

AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting of the Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee held at the Avoca Community Centre on Thursday, 26 November 2015 commencing at 6.10pm

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Shirley Freeman, Jacinta Allen, Dalija Wells, Helen Reynolds, Cr Mary Knowles, Gail Eacher (Executive Assistant)

Guest: Susanne Jones

2 APOLOGIES

Gary Cobb

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Monitoring Water Quality / Water Consumption

Noted that Council officers had pursued the outstanding issues with TasWater, but no further information had been received prior to the meeting.

ii) Rossarden issue - Vehicle wrecks

Noted that vehicle wrecks at the back of Baker Street houses and on the nature strip on the street frontage in Baker Street, Rossarden continue to be an issue.

The committee noted that removal of vehicles from private property would be at the discretion of property owners.

Costing for removal of vehicles to be provided by Committee, following which Council to investigate further and correspond with property/vehicle owners.

iii) 10 Year Plan

The 10 year plan list to be discussed and prioritised at the January meeting.

iv) RV Friendly Status

The Committee has previously requested that Council pursue RV Friendly status for Avoca.

Noted that an alternate site had been identified. However, should that site be developed overnight parking on the river bank would no longer be permitted, and that this may discourage stopping in Avoca. Need to consider whether to pursue the matter.

v) Policing

Noted

- that speeding appeared to have reduced, possibly associated with the construction of the new bridge;
- the installation of vehicle counters would not be undertaken.
- Discharge of firearms in close proximity to the town was noted.

vi) Green Waste / Builder's Rubble

At September meeting suggested that Council make provision for a once per month free green waste day at the tip as this may alleviate the need for Council to clean up green waste which has been illegally dumped. Matter to be included in 2016/17 Budget requests.

Noted that the Tip operators were no longer accepting builder's rubble.

vii) Footpath Program

At the September meeting the committee requested that details of Council's footpath

programme. Now noted that no new footpaths were planned for Avoca, plan was for maintenance only.

vii) Affordable Housing

Recommendation of the Committee had been noted Council and would be investigate by council officers was noted. Pointed out that were this to occur, it could lead to a boost in pupil numbers at the local school.

4 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The following requests have been issued – update to be provided:

Meeting Date	Customer Request	Detail	Status
8/2015	Disposal of rubbish at football field and river	Rubbish is being dumped at football field between railway line and river on river's edge, needs to be removed. (Request resubmitted).	Indicated that CR complete, however, garden waste, vinyl etc. still not removed.
8/2015	Boucher Park BBQ	Polycarbon cladding on BBQ vandalised and repaired, however, repairs are not satisfactory as sharp edges – polycarbon requires replacing.	Made safe until time permits to replace cladding. Requested that the polycarbon be replaced and that an alternate material not be utilised.
8/2015	Road Sign – Storys Creek Road	The Committee noted that a road sign was lying on the grass on Storys Creek Road in close proximity to Avoca.	TasRail notified.
8/2015	Tree stumps – Storys Creek Road	Requested that the stumps that were left behind when the trees were felled be removed.	Not considered urgent. Tree stump near Telstra cables will be removed when time permits.
9/2015	Speed Signage – Rossarden entrance	That a speed reduction sign be installed before the sharp bend at the entrance to Rossarden (approx 1km from the bridge on the Avoca/Rossarden approach (sign installed on the opposite side of the road facing other direction, may have been installed on the wrong side).	
9/2015	Ruins at Walter Street Rossarden	House in Walter Street burned down some time ago. Council to please pursue clean up of the property.	Compliance matter being pursued.
9/2015	Barbecues at St Pauls River Recreation area	Requested that the old barbecues at St Paul's river be removed and that an adequate fire pit be installed.	
9/2015	Directional sign – dog exercise area	Requested that a sign be installed at Boucher Park directing dog owners to the St Pauls River recreation area to exercise dogs.	
9/2015	Doggy Bag Dispensers	Requested that an alternative design doggy bag dispenser be sourced and utilised as some difficulties are encountered in accessing the bags if the bags are not protruding from the dispenser.	alternative dispensers have been sourced for next time we order
9/2015	Open Drain on Falmouth Street Avoca – environmental concerns	Noted that there is a stench emanating from the open drain on the lower side of Falmouth Street (opposite the junction of Churchill St – on no through road section). Appears to be grey water with perhaps oil / paint content.	
11/2015	Dead wallabies on walking track	Wallabies have been shot and left on the walking track bear the old railway station, can the carcasses be removed?	
11/2015	Tree fallen into Creek at Rossarden	An old tree has fallen into the creek close to the bridge at the Avoca entrance to Rossarden. Can this be removed – concerns that may cause issues if there are heavy rains.	
11/2015	Constant running water cnr Falmouth/ Blenheim Streets	Water is constantly running on the north/eastern corner of Falmouth and Blenheim Streets. Is this Council or TasWater issue?	

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11/2015	Waste and Recycling collection	Re previous enquiries, waste and recycling appear to be collected simultaneously and mixed. Conflicting stories provided by different drivers. Council need to establish process; and whether the waste and recycling are being dealt with appropriately.	

5 ASSOCIATION REPORTS

i) Rossarden

- Aquatic Centre trip held on 7/11 – thanks to all who assisted, including Council.
- Rossarden & Friends Kids Xmas Group Christmas Party 13/12
- Rossarden Progress Association – darts competition at Union Hotel Avoca on 4/12

ii) Rossarden & Avoca Fire Brigade

- Training dates for next 12 months set.
- Next training day at Avoca on 8/12

6 NEW BUSINESS

i) 2016 Meeting Calendar

Noted the following dates for the 2016 monthly meetings of the Committee. The meetings to be held on the last Thursday of alternate months at 6.00pm, as follows:

- 28 January
- 31 March (note Easter is 25-28/3) – date to be finalised at next meeting
- 26 May
- 28 July
- 29 September
- 24 November

ii) Christmas Social Function

Noted that a Christmas Social Function would be held at 6pm at the Bowls Club, Campbell Town on Monday, 7 December 2015.

iii) Volunteer Registration

Unregistered volunteer members present received volunteer handbooks and volunteer forms for completion.

iv) Airport Rates Campaign

Noted that a letter would be sent to all residents re a campaign to get Launceston to pay \$1M in rates owed and the impact on ratepayers should the Airport not pay. Sites for posters to be erected were noted.

7 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

The next meeting to be held on Thursday, 28 January 2016 at the Avoca Community Centre commencing at 6.00pm.