

## Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

### AGENDA – 20 FEBRUARY 2024

#### Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	20 February 2024 - 5:00pm
Location:	Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street Wynyard
Council Representatives:	Cr Celisa Edwards (Chair), Cr Andrea Courtney (Deputy Chair)
Members:	Brenton Hosking, Colin Hocking, Fiona Loughran, Hannah Sadler, Ian Ferris, Ian Newman, Peter Lawrence, Wendy Bryant
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Bill Walker
Apologies:	Robin Krabbe

#	Agenda Item	Time Allocation (mins)	Lead	Action
1.	Welcome	5	Chair	
2.	Confirm Minutes	5	Chair	
3.	Guest Presenter/s: (if applicable)	0	N/A	
4.	Active Actions:	(100)		
	- Ballad Ave	25	Subgroup	Discussion / Decision
	- Food Security	25	Subgroup	Discussion / Decision
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	25	Subgroup	Discussion / Decision
	- HEAT	0	N/A	Informational
	<b>INDICATIVE BREAK TIME</b>	<b>5</b>		
	- Sisters Beach Road	10	DS	Update / Decision
	- Expanding Focus Areas	0	N/A	Informational
	- School Engagement on Alternative Transport	0	N/A	Informational
	- FOGO	10	DH	Update
5.	Non-Active Actions (from action plan)	0	N/A	Informational – no discussion
6.	Upcoming Meetings - 16 April 2024 at Council Chambers - 18 June 2024 at Council Chambers - 20 August 2024 at Council Chambers	0	Chair	Informational – no discussion
7.	New/General Business	5	Chair	Discussion/For Next Meeting
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

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#### 3 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

Action Item R:= recommendation	Source	Action Record	Responsibility	Status Update	Desired Meeting Outcome
<b>Ballad Ave:</b> Suggest land use options for Council land.	Council Request (relates to action plan)	<b>05/23:</b> first raised.	I. Ferris P. Lawrence <b>D. Hicks</b>	Revised options table provided under Annexure 2.  The group to review the table of options and collectively review and comment offline. Final option for recommendation to be brought to the February meeting.	SEAP discussion to determine preferred option for master plan development of Council land at Ballad Avenue.  Recommendation to Council on preferred option for master plan development.
<b>Food Security:</b> Investigate opportunities to develop a food policy. <b>R:</b> Identify and facilitate mapping of food security based partnerships.	Action Plan Focus Area 1.1	<b>03/23:</b> first raised. <b>09/23:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting: Council to identify and facilitate mapping of food security based partnerships. <b>10/23:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	R. Krabbe H. Sadler W. Bryant <b>D. Hicks</b> <b>D. Summers</b>	The subgroup has developed a project plan to highlight the focus areas for progressing Council's food security journey. The Project Plan is provided in Annexure 2.	Seeking SEAP feedback on the project plan.  Recommendation to Council to progress with development of a Food Security Policy along with an initial roll out of educational materials available to the community.
<b>Tree &amp; Vegetation Strategy:</b> <b>R:</b> Initiate creation of a comprehensive Tree & Vegetation Policy and Strategy	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	<b>03/23:</b> first raised. <b>11/23:</b> recommendation raised from SEAP meeting: review & replace existing tree management policy. <b>01/24:</b> recommendation made and endorsed.	C. Hocking P. Lawrence I. Ferris <b>D. Hicks</b> <b>D. Summers</b>	The subgroup has developed a project plan to highlight the proposed scope of the project and the roles and responsibilities during the development of the policy and strategy. The Project Plan is provided in Annexure 2.  Included within the Project Plan is a discussion paper on the use of local native vegetation as a first option for	Seek SEAP feedback on the project plan.  SEAP discussion on the Local Natives as Default concept.

