



**ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL**

**MINUTES
OPEN MEETING**

15 July 2024

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 SAUNDERS STREET, WYNYARD ON MONDAY 15 JULY 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.03PM.

	From	To	Time Occupied
Open Council	6.03PM	7.23PM	80MINS
Planning Authority	N/A		
Closed Council	7.23PM	7.29PM	6MINS
Open Council	7.29PM	7.29PM	0MINS
TOTAL TIME OCCUPIED			86MINS

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

The Chairman is to declare the meeting open (time), welcome those present in attendance and advise that the meeting will be recorded, in accordance with the Council Policy '**GOV.017 - Audio Recording of Council Meetings**' to "record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and ensure a true and accurate account of debate and discussion at meetings is available".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Tommeginne people, and to pay our respect to those that have passed before us, their history and their culture.

1.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mary Duniam
Councillor Gary Bramich
Councillor Andrea Courtney
Councillor Kevin Hyland
Councillor Michael Johnstone
Councillor Leanne Raw
Councillor Dillon Roberts

IN ATTENDANCE

Daniel Summers – Acting General Manager
Sallie Moore-Wood – Director Governance and Information Systems
Mitchell Smith – Director Financial Services
Sally Blanc - Executive Officer

1.2 APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards
Shane Crawford – General Manager

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Nil received.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
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2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MOVED BY	CR BRAMICH
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waratah-Wynyard Council held at Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard on Monday 17 June 2024, a copy of which having previously been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, be confirmed as a true record.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor and Agenda Item Number

Nil

Staff and Agenda Item Number

Nil

4.0 COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT

4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR

The Mayor attended the National Government Assembly (2-4 July 2024) and provided the following report:

The theme of this year's NGA was 'Building Community Trust' and as quoted by Cr Linda Scott ALGA President:

As the most trusted level of government, we know trust is an incredibly important foundation, and under threat in democracies around the world today.

We all know that if we are going to continue to deliver in the face of ongoing natural disasters, skills shortages and cost of living pressures, then trust in government, between governments, our institutions and our citizens is fundamentally important.

As the level of government closest to the community we have the best opportunity to bring people together at a grassroots level, and work collaboratively for the public good.

Local government has a crucial part to play in restoring trust in Australian democracy, and without question, investing in local government is an investment in our nation's future.

The 2024 Regional Forum was opened by The Hon Kristy McBain MP (Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories), followed by a host of speakers from both sides of Parliament and all focused strongly on building regions from the bottom up, primarily through strong local government and stronger regions.

The program focused on four key areas:

- **Climate Change and Renewable Energy**

An opportunity to explore with local government the practicalities of securing social license and community engagement around renewable energy projects.

- **Disaster Recovery and Resilience**

A panel session designed to explore current support available for disaster events, resilience during and after disasters, telecommunications and future disaster mitigation challenges.

- **Service Delivery Housing, Communications, Skills and Capacity**

An opportunity to discuss service delivery including skills shortages across the local government sector, the Housing Accord and national homelessness plan and managing an ageing population.

- **Peri-Urban Councils and Regional Cities**

An opportunity for a more open discussion to ascertain the experience and challenges of peri-urban councils and regional cities.

This National Assembly included Business Papers/Motions for debate. The 161 Motions were scrutinised by ALGA and grouped into the following categories:

- Intergovernmental Relations
- Roads and Transport
- Emergency Management
- Housing and Homelessness
- Community Services
- Closing the Gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation
- Environment
- Circular Economy
- Other Issues

A wide variety of speakers (politicians, authors, demographers) presented interesting insights into consumer and social trends, in particular cultural change within Australia and its effects on the role of local government as decision-makers at a local level.

This was an extensive program which provided excellent opportunities for networking beyond our regional and State boundaries identifying common issues and shared interests. Networking provided a strong belief into a common theme that the Australian Government must make a strong commitment to preserving a democratic local government in Australia and rebuild trust in and between all levels of government and community, and to maintain faith in local government decision-making.

4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR JOHNSTONE

That Council note the Mayors Communications:

MAYOR DR MARY DUNIAM	
6/6/24	Meeting re Renewable Energy Zones Consultation
6/6/24	Meeting with Miriam Beswick MP
7/6/24	CCA Executive Committee Meeting
7/6/24	Permission to Trespass winter tourism campaign Official Opening
12/6/24	Tas Libraries Board Meeting
17/6/24	Council Meeting
18/6/24	CCA Representatives Meeting
20/6/24	RDA Committee Meeting
21/6/24	RDA Committee Business Visits
21/6/24	Photo / media Table Cape Lighthouse
24/6/24	Community Conversation Somerset
26/6/24	Larapi Child and Family Learning Centre Official Opening
26/6/24	REZ and ReCFIT meeting
27/6/24	TasWater General Meeting
27/6/24	TasWater Board Selection Committee Meeting
2/7/24	National General Assembly (NGA): Regional Cooperation and Development Forum
2/7/24	ALGWA National Strategic Planning Session
2/7/24	NGA: National Priorities Discussion; including housing, disaster resilience, and energy transition
3-4/7/24	NGA – presentations by Federal Ministers and Keynote Speakers
5/7/24	Australian Council of Local Government Meeting

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

4.3 REPORTS BY DELEGATES

Nil received.

4.4 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

That Council note the following Workshops:

26/6/24	Community Conversation – Somerset Renewable Energy Zones
1/7/24	Doctors Rocks Conservation Area Bill French Memorial Bursary
8/7/24	Fossey Information Bay and HVDRA Cat Management SARAH Group MOU

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

Councillor attendance 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 (updated to 30/6/24)

	Ordinary Meetings 2023/24 (12)	Special Meetings / AGM 2023/24 (1)	Workshops 2023/24 (29)	Community Conversations 2023/24 (5)	Weeks Leave Approved
Mayor Mary Duniam	12	1	28	5	1
Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards	9	1	22	3	8
Cr Gary Bramich	12	1	28	5	0
Cr Andrea Courtney	10	1	23	3	0
Cr Kevin Hyland	12	1	28	5	0
Cr Michael Johnstone	12	1	29	5	0
Cr Leanne Raw	10	1	29	4	2
Cr Dillon Roberts	12	1	28	5	0

Councillor Allowances and Expenses 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024				
	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillors	TOTAL
Councillor Allowances	59,939	30,681	102,756	193,375
Communications Allowance	1,000	917	6,000	7,916
Travel Expenses	0	0	1,452.33	1,452.33

Annual Report On Councillor Learning and Development Program

Councillors are required to complete a Professional Development program developed by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

The Learning and Development Framework includes three online learning packages:

1. **LEARNING PACKAGE 1:**

- Module 1 - What it means to be a councillor and encouraging nomination;
- Module 2 - Getting elected – information about the electoral process; and
- Councils are also encouraged to provide information about their own municipal area.

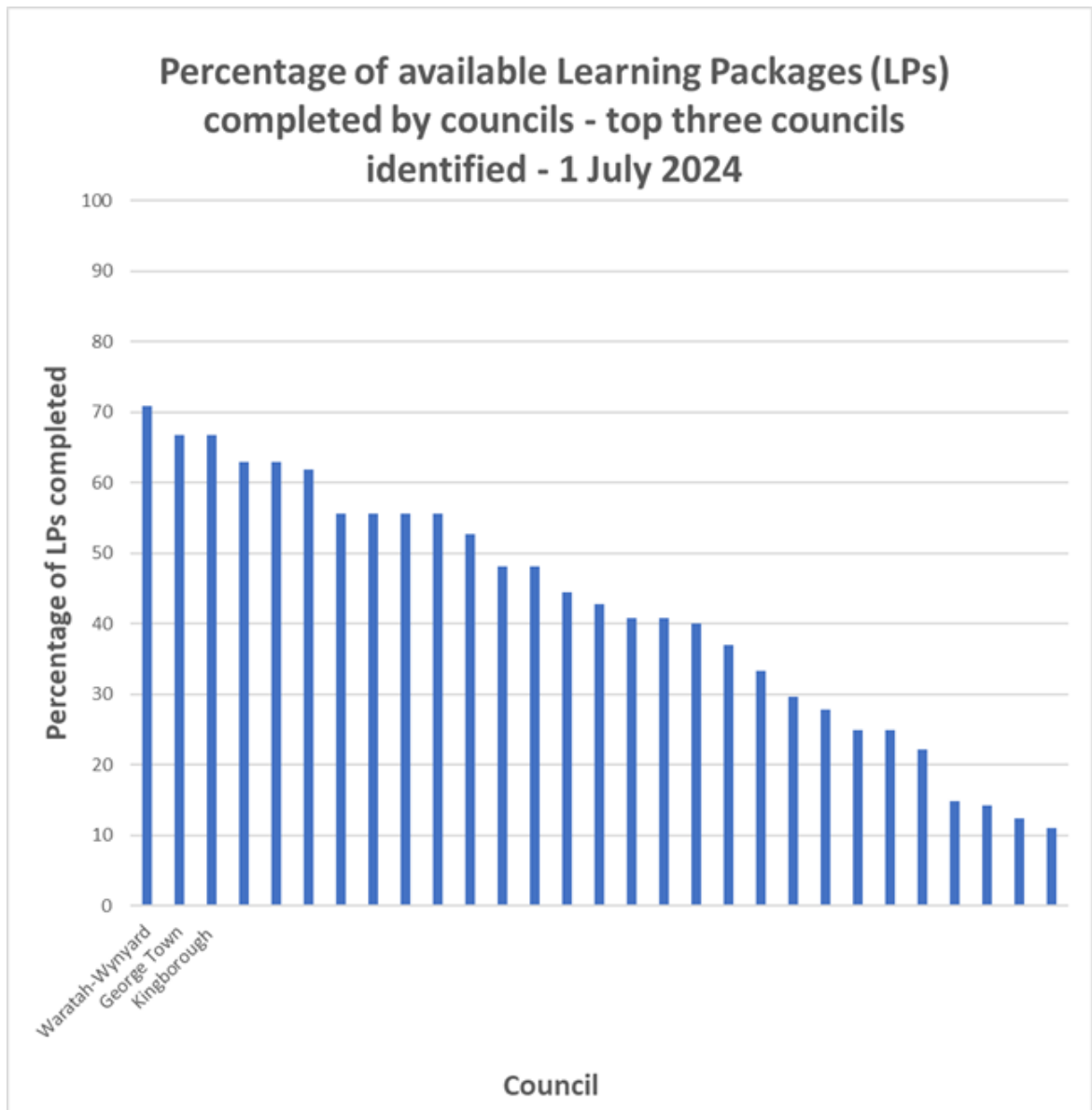
2. **LEARNING PACKAGE 2:**

- Module 1 – Role and responsibilities of councillors;
- Module 2 - Essential knowledge and skills for councillors;
- Module 3 - Foundations of good governance; and
- Know your council (council-run sessions).

3. **LEARNING PACKAGE 3:**

- Consists of several modules which will provide detailed information about good governance principles and elements as set out in the Good Governance Guide and other important topics.
- The first three modules include:
 - Module 1 – Good governance – understanding your role;
 - Module 2 – Good governance – building positive relationships;
 - Module 3 – Cyber Safety Essentials;
 - Module 4 – Good governance – good decision-making; and
 - Module 5 – Good governance – land-use planning:
 - Part A – Key players in Land-use planning;
 - Part B – Tasmanian Planning System; and
 - Part C – Statutory planning.

The below tables shows that this Council is leading the way in completion of the training.



The below table shows Councillors individual progress through the training with a significant increase in completion rates from the last report.

MODULE	TITLE	NAME	PERCENT COMPLETE
Councillor - LP1	Mayor	Mary Duniam (Dr)	100
Councillor - LP2	Mayor	Mary Duniam (Dr)	100
Councillor - LP3	Mayor	Mary Duniam (Dr)	61
Councillor - LP1	Deputy Mayor	Celisa Edwards	100
Councillor - LP2	Deputy Mayor	Celisa Edwards	100
Councillor - LP3	Deputy Mayor	Celisa Edwards	100
Councillor - LP1	Councillor	Gary Bramich	100
Councillor - LP2	Councillor	Gary Bramich	100
Councillor - LP3	Councillor	Gary Bramich	100
Councillor - LP1	Councillor	Andrea Courtney	50
Councillor - LP2	Councillor	Andrea Courtney	0
Councillor - LP3	Councillor	Andrea Courtney	0
Councillor - LP1	Councillor	Kevin Hyland	100
Councillor - LP2	Councillor	Kevin Hyland	100
Councillor - LP3	Councillor	Kevin Hyland	100
Councillor - LP1	Councillor	Michael Johnstone	100
Councillor - LP2	Councillor	Michael Johnstone	100
Councillor - LP3	Councillor	Michael Johnstone	100
Councillor - LP1	Councillor	Leanne Raw	100
Councillor - LP2	Councillor	Leanne Raw	100
Councillor - LP3	Councillor	Leanne Raw	86
Councillor - LP1	Councillor	Dillon Roberts	100
Councillor - LP2	Councillor	Dillon Roberts	70
Councillor - LP3	Councillor	Dillon Roberts	0

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

5.1 RESPONSE(S) TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil received.

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

C SMITH - PICKLEBALL FACILITIES

5.3.1

Mr Colin smith of Wynyard asked the following questions:

1. Will Council provide independent oversight and transparency of the two indoor sporting facilities within our municipality, ensuring adequate and fair playing time for all sports.
2. The proposed Somerset Sporting Precinct Plan has a fourth basketball court being considered; what consideration has been given to providing this fourth court in Wynyard where there is a greater population and can representatives of Wynyard Basketball and Wynyard Pickleball be included on the Wynyard Sports Precinct working group so they can be included in future community sporting decisions.
3. The Somerset Sports Precinct Plan mentions relocation of Somerset Tennis Court, what plans does the council have for the old facilities and would they consider providing this facility to the Wynyard Pickleball Club providing outdoor courts which would reduce the amount of indoor court requirements.

The Acting General Manager noted that the current agreements for the indoor facilities were due for review and points raised could be included in that review.

He also noted the Somerset Sports Precinct plan was currently out for public consultation and this feedback should be included and that the Wynyard Sports Precinct working group can look at including reps from two sports mentioned.

