



## Dodges Ferry/Carlton Community Conversation Meeting

### Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club – 25 March 2021

#### **Councillors in Attendance:**

Mayor Kerry Vincent, Deputy Mayor Natham Reynolds, Crl Geoffrey Jackson, Crl Beth Nichols, Crl Valad Gala and Crl Melinda Reed.

#### **Council staff in Attendance:**

Russell Fox - RF (Manager Engineering & Regulatory Services) and Jackie Rafferty – (Team Leader – Community & Corporate Administration).

**Public attendance:** 22

### **Introduction by Mayor Kerry Vincent**

Kerry welcomed the community attendees.

Kerry V discussed the implementation of the new South East Police Division in response to the Emergency Services Hub. There will be 14 Police Officers stationed in the Sorell area resulting in an increase in police patrols in certain troubled areas.

Issues raised by residents:

- **Snake Hollow Park – What is happening to the timber that is currently on-site?**  
Response – The timber comes from the old Sunnyside Bridge and is intended to be used in the playground (eg. stepping blocks). Timbers will be checked before using as structures in the park. Other formal play equipment will be installed including a swing and slide.
- **Snake Hollow Park Development Application – Representations**  
No appeals have been received to date and works are to commence soon. In relation to the trees in the pump track area, they have been inspected and reported to be fine. RF confirmed that trees will be planted around neighboured areas to assist with screening and privacy.
- **River Street**  
A local resident thanked Councillors and staff for the change in speed limit sign.



- **Carlton Beach Road lacks suitable lighting. Could we increase LED street lights to assist pedestrian safety at night time?**

Response: The process involves an application to TasNetworks and Council can pursue the enquiry once we know where residents would like LED's situated.

- **Footpaths – The need for more in the area.**

Response: The footpath network has increased across the Municipality over the years. Dodges Ferry has gradually increased footpaths to the area to create better connectivity such as extending footpaths to playground areas.

Raprunner Road has been identified as an area requiring safe access solutions from the Surf Club to Carlton Beach Road. Council apply to the Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP) every year which provides opportunities for local Councils to develop and implement effective infrastructure solutions to safety issues. Council may consider making an application in this program to construct a footpath here in the future.

- **Dodges Ferry to Carlton Shared Pathway – Bicycle and Walking Path.**

The shared pathway will provide the rapidly growing residential communities of Dodges Ferry and Carlton much needed infrastructure to connect communities, recreation assets, coastal reserves, Dodges Ferry School and community services, improve recreation opportunities and facilitate social interaction.

- **Bus stops – A Safety Issue.**

Response: Council worked closely with local bus companies to identify the central areas for pick-ups and drop-offs to create a safe bus environment. Linking footpaths to bus shelters provides safe pick-up and drop-off destinations. Rotary works Council to provide bus shelters for patrons.

- **Designated Beach Access**

Response: DPIPEW are the responsible land owners to beach access and the closure and poor state of a number of beach access points across Tasmania is recognised as being a big issue. DPIPEW have limited resources and staffing capacity to maintain all of these access points. For Council to take on the responsibility they need to formalise an agreement with DPIPEW to carry out the necessary works and at Council's cost.

Gwen Egg raised the work done by Coastcare in 2002, mapping all access point at beaches in the Municipality. Colour coded posts were installed at entrances to the beach.



- **Removal of Stairs at Red Ochre Beach**

Response: RF will consult with DPIPW to determine whether or not the steps will be replaced. Infrastructure needs to meet standards and if not, like in this case, the stairs have been removed. Council will continue to make contact with the Department and if the stairs are not to be replaced, Council may map out a strategy to assist community access. Lobbying from the public was encouraged.

- **Blue Lagoon**

Response: Works are currently being carried out by a private contractor, constructing a 1.8km footpath to promote safe access to the Boat Park from Carlton Beach Road with drains to be constructed to re-direct water into the Lagoon.

A resident expressed concern regarding the gravel, pipes and heavy machinery that had been placed next to her boundary with no warning. RF said the normal protocol is for residents to receive notification via mail prior to works commencing. He would investigate further as to why this did not occur.

- **Customer Service Channels**

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- Mail - PO Box 126, SORELL TAS 7172
- In Person - 47 Cole Street, Sorell
- Phone - (03) 6269 0000 (Weekdays from 8.15am to 4.45pm, excluding public holidays).
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- **Southern Beaches Neighbourhood Watch**

The Neighbourhood Watch has been in operation for approximately one year. They are a group of local community minded people who listen to the community issues and needs. If you wish to join the Neighbourhood Watch or make contact you can find them on Facebook, email them at [southernbeachesnhwa@gmail.com](mailto:southernbeachesnhwa@gmail.com) or phone 0418 124 804.



- **Container Refund Scheme – Environmental Management**  
For more information on the Container Refund Scheme go to [Container Refund Scheme | Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania \(dpiuwe.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au)
- **Natural Resource Management Facilitator (NRM) for Sorell Council**  
The NRM Facilitator will be responsible for the ongoing development, implementation, and maintenance of an effective Council NRM framework including policy and processes, and how the Council interacts with the wider environment including the ongoing identification and management of the various aspects and impacts associated with environmental risks or hazards. The position will be 48 hours (0.6) per fortnight.
- **Sorell Bypass and Associated Road Works**  
Response: The Sorell Bypass is to commence in the next 6-8 weeks and will be an 18 month project. For more information about the bypass go to: [Sorell Southern Bypass – Transport Services](#). For more information of the South East Traffic Solution go to [South East Traffic Solution – Transport Services](#). All roadworks are expected to be completed by 2025.
- **Jack’s Flat Field Day 17 April at Jack’s Flat Reserve, Old Forcett Road.**