

## Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

### AGENDA – 16 APRIL 2024

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

Date & Time:	16 April 2024 - 5:pm
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, Robin Krabbe, Wendy Bryant
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Bill Walker
Guest Presenter:	Nil

#	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:	(80)		
	- Ballad Ave	5	Subgroup	Update
	- Food Security	10	Subgroup	Update
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	30	Subgroup	Update / Discussion
	- HEAT	10	KS	Update
	<b>INDICATIVE BREAK TIME</b>	<b>5</b>		
	- Sisters Beach Road	5	DS	Update
	- Expanding Focus Areas	0	N/A	Informational
	- School Engagement on Alternative Transport	5	N/A	Informational
	- FOGO	10	DH	Update
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	10	CH	Informational / Discussion
	- Wildlife Corridors (options)			
6.	Upcoming Meetings	5	Chair	Informational
	- 18 June 2024 at Council Chambers			
	- 20 August 2024 at Council Chambers			
	- 15 October 2021 at Council Chambers			
7.	New/General Business:	5	Chair	Discussion/For Next Meeting
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

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#### 4 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. <b>R:</b> The Ballad Avenue property be used to enhance the natural values and habitat area of the adjacent riparian zone of the Inglis River	Council Request (relates to action plan)	<b>05/23:</b> first raised. <b>02/24:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>03/24:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	I. Ferris P. Lawrence <b>D. Hicks</b>	Following Council's endorsement of SEAP's recommendation, officers are obtaining quotes from third parties to coordinate the development of the draft master plan and stakeholder consultation in line with council's procurement policy and obligations.	Informational
<b>Food Security:</b> Investigate opportunities to develop a food policy. <b>R:</b> Identify and facilitate mapping of food security based partnerships. <b>R:</b> Develop a food security policy and plan for the future of the community, incorporating community education on food security.	Action Plan Focus Area 1.1	<b>03/23:</b> first raised. <b>09/23:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>10/23:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed. <b>02/24:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>03/24:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	R. Krabbe H. Sadler W. Bryant <b>D. Hicks</b> <b>D. Summers</b>	The subgroup met with Michelle Williamson from Farm It Forward recently (previously of Produce to the People, and Grow Gather Give), and gained information from about some of the current and previous food security based partnerships. The subgroup also met with operators of the Food Hub at the ROC/Baptist Church who provide emergency food relief in Wynyard and Somerset.  ROC provided figures suggesting that numbers have increased for those accessing emergency food relief in Wynyard. E.g. roughly 20-30 people accessed food from the ROC earlier this year, in the last week 44 attended the Hub for food. ROC will send more definitive figures shortly.	Informational

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				<p>The subgroup will meet Friday (12/04) to talk discuss next steps.</p> <p>In relation to the endorsed project plan, policy research has commenced for local government 'good practice' and early planning has started for staff awareness and mapping existing food security projects/services within council.</p> <p>A draft educational video has been developed and will continue to be refined before using in our internal communications.</p>	
<p><b>Tree &amp; Vegetation Strategy:</b></p> <p>R: Review and replace the existing Tree Management Policy with a comprehensive Tree &amp; Vegetation Policy and Strategy</p>	<p>Action Plan Focus Area 3.1</p>	<p><b>03/23:</b> first raised. <b>11/23:</b> recommendation raised from SEAP meeting. <b>01/24:</b> recommendation made and endorsed. <b>02/24:</b> SEAP endorse draft project plan.</p>	<p>C. Hocking P. Lawrence I. Ferris <b>D. Hicks</b> <b>D. Summers</b></p>	<p>A draft policy and associated guidelines have been created to replace the current Tree Management Policy. It is intended to be aspirational in nature and strives to take a hybrid view, balancing a risk management and asset management approach for trees and vegetation. This is to demonstrate Council's commitment to the desired goal, whilst also recognising the broader strategy is still in development and not yet endorsed by Council. The draft policy is currently being reviewed as part of council's internal review process. With SEAP's feedback and recommendation, it could be put forward for Council adoption as early as the May Council meeting for ratification.</p> <p>In other areas, a draft vandalism procedure has been developed and is being reviewed by the project team and subgroup. This will be</p>	<p>Seeking SEAP feedback on the draft policy.</p> <p>Recommendation to Council to endorse the draft policy and replace the existing Tree Management Policy.</p>