5.3.2 R KRABBE - COMMUNITY BASED INCOME

Robin Krabbe of Wynyard asked the following questions:

1. A question was asked directly to Councillor Courtney, if her proposal (detailed in Motion on this agenda) is the same as the Community Based Income model, if there is a difference, what is the difference?
2. Dr Krabbe noted that a key part of the project is to offer meaningful work and asked if council would consider allowing staff to do Corporate Volunteering.

Cr Courtney answered the first questions that the two proposals were not quite the same and didn't believe a community group should be deciding who is eligible and that council

should start the conversation with the Federal Government to ensure all of the community is helped.

The Mayor took the second question on notice.

5.3.3 C FOSTER - CIVIL WORKS OLD BASS HIGHWAY

Chloe Foster of Boat Harbour Beach asked that while (the Coastal Pathway) under construction will council undertake remedial works including removal of a minimum 1 layer of rocks, and removal of substantial portion of rocks on the beach, perhaps with introduction of supportive landscaping in collaborative consultation with those affected.

The Acting General Manager advised that matter would need to be taken to a Councillor Workshop for discussion given the amount of information that needs to be considered and multiple agencies coordinated with to make any decisions.

5.4 PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

5.5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE

5.5.1 C SMITH - PICKLEBALL FACILITIES

Mr Smith of Calder made the following statement:

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis using a paddle and plastic ball with holes. It is the fastest growing sport worldwide with over 25 million people playing Pickleball in the US alone. It has been estimated that by 2026 there will be more than 1 million pickleball players in Australia and within 10 years it will be an Olympic sport.

Although the average age player is around 58 years old, it is a through life sport, suitable for ages 5 - 90+ with varying skill levels. It has gained huge popularity due to almost anyone being able to play, its low cost, not physically strenuous at the lower levels, and has a low injury rate. It is heavily participated in by our older community members.

Pickleball is a social activity bringing a vast cross section of the community together fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie among players and assists with isolation, mental health and wellbeing issues.

The Wynyard Pickleball Club has approximately 50 members.
We play at the Wynyard Indoor Sports Centre on:

Thursdays	10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Saturdays	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesdays	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (which we are about to lose)

Our Club has recently turned one and has been growing steadily, however we are having trouble retaining newcomers as we are unable to acquire sufficient playing time.

As you may be aware the Tasmanian Masters Games are being hosted on the NW Coast 18 – 20 Oct. At the previous Tasmanian Masters Games Pickleball was the most supported of all the sports on offer. Several members from the Wynyard Club are not only playing in the games but also part of the steering committee organising them. Now that we have lost our Tuesday night training time, these Wynyard players will struggle to adequately prepare for the Masters Games.

Currently the Waratah Wynyard Municipal Area supports two Basketball Clubs and their associated teams. Booking for both the Wynyard and Somerset Indoor sports facilities has been outsourced from the council to two people associated with these two Clubs. Consequently, bookings for these facilities are totally bias and dependent on the desires of these clubs and associated teams, at the expense of any other sporting activities.

Blanket bookings are being placed 'just in case' they want to use them (Saturday mornings prior to 11:00 am). Should you turn up on occasions when you have been told the facility is being used by Basketball, you will find it empty, or possibly find one teenager shooting hoops with a parent or coach! 30 plus other people (rate payers) are being prevented from utilising the facility just in case an individual decides to practice. Surely this is underutilising this resource and not considered good business practice. Other sporting activities are no longer played in Wynyard due to not being able to book the facilities (volleyball).

When attempting to book the Somerset facility, which has two basketball courts, for an ongoing two-hour session of an evening during the week, I was told that nothing was available, the only free time offered was weekdays during business hours. This was not negotiable!

A little success was achieved with the Wynyard facility with some selected Tuesday evening bookings being made. This Tuesday booking has now been taken away from us again to allow more basketball, a new Smithton, Wynyard, Somerset comp.

These facilities are Community Sporting Facilities and not exclusive Basketball facilities. We only ask for a commitment of 6 hours a week which allows Basketball to have all the rest (no other sports played at Wynyard), surely this is not too much to ask for.

Council provided a grant to assist in the raising of the Wynyard Pickleball Club, which was greatly appreciated. This grant will be in vain however should the Club fail due to not being able to achieve appropriate playing time.

This issue has been raised with Council before, through one of our elected members direct to the GM. This elected member is actively involved with Basketball themselves, so for them to raise the issue with the GM shows just how unfair the current system is. Response from Council was to negotiate with the Basketball representatives.

With today's current technology it is hard to understand why bookings for these facilities are not conducted online. Why they are not supervised by an independent party (Council), making them transparent so that rate payers can see exactly when and who are utilising their community sporting facilities.

The council is about to embark on a major sporting upgrade in the Somerset area. Your current management and booking system do not support 4 of the 5 Key Objectives of the Somerset Sports Precinct Plan.

Key Objective No: 1 Opportunity for greater participation is not being met due to the current management/booking of the facilities.

Key Objective No: 2 Increased utilisation through consolidation & shared use. Again, this is not being met due to the current system in place.

Key Objective No: 3 Lifelong participation in health & wellbeing activities. Pickleball is a through life sport and our Club has struggled to achieve adequate playing time at either of our indoor sporting facilities due to the current management system.

Key Objective No: 5 Sustainable and cost effective. The more groups that can utilise these facilities the more sustainable and cost effective they become. As mentioned before some sports are no longer played due to not being able to gain a booking.

5.5.1 R KRABBE - COUNCIL SUPPORT COMMUNITY BASED INCOME PROJECT

Robin Krabbe of Wynyard made a statement regarding the Live Well Community Based Income (CBI) project to encourage Council firstly, as much as possible, to help promote the Community Based Income project, such as lobbying politicians (perhaps via the Cradle Coast Authority).

Secondly, we wish to encourage Council to provide representation for the Social Activation Project, which aims to show that the CBI model is an effective way of mobilising resources for projects that increase resilience, health and wellbeing and community capacity. This would not involve much of a commitment from Council but shows to the community that Council is willing to engage in projects that benefit the community.

5.5.3 C FOSTER - CIVIL WORKS AT OLD BASS HIGHWAY (COASTAL PATHWAY WORKS)

Chloe Foster of Boat Harbour Beach made a statement regarding the impact of Coastal Erosion works as part of the Coastal Pathway construction at 207-221 Old Bass Highway Doctors Rocks.

She noted the concern and disappointment of residents regarding recent civil works which have negatively impacted local recreation, access to the beach and loss of beach area, impact on wildlife and in addition have caused a likely loss of property value for the homes impacted.

6.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY ITEMS

THERE ARE NO PLANNING ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

7.0 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**7.1 RESPONSE(S) TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING****7.1.1 CR BRAMICH - CBD PLAZA BIRD ISSUES****QUESTION**

Cr Gary Bramich asked if there was anything that could be done to stop birds making a mess on floor boards in the undercover area in the CBD Plaza.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services took the question on notice.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Most urban bird deterrent technologies involve either preventing a perched position (physical implements) or deterring presence via noise emitting devices. Unfortunately, none of the market available options appear to be a cost-effective solution for the undercover area in the CBD plaza.

Physical deterrents are not likely to be successful at this location as birds congregate on the plaza ground surface that is intended to be used by pedestrians of all physical abilities. Any noise emitting devices might also be a detriment to the ambience and use of the public space.

Additionally, any ultra sonic bird repellent devices, that emit noise beyond the human spectrum of hearing are reported to have mixed results and may also be beyond the spectrum of hearing for many bird species. It is highly likely that an ultrasonic bird repellent device, however, would be a detriment to assistance dogs and other dogs in this public space.

Note: *this question was asked at the June 2024 Council meeting in the Closed Meeting. It does not meet Section 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and is therefore listed in the Open session of this meeting.*

7.1.2 CR BRAMICH - AMENITIES AT FOSSEY INFORMATION BAY**QUESTION**

Cr Gary Bramich asked that council invite a Department of State Growth representative to a Workshop to discuss his concerns about the proposed new amenities at the Fossey Information Bay and whether they can be relocated to the Waratah turn off.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Representatives from the Department of State Growth and their consultants, Pitta nd Sherry, attended a Council workshop on 8 July 2024 to present the current designs for proposed upgrades to the Fossey Information Bay.

7.1.3 CR COURTNEY - PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE (WHISTLE BLOWER) PROTECTION

QUESTION

Cr Andrea Courtney asked if council could seek a response to the following questions:

1. How many people have lodged Public Interest Disclosure forms and how many have been protected since the inception of Whistle Blowers protections (*In Tasmania this is the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*).
2. If an assessment of a Public Interest Disclosure request is not completed by a Manager, Dept. Secretary or Minister within the required timeframe what are the ramifications.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The following response was received from the Ombudsman's Office on 2 July 2024:

"The annual reports prepared by Ombudsman Tasmania include details about the number of disclosures received by Ombudsman Tasmania under the *Public Interest disclosures Act 2002* (the PID Act) each year. The annual reports are available on the Ombudsman website and detail the number of disclosures assessed to be public interest disclosures by the Ombudsman.

Section 33 of the PID Act requires that a public body complete an assessment of a potential disclosure within 45 days of having received the disclosure. The public body must advise the person who made the disclosure and the Ombudsman of whether the disclosure is assessed to be a public interest disclosure within 14 days of making that determination. The PID Act does not contain any specific powers that allow the Ombudsman to take specific action should this time frame not be met."

7.1.4 CR COURTNEY - BURNIE CBD FUNDING

QUESTION

Cr Andrea Courtney asked what funding stream or grant did Burnie City Council receive the \$17.3 million Burnie CBD upgrade funding from and can this Council apply for same funding towards parking upgrades.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

According to the Burnie City Council website they were able to "*successfully lobby for funding during the recent State Government elections and we are grateful to have received funding of \$17.3 million from the Tasmanian Government to commence implementing the Plan once developed*"

7.2 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

7.3 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

7.3.1 CR COURTNEY - PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Cr Andrea Courtney asked if it was possible to request a workshop with Legislative Councillors to discuss the Public Interest Disclosure Act and whether it is protecting members of the public.

The question was taken on notice.

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

8.1 CR COURTNEY - ROAD MARKING

Enclosures: Nil

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Waratah-Wynyard Council has a road network of over 540kms of roads, about 290kms of which is sealed. A good portion of the sealed roads also rely upon line marking at junctions, centre lines or other locations to safely guide traffic movements.

At times, particularly during rain events at night, this line marking is difficult for motorists to see and safely navigate.

News of a photoluminescent trial of line marking in Victoria may point to a safety improvement that could be explored for Waratah-Wynyard roads.

In the past, Cr Bramich has advocated for similar line marking improvements and successfully moved a motion in May 2015 with the same intent which was: -

MOVED BY	CR BRAMICH
SECONDED BY	CR FRIEDERSDORFF

That the Council:

- 1. write to the Federal and State Ministers responsible for Transport to request that consideration be given to changing the colour of road marking from white to yellow to enable improved safety for motorists in both day and night-time conditions, particularly when the road surface has become wet because of rain; and**
- 2. Propose that the transition from white to yellow road marking occur over a number of years as part of re-marking programs and the construction of new roads.**
- 3. That the RACT be contacted and advise them of the request and seek their support.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED unanimously

IN FAVOUR

MAYOR WALSH		CR BRAMICH	CR DUNIAM
CR FAIRBROTHER	CR FRIEDERSDORFF		CR WRIGHT

OFFICERS COMMENT

At this stage Council’s understanding via news publications is that trials of photoluminescent line markings have been undertaken in Victoria on regional roads.

To give proper consideration as per the intent of the motion, an investigation of feasibility, including but not limited to effectiveness, any potential for environmental impact, cost and performance would be required. Reference to the trials in Victoria is a logical starting point.

A concurrent action of Council, that was passed at the May 2024 meeting has the potential to aid and be complimentary to this objective, along with past efforts, to see investigation of alternate road line marking for better outcomes:

OFFICERS COMMENT

The proposed memorandum of understanding is consistent with Council's service aim for Roads and could provide resources and promotional opportunities to improve community road safety awareness and outcomes.

MOVED BY	MAYOR DUNIAM
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That Council investigate the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Waratah-Wynyard Council and the SARAH Group (SAFER AUSTRALIAN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS).

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED unanimously.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	CR EDWARDS
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

MOVED BY	CR COURTNEY
SECONDED BY	CR BRAMICH

That Council undertake a trial introduction of photoluminescent paint when road marking.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

8.2 CR COURTNEY - CONDITIONAL BASIC INCOME

Enclosures: Nil

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In a recent report from Anglicare Australia, reported on by the ABC Australia, there appears to be ample evidence that the current payment system is failing Australians.

The report stated that "Australians on JobSeeker and other welfare payments are being left with little money to pay bills or other incidental expenses after covering the cost of weekly essentials, a detailed new report shows.

A single person out of work and living in a shared house has an average of just \$127 of income each week after covering three core weekly expenses — rent, transport and food. The latest edition of [Anglicare Australia's cost-of-living index](#), released today, also shows that a single-parent household on the Parenting Payment would have just \$24 remaining each week after covering basic living costs."

Anglicare used survey data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics to calculate grocery and transport costs, and listings from RealEstate.com.au to calculate average rents.

The analysis does not account for quarterly or monthly expenses, meaning the leftover income would be needed to cover power and internet bills, as well as incidental outlays for medical costs or household repairs.

"It has never been harder to live on JobSeeker and other Centrelink payments, with living costs spiralling and rent costing more than ever," Anglicare Australia Executive Director Kasey Chambers said.

Ms Chambers said the government must raise the rate of the payments. "Without action, people will be pushed even deeper into hardship, poverty and homelessness," she said. Posted by AAP/ABC 13 Jun 2024.

We have job agency networks, created by the Howard Government, that have systematically failed to deliver benefits, as per ABC report after an extensive Federal Inquiry.

Australia used to have a federally funded "employment service" that found jobs for people across the country. It was established in 1946, and it helped successive governments deliver full employment for three decades after World War II. But it was eventually privatised.

In 1998, the Howard government introduced the Job Network, which encouraged independent providers from the private and community sectors to compete to find jobs for the unemployed, helping the old government-run service to die a slow death.

It also intensified the use of "mutual obligations", which force unemployed Australians to do often pointless activities in return for receiving unemployment assistance.

According to the OECD, that was a "radical transformation" of employment service delivery "without parallel in OECD countries". Twenty-five years later, where did it lead? "It should not be controversial to conclude that that full marketisation has failed," a new parliamentary report argues.

