

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

MEETING MINUTES – 17 DECEMBER 2024

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Date & Time:	17 December 2024 - 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-Berman
Staff in Attendance:	Dana Hicks
Apologies:	Cr Andrea Courtney, Fiona Loughran, Ian Newman, Wendy Bryant-Bergman, Daniel Summers, Cassandra Steward, Bill Walker

#	AGENDA ITEMS
1.	Welcome
2.	Confirm Minutes
3.	Guest Presenter/s: Nil
4.	Active Actions:
5.	Non-Active Actions: (from action plan)
6.	Upcoming Meetings
7.	New/General Business:
8.	Closure
#	ACTIONS TAKEN
1.	Nil
#	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
1.	Nil

1 WELCOME

- A quorum was established, and the meeting was officially commenced at 17:10.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved P. Lawrence Seconded H. Sadler

That the minutes of the SEAP meeting held on 22 October 2024, as circulated to Members, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Carried.

3 GUEST PRESENTER/S: NONE

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4 ACTIVE ACTIONS – MEETING OUTCOMES

Action Item	Source	Action Record	Responsibility	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.</p> <p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>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>	<p>A basic overview of progress and high level content of the draft plan was covered. General discussion occurred around the early content on the draft thus far.</p> <p>Consideration to material for path construction, width of pedestrian corridor and bandicoot protection was noted.</p> <p>Next steps will involve lifecycle cost analysis, councillor workshops & public consultation.</p> <p>Task: Subgroup members to provide final comments on the draft plan to D. Hicks by 24 Jan. 25.</p>
<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.</p> <p>09/23: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>10/23: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p> <p>02/24: recommendation raised at SEAP meeting.</p> <p>03/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	<p>R. Krabbe H. Sadler W. Bryant D. Hicks D. Summers</p>	<p>A short overview of the progress to date was noted, as provided in the agenda, no further discussion.</p>

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <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>P. Lawrence</p> <p>I. Ferris</p> <p>D. Hicks</p> <p>D. Summers</p>	<p>Discussion was raised around fire risk and public education. It was planned that a deeper discussion on the topic would occur during the next meeting in February due to a number of members being absent.</p> <p>Task: C. Hocking to prepare a summary paper on fire management and circulate before next meeting.</p>
<p>Sisters Beach Road:</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>D. Summers</p> <p>B. Walker</p> <p>H. Sadler</p> <p>C. Hocking</p>	Some concerns were raised regarding the positioning of the traffic counters. It was noted that they seemed to have been placed in an odd location.
<p>Expanding Focus Areas:</p> <p>R: SEAP & Councillors to attend other municipal localities to expand focus.</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>	SEAP	No Discussion
<p>School Engagement on Alternative Transport:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>01/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.</p>	D. Hicks	An overview of the progress was noted, as provided in the agenda, no further discussion.

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<p>R:= recommendation</p> <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>	D. Hicks	No Discussion
<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>	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>	H Sadler B Hosking D Summers	<p>A brief overview was provided. It was advised that the next steps will include the Mayor raising the issue of the offshore oil and gas exploration for vote at the next LGAT meeting in early 2025.</p> <p>The SEAP group expressed gratitude to the councillors for supporting the motion and its alignment with iCEP.</p>
Stormwater Policy	Council	04/24: first raised	D. Summers	No comments made. Policy to be updated and will be circulated.
<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	05/24: recommendation made to Council and endorsed.	D Hicks D Summers	<p>The group had detailed discussion of the merits of the State of the Environment and how important it would be to receive them per the planned (5 year) timeline.</p> <p>A high level discussion also started on the applicability at a local level, e.g. the actions and priorities of Waratah-Wynyard Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that there was more work to occur before providing a report to Council.</p> <p>Task: D Hicks to circulate collated feedback to date to SEAP group for comment.</p>

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5 NON-ACTIVE ACTIONS – FOR INFORMATION

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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
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

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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
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
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.	COMPLETE - CLOSED

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6 UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next meeting on 18 February 2025 and will be located at Council Chambers.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Review Outstanding Tasks for Closure

A review of the task list occurred. Items that could be closed on the night were closed while others required follow up with absent members out of session to confirm status.

C. Hocking departed 18:47

7.2 General

The Chair posed a question to the panel querying how they felt the process has been working and whether members had any suggestions around how Council could better approach or utilise the membership.

Members have been generally happy to be proactive in pushing ideas and thoughts forward to the Council, though it was suggested that some panel members believed the initial concept was that SEAP would provide advice to Councillors based on questions from Council. It was noted that questions of SEAP had increased, but dually noted that as volunteers there can sometimes be a lot asked in reviewing significant volumes of documentation.

The point raised an issue of level of content in the agenda at times has been prohibitive as membership are unlikely to all have the same level of capacity to review everything all the time. It was noted that this is the first iteration of this type of group, acknowledging that there are some gaps in the terms of reference and clarification around role and this will need to be reviewed, prior to renewal of the SEAP, as planned.

It was suggested that perhaps increased requests from Council (while remaining flexible and proactive) could come through the establishment of an action plan for a future SEAP membership as a start, noting that the current action plan was somewhat developed piecemeal based on the passions of the membership of the time.

8 CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:01