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Pembroke Park Stadium update

Construction of the stadium is progressing well.

Electrical, plumbing and roofing is nearing completion and plastering and installation of external cladding is well underway.

We are currently finalising operational arrangements and working with sporting clubs and community groups on how and when they will use the facility.

It is expected the stadium will be officially opened and ready for use in mid-March 2022.

This stadium will significantly increase the sport and recreation opportunities available for people in the entire south east region.



Pembroke Park Stadium

Australia Day Awards

Have you made a nomination in our Australia Day Awards for 2022 yet?

It's not too late! The Australia Day Awards recognise those individuals and groups in our community who make a significant contribution or have achieved something special in the past year.

Award categories are:

Citizen of the Year	Community Group of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year	Community Event of the Year

Full details and nominations are available online at:
www.sorell.tas.gov.au.

Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 14 January 2022.

The Australia Day Awards will be presented at a special event on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at the Sorell Memorial Hall.



Merry Christmas from Sorell Council!

On behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and Staff at Sorell Council we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please take note of the following information in regards to Council services over the holiday period:

Council Closure: The Council Offices will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 24 December and re-open at 8.00am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency during the holiday period, please phone 6269 0000.

Kerbside Collections: All kerbside collections over the festive period will take place as usual.





Mayor's Message



Sorell... Home for a growing number of us. It's our home, our Municipality, our local area of interest.

Council works hard to develop a vibrant community. However, we also have a responsibility and role to play in the bigger picture in the south of the state, and Tasmania as a whole.

Our community has been experiencing rapid growth for many years. This has resulted in us being a quickly maturing and developing Municipality.

Our community has changed, and will continue to change. This presents us with many and varied challenges. However, we always endeavour to do our best to plan for our future.

We've been extremely successful in recent years gaining Federal and State Government support for our evidence based projects. I am confident our Governments will continue our partnership to identify funding opportunities for strategic projects to service our expanding community.

A very important milestone we are involved with is the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Committee's report and list of associated recommendations. One of these recommendations is Council reform on a state-wide level.

The State Government, the Local Government Association of Tasmania and all 29 Councils will be working towards a reform framework over the next 18 months. Part of the scope of the review will be to look at the full range of Council roles and functions. The review process will be staged, with stage one consisting of community engagement and fact-finding. Stage two will analyse the options and stage three will recommend solutions. This will give all Tasmanians an opportunity to have input into what they believe their local Council should look like.

Other regional and state based agendas we are involved with include the Government's Southern Regional COVID Recovery Committee, of which I am co-chair. The aim of this committee is to identify the specific impacts of COVID-19 on Southern Tasmania and the region's priorities for recovery, recommend government-led recovery activities, enable community-led recovery activities and support the Government in the ongoing response to and recovery from COVID-19.

I was recently appointed to the selection committee for the TasWater Board. TasWater is one of Tasmania's largest corporations and is primarily responsible for Tasmania's water and sewage. Having a high level of involvement gives us significant insight and understanding into the needs and requirements of this strategic authority.

I have been a committee member of the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (CRDSJA) for over 10 years, with the last 4 as Chair. The CRDSJA is owned by Clarence, Kingborough, Tasman and Sorell Councils and trades as Southern Waste Solutions operating the Copping landfill facility. Southern Waste Solutions is responsible for most of Southern Tasmania's waste and are currently undertaking some really exciting projects to help us to reduce, recycle, reuse and dispose of our waste.

Council staff are also involved in regional projects which brings a lot of creative ideas back into our region.

SERDA's work in developing employees and employers, and mentoring business is now being copied and adapted in several other regions around our state.

I am very proud that Sorell is playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of our Municipality, region and state.

Mayor Kerry Vincent

Community Conversations



Our Community Conversation meetings provide an opportunity for residents to meet informally with the Mayor, Councillors and Council Management to receive updates on Council projects and discuss local issues or concerns.

Three meetings were held in Midway Point, Dodges Ferry and Primrose Sands during 2021.

