

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

AGENDA – 20 AUGUST 2024

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	20 August 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, Robin Krabbe, Wendy Bryant
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Bill Walker, Sally Blanc
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.	New/General Business (moved for August meeting due to some members needing to leave early): - REZ Consultation Newsletter from ReCFIT Tasmania - Proposed LGAT Motion re Offshore Fossil Fuels	15	Chair BH HS	For Discussion For Discussion
5.	Active Actions:	(100)		
	- Ballad Ave	5	N/A	Informational
	- Food Security	5	Subgroup	Update / Brainstorm
	INDICATIVE BREAK TIME	5		
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	10	Subgroup	Informational / Update
	- HEAT	0	KS	Informational / Update
	- Sisters Beach Road	0	CH	Discussion
	- Expanding Focus Areas	0	N/A	
	- School Engagement on Alternative Transport	0	DH	Informational / Update
	- FOGO	5	DH	Update
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	0	DS / BH	Update / Discussion
	- Draft Urban Stormwater Policy & Guidelines	10	DS	Informational / Update
	- State of the Environment Report	0	N/A	Informational
6.	Non-Active Actions (from action plan):	0	N/A	
7.	Upcoming Meetings - 20 August 2024 at Council Chambers - 15 October 2021 at Council Chambers - 10 December 2024 at Council Chambers	0	Chair	Informational
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

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4 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

Action Item R:= recommendation	Source	Action Record	Responsibility	Status Update (from June Minutes)	Desired Meeting Outcome
Ballad Ave: Suggest land use options for Council land. R: 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)	05/23: first raised. 02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	I. Ferris P. Lawrence D. Hicks	No discussion.	
Food Security: Investigate opportunities to develop a food policy. R: Identify and facilitate mapping of food security based partnerships. R: 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	03/23: first raised. 09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	R. Krabbe H. Sadler W. Bryant D. Hicks D. Summers	A quick overview of was given of recommendations to date around food security. An outline of progress in the subgroup around the identification and facilitation mapping of food security based partnerships suggested that due to the body of work involved a dedicated, skilled resource would be needed. It was discussed within the subgroup and ultimately determined that the best approach may be to engage consultancy support. It was confirmed that contact would be made with the subgroup out of session to discuss and help develop a consultant services brief for scope of work, which can be used to seek quotations and possible grant opportunities for funding of the work. Discussion continued around policy development. It was suggested in support of the educational component, that a panellist discussion could be held at the EcoVillage this year. The discussion would target food security and would be the first of its kind for Council's Tulip Festival program. This is	

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				<p>currently being worked out with organisers of the festival.</p> <p>A brainstorming session then commenced regarding themes for consideration within the Policy.</p> <p>The brainstorming session concluded at approximately 6pm, with advice that the content would be sorted into themes and circulated out of session.</p>	
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME (5 MINS)					
<p>Tree & Vegetation Strategy:</p> <p>R: Review and replace the existing Tree Management Policy with a comprehensive Tree & Vegetation Policy and Strategy</p> <p>R: Adopt the interim Tree & Vegetation Policy and Guidelines.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	<p>03/23: first raised.</p> <p>11/23: recommendation raised from SEAP meeting.</p> <p>01/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: SEAP endorse draft project plan.</p> <p>04/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>05/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p>	<p>C. Hocking</p> <p>P. Lawrence</p> <p>I. Ferris</p> <p>D. Hicks</p> <p>D. Summers</p>	<p>It was confirmed that Council had endorsed the interim policy at the May Council meeting.</p> <p>The group was then asked if there was any feedback on the vandalism protocol at this stage, noting that the documents had only just been circulated with the agenda. Some minor discussion followed around escalation beyond warning letters, severity of vandalism vs. level of response, intention and volume of damage. There was additional talk around financial value of damage vs the intrinsic value of the loss in reference to “significance” of the vegetation, habitat loss, and threatened species. So members have a greater chance to digest the content of the vandalism documentation, it was requested that additional feedback be circulated out of session.</p>	

