

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

AGENDA – 18 FEBRUARY 2025

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	18 February 2025 - 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-Bergman
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Bill Walker
Apologies:	Brenton Hosking
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:	(90)		
	- Ballad Ave	15	Subgroup	Update / Discussion
	- Food Security	15	Subgroup	Update / Discussion
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	5	Subgroup	Informational
	- Sisters Beach Road	15	DS	Informational / Potential Discussion
	INDICATIVE BREAK TIME	5		
	- Expanding Focus Areas	15	N/A	Informational / Discussion
	- School Engagement on Alternative Transport	5	KS	Informational
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	10	DS / BH / HS	Informational / Update
	- Draft Urban Stormwater Policy & Guidelines	0	DS	No Discussion
	- State of the Environment Report	5	DH	Informational
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	N/A	No Discussion
6.	Upcoming Meetings - 15 April 2025 at Council Chambers	5	Chair	Informational
7.	New/General Business - Climate Impact in iCEP	10	Chair	Discussion/For Next Meeting
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>	SEAP to review draft vision during meeting and proposed delivery plan. Note the draft vision is yet to be amended to reflect the feedback received to date. The delivery plan will be tabled at the SEAP meeting.	Informational / Discussion
<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>Food security mapping project underway with consultants. Draft policy attached to this agenda for review, and if supported by SEAP a recommendation could be made to council for adoption.</p>	Informational / Review draft policy and consider recommendation to Council

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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	Finalising the draft for vegetation management protocols in 'ecologically significant' reserves/areas, for an internal and sub-group review. Once considered it will then be put in front of the broader SEAP for early comment.	Informational
<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	The Sisters Beach Road speed limit assessment is in progress, working on finalising by mid-Feb after traffic counters were collected in January.	Informational / Possible Discussion
<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	<p>Council invites SEAP to identify site locations as relevant.</p> <p>B Hosking has suggested looking at what the Central Coast Council has done in Penguin on the Esplanade and near the playground development to see the use of endemic natives & gardens in community spaces .</p> <p>It is suggested that this could inform a review of Somerset</p>	Informational / Discussion

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R:= recommendation				and East Beach foreshore plantings in the context of climate action and community amenity.	
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.	K. Steward	As advised in December, active travel information, including a survey for parents and carers, was provided for school newsletters at the end of November. Council has been monitoring the survey for responses. At this stage there have been none, however, this likely due to the delivery of content in relation to school holidays. It is hoped that with school now back in session, newsletters will resume, and first responses will be forthcoming.	Informational
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 item for the next LGAT meeting has been prepared. The LGAT meeting is scheduled for early April 2025 and an update will be provided at the next SEAP meeting.	Informational

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R:= recommendation					
Stormwater Policy	Council	04/24: first raised	D. Summers	Updates to be made	Informational
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME					
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	Feedback received from various SEAP members. The next step will be to collate into a digestible update for councillors – the draft will be provided to SEAP members for comment.	Informational

5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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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
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

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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
<p>FOGO: Regional implementation of FOGO for reduced waste to landfill.</p>	Council (Action Plan Focus Area 2)	<p>03/23: 2020 feasibility study shared with SEAP.</p> <p>05/23: Council endorse regional rollout.</p> <p>02/24: update on rollout.</p>	COMPLETE - CLOSED

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6 NEW/GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Climate Impact – B Hosking

Can Climate Impact be incorporated into iCEP policy?

“I get the feeling from the way the LG submission on use of our marine environment was accepted by Councillors that there might be interest/benefit to look at how Climate Impact can be included in more items for SEAP to review. iCEP policy might be a convenient entry point to WWC policy.”