A failed experiment, and a new blueprint?

After an extensive inquiry, initiated by the Albanese government after its 2022 federal election win, a Labor-dominated parliamentary committee has called for Australia's employment services system to be completely rebuilt. Its 650-page report was released on Thursday. It says experts have repeatedly identified failings in Australia's 25-year experiment with an outsourced quasi-market system for employment services.

It says the system will cost \$9.5 billion over the next four years, making it the largest single government procurement outside of defence, but it's not delivering. It says after two decades of outsourcing, the Australian public service now has little corporate memory or experience of the complexities of employment service delivery so it can't even judge if the billion-dollar contracts it awards to the private sector are buying value for money.

"The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations ... is largely detached from regional labour markets and local communities and the day-to-day reality of supporting unemployed people back into work," the report says.

It also claims the system is driven by the pernicious myth of the "dole bludger", which assumes that all jobseekers are lazy and seeking to exploit the system and frames unemployment as a personal choice.

In short, it argues Australia used to have an effective and coherent national employment services system decades ago, but not anymore."

Posted 2 Dec 2023 Dec 2023, updated 4 Dec 2023

There are numerous studies that show when communities have high poverty rates, there are higher rates of crime, higher rates of domestic violence, less social participation, increased rates of anti-social behaviour, poorer health outcomes and greater mental health distress.

This puts pressure on our Justice systems, our Health systems, and makes it harder for our Education systems to engage our youth. Driving costs up in all these Departments. Not to mention funding Job Agencies, and an extensive network of community programs, to deal with the social issues poverty creates.

There is a better way to address these systemic issues and relieving the financial burden these issues place on our departments.

Address the root cause. And end poverty. Re-engage our community members.

I believe, a conditional basic income, given to any resident who chooses to participate in the program, has the potential to show that there is a better way to address these systemic issues, failing our community.

If we propose that anyone who meets the minimum hours of participation through either:

- Studying
- Volunteering
- Working
- Or in a carers role

Is provided a payment, by the Federal Government that lifts them above the poverty rates for a trial period of 3 years.

During which, anyone other Centrelink payments in the trial site catchment, will be deferred, and all participants will be on the new “conditional trial payment”.

At the end of the 3 years period, the Federal government can review the flow on effect of benefits to the Judicial, Health, Education and Social Welfare systems, to assess if this would be better means of addressing system social issues.

The risk to Council is minimal, at best, as there would be minimal cost from the rate payers, with great benefit to all in the community who choose to participate in the program, bringing greater social benefit for our area, who have endured gross underfunding on the North West in Education. And more, recently, gross understaffing in Child Protection Services.

To alleviate poverty, during a cost of living crisis, and ease the costs on our state agencies, providing evidence of the benefits of this trial for the Federal Government to consider as an alternative to the current methods, which as evidenced, are failing to deliver.

OFFICERS COMMENT

In December 2023 Councillor Courtney moved a motion that Council investigate partnership and funding opportunities for Waratah-Wynyard to be a pilot site for a trial of Basic Universal Income. Currently Livewell Tasmania (LWT) has a steering group to implement a trial of a Participation Income in Northwest Tasmania, with Cr Raw on the Steering Committee. Council received a workshop briefing from Live Well Tasmania on this matter on 31 July 2023 and again after the movement of Councillor Courtney’s motion on 9 December 2023.

Universal Basic Income (UBI) is a social welfare concept where all citizens receive a regular, unconditional sum of money from the government, regardless of their employment status or income. The idea is to provide a financial safety net, reduce poverty, and ensure everyone has a basic standard of living.

A Participation Income (PI) or Community Based Income (CBI) is defined as an income which is sufficient to sustain a decent standard of living, available without punitive conditions and paid to a participant who contributes directly or indirectly to their community (and/or to their own health and wellbeing).

A PI is a slightly different to a Universal Basic income, which is universal (paid without a means test), unconditional (no requirements such as Job Search) and adequate (set at a high enough income to protect against poverty). Both a PI and a UBI can replace all existing support payments

The LWT model involves the community co-designing the details of the trial, hence has a further benefit of building community capacity. The LWT links with outcomes that have been identified in the Health and Wellbeing, Age Friendly Communities and Youth Plans and links well with many other Council plans.

On receipt of the Notice of Motion from Councillor Courtney, Live Well Tasmania was approached for an update on their project and the following was provided:

Update to Waratah-Wynyard Council of Live Well Tasmania's - Community Based income Project: July 2024

The Community Based Income (CBI) project aims to gain commonwealth government funding for a three trial of CBI in North-West Tasmania/the Waratah-Wynyard municipality.

CBI involves paying a liveable income to in the first instance those who are unemployed instead of the current Job Seeker payment, in return for engaging in an activity such as education and training, caring for those who need care, and/or a community project which both benefits the community, and increases the health and wellbeing of the participants.

A CBI is not managed by government, instead it is managed by a Community Alliance comprised of local people committed to improving the health and wellbeing of local people, improving local socio-economic outcomes and increasing the liveability of our towns. Specifically the CBI aims to reduce and eliminate poverty, eliminate unemployment, replace a non-fit for purpose welfare system, and mobilise resources for much needed local community projects, run by local people, for local people.

Our recent activities include:

- We have further refined our theory of change, to summarise it briefly we believe that positive social change happens when supportive and benevolent relationships are prioritised in any system*
- We continue to meet with politicians, who have been very supportive of the project*
- We are currently producing two video's, one an introduction to CBI, and the other a more detailed explanation of how it would work. We have secured a professional video maker to make the video's, as well as a Tasmania celebrity to feature in the first video (to be confirmed)*
- Live Well Tasmania has received funding for a separate project called the Social Activation Project (SAP). This involves a community building approach of firstly convening a meeting of all interested individuals and organisations from the Waratah-Wynyard area who have an interest in improving the health and wellbeing of all residents, and more specifically focusing on our young people. A long list of community projects will be produced as a result of this meeting, and from other forms of community consultation (surveys and semi-structured interviews). Four participants will then be paid an allowance to help decide on and co-design two or three projects from the long list and help to deliver the projects. We will conduct an evaluation of the project to see how well it met the aims of the project.*
- The SAP project will act as a proof of concept for the CBI project, that is, that a Community Alliance (that is, the Social Activation Panel) can work effectively together to identify community projects of benefit to the community and that improve the health and wellbeing of participants, including receiving extra money to help reduce financial distress. It will also*

highlight that these projects can be effectively delivered while providing a positive experience for participants, and building their skills, including self-esteem and pride in helping their community.

It is recommended that Council continues to support the Live Well Tasmania project to investigate partnership and funding opportunities for a trial of Participation Income in Northwest Tasmania. Councils fill gaps and needs in the community, and in this case, the need is already being progressed by an external agency.

Based on the project update provided by Live Well Tasmania above, there is no need for Council to extend any further involvement at this time.

MOVED BY	CR COURTNEY
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That Council initiate and engage in discussions with the relevant Federal Members, in order to volunteer our municipal area to be a pilot/trial site for Conditional Basic Income, as an alternative to current Federal programs in order to study the Social and Community and Personal Health Benefits on our community.

The MOTION was put and was LOST.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY		
	CR ROBERTS		

AGAINST

		MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND		CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

THE MANAGER FINACIAL SERVICES LEFT THE CHAMBERS AT 6.59PM

THE MANAGER FINACIAL SERVICES RETURNED TO THE CHAMBERS AT 7.02PM

CR COURTNEY LEFT THE MEETING AT 7.04PM - UNWELL

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

9.1 ANNUAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT - 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Information Management Officer
Responsible Manager: Director Governance and Information Systems
Report Date: 3 July 2024
File Reference: Corporate Management - Planning
Enclosures: 1. Annual Plan Progress Report - 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024



PURPOSE

This report is provided as a final update on the Annual Plan actions for the year ending 30 June 2024.

By providing a regular update, Council can see how the organisation is tracking in the delivery of commitments made to the community through the Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Plan and Budget Estimates is developed by Council each year, outlining key activities and initiatives for the year.

The Council adopted the 2023/24 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 19 June 2023.

The strategic planning framework guides Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term (Our Mission, Vision & Values), medium term (Strategic Plan) and short term (Annual Plan and Budget Estimates) and holds itself accountable through the Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report.

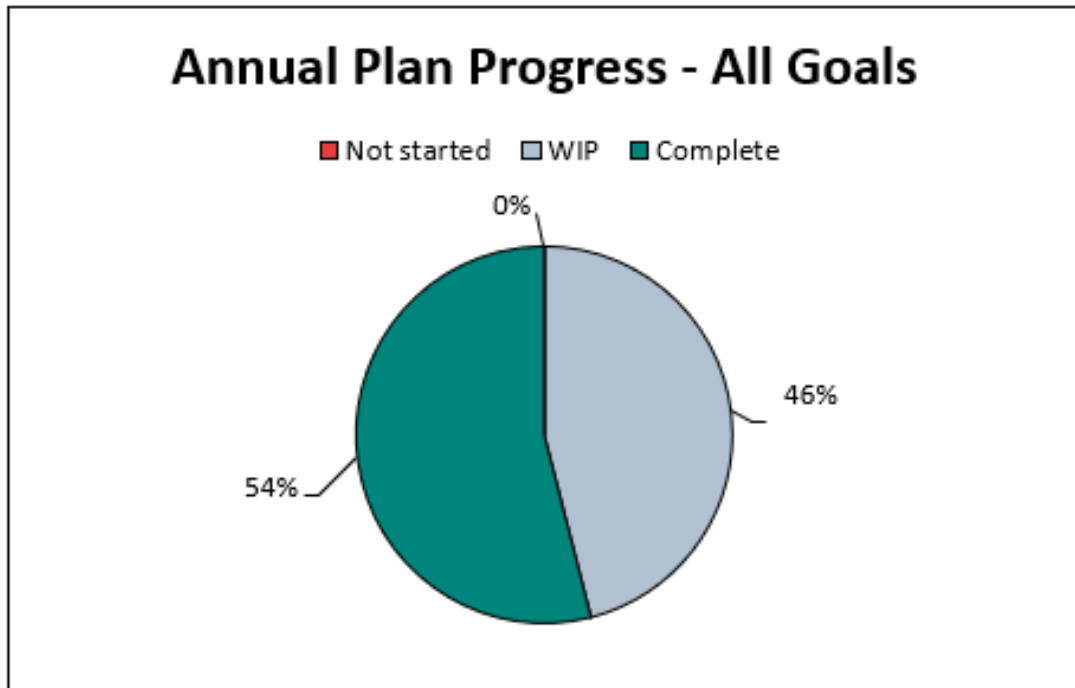
The activities and initiatives included in the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Strategic Plan.

DETAILS

The attached report provides a progress report of actions against Council's 2023/24 Annual Plan.

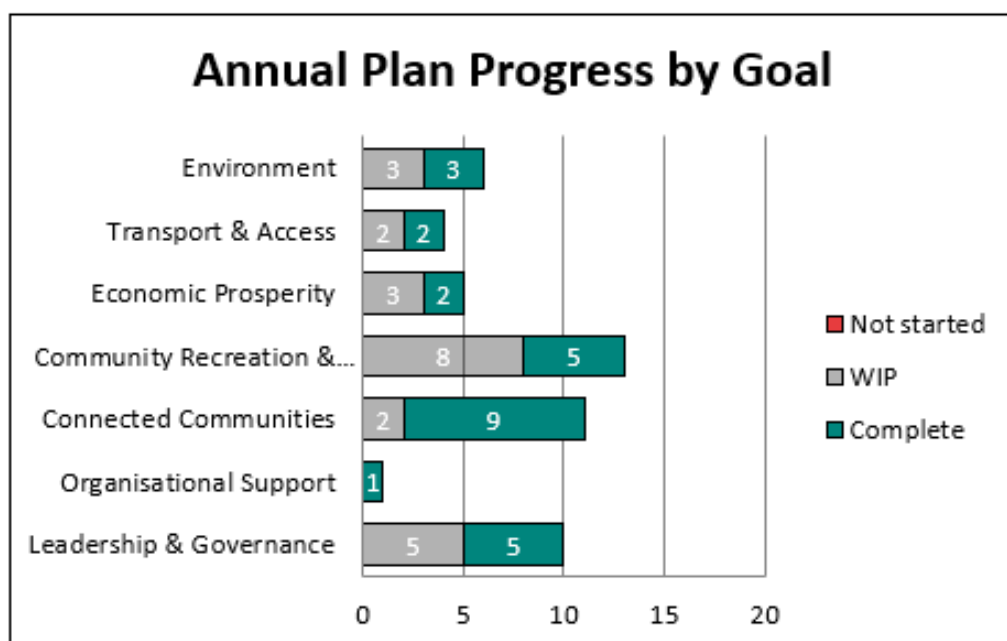
As at 30 June 2024, 23 actions are in progress (46%) and 27 actions have been completed (54%).

There was a total of 50 actions adopted in the Annual Plan and Budget. The below graphs present overall progress of the actions to date.



- 27 actions are completed
- 8 actions at least 90% of monthly target
- 4 actions between 70% – 90% complete
- 10 actions at less than 70% complete
- 1 ongoing action

The following graph outlines progress against each of Council’s strategic goals:



Outstanding Actions Progress 2023/24:

Status on actions which remain uncompleted from the 2023/24 financial year, is provided below -

Action	Progress
Warawyn Early Years Reconciliation Action Plan	Completed Reconciliation Action Plan with Narragunnawali awaiting endorsement.
Council Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)	Adopted at June Council meeting. Awaiting Reconciliation Australia endorsement.
Frederick Street Sports Complex Master Plan	Final draft version nearing completion.
Year two actions of the Waratah Community Plan 2022-2025	Works continuing. Two shelters to be completed early in the financial year (weather permitting).
Table Cape Lookout Amenities	Architects moving forward with design concept following presentation to Council workshop.
Workforce Development Plan	Early work is underway on a broad organisational document. Many departments are well advanced in plan development.
Sisters Beach Playground	Tender for design and construction on July Agenda.
Waratah Lake Playground	Detailed design and installation to occur 2024/25.
Wynyard Sporting Precinct Master Plan	Work currently ongoing and nearing completion.
Construction of Coastal Pathway	Asphalt works progressing. Revetment structures programmed for July 2024.
Stormwater modelling for urban catchments	Consultant services being procured to complete.
Upgrade Stormwater Infrastructure Somerset	Tender awarded. Anticipating summer 2024 completion.
Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan	Proposing to tender early July 2024.
Actions of the Integrated Council Environment Plan (iCEP)	Work continuing into the 2024/25 period.
Review of Waratah Services	Will carry forward and progress in 2024/25 with completion expected June 2025.
Electric car charging stations	EOI's have been sought.
Penguin viewing experiences	Draft Plan nearing completion.

