

## Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

### AGENDA – 22 OCTOBER 2024

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

Date & Time:	22 October 2024 - 5:00pm
Location:	Meeting Room 2, 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-Berman
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Bill Walker
Apologies:	Fiona Loughran
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:	(65)		
	- Ballad Ave	5	Subgroup	Informational
	- Food Security	10	Subgroup	Update / Discussion
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	5	Subgroup	Update / Discussion
	- Sisters Beach Road	0	DS	Informational
	- Expanding Focus Areas	0	N/A	No Discussion
	- School Engagement on Alternative Transport	5	DH	Update / Discussion
	- FOGO	5	DH	Informational
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	10	DS / BH / HS	Update / Discussion
	- Draft Urban Stormwater Policy & Guidelines	5	DS	Update / Discussion
	<b>INDICATIVE BREAK TIME</b>	<b>5</b>		
	- State of the Environment Report	15	DH	Update / Discussion
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	N/A	No Discussion
6.	Upcoming Meetings - 10 December 2024 at Council Chambers – proposed date change to 17 Dec 24. - 2025 Meeting Schedule TBC	5	Chair	Update / Discussion
7.	New/General Business: - Future of SEAP & Current Term - Bridge Street (Sisters Beach) bridge renewal - New Residents Kit – Climate change information	10 15 10	Chair (DH) (DS) (DH)	For Discussion For Discussion For Discussion
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. Hocking F. Loughran I. Newman C. Hocking H. Sadler <b>D. Hicks</b>	Stakeholder consultation has commenced, with site visits occurring on Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October and Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October.  Information from this process will be collated and shared with the subgroup as a next step.  Any subgroup members who attended the community meetings are welcome to share with the SEAP their thoughts on how this is being received / general discussions to date.	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>	Draft Food Security Policy is completed and with the subgroup for review. Once feedback is received, we will progress with more internal reviews before landing with SEAP for final feedback/recommendation for adoption.  A consultant services brief was released for the mapping project and quotation period closed on 17 October. Currently reviewing proposals.  A big thank you to the subgroup for their efforts in coordinating the panel discussion at the Tulip Festival Eco Village!! Subgroup to share insights from the panel discussion.	Update / Discussion

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<b>Tree &amp; Vegetation Strategy:</b> R: Review and replace the existing Tree Management Policy with a comprehensive Tree & Vegetation Policy and Strategy R: Adopt the interim Tree & Vegetation Policy and Guidelines.	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	<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. <b>04/24:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>05/24:</b> recommendation made and endorsed.	C. Hocking P. Lawrence I. Ferris <b>D. Hicks</b> <b>D. Summers</b>	Meeting held with subgroup to discuss status of project so far, with particular focus on significant vegetation and local native policy/position. At the meeting, an update will be provided regarding the council workshop on the local natives discussion and next steps.  Attention to be given to developing a “living catalogue” (pun entirely intended) of appropriate natives and their qualities.	Update / Discussion
<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> H. Sadler C. Hocking	Brief update will be provided during the meeting.	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.	No Discussion
<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>	Alan (Ho Yeung) of UTAS is currently working on a similar project, “Active Commute to School.” No WWC schools included in this project but insights from Devonport, Burnie and Circular Head still relevant. Will discuss this project in greater detail at the SEAP meeting.	Update / Discussion

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				<p>We have reached out to our local schools and have heard from Boat Harbour Primary, who have estimated less than 20% of students are driven to school in a car. The majority of children use the school bus, and their biggest challenge to alternative commute options are due to location.</p> <p>St Brigid's and Somerset have asked for content to be included in newsletters to distribute to families – to be completed.</p>	
<p><b>FOGO:</b> Regional implementation of FOGO for reduced waste to landfill.</p>	<p>Council (Action Plan Focus Area 2)</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>D. Hicks</b></p>	<p>In the first seven collections of FOGO since its implementation in July, the region has diverted over 1,700 tonnes of waste from landfill which is the equivalent of about \$77,000 in state waste levy being avoided.</p> <p>For WWC, we have avoided about \$10,500 in state waste levy (roughly \$1,500 per fortnight/FOGO collection). For tonnages, we are diverting an average of 33 tonnes/fortnight.</p> <p>In terms of volume, WWC has seen a 121% increase in tonnages between our first collection and our seventh – an excellent improvement in the space of 3 months. We anticipate tonnages will increase even further as residents become familiar with the service and as the warmer months allow more gardening.</p>	<p>Informational</p>

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<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. R: Council to advocate to LGAT regarding offshore oil and gas exploration.	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	<b>02/24:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. <b>03/24:</b> recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping. <b>08/24:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.	H Sadler B Hosking D Summers	The Position Statement prepared was shared with Councillors who moved a motion to hold a workshop discussion with any interested SEAP members.  Consideration could also be given to including any commentary on the recent State of Environment report to add weight to the recommended motion to LGAT (report to be discussed later in this agenda).  Need to determine who from SEAP would like to attend so a workshop date can be scheduled. Recommend in the order of 2-3 SEAP members for the workshop discussion.	Update / Discussion
<b>Stormwater Policy</b>	Council	<b>04/24:</b> first raised	D. Summers	Brief update will be provided during the meeting.	Update / Discussion
<b>INDICATIVE BREAK TIME</b>					
<b>State of the Environment</b> R: Advocate to the state government to publish the 2024 State of the Environment Report immediately following its release to parliament	SEAP	<b>05/24:</b> recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D Hicks D Summers	State of Environment report has now been released. Opportunity for SEAP members to provide feedback/comments regarding the report.	Update / Discussion

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

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R:= recommendation			
<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	No Discussion
<b>Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 1		No Discussion
<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	No Discussion
<b>Green Waste Recycling</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
<b>Local &amp; Sustainable Food Waste Systems</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
<b>Increase Native Biodiversity</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
<b>Land for Wildlife Reserves</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
<b>Natural Values Database</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
<b>Plan for Arboreta/ums</b>	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
<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.	No Discussion

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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	<b>03/23:</b> first raised. <b>04/23:</b> recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.	No Discussion
<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>
<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>
<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.	<b>COMPLETE - CLOSED</b>

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#### 6 NEW/GENERAL BUSINESS

##### 6.1 Future of SEAP & Current Term

Council would like to raise for discussion and recommendation, options for the near future of the current panel membership which includes a potential extension to the current term.

An extension may avoid loss in momentum, particularly with LG elections slated for 2026. It may also allow the opportunity current panel members to see some to maturity and an opportunity to review the iCEP prioritisation of actions.

A potential drawback might be that there would be another ‘caretaker’ meeting whilst we wait for councillors to nominate following the elections.

##### 6.2 Bridge Street (Sisters Beach) Bridge Renewal

Council is seeking sustainability advice from the SEAP regarding an early renewal of the bridge located on Bridge Street, Sisters Beach. Refer to the attached discussion paper for further information.

##### 6.3 New Residents Kit – Climate Change Information

Council is seeking input from the SEAP to complete an action from iCEP:

- 12.1 – Provide accurate and ‘readable’ information about climate change and sustainable living in New Residents’ Kits.

The New Residents Kits are available on Council’s website here - [New Residents - Waratah-Wynyard Council \(warwyn.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.waratah-wynyard.tas.gov.au/new-residents).

Council would like SEAP’s input for the appropriate resource/s regarding climate change and sustainable living for inclusion in the kits. The information can be created from the SEAP, or it could be from an existing resource.

Content must not be larger than an A4 sized page (allowing for graphic design to be completed by Council staff) and should use language and content that is appropriate for the general public.