



2 March 2018

Dear Members of the Dolphin Sands Ratepayers' Association (DSRA)

Greetings from your new DSRA committee.

President: Cherry Andrews

Vice-President: Neville Stewart

Secretary/Treasurer: Robyn Moore

Committee members: Danny Allford, Grant Andrews, David Cooper

We aim to improve communication with you, act in a transparent and open manner and be a representative advocate for the local community of Dolphin Sands and Cambria Drive.

A reinvigorated DSRA

The recent AGM and General Meeting saw Swansea Town Hall overflowing with approximately 90 people present or by proxy. Together with a record financial membership of 105 this signals a renewed interest and engagement by the community. The committee is very grateful for the opportunity to lead such a reinvigorated and strengthened membership.

Communication

We want to keep you informed.

To minimise printing and postal costs, we would prefer to use electronic forms of communication, chiefly email and the DSRA webpage: dsra.org.au

Since we do not yet have email addresses for all members we have mailed you this letter so that we know all members have been contacted. The council kindly assisted us by applying ratepayer's mailing labels.

If you would like to receive email updates and surveys in our community consultation process **please ensure we have your current email address**. This is most important for non-financial members as most financial members have provided us with their email addresses on their membership forms.

If you do not have internet access you might be able to view the webpage at an Online Access Centre or on a friend's mobile phone or computer. The local library may hold paper copies of announcements and surveys.

We are also keen to communicate in person when possible and we have commenced some house visits already.

We want to hear from you.

You can contact us via:

Website: <http://www.dsra.org.au>

email: dsra.7190@gmail.com

Post: PO Box 133, Swansea, TAS 7190

DSRA Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/DSRA7190

Dolphin Sands Community Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/1488985377813173/?fref=ts

Facebook

We know that people have different views on the use of Facebook. We plan to use it to place summarised DSRA notices with a link direct to our webpage for further details. So those of you who use Facebook frequently are alerted to the notices. The webpage has a discussion forum for comments.

News

Work in progress

Since taking office on 31 January 2018 the committee has met three times (minutes are available on the DSRA website).

After a smooth handover from the previous committee we have established working procedures and protocols, set up a new email address, developed a new DSRA website, organised meeting dates and venues, applied for a grant in the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Small Grants Program and commenced action on the numerous motions accepted at the General Meeting (minutes are available on DSRA website).

A letter was sent to Council requesting provision of rubbish and recycling bins at cleared beach access points in Cambria Drive and at Yellow Sand Banks jetty area and Bagot Point. The recent response was that the responsibility of foreshore area litter collection lies solely with Parks and Wildlife Service. We are continuing our enquiries on your behalf.

A working group was set up with terms of reference to carry out the review of the DSRA Constitution and work is well underway. Details are available on the DSRA website.

Research into the legal rights attaching to public beach accesses (Cambria Drive) and private rights-of-way (Dolphin Sands Road) is complete and for consideration at the next committee meeting and then at a General Meeting. Details will be available on the DSRA website.

Work on the management plan for Bagot Point is underway in the form of gathering all existing information/feasibility studies related to Bagot Point over the past few years. For example: Swan River barge crossing, a pedestrian footbridge, a boat launching ramp. The council was asked for assistance with this information.

The review of the bushfire management plan has commenced with introductory conversations with Tas Fire Service personnel and legal advice on the overall work. Lesley King from Tas Fire Services will be available to meet with residents on Sunday 8 April to Tuesday 10 April 2018 to discuss preparing your property for bushfire and key safety information to provide tourists and travellers. To book a 1 hour session please contact Lesley King, Tasmania Fire Service on 03 6225 8504 or email Lesley.king@fire.tas.gov.au

We intend consulting with the community as required, gauging community support for suggested projects and enabling people to have their say. Consultation will be in various forms such as surveys via email, discussion groups and at General Meetings.

New water tanks for firefighting

Two 30,000 litre water tanks for firefighting have been installed along Dolphin Sands Road. The water in these tanks is toxic and not suitable for drinking or any other use apart from firefighting as they contain fire foam chemicals. This was a joint initiative in 2017/18 by the DSRA (the previous committee) and The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council with assistance from NRM and Tas Fire. It was funded by a Federal Government grant. We would like to thank Gary Stoward in particular for his completion of this project this month.

Community fire trailer

The DSRA has a small fire trailer available for hire if you are burning off or sinking a spear for bore water. The fire trailer is NOT suitable for fighting a bush fire. Your planned burn must be registered with the Tasmanian Fire Service (call 1800 000 699). A fire permit may also be required. Please contact us for more information.

The next meeting date

General Meeting: 2pm, Saturday 31 March 2018 in the Courthouse, Noyes Street, Swansea

Join now

All of you are members of the DSRA. Financial membership allows you to vote at meetings. Although non-financial members cannot vote at meetings, your opinions can still inform decision-making. You can become a financial member by completing the enclosed membership form which is also available online on the DSRA website. The running of the association is strengthened by financial membership.

We look forward to working effectively and inclusively with you all

Yours sincerely,



Cherry Andrews

pp Neville, Robyn, Danny, Grant and David.....your DSRA Committee