Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

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	Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)
Date & Time:	17 February 2026 - 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:	N/A
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	
	INDICATIVE BREAK TIME	**5**		
4.	Active Actions:	(40)		
	- Sisters Beach Road	5	DS	Update
	- Tree & Vegetation Strategy	5	DH	Update
	- Expanding Focus Areas	10	N/A	Informational
	- Climate Leadership in line with Paris Agreement: Offshore oil & gas exploration position	5	DH	Informational
	- State of the Environment Report	15	DH	Update / Discussion
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)	0	Chair	No Discussion
6.	New/General Business	5	Chair	Discussion
7.	Upcoming Meetings - 28 April 2026 at Council Chambers - 23 June 2026 at Council Chambers - 18 August 2026 at Council Chambers	5	Chair	Informational
8.	Closure	5	Chair	

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4 ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR DISCUSSION:

Action Item R:= recommendation	Source	Action Record	Responsibility	Status Update	Desired Meeting Outcome
Sisters Beach Road: **R**: Council to request reduced speed limit. **R**: Council consideration for extending virtual fencing.	SEAP	**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. **12/25**: Transport Commissioner approval for speed reduction to Sisters Beach Road. Action part A closed.	D. Summers A. Vocke C. Hocking	A brief update will be provided at the meeting.	Update
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.	Action Plan Focus Area 3.1	**03/23**: first raised. **11/23**: recommendation raised from SEAP meeting: review & replace existing tree management policy. **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.	C. Hocking I. Ferris D. Hicks D. Summers	A brief update can be provided at the meeting.	Update

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Expanding Focus Areas: **R**: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus. **R**: A cooperative site visit to Camp Creek and Frenchs Road Reserve be organised for SEAP members and Councillors.	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 **08/25**: recommendation made to Council and endorsed **10/25**: site visit organised for end of November. **12/25**: site visit re-scheduled to 4 February.	SEAP	The site meeting for Frenchs Road and Camp Creek was held on 4 February. SEAP members, Councillors (including the Mayor), the CEO and supporting Council staff attended. While attendance was not full, there was a reasonable cross-section of representation, providing a valuable opportunity for on-site discussion of the projects and current considerations, and helping to build shared context to inform ongoing planning and decision-making.	Informational

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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. **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.	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. **10/25:** National Climate Risk Assessment Report – Discussion Paper raised under General Business **10/25:** recommendation raised at SEAP meeting. **11/25:** recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	B Hosking D Summers	No update at this time.	Informational
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	Revised high-level advocacy priorities, incorporating feedback received, were circulated for review. A State of the Environment Advocacy clause is included with this agenda for final consideration and endorsement at the meeting.	Update / Discussion

5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Action Item R:= recommendation	Source	Action Record	Comments
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: • Potential for climate education highlighted via presentations on rising CO_2 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: • 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

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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: • 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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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**

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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**
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	Council Request (relates to action plan)	**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.	**COMPLETE – CLOSED**