Outstanding Actions Progress 2022/23:

Status on actions which remained uncompleted from the 2022/23 financial year, as reported at the August 2023 meeting is provided below -

Action	Progress
East Wynyard Foreshore Masterplan	Completed. The new boardwalk works have been finalised.
Erosion Mitigation - Somerset	It has been resolved to progress the second option of the Alluvium report to provide foreshore protection in this area, being mass planting and sand management. Propagation of seedling to facilitate planting is underway.
Cam River Masterplan	Completed. Public Art installed.
Rural Road Network Improvements	Completed.
Camp Creek Biodiversity Project	In partnership with Wynyard Landcare, early work regarding the Camp Creek Rehabilitation project has started with planting to occur.
Bushfire Risks For Settlement Areas	Risk assessments have occurred for the Somerset area and actions are being taken to mitigate identified risks.
Sustainable Murchison Plan Review	Review was deferred until local government reform process has progressed to decision.
Yolla Public Toilet	Construction to occur during 2024/25.
Enclosed Dog Exercise Area	Progressing negotiations with Wynyard Show Society about establishment of site at showgrounds however progress remains slow due to crown land approval process. Tender has been awarded with works to be completed early July 2024.
Waratah Community Hub Upgrades	Completed.
Waratah Rail Bridge	Works completed.
Big Creek Flood Mitigation Works	Investigation into alternative design options is being undertaken to provide a more effect flood mitigation outcome.
Port Creek Flood Mitigation Works	95% complete awaiting TasWater services relocation.
Ballad Avenue Use	Council has determined not to proceed with recreational infrastructure on the site and are working with the Sustainability Environmental Advisory Panel on plans for the site.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The Annual Plan is prepared as part of the Budget Estimate process and is required under the Local Government Act 1993:

71. Annual plan
- (1) A council is to prepare an annual plan for the municipal area for each financial year.
 - (2) An annual plan is to –
 - (a) be consistent with the strategic plan; and
 - (b) include a statement of the manner in which the council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; and
 - (c) include a summary of the estimates adopted under section 82; and
 - (d) include a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the council's public health goals and objectives. The Annual Plan is part of a larger strategic planning framework.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

The plan is consistent with the Waratah-Wynyard Corporate Strategic Plan 2017/27 and the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040.

Council Strategy or Plan	Date Adopted:
Annual Plan and Budget Estimates 2022/23	19 June 2023

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Council provides quarterly reports as part of the Council meeting process to ensure Councillors and the public can see progress against annual plan actions.

CONCLUSION

That Council note the 2023/24 Annual Plan Action Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND



That Council note the 2023/24 Annual Plan Progress Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.2 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FRAMEWORK - STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT AND POLICY UPDATE

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Governance Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Governance and Information Systems
Report Date:	24 June 2024
File Reference:	Children and Young People
Enclosures:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Safeguarding Children and Young People - Proposed Statement of Commitment 2. Revised Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy (GOV.040) 

PURPOSE

Council has been closely monitoring the development of the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Bill* since 2022, a response to recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. On 13 June 2023, the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023* was enacted, imposing new obligations on councils.

To date all staff information sessions and mandatory on-site training have been completed. An internal working group meets regularly to work through implementing the ten (10) Child and Youth Safe Standards with an active action list monitoring progress. A workshop has been held in relation to a photo policy with further work to be undertaken around the development of guidelines for Working with Vulnerable People cards.

As part of working through the standards, it was recognised Council is required to adopt a formal Statement of Commitment in relation to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People that will be publicly available on Council's website and for inclusion in documentation where relevant.

A staff workshop was held to work through the Statement of Commitment which has Senior Management endorsement.

BACKGROUND

On 13 June 2023, the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023* was passed by Parliament. This new legislation imposes new requirements for councils to comply with.

DETAILS

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy defines Waratah-Wynyard Council's commitment to creating and maintaining a Child Safe Organisation. The policy has been updated with the proposed Statement of Commitment being the only amendment to the original policy which was endorsed by Council in January 2024.

Implementing this policy was the first step in becoming a child safe organisation. The policy alone does not mean obligations under the legislation are met. Significant further work is still required including reviewing and updating a number of internal policies and procedures, delivering staff and elected member training, and embedding child and youth safe practices across all aspects of the organisation.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

Adherence to the *Interim Compliance Guidance for Organisations* from the Department of Justice for the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework by outlining specific steps organisations can take to indicate they are complying with the Child and Youth Safe Standards and Universal Principles, as well as ideas and inspiration for how to take extra steps into the future.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
1.4 We cherish fairness, trust and honesty in our conduct and dealings with all.
Our Priorities
13.1 Facilitate the meeting of community needs through strong advocacy and local and regional collaboration for shared outcomes.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Business & Industry	Specialised diversity of the economy – Value adding, diversification, innovation and employment. A resilient economy with global brand recognition and growing exports.
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Education	Lifelong learning and education – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Significant Council time and resources for implementation including regular police checks.

Indicative investigation costs based on working with an external investigator are estimated to be \$2,500-\$15,000, depending on the complexity of the investigation.

Other financial implications as per risk implications.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Failure to comply with the Act risks harm to children and young people.

Organisation can be subject to a fine of up to \$70,200 for every breach, and in the case of the General Manager failing to make a report, the General Manager can be subject to a fine of up to \$23,400.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Department of Justice, LGAT, Page Seager Lawyers (LG Professionals), Executive Management Team and Senior Management Team.

CONCLUSION

The safeguarding of children and young people is of the highest importance and Council is required under the law to ensure safety and wellbeing of children using its services or facilities. This proposed Statement of Commitment and updated policy outlines Waratah-Wynyard Council's position and responsibilities toward the safeguarding of children and young people representing initial steps in what will be an ongoing commitment to being a Child Safe Organisation.

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR JOHNSTONE

That Council:

- 1. adopt the Safeguarding Children and Young People Statement of Commitment; and**
- 2. adopt the revised Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.3 NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	General Manager
Report Date:	26 June 2024
File Reference:	Emergency Management
Enclosures:	Nil

PURPOSE

To consider and nominate a new Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator in accordance with Section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006* ('the Act').

BACKGROUND

Kaarina De Ryder, Council's Works Support Coordinator, is the current appointed Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. Council's Manager Engineering and Projects Corey Gould is the appointed Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

Internal alterations to the Works Support Coordinator role has facilitated a need to identify a new Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator in accordance with the Waratah-Wynyard Emergency Management Plan and the Act.

DETAILS

In accordance with Section 23 of the Act, Council is required to nominate a person to fulfil the positions Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

The functions of the positions are to coordinate, advise and assist the Council on all matters pertaining to emergency management within the Municipal area. The specific powers and functions of the position are laid out in the Act.

Brendon Hicks has worked in local government for over 30 years in various roles and is currently employed as the Manager Projects & Sub-Division Works. Brendon's lived experiences are ideal to take on the function of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator given the level of infrastructure expertise and connections to the works depot and outdoor resources. The new incumbent will be coached and mentored in the emergency management area by existing team members who have significant experience in this field.

Brendon has the requisite background, skills and ability to undertake the nominated position.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

Under Section 23 of the Act the Minister is to appoint a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and a Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for each municipal area.

The *Emergency Management Amendment Act 2018* states that the amendments have been incorporated in the original act.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
Our community is welcoming and supportive.
Our Priorities
3.7 Promote and strengthen community safety to retain and attract families to live and recreate in Waratah-Wynyard.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is a legislative requirement to comply with the Act. Failure to comply might adversely affect the Council's preparedness to optimise the safety, security and continuity of the community putting people at risk and leave the Council open to complaint and reputational risk. Insufficient resources to carry out the function required under the *Emergency Management Amended Act 2018* could impact ability to maintain community and organisational safety.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council proceed with the nomination as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY	CR BRAMICH
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That Council nominate to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management through the SES Director, in accordance with Section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006*, Brendon Hicks (Manager Projects & Sub-Division Works) to be its appointee to the role of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.4 LIVEABLE WARATAH-WYNYARD SETTLEMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Economic Development Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Financial Services
Report Date:	15 May 2024
File Reference:	01
Enclosures:	1. Settlement Strategy Implementation Plan 

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the year 3 – 2023/24 Waratah Wynyard Settlement Strategy Implementation Plan for noting. The Implementation Plan (the Plan) will guide the future delivery of the recommendations contained in the Liveable Waratah Wynyard Settlement Strategy.

The Plan will be used to:

- prioritise the recommendations contained in the Strategy
- develop appropriate actions to deliver the recommendations
- estimate a delivery timeframe and potential cost (where appropriate)
- assign leadership responsibility and,
- display progress updates.

BACKGROUND

The Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy 2021 (the Strategy) was adopted by Council on 17 May 2021. An Implementation Plan has now been developed to guide the delivery of the recommendations contained in the Settlement Strategy and to assist in future budget considerations. Council will be updated on the delivery of the strategy every 12 months.

This Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy 2021 is designed to enhance the liveability of Wynyard, Waratah, Somerset, Boat Harbour Beach, Sisters Beach and Yolla. The niche that this Strategy fits into is defined by State and regional plans, the Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy, and the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. These documents stress the importance of liveability as the key goal that we must strive for in our planning decisions. Liveability is increasingly seen as the key to economic success and contributes to everyone's quality of life.

The Strategy also complements local plans such as the Central Area Development Plans for Wynyard and Somerset which, establish a direction for those town centres, the Open Space and Recreation Strategy which identifies the actions required to meet the open space needs of community and incorporates principles and objectives from Council's integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP).

The Strategy sets out interconnected recommendations that will enable Council to protect and enhance these qualities and leverage off them to make our towns and villages (even) more sustainable, inclusive, inspiring, and nurturing places to live, work and visit. The

strategy recognises that supporting liveability requires more than just a narrow view of land use planning. Consequently, these recommendations are in two parts:

Part 1 of the document relates to use and development of land and outlines a series of measures to encourage appropriate development in the best locations; and Part 2 seeks to retain and enhance the qualities of our towns and villages that make them such appealing places.

Both parts of the Strategy seek to align Council's actions and policies with those of other Government agencies and the community to co-ordinate actions to achieve greater liveability.

DETAILS

The Plan will be used to prioritise the recommendations contained in the Strategy, develop appropriate actions, estimate a delivery timeframe and potential cost (where appropriate), assign leadership responsibility and display progress updates. The Plan will be used to direct future budget considerations.

As with the Strategy, the Implementation Plan has been divided into two (2) parts. Some of the recommendations contained in the Strategy have already been completed or are currently in progress.

Part 1 of the recommendations, *Land Use and Development Recommendations* lists the following: -

LU1 – Identification of preferred development fronts and candidate sites for rezoning

LU2 – Outline Development Plans for residential expansion areas

LU3 – Outline Development Plan for Industrial areas

LU4 – Advocate IPWEA to adopt standard drawings for low traffic access ways

LU5 – Independent advisory service for applicants for development and community environmental enhancements

Part 2 of the recommendations, *Protecting, promoting and enhancing liveability* lists the following: -

L1 – Streetscape Strategy

L2 – Pause places

L3 – Tree Planting

L4 – Interpretive and wayfinding signage

L5 – Demonstration/exemplar gardens

L6 – Greenways

L7 – Park and pedal, bus and bike

L8 – Bicycle storage structures

L9 – Promotional and accessible explanation of planning and good design

L10 – Physical activity/active transport promotion

L11 – App for themed walks

L12 – Facilitation of community adoption and contracting of open space and landscaping projects

L13 – Advocate CCA for compilation of coastal management techniques and awareness raising

L14 – Advocate for prompt delivery of additional pedestrian crossing points across Bass Highway in Somerset

L15 – Advocate for improved Wi-Fi Internet access

L16 – Promotion of Food Sensitive Planning and Design

L17 – Advocate for safe pedestrian and cycle crossing of Bass Highway at Deep Creek Road and/or Oldina Road

Many of the recommendations are complimentary and/or dependent upon one another to realise the strategy intent.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

Council is required to undertake strategic planning, to provide a direction for the future of Wynyard, Somerset, Waratah, Boat Harbour Beach, Sisters Beach, Yolla and the isolated clusters of land zoned Rural Living throughout the municipality. Without this planning, strategic amendments cannot be made to Council’s planning scheme.

The Settlement Strategy and accompanying Implementation Plan is required to be consistent with the Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.3 We encourage broad community input to create a focussed and strong sense of belonging.
Our Priorities
1.1.1 Commit to best practice in community engagement.

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.3 Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.
Our Priorities
3.1.1 Deliver planning for activation through effective urban design and planning that promotes liveability, social gathering and connectedness, and which recognises and celebrates local history.

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
4.2 Our community values, encourages and supports physical, social and cultural activities.
Our Priorities
4.2.1 Focus on the value of recreation in promoting the health and wellbeing of our community.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Implementation Plan will be used to prioritise the Strategy recommendations and actions for future budget considerations.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Reputational Risk - Council may be at reputational risk if it develops a Strategy but does not implement the recommendations in a timely and strategic manner.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Consultation was conducted via an in-house working group.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council notes the progress of year 3 – 2023/24 of the Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy Implantation Plan.

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That Council notes the progress of year 3 – 2023/24 of the Liveable Waratah Wynyard Settlement Strategy Implementation Plan.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.5 TOURISM PLAN 2022-2027 - ANNUAL UPDATE

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Tourism and Marketing
Responsible Manager:	General Manager
Report Date:	2 July 2024
File Reference:	1
Enclosures:	Nil

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a summary of progress against the Tourism Plan 2022-27

BACKGROUND

Council's Tourism Plan 2022-27 was adopted by Council in August 2022.

The Waratah-Wynyard Council Tourism Plan 2022-2027 celebrates achievements from the past decade of tourism planning and provides a summary of the key strategic priorities for Council. The plan outlines roles and responsibilities of local government within the strategic framework of Tasmanian tourism. Priorities and recommendations are built around these key roles including the provision of public infrastructure, encouraging economic development, provision of visitor servicing, local marketing and the support of local events.