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				new plantings, (Action #52 now Task #9 as shown in Annexure 1). The decision around an approach for new plantings will be integrated into the broader Tree & Vegetation Policy and Strategy development, however it has been highlighted specifically for early discussion by SEAP.	
<b>HEAT:</b> R: Council to seek out greater uptake options	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	<b>03/23:</b> first raised <b>05/23:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>06/23:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	P. Lawrence <b>K. Steward</b>	Waiting input from government departments on the ownership of support for the HEAT program. A contact from Sustainable Living Tasmania has been provided. Latest advice is that SLT no longer have funding support for outreach. Information gathering is still in progress.	Informational
<b>Sisters Beach Road:</b> R: Council to request reduced speed limit. R: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.	SEAP	<b>05/23:</b> recommendations raised at SEAP meeting. <b>06/23:</b> recommendations made to Council and endorsed.	<b>D. Summers</b> <b>B. Walker</b>	Analysis against Transport Commissioner criteria for speed limit assessment attached for February 2024 agenda. Further data is required before an informed decision can be made on the extension of virtual fencing.	Recommendation to Council to resource data gathering statistics over 4 year period to support or not an extension of Virtual Fencing on Sisters Beach Road.  SEAP to note the speed limit review.

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<b>Expanding Focus Areas:</b> R: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus.	SEAP	<b>09/23:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>10/23:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	SEAP	Council invites SEAP to identify site visit locations as relevant.	Informational
<b>School Engagement on Alternative Transport:</b> R: Council to engage with school community re: traffic & ways to encourage walking/riding to school	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	<b>11/23:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>01/24:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D. Hicks	No update at this stage.	Informational
<b>FOGO:</b> Regional implementation of FOGO for reduced waste to landfill.	Council, (Action Plan Focus Area 2)	<b>03/23:</b> 2020 feasibility study shared with SEAP. <b>05/23:</b> Council endorse regional rollout. <b>02/24:</b> update on rollout.	D. Hicks	Council has resolved to proceed with implementation of a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service that will be rolled out as part of a broader regional approach across the NW.  B. Hosking, I Newman & W. Bryant volunteered to be community representatives at the focus group workshop scheduled for 15 Feb.  Launch of comms campaign is scheduled for early March, with implementation to commence mid-July.  Further progress updates will be provided, likely closer to the comms campaign launch.	Informational

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#### 4 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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<b>Community Adaptation &amp; Resilience:</b> provide case studies to assist progress for achievable projects.	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	03/23: first raised	
<b>Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 1		
<b>Waste Education</b> Seek information on possible funding for waste education through the state government.	Action Plan Focus Area 2	03/23: first raised	Currently facilitated by CCWS on a regional basis.- DS
<b>Green Waste Recycling</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 2		
<b>Local &amp; Sustainable Food Waste Systems</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 2		
<b>Increase Native Biodiversity</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		
<b>Land for Wildlife Reserves</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		
<b>Natural Values Database</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		
<b>Plan for Arboreta/ums</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		
<b>Weed Reduction Program:</b> form a sub-group and produce reduction program incl. education	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised.	

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<b>Wildlife Corridors:</b> research and provide case studies for the group's consideration to follow vegetation strategy actions	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised.	C. Hocking refining Wildlife Corridor idea into an easy to read table (similar to Ballad Ave) and circulate for collaboration.
<b>Sponsorship Signage Policy:</b> R: amend Sponsorship Signage Policy to exclude fossil fuels in recognition of their health and climate impacts.	Action Plan Focus Area 1	03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 05/23: implementation complete, action closed.	<b>COMPLETE - CLOSED</b>
<b>Cities of Power</b> R: participate in the Cities Power Partnership which presents an opportunity to join dozens of other councils across the country leading the way to a zero emissions future by providing the necessary tools, resources, and connections to help accelerate their climate and energy goals.	Action Plan Focus Area 1	03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 07/23: implementation complete, action closed	<b>COMPLETE - CLOSED</b>
<b>Annual EcoFair:</b> R: Introduce an annual EcoFair event in conjunction with Spring Loaded to raise awareness in the community and promote sustainable living and a healthy relationship with the environment.	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 10/23: implementation complete, action closed.	<b>COMPLETE – CLOSED</b>