



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Dear Community Residents, The following issues have been discussed since the last newsletter.

1. Moorundie Street. In recent days work has started on the second stage of the undergrounding of the powerlines with the placement of the bases for the light poles. The project is due for completion during this financial year.
The issue was raised about the lack of footpath ramps given the number of people using the street with gophers and pushers. When the footpaths are upgraded ramps will be incorporated to allow more convenient access for people.
2. Pioneer Park. Karina Rose, a consultant to MMC provided a copy of the application which has been submitted to PlanningSA for a grant of \$ 25,000 making a total of \$ 50,000. If approval is given this will then enable the proper design and costing of the project, and some building work to take place, including the erection of the long awaited gazebo. If successful it is hoped we would be notified before Christmas.
3. Integrated Water Management Plan. - Council provided a copy of the application to the SA Murray Darling NRM Board for a total cost of \$ 25,000 to investigate and design an integrated Water Management Plan for Truro. It is hoped that this would make use of waste and storm water.
4. Community Water Grant to Irrigate Truro Oval - Mr Steve Latz from Great Southern Irrigation spoke at the September Board meeting of the possibility of a Community Water Grant to irrigate the Oval. Up to \$ 50,000 is available in Federal Government Grants. Great Southern has made grant applications in the area that have been approved. Criteria include water savings. A pump and tank are needed—mains connection to be used to begin with before the possible connection to stormwater and or grey water. Projected savings would have to be calculated. A rough estimate for plan shown was \$ 62,500. There is a need for this plan to be co-ordinated with the above plan as one impinges upon the other.
5. Footpath work at the School. - Council have completed works in Short and Burr Streets to the Possum Track. A white line and posts to define a footpath have been erected adjacent to the school playground fence line. Parents dropping off or collecting children now don't block the footpath giving children a safe walkway.
6. East Terrace Footpath. - A footpath for the use of schoolchildren walking along East Terrace has been requested of Council. Investigations are still taking place.
7. Broadband. Recent newspaper articles indicated that the Truro Telephone exchange will be enabled to provide broadband services. This should allow subscribers to upgrade to their existing ISP via a broadband connection. This service will be limited by the physical constraints of the service and it is unlikely that outlying subscribers will be able to get the broadband service via the telephone.
8. Advertising Information Bay Sign & Business List - New Board member Jenny Fairey offered to take on this project with help from Kristin Falkenberg. The Business list has been printed and will be distributed. The information Bay signage has been finalised and will be updated shortly.
9. Post Office Lights - Since the upgrade of the power in the main street the security lights at the Post Office have not been working. The reasoning for this is unsure; however investigations are being made into how they can be re-connected.
10. School Bus Shelter. No action has been taken on this issue as it has been indicated that a new shelter area in the Primary School grounds will be more than adequate for the purpose.
11. Historic Pine Hut, Dutton and Sandleton Signs. A final proof has been made of the signs prior to printing. It is hoped that they can be erected early in the New Year.
12. Oval Watering: - Council have advised that the permit issued by SA Water to water the Oval this summer is still applicable despite it reading it is no longer valid. The permit allows for watering on two days per week for a maximum of three hours duration. This will only allow for the area close to the cricket pitch to be kept watered.

13. Oval Hire: - The Hire Charges have been revised. Hire is starting to be a problem with the Oval as it is seen as a cheap, quiet venue for use by people from outside of the district. The premises are sometimes left very untidy. The recommended revision of hire cost categories are:-
Local Community Groups, Private and Sporting Clubs rate for the Whole Oval be \$ 50.00
Local defined as Truro and District residents within the 5356 post code, including Dutton and St. Kitts. Non-Local rate for Whole Oval be \$ 175.00
All Bookings must be made 10 days before the function or at the discretion of the Executive.
The Bond money will be returned to the supplied address within 7 working days of the function only after satisfactory inspection of the premises by a representative of the Truro & District Community Association Inc.
14. Annual General Meeting - Mr Dean Gollan CEO of Mid Murray Council was the Guest Speaker at the AGM. Issues raised were the Pioneer Park Grant submission, the undergrounding of powerlines, streetscape upgrade (budgeted funds of \$40,000), Integrated Water Management Plan, Parking Bay, Recycling Bins, Plan Amendment Review and the Truro Eudunda Road.
 Chris Fox gave an illustrated outline of what is required to set up a Truro Community Website and its benefits to the community. Contact Chris for further information about this project.
15. Railway yard: - The old railway yard has been a cause for considerable concern for a number of years in regard that it is an area in the middle of the town which is not cared for. Each year concern is raised by the residents of the fire risk and a haven for snakes. The previous arrangement agreed to in 2004 with the owner (DTIE) regarding regular spraying of the property ceased some time after the new NRM Board was formed. Hence no action has been taken this year. Council has been lobbied and the following action has been advised. A Section 83 notice has been issued by the Fire Prevention officer on the property and a contractor has been engaged to mow it shortly.
16. TV transmission - Mr Lindsay Porter has been contacted regarding an intermittent interference problem with transmission. He needs to be advised when it is occurring. He is more than happy to come to Truro and try and trace the problem, but the problem has to be there when he comes. The Council have authorised him to try and find and solve the problem. He has been asked to give a quotation for the upgrading of the system to digital quality transmission. Phone 85642379
17. Waste Management - As part of the new Waste Management Strategy Council need to replace the current rubbish bins in Moorundie Street to 120 litre wheelie bins with a green square surround. Council is negotiating a new waste management contract with a contractor. There will be no recycling bins in this contract, only domestic waste. Council is understood to be in discussion for a regional solution to recycling. Council is running out of landfill space, and is planning to ship garbage away rather than dig another hole. The licence fee would be in the order of \$ 1m or more for a new land fill site. It is proposed to retain the Truro dump as a transfer station.
18. Board Member Vacancy: - As a result of the resignation of Graham Materna at the October meeting a casual vacancy existed which according to the constitution needed to be filled by the Board. At the November Meeting Bruce Slow was nominated to fill the position.
19. Welcome - A welcome is extended to the new businesses and proprietors in the town. Please make them feel welcome and give them your support.
20. Residents Issues. If you have an issue please discuss the matter with a Board Member.
21. Notice Board. After each Board meeting a copy of confirmed minutes of the previous meeting are placed on the Notice Board of the Post Office for your information.
22. School Break Up Concert. The Annual Concert will be held in the Truro Town Hall on Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm.
23. Christmas Greetings. The Chairman and Members of the Board take this opportunity of wishing all the residents of Truro and District a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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