Priorities and recommendations are discussed under the three key themes of Support, Grow and Deliver.

Importantly, the plan also aligns with the strategic priorities of the State and Regional Tourism bodies, as well as Council's existing strategic plans including Cam River Master Plan, Open Space Sport and Recreation Plan, Waratah Community Plan, Wynyard Destination Action Plan and Fossil Bluff and Boat Harbour Beach Master Plans.

DETAILS

The Tourism Plan 2022-27 outlines Council's priorities across the three key pillars of 'Support', 'Grow' and 'Deliver'.

'Support' - highlights Council's commitment to support a strong, cohesive, brand aligned industry through strategic planning, maintaining strong industry connections at all levels and encouraging innovation and new product development.

Recommendations that have been progressed in the past year include:

- Supporting economic recovery through industry specific grants programs for tourism and events.
 - Council continues to support local events through the Community Activation Grants.
- Support and promote innovative offerings that align with our strategic priorities and encourage overnight stays to increase length of stay and spend in the region.
 - Permission To Trespass 2023 & 2024 events – Council has organised the Gather and Glow event as part of Permission to Trespass – a night time event designed to encourage overnight stays, and supported the local industry to deliver their own unique offerings as part of this event.

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- Participate in broader industry networking and planning opportunities.
 - Council continues to participate actively in broader industry networking and professional development opportunities including: TVIN quarterly meetings, TICT annual conference, WXNW industry events & conference and Tourism Tasmania workshops.
 - Support local community and sporting groups/organisations wishing to develop events that have the potential to increase visitation, particularly in winter and shoulder seasons.
 - Council officers have worked in conjunction with the Permission to Trespass working group to deliver this winter event.

‘Grow’ – refers to increasing the supply of attractions and experiences to build a cohesive cluster of products that will appeal to new and existing markets, and growing demand for Wynyard and Surrounds as a destination.

Recommendations that have been progressed include:

- Deliver signage, interpretation, and marketing material for the geological trail.
 - Complete – signage installed at Table Cape, Fossil Bluff, Doctors Rocks, Old Port, Pines Point.
- Seek funding to progress the ‘Loo with A View’ project at Table Cape.
 - The Table Cape Visitor Experience is in the detailed design phase and funding options will be pursued in tandem with this stage.
- Encourage strategic developments that compliment and enhance the product offerings at/around Table Cape.
 - Council has and continues to work collaboratively with a number of potential developers in/around Table Cape.
- Facilitate continued delivery of Table Cape Lighthouse Tours.
 - Council has requested permission from Crown land Services to take on the licence for Table Cape Lighthouse Tours with the goal of delivering a consistent and reliable visitor experience managed through the Wonders of Wynyard. Whilst the request has been approved – Council is yet to receive the new licence agreement from Crown Land Services.
- Enhance visitor experience through the use of virtual or augmented reality.
 - Council entered into an agreement with Business North West to house the Table Cape Experiences at the Wonders of Wynyard.
- Market the destination using the branded ‘threads’ theme and key themes of accessible nature, markets and local products, local culture and eco-adventure.
 - Council continues to market in key visitor publications such as the “Welcome to Tasmania’ booklet, Spirit of Tasmania and through the TVIN network. Destination marketing is also being rolled out in conjunction with Council’s social media strategy, particularly aligning with key events such as the Tulip Festival and Permission to Trespass. Council links with Regional Tourism

Association and Tourism Tasmania on their campaigns to maximise reach and engagement where appropriate.

‘Deliver’ – the first priority relates to infrastructure that supports tourism in and around the municipal area including public toilets, playgrounds, pathways, signage, recreational spaces, waste facilities, sporting grounds and picnic areas.

Recommendations progressed include:

- Deliver ANZAC Park destination playground at Somerset.
 - ANZAC Park officially opened in April 2023.
- Maintain tourism assets at Waratah including Caravan park, Kenworthy Stamper Mill and Athenaeum Hall.
 - Council continues to maintain these assets, with considerable maintenance just completed at Athenaeum hall, and funding in the current budget to design upgrades to the Caravan Park amenities.
- Deliver Priority projects as identified in the Waratah Community Plan.
 - The Waratah Community Plan 2022-2025 was adopted by Council in July 2022. Priority projects for each year are developed and progress is reported to Council annually.
- New signage at Council recreational facilities and public spaces.
 - signage has been installed at all key locations and facilities and will continue to be installed on a rolling schedule based on signage strategy priorities.
- Continue to explore low cost camping options;
 - Council supported the Myalla Recreation Ground Committee to commence low cost camping, investigated but decided not to progress camping at Ballad Avenue reserve and continues to work with the Show Society to progress camping at the Wynyard Showground. Officers have participated in Tourism Tasmania’s camping and caravanning project, due to be released in coming weeks.
- Progress Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan ;
 - final plans are complete, and the project is ready for tender – with expected commencement by the end of 2024.
- Improve parking and road access at Table Cape lookout.
 - new carparking, improved bus turning circle and dedicated bus parking and accessible parking has been completed.
- Track upgrades between Table Cape Lookout and Lighthouse, including seating, tables and signage.
 - Track upgrades completed – new tables installed and signage will be upgraded as part of the Table Cape Amenities project.

‘Deliver’ – the second priority covers walking tracks and trails that create linkages encouraging increased use of recreational spaces and ease of movement throughout the municipal area.

Progress includes:

- Progress the Wynyard to Burnie section of the coastal pathway.
 - Pathway in final stages of construction. Linking the pathway to existing geological sites and developing supporting infrastructure is in planning phase now.
- Complete options report for Inglis River Walking Track.
 - Report presented to Council in September 2023, with recommendation progress some sections immediately and create implementation plan for the remaining recommendations.
- A feasibility study for multi-use pathway between Wynyard and Circular Head is in the final stages of completion, due to be presented to both Councils soon

‘Deliver’ – The third priority focusses on the delivery of quality Visitor Services.

- Wonders of Wynyard has been recognised as one of the best Visitor Information Centres in Australia – and continues to lead the way in the provision of quality, trusted advice and associated visitor services, including the Ransley Veteran Car Collection.
- As part of the Cam River Master Plan, local destination imagery has been included in the new artboards at the reserve.
- Athenaeum Hall in Waratah open over weekends during the summer season, offering visitor advice, brochures and booking service for the Caravan Park.

‘Deliver – The final priority relates to the delivery of key events and the promotion of an annual events calendar.

- Continue to grow the annual Tulip Festival
 - Council continues to deliver the annual Tulip Festival and associated spring events – a much loved local favourite that attracts thousands of intrastate and interstate visitors each year.
- Maintain and event calendar on Council’s website
 - Council promotes it’s event calendar to local community and sporting groups as a tool for them to promote local events to a wider audience. Council also uploads all events from the Tulip Festival month long program to the digital event calendar.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 5: Economic Prosperity
Desired Outcomes
5.1 We understand our local and regional potential, and we plan for and encourage investment in it.
Our Priorities
5.4.1 Develop a recognised brand and actively market the local government area.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Tourism	Memorable visitor experiences all year round – The must see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report. The recommendations from the plan will be actioned within future operational budgets, with capital or special project budget allocations where appropriate. Some of the recommendations will be reliant on external funding to progress.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

The Waratah-Wynyard Tourism Plan 2022-27 reflects on the challenges the global tourism industry has recently faced, and also considers the potential impacts and opportunities from emerging industry trends.

The plan outlines key priorities and recommendations for the future strategic directions which are aligned with regional and state priorities and build on key brand strengths for the municipal area.

Strong progress has been made on the delivery of the key recommendations of the plan to date, with a number of remaining recommendations set for delivery as part of the 2024-25 annual plan. It is recommended that Council note the progress against the Tourism Plan 2022-27.

MOVED BY	CR RAW
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That Council note the annual progress report on the Tourism Plan 2022-27

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.6 COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Community Activation
Responsible Manager:	General Manager
Report Date:	18 June 2024
File Reference:	001
Enclosures:	Nil

PURPOSE

To provide statistical information and a quarterly update on the activities of the Community and Engagement Department. This report covers the following areas:

- Customer Services
- Community Activation
- Tourism
- Communications
- Wonders of Wynyard
- Warawyn Early Learning

BACKGROUND

The quarterly report is to provide an overview of statistical information on the activities of Council for each department.

Following a review of organisational reporting to ensure consistent and improved information sharing to Council, a quarterly information report is provided for each Directorate with a snapshot of activities undertaken.

DETAILS

This report contains statistical and anecdotal information of the activities, projects and programs being delivered within the Community and Engagement Directorate. The strategic context for these actions comes from a range of strategy documents including the Health and Wellbeing, Age Friendly Communities and Youth Plans, the Open Space Sport and Recreation Plan, Communications and Engagement Plan and Tourism Plan.

WARAWYN EARLY YEARS

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

As part of the Community Connection Program children have been learning about conservation and protection of native species.


WARAWYN connected with the 'Devils@Cradle' Cradle Mountain Tasmania, adopt a Devil program. The adoption program is a 'Symbolic Adoption' of Tasmanian Devils and helps support devils by donating \$50 for a period of 12 months.

A robust approach to selecting each Devil took place over a three-week period with children and families voting on their chosen Devil picture.

Information from 'Devils@Cradle' is shared with children and families with regular photos and stories about each adopted Devil.

The project has given children across all services a deeper understanding of the importance of contributing to the ongoing survival of threatened and endangered species.

INTRODUCING OUR
ADOPTED TASMANIA DEVIL



ATLAS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN
VOTING.

EACH CARE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE BUSY LEARNING
ALL ABOUT THE TASMANIA DEVILS.

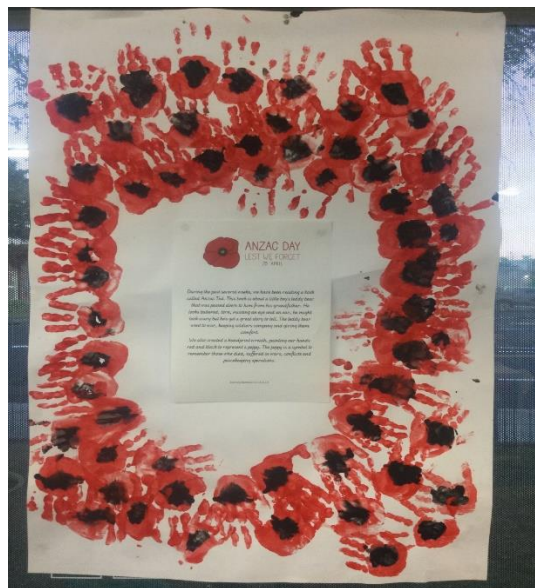
IF YOU VISIT DEVILS @ CRADLE, BE SURE TO MEET
ATLAS.

15/04/2023



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is a day of remembrance held on 25 April each year. To show respect across our services for those who have fought to make the country a safe place to live, WARAWYN created a wreath using handprints to represent the poppy. Leading up to ANZAC Day, WARAWYN also read a range of stories with the children including the story ANZAC Ted.





UTILISATION

Warawyn Early Learning Utilisation

April	May	June
50.53 average	53.52 average	55.36 average

Warawyn – Wynyard OSHC

April	May	June
37.22 average	35.84 average	36.62 average

Warawyn – Boat Harbour OSHC

April	May	June
15.13 average	13.84 average	14.40 average

COMMUNITY ACTIVATION

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Data for the period covering 1 April 2024 through to 19 June 2024

- 407 requests for service registered in Conquest (Customer Request System).
- 306 have been actioned and completed.
- 101 requests are currently open in Conquest and being progressed.
- 22 requests are “Closed but not Complete” (Require further resource allocation).
- 30 requests were from Waratah.

RECREATION

This quarter the Recreation Officer focused on bringing together the elements necessary to successfully host the Tulip Festival Program of events in October. All events detail are locked in prior to the Tulip Festival program going to the graphic designer and printers in July, ready to distribute by August. Council works closely with clubs, community groups and individuals to provide support through the process, ensuring a well-balanced, eventful program for October.

The Try Skills program will be running in the school holidays this spring. Work has commenced with clubs to coordinate the organisation and hosting of this popular activity, with new groups being identified for possible involvement. Based on feedback received from the Waratah-Wynyard Youth Leaders, investigation into the potential to offer fishing clinics is now being explored.

Inglis Country Music and No Lights No Lycra are two of the new groups that have been signed up to compliment the diverse offering of community programs and activities being hosted at Council facilities.

The official opening of Oval 3 at Wynyard High School – an outcome of the Wynyard Sporting Precinct – was held this quarter. Council also liaised closely with Somerset sporting groups, Somerset Primary School and the general public regarding feedback on the Draft Somerset Sporting Precinct DRAFT Master Plan.



PUBLIC ART

Council delivered on Annual Plan action items with the April opening of Amy Morrow's mural on The Lunch Company Wall near Woolworths. This was the Public Art Advisory Group 2023/24 initiative. In June the Cam River Boats art installation was completed at Cam River in Somerset.

In May Council put out a call for Expressions of Interest for the "Reflect Reconciliation Artwork Commission" for aboriginal artists who live in Lutruwita to create artwork to support the WWC RAP document.



EVENTS

While the middle of winter was once described as “the off season”, Council continued involvement and support of events and tourism opportunities for this region with active support and participation in “Permission to Trespass” has seen Wynyard visitation grow. Council staff attended meetings and planning sessions that delivered such outcomes as diversifying the offerings, growing the network, contributing to marketing and event delivery. Council’s Gather and Glow event was a highlight for the community, with excellent patronage and strong positive feedback received. The community have provided feedback that the opportunities to come together and connect during winter are desirable, and events like Gather and Glow continue to receive strong support and continued interest.

Tulip Festival

Planning has commenced for the 2024 Tulip Festival. This quarter Council has created the event management, communications and marketing, stakeholder engagement, sponsorship and grant funding plans. To date over 100 stallholder applications have been received and acknowledged with final paperwork now being processed.

YOUTH

Council has been active in the youth space, working with the Waratah Wynyard Youth Leaders to attend a Council workshop, host a Youth Week event at Wynyard Community Centre, attend the Tasmanian Youth Forum in Launceston and work as part of the team to deliver the Gather and Glow night market.