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HEAT: R: Council to seek out greater uptake options	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	03/23: first raised. 05/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 06/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	P. Lawrence K. Steward	<p>A brief overview of a draft Home Energy Audit Toolbox (HEAT) options paper was provided to the group for consideration and feedback.</p> <p>The paper provides four possible opportunities to improve community visibility of the HEAT as well as education. The improvements included; updates to the kit with a webpage and marketing, addition of in-house phone support, assistance with in-home audits through upskilling of an employee or a new hire with the skillset, or a community grant for individuals to cover the cost of a professional home audit.</p> <p>The group was happy to support the recommended option, which was to improve comms, webpage creation, guidance, and update the kit. It was suggested that once the improvements were made that the uptake and content be reviewed regularly. On further discussion it was agreed that the group revisit this at a later time, following the completion of the agreed activities.</p> <p>It was agreed that the action can be closed and implementation will be scheduled for progress by council staff in the coming financial year (2024/25).</p>	
Sisters Beach Road: R: Council to request reduced speed limit. R: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.	SEAP	05/23: recommendations raised at SEAP meeting. 06/23: recommendations made to Council and endorsed.	D. Summers B. Walker H. Sadler C. Hocking	<p>A conversation began around fencing and the proposal for removing roadkill on Sisters Beach Road, it was decided that the discussion should be postponed until after the CHC options paper was released given content is likely to provide information necessary for consideration.</p> <p>Light discussion continued on the topic of 'slow for wildlife signage'. It was noted that this type of signage is already supported by Council and</p>	

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				Council put signs up. It was relayed that if there are suggested locations for signs, to get in touch, it doesn't necessarily need SEAP to progress, it can be progressed through general operations.	
Expanding Focus Areas: R: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus.	SEAP	09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 02/24: SEAP to identify site locations to visit	SEAP	No Discussion	
School Engagement on Alternative Transport: R: Council to engage with school community re: traffic & ways to encourage walking/riding to school	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	11/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 01/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D. Hicks	A brief overview of what had previously been discussed including walk to school week, the Austin Street closure, wayfinding, walk ride and park options noting that all are being considered particularly with the coastal pathway project as well as other projects as they pop up. Clarity was sought for this recommendation as to what else was expected outside of the activities that have been done. It was suggested that contact be made with the schools to identify any potential barriers to reducing the use of vehicles and encouraging active movement in getting to school such as pedestrian (walking) busses or group walk.	
FOGO: Regional implementation of FOGO for reduced waste to landfill.	Council (Action Plan Focus Area 2)	03/23: 2020 feasibility study shared with SEAP. 05/23: Council endorse regional rollout. 02/24: update on rollout.	D. Hicks	A short update was provided to the group on the progress of the FOGO rollout.	

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Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement R: Develop a position statement opposing further offshore oil and gas exploration and development in waters off Tasmania	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 03/24: recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping.	H Sadler B Hosking D Summers	An update was provided regarding the progress on further actioning this item. It was advised that this was discussed at a recent workshop, but a formal council decision was yet to be made it would not until the July or August council meeting.	
Stormwater Policy	Council	04/24: first raised	D. Summers	A draft Stormwater policy and guidelines was provided to the group for discussion. A short overview was given including clear requirements for sub-divisions regarding environmental management and controls for water before leaving the site. It was noted that there may be a minor issue around site specific wording and watercourses in section 7 & 8 which could be used as a loophole that needs to be rectified. A question was asked around the onsite detention stage at which point the idea of gross pollution traps (as are required of subdivisions in Queensland) could potentially be retrofit to catch the “nasties” before the contaminates make it to the catchments. Further comments to be provided out of session.	

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State of the Environment R: Advocate to the state government to publish the 2024 State of the Environment Report immediately following its release to parliament	SEAP	05/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D Hicks D Summers	No Discussion – Watch and wait for the release of State of the Environment (SoE) Report end of June 2024. Note, the State Government have now updated the timeframe for finalisation of the report to the end of August 2024.	

5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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Community Adaptation & Resilience: provide case studies to assist progress for achievable projects.	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	03/23: first raised	
Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement	Action Plan Focus Area 1		
Waste Education Seek information on possible funding for waste education through the state government.	Action Plan Focus Area 2	03/23: first raised	
Green Waste Recycling	Action Plan Focus Area 2		
Local & Sustainable Food Waste Systems	Action Plan Focus Area 2		
Increase Native Biodiversity	Action Plan Focus Area 3		

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Land for Wildlife Reserves	Action Plan Focus Area 3		
Natural Values Database	Action Plan Focus Area 3		
Plan for Arboreta/ums	Action Plan Focus Area 3		
Weed Reduction Program: form a sub-group and produce reduction program incl. education	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised.	
Wildlife Corridors: research and provide case studies for the group's consideration to follow vegetation strategy actions.	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised. 04/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.	
Sponsorship Signage Policy: 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.	COMPLETE - CLOSED
Cities of Power 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	COMPLETE - CLOSED
Annual EcoFair: 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.	COMPLETE – CLOSED