

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

AGENDA – 19 AUGUST 2025

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	19 August 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:	
Guest Presenter:	Jenny Donovan, Cradle Coast Authority (Ballad Ave)

#	Agenda Item	Time Allocation (mins)	Lead	Action
1.	Welcome	5	Chair	
2.	Confirm Minutes	5	Chair	
3.	Guest Presenter/s: (if applicable) Jenny Donovan, Cradle Coast Authority (Ballad Ave)	-	N/A	
4.	Active Actions:	(60)		
	- Ballad Ave	25	DH	Update / Discussion
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	0	DH	No Discussion
	- Sisters Beach Road	10	DS	Update
	- Expanding Focus Areas	0	N/A	No Discussion
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	15	DH	Update / Discussion
	- State of the Environment Report	10	DH	Update / Discussion
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	Chair	No Discussion
	INDICATIVE BREAK TIME	5		
6.	New/General Business	30	Chair	Discussion / For Next Meeting
	- Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Action Plan and Service Level Document Feedback			
	- Camp Creek Master Plan			
	- Frenchs Road Reserve Management Plan			
7.	Upcoming Meetings	5	Chair	Informational
	- 21 October 2025 at Council Chambers			
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>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>	Public consultation is now closed, responses were limited and are being compiled. The CCA Consultant coordinating the plans development will attend to discuss the feedback received and propose responses for SEAP's consideration.	Update / Discussion
<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>	<p>C. Hocking I. Ferris D. Hicks D. Summers</p>	No further update to provide at the time of preparing the agenda.	Update
<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. 03/25: Council sought Transport Commissioners approval to reduce speed along Sisters Beach Road.</p>	<p>D. Summers A. Vocke C. Hocking</p>	The Woolnorth Options Paper Synopsis has been provided in the annexure for information.	For Information

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R:= recommendation					
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	Council invites SEAP to identify site locations as relevant.	No Discussion
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME (if required)					
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 in Tasmanian and adjacent Commonwealth 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. 08/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 09/24: recommendation made to Council, tabled for workshopping.	B Hosking D Summers	The group discussed developing a standard high-level response for Council regarding industrial development referrals, at the July meeting. A draft response was circulated for feedback to help streamline future submissions. A graphic trend of rising atmospheric CO ₂ levels measured at Cape Grim has been shared for future use.	Update / Discussion
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	Following earlier feedback from the SEAP and an officer-level review, a draft “Implications for Local Government Strategy” report was prepared and attached to the July agenda with SEAP invited to provide comment. A further opportunity to make detailed comments is invited at the August meeting.	Update / Discussion

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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 Active conversation points from discussion July 2025 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for climate education highlighted via presentations on rising CO₂ levels at Cape Grim • Discussion planned on water quality and availability monitoring, focusing on catchment management in areas like Sisters Creek.
Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement	Action Plan Focus Area 1		No Discussion Active conversation points from discussion July 2025 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of non-Tesla EV charging infrastructure in Wynyard • Opportunities to improve community awareness of renewable energy, especially linked to new federal programs
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

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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 Active conversation points from Tree & Vegetation Strategy discussion Jul 2025 Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature corridor strategy development aligned with vegetation management discussed. • Plans to trial corridor principles in select areas.
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. 12/24: active travel survey out for parents and carers community response. 07/24: Action parked – low response rate, returned to non-active actions for time being.	No Discussion

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Sponsorship Signage Policy: R: amend Sponsorship Signage Policy to exclude fossil fuels in recognition of their health and climate impacts.</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>05/23: implementation complete, action closed.</p>	COMPLETE - CLOSED
<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> <p>08/24: implementation scheduled for progression in the 2024/2025 financial year, action closed.</p>	COMPLETE - CLOSED

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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. 12/24: implementation complete, now embedded into operational practice, action closed	COMPLETE - CLOSED
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.	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. 05/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. Policy adopted.	Action now closed as resolved. COMPLETE – CLOSED
Stormwater Policy R: SEAP recommend to Council to adopt the Urban Stormwater Policy and Guidelines. (out of session)	Council	04/24: first raised 06/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. Policy adopted.	Action now closed as resolved. COMPLETE – CLOSED
INDICATIVE BREAK TIME			

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6 NEW/GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- Panel members were invited to provide feedback ahead of the next meeting (refer to July Agenda for further context) – seeking final comments before the document is presented to Council.

6.2 Camp Creek Master Plan

- During the 2024/25 FY, Council engaged consultant services to coordinate and prepare a Master Plan for the Camp Creek riparian reserve area. Camp Creek is a small but ecologically important waterway located at the eastern entrance to Wynyard. It supports a range of native wildlife, including platypus, birds, and fish, and is home to threatened vegetation communities and a rare peritidal zone. Though not currently a high-traffic area, Camp Creek offers significant potential as a space for nature-based recreation, environmental education, and community connection. While the site has great potential, it has challenges in that it is rather degraded, and the health of the area is impacted by residential and agricultural influences upstream.
- Council is currently undertaking an internal review of the document, particularly to prioritise the proposed actions and offer a potential delivery timeline.
- Whilst the document has not yet been revised to include commentary/feedback to date, it is now timely to seek feedback from the SEAP regarding the content of the document. A copy of some preliminary feedback from officers has also been included in the annexures for context.
- Following the receipt of 'feedback the draft plan will be amended and after being presented to Councillors, may be subject to a community consultation period prior to adoption.

6.3 Frenchs Road Reserve Management Plan

- During the 2024/25 FY, Council engaged consultant services to coordinate and prepare a revised French's Road Nature Reserve Management Plan. This document provides a strategic framework to guide the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of the reserve. The document was prepared with engagement from key stakeholders.
- Council is currently undertaking an internal review of the document, with some possible changes in timelines to ensure alignment with Council's governance processes, upcoming funding opportunities and financial sustainability to deliver.
- Whilst the document has not yet been revised to include commentary/feedback to date, it is now timely to seek feedback from the SEAP regarding the content of the document. A copy of some preliminary feedback from officers has also been included in the annexures for context.
- Following the receipt of feedback the draft plan will be amended and tabled with Councillors for consideration.