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“Working to make Cygnet a better place to live, work and visit”

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY MEETINGS

07/02/2023 Special Meeting with HVC GM Jason Browne and Mayor Sally Doyle

These points were discussed:

- **Burton’s Reserve**
 - *New playground equipment*: community engagement will take place in March. New playground equipment should be installed around July-August.
 - *Cycling pump track*: it was supposed to be done last year, will happen this year.
- **New street**

Council is having difficulty in finding a Project Manager. Project will start as soon as possible.
- **Strategic Master Plan for Cygnet township**

Community Vision is currently happening. Then Council will move into Land Development Strategy (March till August). The town plan will be part of that.
- **Lowering speed limit in town**

A petition could be submitted to Council who would probably then contact State Roads. Suggestion that the main street of Cygnet be a pedestrian-friendly mall.
- **Art across the street**

Discussion on this project of having Aboriginal art drawn in three suitable places across May Street to help slow traffic. SETAC supports the project and have an artist to do the artwork. State Roads now need to be contacted for permission.
- **Flags & bollards**
 - \$1000 grant was used two Christmases ago for bollards and flags. Early January, an unknown person or people took them all down and haven’t returned them.
 - There is a project to replace the current flag system so we can share flags with other towns.
- **Weighbridge Cottage**

Report says it is not compliant for general use but it may be possible to use it for storage, GM will follow up on that.
- **Roads**
 - Suggestion that Channel Hwy south of Cygnet could have more bypass lanes or pullover lanes to help traffic flow.
 - Suggestion that white lines are needed where roads are too narrow (such as on Lymington road).

- **Cygnets bus stop**

The bus stop is substandard, not all-accessible, doesn't protect from rain, and lighting is poor. Council will follow up to see what can be done.

- **Footpath between Sailing Club and public jetty**

6 years ago the then HVC General Manager Simone Watson promised that funding for building a footpath between the Sailing Club and Catos Bay would be in the 22-23 budget. This was confirmed by the next GM Emilio Reale.

This project has now been abandoned due to a new estimate putting the cost at over \$1m **TCA is asking Council to review this, as the most dangerous section zone is between the Sailing Club and the Old Public Jetty which is only 180 metres.**

07/02/2023 Ordinary Committee Meeting

- **Cygnets Sewage Networks upgrades**

Rachaelle Downey and Liz Hafner from Taswater came to explain what Taswater is planning to do in Cygnets. Concerns shared about the environment, climate change events and expected increase in population. Major works are planned for the outfall in Cygnets Port (to have better dispersion), at the treatment plant, and to fix stormwater getting into sewage. There will be a public consultation (through articles, coming to barefoot bowls club, sailing club, etc.).

- **Cygnets Walks booklet - update**

It is nearly ready to be printed.

- **Telstra mobile blackspot funding**

tCA will send a letter of support for Telstra about Verona Sands as candidate to receive mobile blackspot funding to improve connectivity for that community.

- **Get-together with other associations of other local towns**

tCA is planning a meeting with other associations of other towns in the Valley to develop priorities, share concerns and hopes. It could then be easier to put submissions at Council.

- **Future of Local Governments review**

A review is currently happening on the future of local governments. Various important changes are being discussed.

More information can be found on <https://engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au> and submissions can be made until 19th Feb.

The final report will come out in June.

