adopted the reviewed Terms of Reference – Special Hall Committees of Council.
- Council approved Special Community Grant Applications submitted by the Forcett Community Hall Committee Inc. for \$1,659.89 and Nugent Hall Committee for \$1,355.20.
- Council approved a donation of \$3000.00 to Ten Days on the Island 2017 Festival Program in Dunalley.
- Council rescinded the Subdivisions - Public Open Space Contributions policy (6 of 2005) and adopted the revised Public Open Space Policy.
- Council received and noted the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority Quarterly Reports for March and June 2016.
- Council nominated Mayor Vincent on the LGAT General Management Committee by-election.

Recreational Water Quality

Council recently received the Recreational Water Quality Report 2015/2016. Recreational water sampling undertaken by Council focuses on the main recreational beaches in the Southern Beaches area between Primrose Sands and Dodges Ferry with samples also collected at Marion Bay Beach. Results from the report indicate that six of the seven sampling sites met the requirements for good water quality under the Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines. The seventh site, Red Ochre Beach South site, is categorised as moderate water quality. As usual however, Council advises people to please avoid swimming after heavy rainfall or at sites where warning signs have been erected. Water Quality

Lewisham: A new 110metre long track has recently been installed to replace the old eroding track from Richards Avenue down to the foot bridge crossing China Creek. The new track provides safer and improved foreshore access whilst reducing the impact on the surrounding vegetation and sand dunes.

Amalgamations Update:

The merger modelling work being undertaken by KPMG on behalf of DPAC and the four South-East Councils was completed at the end of September 2016. The final report will be presented to Councils during October with public consultation likely to commence in November through to early next year. Exact timing and public consultation details are currently being finalised between the Councils and DPAC with all parties agreeing to adopt a coordinated and consistent approach. Council will further advise in due course how and when the report can be accessed and any resulting actions / timeframes.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Garage Sale Trail

Sorell Council is again proudly supporting the national Garage Sale Trail event, which encourages communities everywhere to come together on Saturday 22 October 2016 to reduce waste and reuse pre-loved items in a fun and creative way. If you are interested in holding a garage sale then head to the website: www.garagesaletrail.com.au and register your sale. The website also lists all the registered garage sales in your postcode so you can plan your day of shopping.

Community Conversations

Council have two more Community Conversations scheduled for 2016. Residents are invited to join us for a chat with the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager about what's happening in your local area.

- Meeting details are as follows –
- 27 October at 6.30pm – Sorell Council Offices
 - 17 November at 6.30pm – Nugent Hall

The issues discussed at the previous Community Conversations are outlined in the meeting notes available on Council's website - www.sorell.tas.gov.au/community-conversations

Imlay Street Park

A new toilet block will be constructed and a shade sail installed over some of the equipment at Imlay Street Park in the coming months. Additional funding from the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal will be utilised for these works.

Foreshore/Beach Access

Primrose Sands: New beach access at Petrel Street has been

COUNCIL WORKS DEVELOPMENTS

Current or soon to be commenced works

- **Urban Street Sealing Program** – First Avenue, Jetty Road and Layette Street in Dodges Ferry will be upgraded from gravel to a sealed standard.
- **Road Resheeting** – Bream Creek, Marion Bay, Wiggins and White Hill Roads will be resheeted.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Wild Shellfish – Public Health Alert

Harmful algae have been detected in various Eastern and Southern waters which has affected shellfish including oysters, mussels and scallops. These toxins can build up in shellfish and can cause severe illness if eaten and cooking the shellfish does not make them safe. As a precaution, recreationally collected shellfish should not be eaten. It is safe to eat shellfish from shops and restaurants in Tasmania because the Tasmanian Shellfish Quality

Green Waste Collection Dates

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

Week 2 10-14 October
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 and ensure you abide by the size requirements – no more than 2 cubic metres (e.g. a small trailer load) should be placed out for collection.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Sorell Council will be held on Tuesday 18 October 2016, beginning at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at the Council Offices.

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