

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

AGENDA – 17 DECEMBER 2024

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	17 December 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-Berman
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Bill Walker
Apologies:	
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:	(85)		
	- Ballad Ave	10	Subgroup	Informational
	- Food Security	5	Subgroup	Informational
	- 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	KS	Informational
	- FOGO	0	DH	No Discussion
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	15	DS / BH / HS	Update / Discussion
	- Draft Urban Stormwater Policy & Guidelines	0	DS	No Discussion
	INDICATIVE BREAK TIME	5		
	- State of the Environment Report	40	DH	Update / Discussion
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	N/A	No Discussion
6.	Upcoming Meetings - 2025 Meeting Schedule	5	Chair	Update / Discussion
7.	New/General Business: - Review outstanding tasks for closure – note some tasks are 8-15 months old.	5	Chair	Update
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

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4 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

Action Item	Source	Action Record	Responsibility	Status Update	Desired Meeting Outcome
<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>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</p>	Council Request (relates to action plan)	<p>05/23: first raised. 02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	<p>I. Ferris P. Lawrence B. Hocking F. Loughran I. Newman C. Hocking H. Sadler D. Hicks</p>	A draft plan has been provided to key staff and the subgroup for initial comment. Next steps include prioritisation of proposed actions and understanding costs associated with implementation.	Informational
<p>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.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 1.1	<p>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.</p>	<p>R. Krabbe H. Sadler W. Bryant D. Hicks D. Summers</p>	<p>Consultants underway with the mapping project, starting with research and interviews to capture data from the community.</p> <p>Draft Policy going through internal review before it is circulated to SEAP.</p>	Informational

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Tree & Vegetation Strategy: 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.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	<p>03/23: first raised. 11/23: recommendation raised from SEAP meeting. 01/24: recommendation made and endorsed. 02/24: SEAP endorse draft project plan. 04/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 05/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p>	C. Hocking P. Lawrence I. Ferris D. Hicks D. Summers	Attention has been given to introducing the project to new staff members and how to best integrate any outcomes into council operations once its adopted.	Update / Discussion
<p>Sisters Beach Road: R: Council to request reduced speed limit. R: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.</p>	SEAP	<p>05/23: recommendations raised at SEAP meeting. 06/23: recommendations made to Council and endorsed.</p>	D. Summers B. Walker H. Sadler C. Hocking	Traffic counters were placed on Wed 11/12 and will be collected again at the end of January.	Informational
<p>Expanding Focus Areas: R: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus.</p>	SEAP	<p>09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 02/24: SEAP to identify site locations to visit</p>	SEAP	Council invites SEAP to identify site locations as relevant.	No Discussion
<p>School Engagement on Alternative Transport: R: Council to engage with school community re: traffic & ways to encourage walking/riding to school</p>	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	<p>11/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 01/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	K. Steward	Content for school newsletters was passed on to schools through the Community Activation network at the end of November. The content provided included an active	Informational

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R:= recommendation				travel survey for parents and carers. Council will monitor the survey for responses. Though at this early stage there have been none, this potentially due to the frequency of distribution by schools.	
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	No new information to present at this time.	No Discussion
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. R: Council to advocate to LGAT regarding offshore oil and gas exploration.	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 03/24: recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping. 08/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.	H Sadler B Hosking D Summers	An agenda report has been prepared and will be tabled with councillors at the 16 Dec council meeting. Outcome of the meeting to be discussed.	Update / Discussion
Stormwater Policy	Council	04/24: first raised	D. Summers	Policy adjustments to be made prior to circulating to SEAP and progressing to Council.	Update / Discussion
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME					

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R:= recommendation 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	The SoE report was introduced to councillors at the 11/11 workshop. Feedback received from SEAP on the SoE Report has been collated and attached to this agenda. Further analysis has been undertaken to identify relationship between the SoE, iCEP and local government's role under each theme. This information is also provided in a draft format as part of the annexures and will form the basis of discussion at SEAP regarding a detailed report to council.	Update / Discussion

5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Action Item	Source	Action Record	Comments
R:= recommendation Community Adaptation & Resilience: provide case studies to assist progress for achievable projects.	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	03/23: first raised	No Discussion
Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement	Action Plan Focus Area 1		No Discussion

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Waste Education Seek information on possible funding for waste education through the state government.	Action Plan Focus Area 2	03/23: first raised	No Discussion
Green Waste Recycling	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
Local & Sustainable Food Waste Systems	Action Plan Focus Area 2		No Discussion
Increase Native Biodiversity	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Land for Wildlife Reserves	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Natural Values Database	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Plan for Arboreta/ums	Action Plan Focus Area 3		No Discussion
Weed Reduction Program: form a sub-group and produce reduction program incl. education	Action Plan Focus Area 3	03/23: first raised.	No Discussion
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.	No Discussion
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

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>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.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 1	<p>03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>04/23: implementation initiated.</p> <p>07/23: implementation complete, action closed</p>	COMPLETE - CLOSED
<p>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.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 3	<p>03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>04/23: implementation initiated.</p> <p>10/23: implementation complete, action closed.</p>	COMPLETE – CLOSED
<p>HEAT: R: Council to seek out greater uptake options</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 1:	<p>03/23: first raised.</p> <p>05/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>06/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	COMPLETE - CLOSED

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6 NEW/GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Review Outstanding Tasks for Closure

As of the December agenda there are twelve open tasks with seven of those having been raised more than 8 months ago, four are over a year old. Where possible, determine if any of the older items can be closed as no longer necessary, relevant, or are in fact complete.