



DSCA Annual General Meeting 2023

Saturday, March 18, 10am, Swansea Community Hub, Arnol St

Agenda

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Minutes of previous meetings

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM (May 2022) are accepted as a true and accurate record.

2. Business arising

Reports

3. President's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report

Motion: That the information reports are accepted.

Election of committee members

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee members



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1. That the information sign near the beginning of Dolphin Sands Rd is updated.
2. That council is requested to take urgent action to widen Swan River Rd.

Upcoming events

Council community connect session: Thursday, April 6, 10-11.30am, Swansea Town Hall

Guest speaker

Mayor Cheryl Arnol

Any other business



Dolphin Sands Community Association 2023 AGM Reports

President's Report

Hi Dolphineers

Thank you for actively supporting the Association during 2022-23. While it has been a successful and satisfying year, it has also presented some challenges.

The DSCA continues to pursue activities that help the people of the area, to better the community generally and to provide opportunity for people to network. Some of the headline activities that have supported these aims over the past year include:

- A First Nation's history seminar. This workshop was very well supported and was valuable in assisting people to understand the special relationship that First Nations people have with the land. I would like to thank Robyn Moore for her work organising the seminar and to Teangi Brown for leading the workshop. Thanks also to the Neighbour Day grant which made this event possible.
- Delivery of the Chainsaw Safety and Operation course. The course, again, was well attended and added to the community skill base. Thanks to Brian Mitchell MHR for supporting the DSCA funding application which allowed 8 members of our community to attend.
- The fundraising, purchasing and placement of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in the Dolphin Sands area. As you would be aware, these devices are potential lifesavers in the event of cardiac arrest. A big thank you to everyone who donated money to bring this initiative to fruition and to Robyn Moore (again) and Wes Button for the communications and logistics.
- The ongoing work of the Landcare group, particularly in their efforts to control noxious weeds in the area.

As approved at the last AGM, we have changed name from the Dolphin Sands Ratepayers Association to the Dolphin Sands Community Association, primarily to be more inclusive and to further refine the aims of the Association. For me, one of the most important issues that was raised

this year has been to do with scope of membership of the Association. The DSCA has always taken the view that everyone in the Dolphin Sands area should have access to the resources and benefits of the Association, not just financial members. The current committee is strongly supportive of that view. As much as we like, and indeed need, financial members, I trust that the general community are also supportive of this approach.

I would like to recognise the contribution of the committee this year. As with all volunteer organisations, we are strongly reliant on the goodwill and willingness of the community to contribute. Thank you to Paula Hanson, Wes Button and especially Robyn Moore for their hard work, great ideas, persistence and good humour over the past term.

On the topic of recognition, we are fortunate to be very well supported by our emergency services. The Tasmanian Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Ambulance Tasmania and Marine Rescue are largely reliant on volunteers. Please consider if you are in a position to join one of these organisations in order to ensure the safety of the general community.

A number of issues have been raised over 2022-23 and remain unresolved. These include the widening and improvement of Swan River Road, road maintenance on Dolphin Sands Rd, the Swansea tip opening times and the 'mechanics' of land maintenance on crown land. We are hoping to have progress on these issues in the future.

Again, the support of the community is appreciated and your efforts help to make this a great place to live.

David Galloway
President, DSCA

Secretary's Report

As I review our activities from last year to write this report, I'm so appreciative of the generosity and goodwill in our community. This is amply demonstrated on the Dolphin Sands Community Network Facebook page. Community spirit is evident in posts ranging from give-aways, information sharing,

providing support or expressing gratitude to helping lost dogs be re-united with owners. Thanks to everyone who contributes.

I'd especially like to thank the regular Landcare volunteers. As always, we've had a number of working bees weeding roadside verges. We've also used our Swansea & District Garden Club donation to plant an endemic display garden near the picnic table at the Cambria Drive turnoff. Thanks to the committee for approving the purchase of roadside safety signs and for the drivers who slow appreciably when they see our signs. Thanks also to the committee for shouting us coffee and cake.

AEDs

Special thanks to everyone who responded to our call for donations so that we could purchase defibrillators for the Nine Mile Beach peninsula. We raised over \$6000 thanks to our generous donors. This is a great example of what our community can achieve by working together.

After a number of delays from our first supplier, we requested a refund and ordered from a supplier who could guarantee immediate delivery. Remember, in an emergency, please call 000. If an AED is needed, Ambulance Tasmania will provide advice about how to access one.

Dolphin Sands Emergency Management Plan

Council began the process of reviewing the EMP in Oct. We were invited to respond to the updated EMP. We collated the community's feedback and sent it to council. We didn't hear anything further. In response to my queries, council has advised that draft plan will be presented to the municipal emergency management committee meeting in March for adoption.

Emergency messaging service

While we're on the topic of emergencies, a reminder about our emergency SMS service and a thank you to our financial members and donors who make this service possible. Unfortunately, we've had to send a number of messages about fires in the area over the last 6 months. Please let us know if you'd like your mobile number added to our list. We don't use the numbers for any other purpose.

Grant applications

We have recently applied for Neighbour Day funding to hold another Emergency Services Thank You BBQ. If successful, we'll also use this day to raise awareness about fire safety in Dolphin Sands and to canvas for volunteers.

We are also in the process of applying for a Weed Action Fund grant to develop a Weed Management Plan for the peninsula. We need to have a Weed Management Plan before we can access funding for broad scale weed removal.

Water testing

We conducted another round of water testing in January. We were particularly interested in the potential impact of the high volume of rain in the preceding months. There were a number of properties whose water samples exceeded the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines—for arsenic, lead, manganese & nickel. Some samples also exceeded the aesthetic level for iron. Fortunately, none of these properties are using the water for drinking or cooking. Once again, we noticed that problematic results seemed to be quite localised.

East Coast Catchment Steering Committee

Natural Resource Management is about working together to sustainably manage biodiversity, land, water and coasts. A new East Coast Catchment Steering Committee has been established in Glamorgan Spring Bay, overseen by the Landscape Recovery Foundation. For more information, see the [Landscape Recovery Foundation website](#).

Dog management policy

Council is currently reviewing its dog management policy. The working group expects to release a draft for community feedback later in the year.

Meredith River bridge

Red Panda director Andrew McCullagh is working with the Association to bring the long-held dream of a pedestrian/cycling bridge over the Meredith River to fruition. The bridge project now forms one aspect of Red Panda's development application for the site opposite the Bark Mill in Swansea. We'll continue working with Andrew on this project. See the [DSCA website](#) for more information.

Cambria Green

Final hearings for this planning scheme amendment are being held on March 28 and 29 in Hobart or via MS Teams. The Commission has prepared a brief (but not exclusive) list of matters on which representors and parties may wish to make closing submissions. Those wishing to make a submission are requested to provide a written closing submission to the Commission by close of business on March 23, 2023. See the [Tasmanian Planning Scheme website](#) for further information.

Robyn Moore

Secretary, DSCA