Council hosted Work Inspirations in collaboration with The Smith Family and Wynyard High School. This unique event extends an opportunity for Wynyard High School Year 9 students to attend Council and discuss career journeys and investigate future options.

In early July Council worked with Wynyard High, Table Cape Primary, community members and CHAC to deliver a Kinship Walk/NAIDOC Week.





HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Participated in the Apraxia Awareness light up and education campaign.
- Shared resources from University of Tasmania, Menzies Institute for Medical Research and Royal Flying Doctors Service regarding smoking and vaping.
- Shared resources regarding understanding children’s emotions, behaviours and wellbeing, an initiative of the Australian Government, delivered with Raising Healthy Minds
- Provided information about National Reconciliation Action Week and ways all interested Australians can learn and contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.
- Men’s Health Week – in recognition of this fabulous world-wide initiative, resources and information shared through community networks and via social media

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

This quarter Council had the privilege to provide event support for ANZAC Day celebrations across the Waratah-Wynyard communities, as well as the opportunity to host a Volunteer Morning Tea to celebrate the work that Council volunteers do, on behalf of Council, and to acknowledge all of the wonderful volunteers in our community.

Community interactions continued with the Community Conversations that Council held at the Elma Fagan Hall in Waratah and at Somerset Primary School.

Council officers attended the Community Corrections Forum, the Generations Connect Tasmania meetings, The Right Place meetings and the U3A season launch.



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

An Annual Plan action item to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) came together this quarter, when Council staff had the opportunity to facilitate staff and councillor workshops, along with targeted and general community consultation. The outcome of this information sharing, and feedback collection resulted in a draft RAP being developed and noted at the June Council meeting. The RAP has been forwarded to Reconciliation Australia for initial endorsement before there will be another opportunity to receive additional feedback and public consultation. Council worked with Marina Campbell, Reconciliation Tasmania, to support progress of RAP.



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Between April and June 2024, Community Activation has accepted and processed the following requests for community support.

Community Group	Support	Value
Big Hart	Bean bags	\$100
Wynyard RSL	Chairs	\$50
Rural Health Tasmania	A0 Paper	\$100
Waratah ANZAC Day Committee	Amp, Mic, power cords, power boards, morning tea	\$500
Coast FM	Photocopying	\$24
Artscape	Bunting, bins, signage, witches' hats	\$460
		Total: \$1244

Zeth and Tahlia, Wynyard BMX, \$500 each to represent Australia at World Championships in the USA.

- Jase, Somerset Basketball, \$100 to represent Tasmania at Australian Championships in Queensland.
- Lynda, Western Division Indoor Bias Bowls, \$500 to represent Australia in New Zealand.

Following a council workshop on 1 July, the following changes will be made to the **Bill French Bursary**:

- Council to broaden the current course eligibility to be open to include students studying at Cradle Coast Campus and all course offerings.
- Continue to support one student per year.
- Rename the scholarship the “Waratah-Wynyard Council Bill French Memorial Bursary.”
- Increase the bursary amount to \$5,000 per year.

Use of Facility Requests

Between April and June 2024, Community Activation has accepted and processed 30 Use of Facility requests.

Emergency Management

Council staff attended:

- Incident Management Team Training
- Cultural Awareness Training
- Social Recovery related meeting/s and training
- Child Safety for Evacuation Centres training

TOURISM

Tourism – General

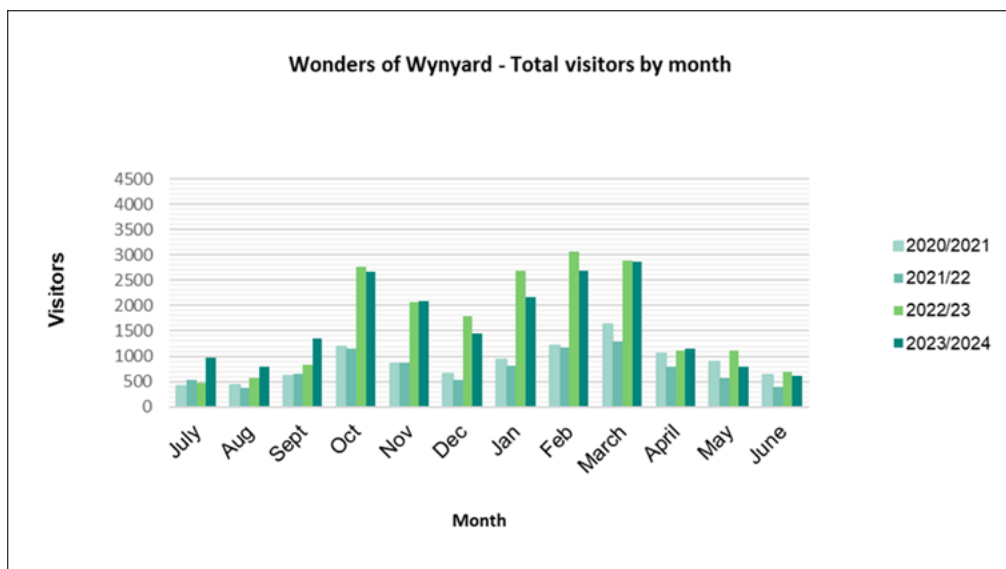
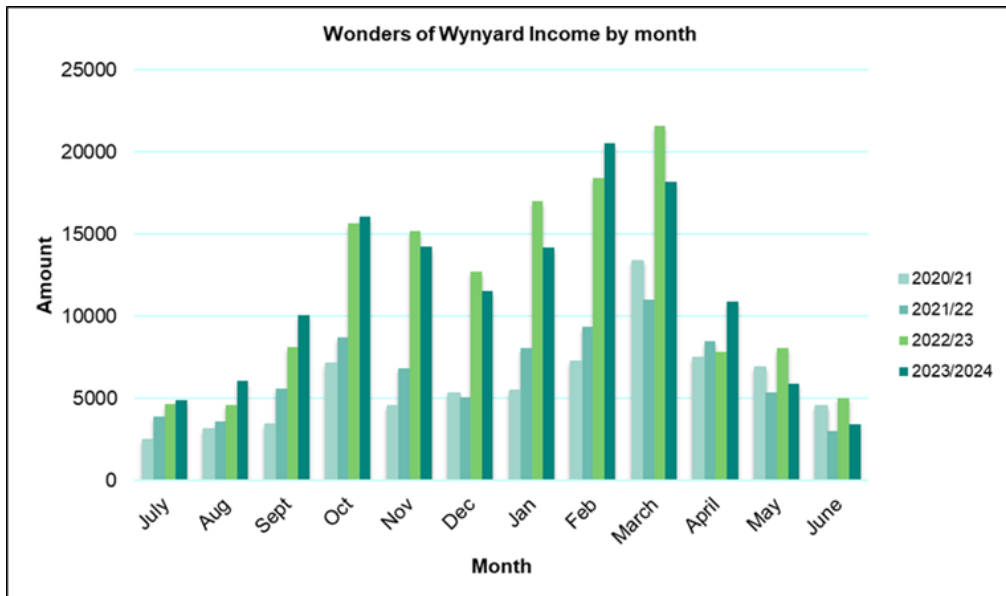
Table Cape Lighthouse Tours – Council is still yet to receive new licence agreement from Parks and Wildlife.

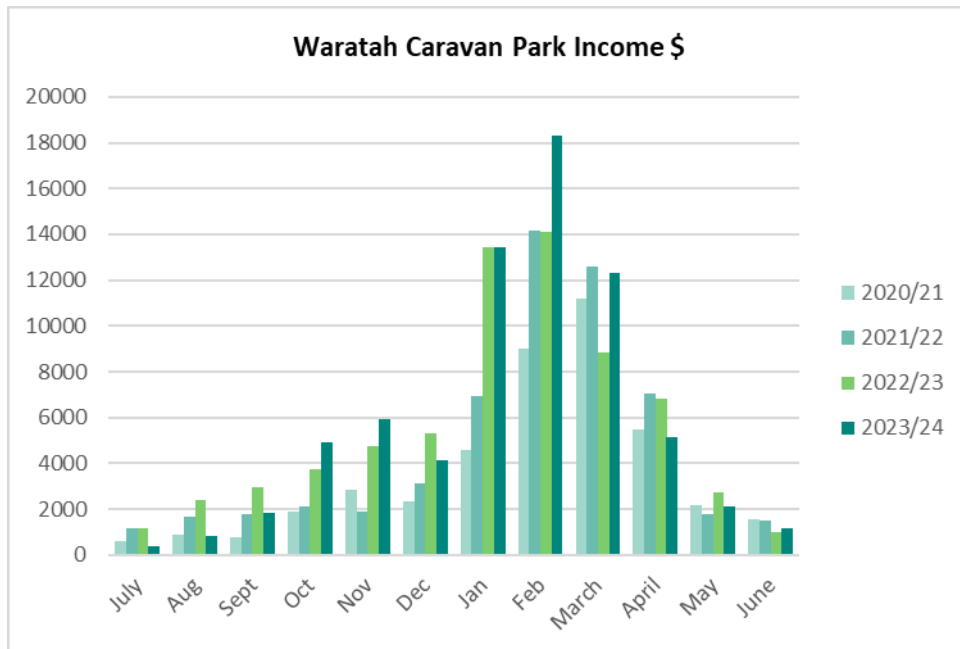
Permission to Trespass – successful collaboration with Regional Tourism Organisation West x North-West to promote the permission to trespass events. Events were co-promoted through social media channels and content creator collaborations.

Wonders of Wynyard

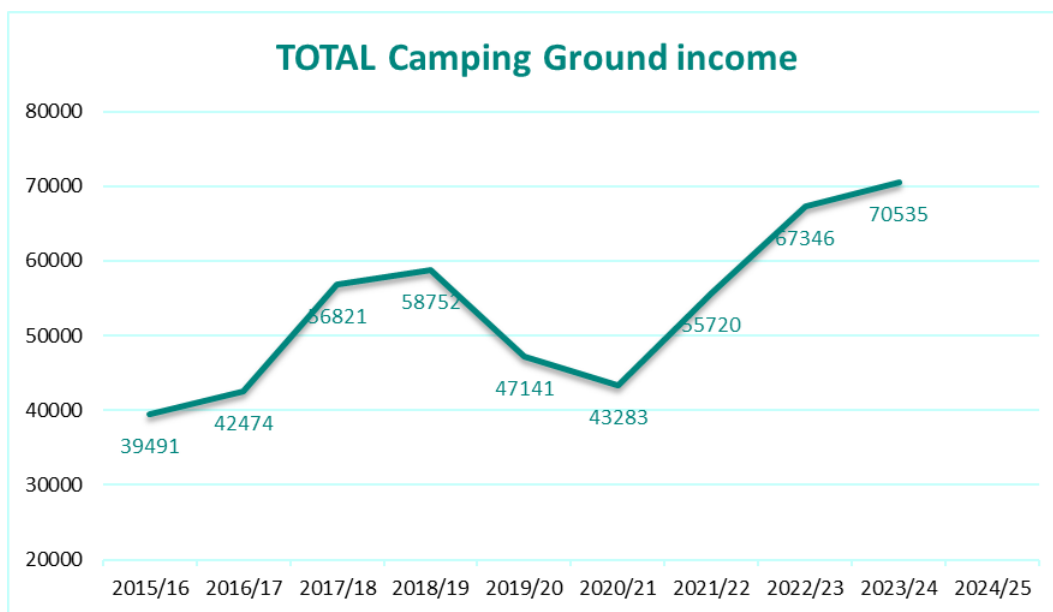
Visitors to the WOW were down 12% for the quarter compared to last year. Car Collection Ticket Sales were also down 16% for the quarter, reflecting a state-wide trend back to ‘normal’ winter visitor movements (after the post-covid winter high last year).

Income for the quarter was only slightly down (3%) on last year – with a record April income assisted by delayed cruise ship payments from March visits.





Annual WOW Summary



Annual visitation is consistent with last year, with a 2.2% drop correlating with the loss of visitation from several cancelled cruise ships during the Dec-March quarter. The loss of cruise visits also reflects directly on the visitor numbers to the car collection, which were down 13% overall for the year. Pleasingly, income held steady for the year, with an overall small 2% drop on last year’s record income year.

Waratah

The Waratah Caravan Park income was down 20% for the quarter compared to previous year, however the overall income for the year was a record high – reflecting increased usage and popularity during the warmer months. Again, the winter drop is likely due to the overall state-wide drop in visitation over winter this year.

COMMUNICATIONS

General

- Adoption of new Communications and Engagement Strategy – forming guidelines for annual workplans of the team.
- Successful targeted engagement with Walker St residents re road renaming – well received from residents pleased with the level of engagement with Council.
- FOGO –communicating the FOGO changes has been a major focus of the team this quarter – with the introduction of FOGO bins generally being well received by the community.
- Corporate documents - Annual Plan and Budget estimates, rates brochure, waste brochure and FOGO brochure all produced this quarter.

Social Media Reach and Engagement

- We had net growth of 152 followers between April-June 2024. Our current following is 8,360.
- Over 121,000 accounts were reached this quarter, an 11% increase on same time last year.
- Whilst reach has increased, content interaction decreased from last quarter (Q3). This is primarily due to the Creative Content Coordinator role now being shared across Circular Head Council, reducing the resource available to create engaging video reel content, which usually generates the most interactions on both facebook and instagram.
- Compared to same time LAST year however, we have significantly increased engagement, interaction and followers.

	FY Q4 2023 (April - June)	FY Q4 2024 (April-June)	Growth
Reach FB	109,424	121,066	11%
Reach IG	3,867	5,245	35.63%
Profile visits FB	19,700	23,300	18.27%
Profile Visits IG	196	410	109.18%
FB new Followers	105	152	44.76%
IG new followers	N/A	62	N/A
Content interaction FB	4,600	6,500	41.30%
Content interaction IG	N/A	916	N/A
Links clicked FB	638	1,895	197.02%

FACEBOOK Content Performance

The 5 top posts according to total reach were:


1. Rotary park re-open after new slide installed
2. Council Trainees planting tulip bulbs
3. Fossil Bluff new park furniture
4. BMX Club local champs accepting WWC grant
5. Rotary Park slide replacement work to commence

The 5 highest interaction posts (reactions, comments, shares and saves):

1. FOGO bin collection calendar
2. Cam River Boat artworks
3. Council Trainees planting tulips
4. Rotary park slide replacement
5. Fossil Bluff new park furniture

The 5 highest performing posts (considering reach, interactions & conversion rates):

1. The fossil Bluff post had the highest interaction rate and highest reaction rate
2. The Tulip planting post had the highest reach out of the 5 top performing posts
3. Fogo came in 3rd for highest interactions; however, this was a paid post.
4. PTT pre-promo post had the highest conversion rate for both interactions and reactions
5. Cam River had the 3rd highest reach of the 5 top performing posts.