Here is a snapshot of some of the issues raised at these community meetings and how Council has responded:

- Residents have been asking if a bus station could be established in Midway Point. Council has been lobbying the Department of State Growth (DSG) to establish a local Park and Ride. DSG have committed to establishing one adjacent to the new road works and undertaking stakeholder engagement before finalising the plan for the facility.
- In Dodges Ferry residents have asked for better access to Dodges Ferry Primary School. Footpaths have been upgraded and constructed from Carlton River Road via First Avenue to the school to ensure safer access for school children.
- Residents in Primrose Sands asked if the trees along Tamarix Road could be trimmed to ensure easier and safer access for the public. Trimming and removal of various trees along Tamarix Road, Frogmouth Lane, Petrel Street and Grebe Street was completed mid-year.

Farewell Betty!

Earlier this year, after 33 years' service, Betty Hayers retired from Council.



Betty commenced with Council as a teenager in 1975, had a period away from Council whilst raising her children, and then returned in 1993. Betty started as receptionist, held a number of different roles before working her way up to the position of Senior Revenue Officer.

A great team player, Betty applied strong processes and procedures, hard work, consistency and perseverance to her role and worked diligently to ensure outstanding rates were paid. If you've contacted us with a rates query in the past twenty or so years, you've probably spoken to Betty!

We sincerely thank Betty for her significant period of service and the outstanding contribution she has made to Council and our community. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Betty!



Sorell Memorial Hall with student portraits

Arts and Culture

COMMUNITY CULTURAL PRECINCT REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Council's newly formed Community Cultural Precinct Reference Committee recently had their first meeting. We put the call out in May for interested community members to apply for membership on the committee. Twelve people applied and all were accepted as members.

The objectives of the group are to assist in planning for the development of the precinct, ensure a range of perspectives are considered, contribute to the development of an operating model, assist in ensuring effective communication between Council, the community and stakeholders, encouraging broader community interest in the precinct and promoting its use for a broad array of activities. Importantly, the committee will also look at identifying and seeking funding opportunities for the precinct.

It is hoped the committee can work collaboratively with Council to make an Arts and Cultural precinct a reality for Sorell in the future.

SORELL INSIDE OUT

Council recently supported Sorell School's Inside Out Project. Inside Out is the largest global people-driven art project, started by the French artist JR. 138 countries, 415 938 portraits and now, Sorell School's entry, the first ever from Tasmania.

The School's Action Crew 7172, facilitated by community artists David & Evi, as part of the Beacon Foundation Collective ed. Initiative, saw students take portraits of over 100 young people to show the diversity and ability of people in and around Sorell suburbs.

We supported the project by hosting portraits on the Sorell Memorial Hall, in the Council foyer and inside the Railway Carriage Shed.

New Recreation Opportunities

A range of new and recently upgraded infrastructure in our community is providing fantastic opportunities for recreation and wellbeing activities for residents of all ages.

SORELL SKATE PARK

Sorell Skate Park recently underwent an upgrade thanks to funding from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. Improvements to the Skate Park included a new concrete skate surface and construction of other elements such as new coping, ramp extension, platform widening, flatrails, ledges, bank, downrails and a quarter pipe. These works addressed the issues the aging park had and has again made it an inviting and fun recreational space for our local youth.

SNAKE HOLLOW

Stage one works on our new nature based play space at Carlton were recently completed, and are already proving popular with local children and their families. Work included installation of a double slide, spider web climbing net, single swings and a nest swing, construction of a small bike pump track, along with associated landscaping. The request from the community was for a nature based playground, so natural materials such as timber and boulders were used as features in the park, along with plantings of native trees and shrubs to complement the natural environment. Further work onsite will be completed as funding becomes available.

DUNALLEY TENNIS COURTS

Dunalley's two long standing public tennis courts were destroyed in the 2013 bushfires. Identified as a community led rebuild priority, the Dunalley Golf Club and surrounding community developed a concept whereby replacement tennis courts were to be relocated to the Golf Club site and integrated into a community sport hub.

The courts have been funded through public Red Cross donations and insurance money.

