

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

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Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	22 July 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, Ian Ferris, Wendy Bryant-Bergman, Ian Dutton, Karen Feeney
Staff in Attendance:	Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Andrew Vocke
Apologies:	Ian Ferris
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:	(60)		
	- Ballad Ave	5	DH	Update
	- Food Security	5	DH	Update / Closure
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	10	CH	Update / Discussion
	- Sisters Beach Road	5	DS	Update
	- Expanding Focus Areas	0	N/A	No Discussion
	INDICATIVE BREAK TIME	5		
	- School Engagement on Alternative Transport	5	KS	Update
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	10	DS / BH	Update / Discussion
	- Draft Urban Stormwater Policy & Guidelines	5	DS	Update / Closure
	- State of the Environment Report	10	DH	Update / Discussion
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	N/A	No Discussion
6.	Upcoming Meetings - 19 August 2025 at Council Chambers	5	Chair	Informational
7.	New/General Business - Draft Waste Action Plan and Service Level Document	15	Chair DH	Discussion / For Next Meeting
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

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4 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

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<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. 06/25: draft plan endorsed for public consultation</p>	<p>I. Ferris B. Hocking C. Hocking D. Hicks</p>	<p>The Draft Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Plan was endorsed for public consultation at the June 2025 Council meeting. Consultations close 22 July 2025. Summary of the feedback received will be provided to the Panel in due course.</p> <p>Link to plan here.</p>	Update
<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. R: SEAP recommend to Council to adopt the Food Security Policy.</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. 05/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. Policy adopted.</p>	<p>D. Hicks D. Summers</p>	<p>The Food Security Policy was adopted as recommended by SEAP at the May 2025 Council meeting. Consultants have completed report detailing the partnerships within the area. Recommend this item is considered complete and removed from “active actions”.</p>	Update / Closure

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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 I. Ferris D. Hicks D. Summers	<p>Officers are currently revising the project timelines for the delivery of the strategy.</p> <p>Some research has been received in relation to tree valuations with a case study prepared on a local oak tree.</p> <p>Discussion invited from the SEAP regarding the fire management practices paper, noting that WWC does not currently undertake burning practices to manage fire breaks under its control.</p>	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 A. Vocke C. Hocking	No further update to provide at the time of preparing the agenda.	Update
<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
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME					

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <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	Council continues to monitor the survey for responses. There have now been two responses to date. A summary of the responses received will be provided in the meeting.	Update
<p>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.</p>	SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1)	<p>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.</p>	B Hosking D Summers	The SEAP agreed at the April meeting to provide feedback on a possible “standardised response template” for Officers to use when Council is sought to make comment on matters where there are potential industrial impacts on climate change. The Kipper Subsea Drilling response was provided to SEAP members via email 9/5/25 and has been attached to this agenda for feedback from the SEAP.	Update / Discussion
<p>Stormwater Policy R: SEAP recommend to Council to adopt the Urban Stormwater Policy and Guidelines. (out of session)</p>	Council	<p>04/24: first raised 06/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. Policy adopted.</p>	D. Summers	The Urban Stormwater Policy and Guidelines were adopted as recommended by SEAP at the June 2025 Council meeting. Recommend this item is considered complete and removed from “active actions”.	Update / Closure

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>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</p>	SEAP	05/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D Hicks D Summers	Following earlier feedback from the SEAP and an officer-level review, a draft “Implications for Local Government Strategy” report has been prepared and attached to this agenda. The SEAP will be invited to provide general comments at their July meeting and a further opportunity to make detailed comments at the August meeting, which will be used to inform further amendments to the document.	Update / Discussion

5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Community Adaptation & Resilience: provide case studies to assist progress for achievable projects.</p>	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
<p>Waste Education Seek information on possible funding for waste education through the state government.</p>	Action Plan Focus Area 2	03/23: first raised	No Discussion

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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
<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 Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Action Plan and Service Level Document

The attached documents intend to outline Council's current practices and localised actions undertaken in support of the regional waste strategy (link [here](#)), which was formally adopted by north-west councils in 2022. The attached documents have been prepared to provide a clear reflection of how WWC are implementing the strategy at the local level, in alignment with its established objectives.

The SEAP are invited to make comment on the attached documents, with the scope of their review limited to commentary on the accuracy, clarity, and effectiveness of the documented actions. This process does not seek to alter the level of service currently provided, nor can it amend the overarching regional waste strategy.

However, any broader feedback or strategic observations from the panel will be noted and considered in future reviews of the regional framework and council's level of service.