Facebook's average engagement per post is 0.15%							
4th FY Quarter 23/24 (April - June 24)							
Highest Interactive posts							
Image	Date	Objective/Genre	Reach	Engagement (shares, reactions, comments)	Conversion	Reactions/likes	Conversion
	28th May	Council Work Fossil Bluff	19,116	286	1.50	243	1.27
	25th June	Council Work Depot Tulip planting and traineeship program	25,662	272	1.06	231	0.90
	9th May	FOGO paid reel	12,472	240	1.92	154	1.23
	3rd June	PTT - Pre Promo, Moonlight Stories	8,309	204	2.46	147	1.77
	24th May	Council Work Cam River Boat	13,396	158	1.18	104	0.78

INSTAGRAM Content Performance

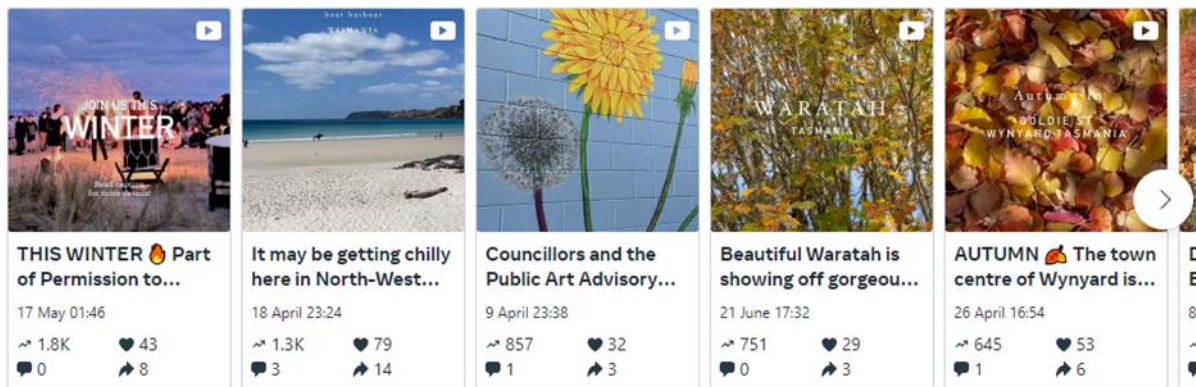
The 5 top posts according to total reach:

1. Permission To Trespass Glow & Gather reel
2. Boat Harbor destination reel
3. Public Art Advisory Group reel – bee naming
4. Waratah destination reel
5. Goldie St, Wynyard destination reel

Top content by reach

Boost content

See all content



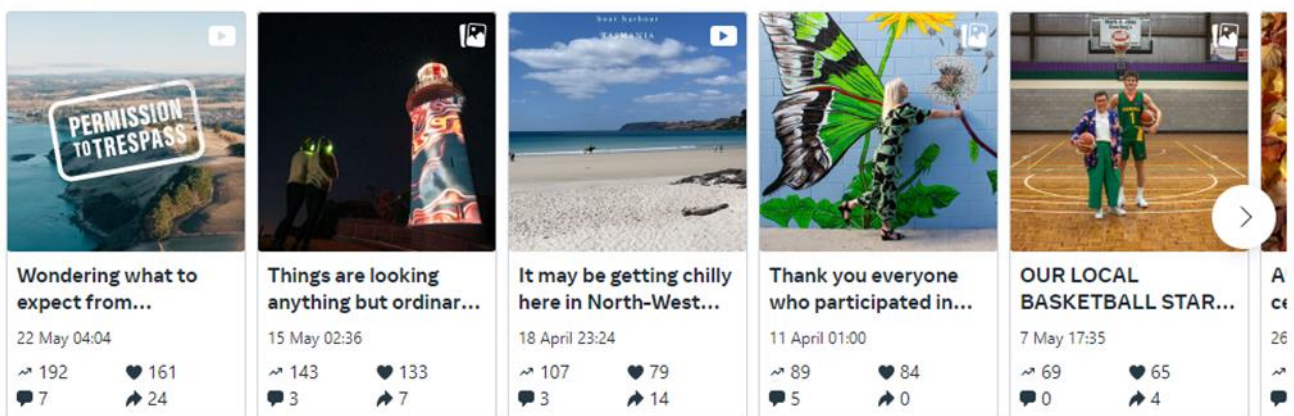
The 5 highest interaction posts (reactions, comments, shares and saves):

1. Permission To Trespass collaboration reel with West by Northwest
2. Permission To Trespass collaboration photo with West by Northwest
3. Boat Harbour Beach reel
4. Public Art Advisory Group art mural
5. Community Grant Basketball Sponsorship

Top content by interactions

Boost content

See all content



Website content performance

- Waratah-Wynyard Council’s website continues to provide a valuable source of information for our audience with 16, 314 users over the quarter, and increase of 7% in traffic over the previous quarter.
- The top performing page continues to be the home page, followed by the waste pages (including FOGO) as expected with the rollout of FOGO. Tulip Festival page is also still highly visited, with stallholder information being promoted during this quarter, and the planning and development application page consistently appears in the top performing pages.
- The graph below shows the spike in website visits when we posted on Facebook the availability of the new day/by/day FOGO and general waste collection calendar on 21 June. This page has had 1680 views in the two weeks since being created.

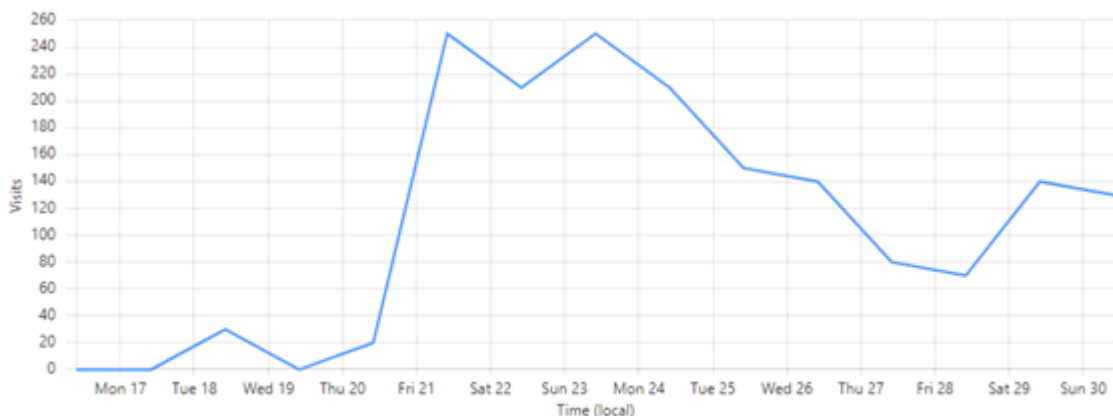
Visits summary

When someone navigates to your website, either directly or from an external referer. One visit can consist of multiple page views.

All Referrer Host Country Path Browser ...

● Total visits

1.68k



STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.5 Our community uses its voice to shape its future alongside a strong Council willing to listen and implement where reasonable and practical.
Our Priorities
13.1 Facilitate the meeting of community needs through strong advocacy and local and regional collaboration for shared outcomes.

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
3.3 Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.
Our Priorities
3.1.1 Deliver planning for activation through effective urban design and planning that promotes liveability, social gathering and connectedness, and which recognises and celebrates local history.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Business & Industry	Specialised diversity of the economy – Value adding, diversification, innovation and employment. A resilient economy with global brand recognition and growing exports.
Tourism	Memorable visitor experiences all year round – The must see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	Managing abundant, natural and productive resources – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Education	Lifelong learning and education – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

The Community and Engagement Department delivers a wide range of activities that directly impact the health and well-being of the community. This report provides an overview of a selection of those activities. It is recommended that the report be noted.

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

That Council:

- 1. note the Quarterly Information Report for the Community and Engagement Department as of end June 2024;**
- 2. Rename the Bill French Memorial Bursary to the Waratah-Wynyard Council Bill French Memorial Bursary; and**
- 3. Increase the bursary amount to \$5,000 per annum.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.7 AWARD OF CONTRACT 817 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT SISTERS BEACH PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Contracts and Administration Officer
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date: 21 May 2024
File Reference:
Enclosures: 1. Tender Evaluation - Contract 817 - Confidential

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tender submissions received for design and construction contract in relation to the Sisters Beach playground replacement and installation of exercise equipment.

BACKGROUND

The renewal of the play equipment at East Boulevard Park, Sisters Beach is scheduled as part of Councils ongoing renewals program. The renewal enables Council to consider current community expectations and values in creating an enhanced active living community space with exercise equipment and a playground and removes end of life infrastructure.

The manufacture, installation and ongoing management of playgrounds are guided by the current Australian Standards to ensure both quality and safety is considered during provision. To guarantee the new equipment meets the strict rules within the standards, contractors who carry the relevant qualifications were invited to tender for the design and construction.

DETAILS

A call for tenders was made through Council's electronic tendering portal "TenderLink". At the close of tenders on Monday 17th June 2024, five (5) tender submissions were received with one tenderer providing two concept options. All tenders submitted conformed to the requirements and all but one (1) were within the budget allocation for the associated works. Tender submissions were received from;

- Active Areas
- A Space Pty Ltd
- Fairbrother
- Island Recreation
- Parkway Enterprises

The contract operates as a lump sum contract, based upon a cost-breakdown of the identified elements associated with the design and construction of playgrounds. Tender price comparison and assessment is based upon the total lump sum including any provisional items offered by the Contractor. Draft designs were submitted by the tenderers to test for value-for-money. These designs are conceptual in nature and demonstrate the vision and range of equipment available for the project. The draft designs will undergo an internal design and safety review prior to public engagement to ensure they meet the required

quality standards. The prices received, evaluation summary and draft designs from the preferred tenderer are provided to Councillors as a “Confidential Attachment”.

All valid tenders were checked for compliance against pre-determined criteria and evaluated by means of the weighted average from the evaluation panel. Whilst overall price and value-for-money was considered as one of the evaluation criteria, tenders were also assessed based on the understanding of the design brief as well as a demonstrated ability to deliver within the requested timeline.

All tenderers have demonstrated experience within the industry, have established safety management systems in place, and have been assessed as competent and capable in the performance of the works for which they have tendered. All tenderers have and continue to provide similar services to other Councils and private enterprises within Tasmania. Each tenderer has provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate their competence and capability to perform the works within the timeframes and to the quality required. Accordingly, there is no significant alteration to the selection of preferred tenderer based upon these considerations, and therefore is primarily considered as a matter of the tendered price and an understanding of the design brief in this instance.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

Council’s statutory requirements for public tender under the Local Government Act 1993 were followed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
4.2 Our community values, encourages and supports physical, social and cultural activities.
4.3 We provide recreational opportunities to the community for all ages and abilities.
4.4 Our community enjoys access to visually appealing safe spaces and facilities for recreation.
Our Priorities
4.2.1 Focus on the value of recreation in promoting the health and wellbeing of our community.
4.3.1 Commit to ongoing recreation and open space planning to ensure evidence-based decisions are made about the role of Council and its partners in recreation.
4.4.2 Provide and maintain quality and safe places and spaces for physical, social and cultural activities, including shared and multi-use facilities where possible.

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.2 We listen and engage with our community in decision making.
3.3 Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.
Our Priorities
3.2.1 Deliver engagement strategies that adapt to community needs to ensure effective communication and collaboration.
3.3.1 Provide high quality shared and multi-use community hubs that combine a range of recreational, sporting and educational uses.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council’s Asset Management Policy is relevant in this instance to ensure that sustainable provision of assets have been designed to meet the needs of the Waratah-Wynyard Community.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The construction methodology and timing will be carefully selected and monitored, and appropriate measures put in place to minimise the environmental impact of demolition works, consistent with legislative requirements. In the conduct of the project relevant environmental matters including natural values, cultural heritage and potential contamination associated with past use or inundation will be investigated should they arise.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has allocated \$367,500 for the purposes of the works associated with the playground renewal. If the tender is adopted as recommended, the price submitted by the contractor for the design and construction of the project is \$300,000 excl. GST. After allowing for Council overheads, any surplus may be utilised for a construction contingency and on potential variation to the scope of works, including adjustments to the design and any permit fees that may arise from these changes. Continued negotiations with the contractor throughout the project will ensure that Council is able to maximise the value of the playground and exercise area within the budget allocation.

The estimated ongoing life cycle cost of this playground after completion is \$15,000 per annum.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In the conduct of any contract there are risks associated to Council including time delays, poor quality of work and budget overruns. The use of experienced contractors coupled with contract documents are intended to minimise the risk to Council.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Considerable consultation has already occurred to ensure design objectives are clear and to ensure the technical elements of the project are achievable within the set budget and time allocations.

An internal detailed design review and a meeting with the contractors will follow upon the award of the contract to determine the most appropriate design to meet Council needs,

ensuring the project meets safety standards, as well as balances community expectation within the budget.

The revised design will be provided to the community for their feedback prior to a final design being adopted.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore recommended that the Council award Contract 817 to Active Areas Pty Ltd, as tendered.

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR JOHNSTONE

That Council award Contract 817 for the Design and Construction of the Sisters Beach Playground Replacement to Active Areas Pty Ltd

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.8 AWARD OF CONTRACT #820 - PROVISION OF BITUMEN SURFACING SERVICES

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	28 June 2024
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Tender evaluation summary - Confidential

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tenders submitted for the provision of 2024/25 bitumen surfacing services.

BACKGROUND

To ensure the safety and pavement integrity of Councils sealed road network, periodic resealing is essential to maintain both the water-repelling and skid resistance characteristics of the road surface. Without periodic resealing, surface cracking from bitumen oxidization allows water ingress into the road surface, adversely impacting on the structural integrity and formation of the road pavement. Wearing and polishing of the stone aggregate will also lead to decreased skid resistance and an increase in wet weather vehicle accidents.