The tennis courts were recently completed and will increase the opportunities for the community to engage in physical recreational activities in one central location whilst strengthening the ongoing viability of this important community facility.

DODGES FERRY CARLTON LOOP

Our new shared pathway to link two growing residential communities in the Southern Beaches is nearing completion!

The Dodges Ferry Carlton Loop winds along Carlton River Road, down Carlton Beach Road, onto Park and Carlton Beach and up Moomere Street. Approximately 7 km in length, the shared pathway represents much needed infrastructure to connect local communities, recreation assets, coastal reserves and community services, and provides improved opportunities for local recreation.

Works to complete the Loop have included renewal of the asphalt footpath along Carlton River Road, construction of a gravel footpath from Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club to Moomere Street, and construction of a concrete footpath to connect Carlton Beach Road/Carlton River Road intersection to Tenth Avenue.

Directional and information signage will be installed along the track in the coming months.

This project was made possible with funding from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



Sorell Skate Park

Community Grants Program

Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club's Starfish Nippers Program

As part of our Community Grants Program we recently funded Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club's application for their Starfish Nippers program.

Starfish Nippers is an initiative being run jointly by Carlton Park, Kingston Beach and Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs. The program aims to increase social inclusion and participation levels in beach activities for youth with an intellectual and/or physical impairment who find themselves capable but challenged by the requirements of mainstream programs, through provision of modified junior Surf Life Saving programs.

The aquatic activities in the program are tailored to the varying abilities of each participant. A beach wheelchair is used and is fundamental to participation for those with mobility impairments and removes barriers to participation. The beach matting has been purchased to be placed on the sand to facilitate the wheelchairs reaching the shoreline. Starfish Nippers will commence in the 2021/2022 summer season.

Please contact the Club for more information:
www.carltonparkslsc.com.au

Fire Hazard Inspections

We've commenced inspection of properties throughout the Municipality for fire hazards.

It is the responsibility of property owners to ensure their property remains fire-hazard free. Abatement notices will be issued on those landowners whose properties pose a fire hazard. Please ensure your property is cleared to reduce the risk of fire and avoid receiving an abatement notice. If abatement notices are not complied with, Council's contractor will be instructed to clear the property at the owners' expense.

Sorell Council operates one of the largest and most proactive fire hazard programs in the State, with the aim of reducing fire risks in our residential areas. We appreciate the community's support of this important program.

Your Councillors

Contact details for our Councillors can be found on our website at
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Waste Management Update

SAFEWASTE BIN LATCH

Trial participants wanted!

SafeWaste latches secure the recycling wheelie bin lid and prevents the lid from opening if the bin falls or blows over. The latch is attached to the lid of the bin and releases when the bin is emptied. All you need to do is re-set the latch again on the next kerbside collection day. The latches will help prevent litter blowing out of fallen bins and entering our community and environment.

We've purchase 100 SafeWaste latches and we're asking for volunteers to participate in a trial to obtain a free latch and test it out for us. All you need to do is agree to use the latch and provide your contact details so we can contact you for feedback.

The latches are available to the first 100 people who come into the Council Offices in Cole Street and collect one. If you'd like more information about the latches or have any questions about the trial, please get in touch with us.

You can find out more about SafeWaste latches and videos on how to install them on their website: www.safewaste.global

WASTE SURVEY RESULTS

Over 1100 residents completed our recent survey, with a good cross section of ages and suburbs represented. The survey results gave us a clearer understanding of what our residents think of the existing waste management services and what new services should be considered in the future.

The results included:

- Most residents were satisfied with the existing garbage and recycling collection services and use them regularly.
- There is a lower level of satisfaction with the greenwaste collection and over 40% of residents never use it. When given the choice between a food and organic collection (FOGO) service and the greenwaste service, most preferred FOGO.
- The levels of satisfaction with the hardwaste collection was higher than greenwaste, however 30% never use it.
- Residents supported retaining recycling centres, even when the container refund scheme commences later next year.

Moving forward, the results of the survey will inform the recommendations made to Council for any new or amended waste management services.