



## Primrose Sands Community Conversation Meeting

Held Primrose Sands Community Hall – 27 July 2023

Councillors in Attendance:

Mayor Kerry Vincent, Crl Melinda Reed and Crl Marisol Miró Quesada Le Roux.

Council staff in Attendance:

Robert Higgins - RH (General Manager), Sharon James (Engagement and Partnership Coordinator).

Public attendance: 38

### Introduction by Mayor Kerry Vincent

Kerry welcomed the community attendees and introduced Sharon James who has recently joined Sorell Council.

Issues raised by residents:

- **Shipping containers on property**  
A resident raised concern over location of containers on an adjoining property and non-compliance to set-backs. This was raised at August 2022 meeting. RH advised he had followed up with Permit Authority and Planning staff and that their position remained that in the circumstances Council has no role. RH apologised for not providing this feedback to the resident but will put the matter again to Permit Authority staff specific to the residents position on subsequent advice received from CBOS. RH to provide an update directly to resident.
- **New pipeline access to water tanks for Fire Brigade**  
Raised at the last meeting, a resident asked if there was still potential to install a water supply line from the Community Hall tanks to Primrose Sands Rd adjacent the public toilets for TFS fire trucks. Supply line could also feed public toilets tank that requires frequent filling. RH advised that he will recheck with Russell Fox for an update on this matter (cost estimate and TFS position on contribution) and contact resident directly.
- **Waste changes**  
Many residents interested to know more about these changes e.g. why garbage would go from weekly to fortnightly, green and hard waste collection, benefits of FOGO and if a Container Refund depot would be built in our municipality. KV explained Sorell's Waste Strategy has a focus on removing organics from landfill (FOGO) because it is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and also to address the higher landfill disposal costs due to the recently introduced Waste Levy. Other changes being considered include phasing out (not ceasing) of



green and hard waste collection over time – KV stressed that Council has not made any decision on what would change for green / hard waste but did assure everyone that Council will be continuing to work with community on education programs and the importance of leading change to minimise our impact on the environment and to reduce/reuse and recycle waste. There was general concern that a reduction of hard waste services would result in more dumping of rubbish into bushland which was a concern Council understood. Residents were very positive and supportive of waste management changes.

- **Rubbish on causeways**  
A resident said the amount of rubbish on causeways is a terrible eye-sore – not just for residents but tourists travelling the state. RH confirmed he had already reported this to Dept of State Growth (responsible for these sections of road) having also noticed the amount of rubbish accumulating.
- **Rubbish collection teams**  
A resident called out the work by community members to collect rubbish from roadsides, recently Paul and Christine collected approx. 8 ute loads. KV gave thanks to all those that give their time to do this important work as he also does regular collections. Residents and KV commented on the increase in dumping of drink bottles/fast food outlet packaging.
- **Walkways and paths**  
A number of residents have teamed up with the Menzies Institute for Medical Research. From this work, a resident presented Council with their preliminary report on 'Communities for Walkability Project in Primrose Sands'. Unsurprisingly, the priority areas relate to safety, issues with speed, footpaths and tracks and planning for infrastructure. A resident flagged up how great it would be to have a Primrose to Carlton foot-bridge for example. RH thanked the residents and noted how timely this report was given the significant strategy work currently being scoped by Council inclusive of a tracks and trails / mobility strategy. It and the Council strategic work also align well to a review of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy 2010 (the jointly funded southern councils and State Government recently appointed Regional Coordinator has 18 months to deliver an updated Strategy).
- **Speeding on Tamarix Road**  
A resident expressed great concern over the amount of speeding happening on this road, particularly as she has young children. This is also an issue given the bus stop location and risk to children waiting / getting on and off bus. Requests included having more signage (shared zone, speed limit) rumble strips and to increase police presence. KV advised that where possible to try and get photos and registration details and forward on to Police as the more information they



have will enable them to act. While Council has no jurisdiction in this regard, RH advised he will take action to see where Council can support.

- **Sugarloaf Road upgrade**  
A resident asked if there were future plans to upgrade the next section of road, RH to review the Asset Management road renewal candidates to check timing on when the next segment is forecast for reconstruction.
- **Cat Management**  
A resident asked if Council had any plans to apply the legislation requirement for cats to be registered in the Primrose Sands area and was concerned with issues of roaming cats on wildlife along with risk of Toxoplasmosis. KV advised that no one had yet determined how registration would come into effect, but acknowledged that there are issues in the municipality with roaming cats. This is why Council has partnered with TenLives and TassieCat on the Midway Point Cat Management project. SJ to provide resident with contact details for TassieCat when they meet up on 2 August.
- **Causeway update**  
KV / RH provided an update on the delays in finalising the causeway works which include issues with planning related to the section near Barilla Bay Oysters/Golf Club section which requires major design work for a round-about.
- **Weed eradication**  
A resident raised concern over Boneweed and its proliferation, and asked if Council had any plans to educate or assist community to better understand this weed is illegal. SJ to get an update from our NRM Facilitator and will provide an update to resident.
- **Flight paths**  
RH advised he made contact with Air Services Australia in February at the request of some community members, received a response in March and sought a further update prior to the meeting (not received). An August meeting is planned and RH will provide an update on outcomes from that meeting.



- Communication and engagement

A resident queried what communication tools were used by Council as they felt 'Primrose Sands' was missing out. KV advised Council always advertised in the monthly Sorell Times which was delivered to Primrose Sands. Some residents didn't think they received that publication and SJ will check to confirm. A resident advised they were reworking the Community Noticeboard at the General Store which Council agreed was a great initiative.

SJ advised Council is looking at their communication channels as part of Council's broader Communication and Engagement Strategy.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.