



## Dodges Ferry/Carlton Community Conversation Meeting

### Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club – 30 June 2022

#### Councillors in Attendance:

Mayor Kerry Vincent (KV), Deputy Mayor Natham Reynolds, Crl Geoffrey Jackson, Crl Beth Nichols Crl Carmel Torenus and Crl Melinda Reed.

#### Council staff in Attendance:

Robert Higgins - RH (General Manager) and Sonia Pullen – (Community Liaison Officer).

**Public attendance:** 33

### Introduction by Mayor Kerry Vincent

Kerry welcomed the community attendees.

Issues raised by residents:

- **Snake Hollow Park**  
Council was thanked for the nature based playground and track works at Snake Hollow and suggested the need for directional signage to be installed.
- **Footpaths**  
Council was thanked for the new 7km Dodges Ferry Carlton Loop. RH advised that it was made possible through the Covid Recovery Federal Government funding that Council received and there are future plans for a loop to be installed between Old Forcett Road and Lewisham via Quarry Rd. Consultation to be undertaken this year to explore options regarding the challenging Lewisham Scenic Drive segment from south of Elizabeth St to Gary St.
- **River Street - Pot hole issues**  
A local resident asked could the pot holes be repaired in River Street. RH to follow up. Further enquiry regarding the road being sealed. RH advised Council has no current gravel road sealing projects over the Southern Beaches area other than Three Street.
- **Red Ochre - Stormwater Outlet Erosion (opposite Lateena St)**  
RH advised that contractor repair works have been authorised and works are scheduled to commence August 2022.



- **Okines Beach - Stormwater Outlet from Seventh Ave**  
Enquiry about water quality monitoring of the beach given the number of stormwater outlets and if any upgrade works are planned. Council can confirm that Recreational Water Quality monitoring is done on Okines Beach. Council through the NRM Facilitator has sought a Federal grant to upgrade a large number of stormwater outlets across the municipality.
- **Lewisham Foreshore – Sand Bank Repair Works**  
RH advised materials (sand bags) required for addressing the repair and limiting pedestrian access have been ordered with Council’s NRM Facilitator to oversee works.
- **Dog Waste Bin & Speed Limit**  
Request for dog waste bins to be installed at foreshore access points at 245 Lewisham Scenic Drive and Gary Street. Council to follow up. Request for speed limit to be repainted on Lewisham Scenic Drive. Council to follow up.
- **Wheel Chair Accessibility and Viewing Decks at Beach**  
Resident questioned if access through the car park at Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club was going to be wheel chair friendly. It was suggested that Council could install a viewing deck and suitable path surfaces. KV advised that cost estimates are being considered regarding a viewing deck. RH advised that the planned all ability beach access (forms part of the Dodges Ferry Carlton Loop project) has been designed in consultation with disability access consultants. There is an additional upgraded access proposed for the northern Park Beach end – subject to budget availability.
- **Bus Service Issue.**  
Resident advised that there were ongoing issues with the bus service and that at times the buses were arriving up to an hour late.  
KV suggested that the local community approach their local members of parliament and advised that Council staff have regular contact with the bus company to address issues – bus services are provided through the Department of State Growth contracting the service.
- **Dodges Ferry Rec Reserve – Feral Cats**  
Council confirmed there are no resources allocated to this function and is legislated by the State Government –  
[Tasmanian Cat Management Plan | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)



- **Dodges Ferry Recycling Centre**

Concerns with the inspection and management of the facility were raised. The site is inspected daily by Council's contractor who also have responsibility for management of recyclable materials and removal of dumped waste.

Suitability of the site for the facility were also raised. KV advised Council were limited in any alternative Council owned option that provided a central location to the southern beaches and surrounds and which would be acceptable to surrounding residents.

- **Emergency Services Hub - Sorell**

The Police Station will be staffed 24hrs a day with 16 police officers working out of Sorell. This will service from Hobart airport through to Bicheno and Nubeena. The Fire Service will be staff during the day with 35 staff working out of there. The facility also includes SES response capability.

- **Tree Vandalism - Does Council intend on replacing the trees that have been vandalised?**

RH advised that this is done on a case by case basis subject to location and appropriateness of replanting.

- **Installation of Water and Sewage - Southern Beaches**

Taswater Board Chair and CEO will be having discussions with RH and KV shortly on a range of matters. This can be raised but will be highly unlikely given the mandatory connection cost estimate over 10 years ago was approximately \$45k per property.

- **Blue Lagoon – Stormwater and Wetland Management**

Enquiry on behalf of representors to the current stormwater outfall DA if they could request a meeting with Councillors. RH advised there are procedural challenges with this as Councillors will also have to act as Planning Authority. However, as Council is the DA proponent, normal procedural fairness and natural justice implications are not as high risk. Those Councillors willing to meet could do so as elected members rather than Planning Authority members.

- **Southern Beaches Neighbourhood Watch**

Robert Hughes from Southern Beaches Neighbourhood Watch spoke in relation to the recent rise in speeding/hooning, burglaries, vandalism, graffiti and the local clean-up crew. 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.