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				<p>provided to the broader SEAP group once a formal draft has been completed.</p> <p>In terms of Vegetation of Significance – our journey starts with the development of criteria for what makes vegetation ‘significant.’ These criteria will then be used to develop a first iteration of significant veg within the municipality (largely focussing on public land in the first instance). Further work will then progress to management for these specimens and legal heads of power. The proposed criteria have been provided as an attachment.</p>	
<p><b>HEAT:</b> R: Council to seek out greater uptake options</p>	<p>Action Plan Focus Area 1:</p>	<p><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>	<p>P. Lawrence <b>K. Steward</b></p>	<p>There is currently no verifiable support for the HEAT toolkit. The main contact at Hobart City Council for this program has not been replaced since the position was vacated around 2014. Several enquiries have been made both through government bodies and not-for-profits who had been in funded in this space. At this time, as of end of March, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCEEW) has been followed up as a primary governing body and have been advised by Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) that they will reach out to their Tas Gov contacts and advise who local Councils can liaise with.</p> <p>Several mainland Council websites have been found to contain HEAT information and</p>	<p>Informational</p>

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				possible resources that may be able to be leveraged off to produce our own Council web page and knowledge base to improve the visibility and information available to the public. A discussion paper is being produced with options to be tabled for the next SEAP meeting.	
<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>	Awaiting further detailed information for SEAP's consideration (CHC options paper, short film, costing options for data gathering).	Informational
<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. <b>02/24:</b> SEAP to identify site locations to visit	SEAP	Council invites SEAP to identify site 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.	<b>D. Hicks</b>	Ahead of the Walk to School Day (in May), Council will provide local schools information and associated graphics to encourage take-up of this national program.  Additionally, Council endorsed at its March 2024 meeting to commence a 3-month trial closure of a section of Austin Street in line with the Wynyard Sports Precinct project. The intention of this closure is to enhance pedestrian connectivity within the sports precinct and between the school/s and the	Informational

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				CBD. As part of the communication of this closure, council will encourage the community to take up this opportunity and walk/ride as an alternative to driving.	
<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.	<b>D. Hicks</b>	FOGO implementation planning and community consultation underway. Council will be updated regularly on general community sentiment based on queries/feedback to the regional call centre (overseen by Dulverton Waste Management on behalf of NW coast councils).  Council had a stall at the recent Wynyard Show in mid-March, which included a FOGO game for children and one-on-one information/discussions with adults. During these discussions we became aware of only one person who expressly stated they did not want a FOGO service – remainder was supportive of the service. Another comms event will be held in May (tentatively 19/5) at the Wynyard Foreshore Market.	Informational

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#### 5 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:	<b>03/23:</b> first raised	
<b>Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement</b> R: Develop a position statement opposing further offshore oil and gas exploration and development in waters off Tasmania, consistent with its commitments in Council's Integrated Council Environment Plan (ICEP), due to its negative impact on north-west Tasmania's marine resources and contribution to climate change	Action Plan Focus Area 1	<b>03/24:</b> recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping.	A consultation feedback statement was submitted to Esso Australia in relation the Kipper Subsea Drilling project prior to the end of the consultation period.
<b>Waste Education</b> Seek information on possible funding for waste education through the state government.	Action Plan Focus Area 2	<b>03/23:</b> 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		

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<b>Weed Reduction Program:</b> form a sub-group and produce reduction program incl. education	Action Plan Focus Area 3	<b>03/23:</b> first raised.	
<b>Wildlife Corridors:</b> research and provide case studies for the group's consideration to follow vegetation strategy actions	Action Plan Focus Area 3	<b>03/23:</b> first raised.	A first draft of the table of options is provided at Annexure 2 and as previously circulated for the groups review and input. It was noted that this is a challenging area to distil.  It is suggested that over time, as the Vegetation Management Policy and Strategy progresses, the Wildlife Corridors continues to development and plan in tandem allowing the plan to be in a more advanced planning state for progress and recommendation at an appropriate time. – Seeking SEAP feedback on the options table
<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	<b>03/23</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>04/23:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed. <b>05/23:</b> 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	<b>03/23</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>04/23:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed. <b>04/23:</b> implementation initiated. <b>07/23:</b> implementation complete, action closed	<b>COMPLETE - CLOSED</b>

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R:= recommendation  <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	<b>03/23</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>04/23:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed. <b>04/23:</b> implementation initiated. <b>10/23:</b> implementation complete, action closed.	<b>COMPLETE – CLOSED</b>