

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

AGENDA – 9 DECEMBER 2025

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

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| Date & Time: | 9 December 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, Ian Dutton, Karen Feeney |
| Staff in Attendance: | Daniel Summers, Dana Hicks, Kassandra Steward, Andrew Vocke |
| Apologies: | |
| Guest Presenter: | Nil |

| # | Agenda Item | Time Allocation (mins) | Lead | Action |
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| 1. | Welcome | 5 | Chair | |
| 2. | Confirm Minutes | 5 | Chair | |
| 3. | Guest Presenter/s: (if applicable) | 0 | N/A | |
| 4. | SEAP Structure Review (to inform Terms of Reference Update) | 60 | DH | Discussion / Brainstorm |
| | INDICATIVE BREAK TIME | 5 | | |
| 5. | Active Actions: | (25) | | |
| | - Sisters Beach Road | 5 | DS | Informational |
| | - Tree & Vegetation Strategy | 5 | DH | Informational |
| | - Expanding Focus Areas | 5 | N/A | Informational |
| | - Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position | 0 | DH | Informational |
| | - State of the Environment Report | 10 | DH | Update |
| 6. | Non-Active Actions: (from action plan) | 0 | Chair | No Discussion |
| 7. | New/General Business - 2026 Meeting Calendar | 5 | Chair | Discussion |
| 8. | Upcoming Meetings - 17 February 2026 at Council Chambers | 5 | Chair | Informational |
| 9. | Closure | 5 | Chair | |

4 SEAP STRUCTURE REVIEW (TO INFORM TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE)

INDICATIVE BREAK TIME (if required)

5 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

| Action Item | Source | Action Record | Responsibility | Status Update | Desired Meeting Outcome |
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| <p>Sisters Beach Road:</p> <p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>R: Council to request reduced speed limit.</p> <p>R: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.</p> | SEAP | <p>05/23: recommendations raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>06/23: recommendations made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>03/25: Council sought Transport Commissioners approval to reduce speed along Sisters Beach Road.</p> | <p>D. Summers</p> <p>A. Vocke</p> <p>C. Hocking</p> | No update to provide – awaiting advice from Transport Commissioner | Informational |
| <p>Tree & Vegetation Strategy:</p> <p>R: Review and replace the existing Tree Management Policy with a comprehensive Tree & Vegetation Policy and Strategy</p> <p>R: Adopt the interim Tree & Vegetation Policy and Guidelines.</p> | Action Plan Focus Area 3.1 | <p>03/23: first raised.</p> <p>11/23: recommendation raised from SEAP meeting.</p> <p>01/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: SEAP endorse draft project plan.</p> <p>04/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>05/24: recommendation made and endorsed.</p> | <p>C. Hocking</p> <p>I. Ferris</p> <p>D. Hicks</p> <p>D. Summers</p> | A brief project update will be provided at the meeting. | Informational |
| <p>Expanding Focus Areas:</p> <p>R: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus.</p> <p>R: A cooperative site visit to Camp Creek and Frenchs Road Reserve be organised for SEAP members and Councillors.</p> | SEAP | <p>09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: SEAP to identify site locations to visit</p> <p>08/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed</p> | SEAP | Site meeting for Frenchs Road and Camp Creek was set for 26 November – due to unforeseen weather conditions the visit was postponed. The visit has been re-scheduled to 28 January 2026. | Informational |

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| <p>R:= recommendation</p> <p>Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement</p> <p>R: Develop a position statement opposing further offshore oil and gas exploration and development in waters off Tasmania.</p> <p>R: Council to advocate to LGAT regarding offshore oil and gas exploration in Tasmanian and adjacent Commonwealth waters off Tasmania.</p> <p>R: That Council seek coordination through a regional body (such as LGAT or the Cradle Coast Authority) to engage a suitably qualified individual to review and summarise the National Climate Risk Assessment Report, providing insights into projected climate risks out to 2050 relevant for local government application.</p> | SEAP (Action Plan Focus Area 1) | <p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>03/24: recommendation made to Council, noted and tabled for workshopping.</p> <p>08/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>09/24: recommendation made to Council, tabled for workshopping.</p> <p>10/25: National Climate Risk Assessment Report – Discussion Paper raised under General Business</p> <p>10/25: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>11/25: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> | B Hosking D Summers | <p>Template has been revised to be one page. This action is now considered closed.</p> <p>Council will approach regional bodies (such as CCA or LGAT) to engage a suitably qualified individual to review and summarise the National Climate Risk Assessment Report.</p> | Informational |
| <p>State of the Environment</p> <p>R: Advocate to the state government to publish the 2024 State of the Environment Report immediately following its release to parliament</p> | SEAP | <p>05/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> | D Hicks D Summers | Final revisions to the high-level advocacy priorities based on feedback have been circulated for review. | Update |

6 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 | <p>No Discussion</p> <p>Active conversation points from discussion July 2025 meeting:</p> <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. |

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| 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 |
| 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. |

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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. | Action Plan Focus Area 1 | 03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 07/23: implementation complete, action closed | COMPLETE - CLOSED |
| 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. | Action Plan Focus Area 3 | 03/23 recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 04/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 04/23: implementation initiated. 10/23: implementation complete, action closed. | COMPLETE – CLOSED |

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| HEAT: R: Council to seek out greater uptake options | Action Plan Focus Area 1: | 03/23: first raised. 05/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. 06/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed. 08/24: implementation scheduled for progression in the 2024/2025 financial year, action closed. | COMPLETE - CLOSED |
| 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. | 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. | COMPLETE – CLOSED |

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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> | <p>Council Request (relates to action plan)</p> | <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 10/25: final masterplan submitted to Council and adopted. Action closed.</p> | <p>COMPLETE – CLOSED</p> |

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7 NEW/GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 2026 SEAP Meeting Calendar

- The 2026 meeting calendar is provided with the annexure for the review of the members. The calendar continues in the current rhythm of meetings, bi-monthly, until the end of the current SEAP term (August 2026).