Provision of the road surfacing services is undertaken by external contract providers, owing to the expense of specialist equipment and skills required and the short duration over which these works are performed. The external contract provider is determined through an annual tendering process.

A call for tenders for the provision of these services was released to the public on Tuesday 14 May 2024.

DETAILS

The contract operates as a Schedule of Rates (SoR) contract, based upon the anticipated quantities for projects identified within Councils Capital Works reseal program. Tender price comparison and assessment is based upon the indicative total cost to Council to complete the works based on the unit rates submitted. Tenders were invited to tender for these works based on an individual Council basis or a combined tender with the Circular Head Council (CHC).

At the close of tenders on 11 June 2024 eight (8) contractors had accessed the documents via Tenderlink and three (3) contractors submitted tenders for the works.

Tender submissions were received from;

- Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd
- Hardings Hotmix
- Roadways Pty Ltd

All tenderers have demonstrated experience within the industry, have established safety and management systems in place and have been assessed as competent and capable in the performance of the works for which they tendered. All tenderers have and continue to provide services associated with this contract to other Councils within Tasmania.

Each tender received has been assessed against a range of weighted predefined criteria, which comprise of the following:

- Criteria A – Tender Sum – 40%
- Criteria B – Project understanding including quality and completeness of submission – 20%
- Criteria C – Capacity and resources, materials, plant and equipment to complete the works including financial viability – 15%
- Criteria D – Capability and relevant experience of personnel and management – 20%
- Criteria E – Quality management systems, including WHS, traffic, risk and environment – 5%

Generally, the past services provided to Council by each of these companies have been considered satisfactory and they understand the established requirements associated with performance of the works under contract. Each tenderer has provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate competence and capability to perform works within timeframes and to the quality required. Accordingly, there is no significant alteration to the selection of preferred tenderer based upon these considerations and the selection of tender is considered primarily to be a matter of price in this instance.

Roadways Pty Ltd have submitted the lowest price option to both WWC and CHC on a joint contractor basis, with an overall price of \$421,833 for the WWC component of the contract. Whilst noting that these total prices are estimates based upon identified area, comprising of a variety of unit rates priced for each project location, the relativity of pricing is not anticipated to vary to any degree of significance should the final areas be adjusted.

For the recommended tender there is an alternate option to include crumb rubber additive to the bitumen for all of the Spray seal works.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Council sought pricing from tenderers for the alternative of utilising recycled crumbed rubber on certain sites. The pricing received for this initiative indicated that the alternative recycled crumbed treatment would add approximately \$30,314 for all spray seal sites.

In choosing to award the contract to the preferred tenderer with crumbed rubber added to all spray seal sites this mean a reuse of approximately 29 tonnes of crumbed rubber recycled from used tyres and a diversion from landfill of an equivalent 4,842 car tyres or 'Equivalent Passenger Units' (EPUs).

The use of crumb rubber as an additive to road sealing bitumen is known to improve strain alleviating characteristics of the seal which can extend and prolong the asset life which improves Council's whole of life costs in providing a road network.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Tenderers were invited to supply a tender for these works based on an individual Council basis or a shared contract between CHC and WWC to offer a cost reduction incentive. Whilst not all tenderers chose to pursue the option of joint contract award, offering a cost reduction incentive, the assessment of tenderer rates received demonstrated a benefit to both Councils to award a joint contract in this instance. The savings associated with undertaking joint procurement in terms of this contract equate to \$16,810 to WWC, and \$160,288 to CHC, noting that CHC have a significantly larger reseal program (\$1m+).

With the recommended tender option of \$421,833, inclusive of crumbed rubber treatment and under a joint procurement arrangement with CHC, a provision of \$127,150 for preparation works and project management, provides an estimate favourable variation of \$36,463 to adopted budget of \$585,446.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In the conduct of any contract or business undertaking there are risks to Council, including time delays, poor quality of work etc.

The use of qualified and experienced contractors coupled with contract documents and project management principles will minimise any risk to Council.

As this contract is defined as a SoR contract, the exact final cost cannot be determined. The quantities estimated are however considered to be sufficiently accurate and any variation in the final cost should be contained with the budget provisions.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

The tender price submitted by Roadways Pty Ltd for supply of bitumen surfacing services is the lowest cost option to Council and it is recommended that contract #820 be awarded with the addition of crumb rubber to all spray sealed bitumen works and on a joint contract basis with CHC.

MOVED BY	CR BRAMICH
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS


That Council award contract 820 for the provision of bitumen surfacing services to Roadways Pty Ltd for 2024/25, including the alternate tender option of crumb rubber additive to all spray seals, on a joint contract basis with the Circular Head Council.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.9 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Director Financial Services
Responsible Manager: Director Financial Services
Report Date: 3 July 2024
File Reference: Financial Management - Reporting - Council
Enclosures: 1. Capital Works Report - June 

PURPOSE

To provide an overview, summarising the financial position of the organisation on a monthly basis.

BACKGROUND

The financial reports presented incorporate:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cashflow Statement
- Investments
- Rate Summary
- Grant Summary
- Capital Works Progress Report (attached)

DETAILS

Council is currently tracking well against budget with a forecast favourable variance to budget of \$1.09m. There are several favourable and unfavourable variances across the budget.

At the time of reporting, transactional processing for the 2023/24 financial year is continuing. The reports are therefore interim reports subject to further changes over the coming weeks. The financial reports for the year ending 30 June 2024 will then be independently audited by the Tasmanian Audit Office by 30 September 2024. The final audited financial statements will be presented to Council for formal adoption following receipt of the audit opinion.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

This special purpose financial report is prepared under *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.8 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.
2.2 Facilitate effective knowledge management practices.

Council Strategy or Plan Reference

Council Strategy or Plan	Date Adopted:
Financial Management Strategy 2024-2034	Adopted November 2023

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

All details are included in the attached reports.

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR JOHNSTONE


That Council note the Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 2024

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.10 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Executive Officer
Responsible Manager:	General Manager
Report Date:	20 June 2024
File Reference:	1312
Enclosures:	1. Direction Letter - Request for Speed Limit Review - Seabrook Road Somerset 

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

To provide information on issues of significance or interest, together with statistical information and summaries of specific areas of operations.

GENERAL MANAGERS OFFICE

Listed below is a summary of activities undertaken by the General Manager during the period 8 June 2024 to 12 July 2024

Corporate

- Council's budget and annual plan preparation continued with employee briefing sessions, document preparation, and development of rates inserts in readiness for consideration of Council at the June meeting.
- Attended the Community Conversation event held at Somerset. The focus of this session was to gain feedback on the draft Somerset Sporting Precinct Master Plan.
- Every two years, Council ensures all employees receive training conducted by Equal Opportunity Tasmania on Discrimination Law: Rights and Responsibilities. These sessions were held in late June.

Community

- Attended a public webinar conducted by Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) hosted by Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT).
- Met with representatives of the Fairy Godmothers to discuss future development of the Anzac Park Playground in Somerset.
- Met with members of the community regarding a building compliance matter.
- Met with Acting Sergeant Wynyard Police, Andrew Ollington to discuss matters pertaining to community safety and wellbeing.

Industry

- Attended a Representatives meeting of the Cradle Coast Authority. Guest speakers included an update on the Marinus Link by Acting CEO Andrew Hugo and his team and a TasNetworks update by CEO Seán McGoldrick and his team.
- Attended the Regional Tourism Forum convened by North by North West.
- With Councillor Bramich, attended a Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) and Community Benefit Sharing (CBS) webinar organised through the Cradle Coast Authority.

- Attended the TasWater General Meeting.

Other

- Attended a Board meeting and workshop of the Cradle Coast Authority.
- Attended a Board meeting and Audit and Risk Committee meeting of West by North West.
- Met with Leader of the Tasmanian Labor Party, Dean Winter.

New Director Appointed

New Director of Community Services, Mr Alan Cattermole has been appointed to the role left vacant following the previous Director's retirement. Alan commences with Council on 22 July 2024; he is joining Council following a move from the mainland.

Grants

AMOUNT \$	PROGRAM	PURPOSE
\$16,674	Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund	Installation of new centre synthetic cricket pitch at Langley Park

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

A community conversation was held in Somerset at the Somerset Primary School on 24 June with 17 people attending.

Feedback was sought on the Somerset Sports Precinct concepts with matters raised by the community regarding the Bowls Club activities, Junior Football support, required upgrades to grounds and Basketball Association commentary.

ADMINISTRATION – Use of Corporate Seal

7/6/24	Grant Deed	Safer Rural Roads Program Round 1 - \$22,200
25/6/24	Lease	Lease for Wynyard Library to Crown in Right of Tasmania (Department for Education, Children and Young People)
1/7/24	Crown Land License	Philosopher Falls Waratah

MOVED BY	CR BRAMICH
SECONDED BY	CR JOHNSTONE

That Council Note the monthly Senior Management Report



The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.11 MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES

9.11.1 MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES - AUDIT PANEL COMMITTEE HELD 04 JUNE 2024

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Information Management Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Financial Services
Report Date:	17 June 2024
File Reference:	Audit Panel
Enclosures:	1. Unconfirmed Audit Panel Minutes - 04 June 2024 
	2. Audit Panel Annual Report 2023-2024 

PURPOSE

The Audit Panel met on 4 June 2024 and the unconfirmed Minutes were released by the Chair on 17 June 2024 and are presented to Council for noting.

BACKGROUND

In February 2014, the Tasmanian State Government passed legislation that requires all Tasmanian Councils to establish an Audit Panel.

Along with the King Island and Circular Head Councils, Council appointed a shared Audit Panel on 3 August 2015.

The current members of the Shared Panel are:

- Mr Stephen Allen – Audit Panel Chair
- Mrs Lisa Dixon – Audit Panel Member
- Mr Paul Viney – Audit Panel Member

The Audit Panel must hold at least four meetings per year, with a majority of members constituting a quorum.

DETAILS

The Audit Panel met on 4 June 2024 at the Waratah-Wynyard Council.

The meeting reviewed the following standard agenda items:

- Business arising from previous meetings;
- General Manager Risk and Assurance Certificate;
- Communications from Council;
- Financial Management reports presented to Council;
- General Manager's Reports provided to Council;
- Minutes of Safety (OSHWELL) Committee;
- Internal audits;
- Major Initiatives - Annual Plan progress report;
- Quarterly Statistic Reports provided to Council.

The major work plan for the meeting covered:

- Financial Management – Annual Plan and Budget
- Internal Controls and Risk Management – Outstanding Debts
- Legal Compliance and Ethics – Compliance with Legislation and Policies
- Audit Panel Performance

There were no formal recommendations made to Council at the meeting. The Panel's next meeting is scheduled to be held on 6 August 2024.

The Annual Report 2023-2024 is attached.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

An Audit Panel is a mandatory requirement under section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Section 85A of the Act details the Audit Panels' functions to include a review Council's performance concerning financial systems, financial management, governance arrangements, policies, systems and controls, and all plans required under Part 7 of the Act. Section 85B of the Act provides for Ministerial Orders to specify Audit Panels' requirements beyond those required under Section 85A.

The *Local Government (Audit Panels) Amendment Order 2015* was issued on 1 January 2016.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance	
Desired Outcomes	
We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.	
We cherish fairness, trust and honesty in our conduct and dealings with all.	
We highly value the use of an evidence-based approach to the development and implementation of strategies and policies that support and strengthen our decision making.	
We are recognised for proactive and engaged leadership.	
Our Priorities	
1.5	Build our knowledge base to apply in decision-making processes.
1.6	Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.
1.7	Develop leadership that inspires and motivates, and which maintains a strong community and workplace culture.
1.8	Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The establishment of an Audit Panel provides an independent review mechanism for Council's policies and procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in this recommendation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The establishment of an independent Audit Panel provides another layer of risk mitigation by providing independent oversight over Council's risk management framework and policy and procedural compliance.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report

COMMENT

It is recommended that Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel Committee held on 04 June 2024 and also note the Audit Panel Annual Report 2023-2024.

MOVED BY	CR RAW
SECONDED BY	CR BRAMICH

That Council:


- 1. Note the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel Committee meeting held on 4 June 2024; and**
- 2. Receive and note the Audit Panel Annual Report for the year 2023-2024.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

9.11.2 MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES - SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY PANEL HELD 18 JUNE 2024

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Contracts and Administration Officer
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date: 27 June 2024
File Reference: SEAP
Enclosures: 1. DRAFT SEAP Minutes 18 Jun 2024 

PURPOSE

The Unconfirmed/Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the **Sustainability and Environmental Advisory** Panel held on 18 June 2024, are laid on the table and circulated.

BACKGROUND

After an expression of interest process, Council appointed its first Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP) at the 26 September 2022 Council meeting.

DETAILS

The Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel met on 18 June 2024 at the Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers.

The meeting reviewed the revised standard agenda items which include:

- Confirmation of previous meeting minutes (16 April 2024),
- Active action updates (based on the action plan),
- Non-active actions noted (based on the action plan),
- New and general business.

There were no new recommendations to Council as a result of this meeting.

The Panel's next meeting is scheduled to be held on 20 August 2024 at the Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.3 We encourage broad community input to create a focussed and strong sense of belonging.
Our Priorities
13.1 Facilitate the meeting of community needs through strong advocacy and local and regional collaboration for shared outcomes.

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.1 Council and the community minimise its resource consumption and carbon footprint.
Our Priorities
7.1.2 Advocate for effective environmental management and contribute to regional, state, and national climate change initiatives.

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.2 The community understands its vulnerabilities and strengths when it comes to climate change adaptation and resilience.
Our Priorities
7.2.1 Support and foster community led adaption and initiatives.

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.3 Our natural environment, unique surroundings and community assets are future ready in a changing climate.
Our Priorities
7.3.1 Facilitate education and awareness of climate change risks to the community and property owners.

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.5 Stewardship of our land, water and marine ecosystems respects past, present and future generations.
Our Priorities
7.5.1 Protect, enhance and recover biodiversity through forward thinking and planning.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	Managing abundant, natural and productive resources – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Education	Lifelong learning and education – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The purpose of the SEAP, their discussions and any subsequent recommendations are intended to advise Council on ways to reduce our environmental footprint, protect and enhance our natural values, provide education and access to relevant environmental information, and improve the community’s adaptability and resilience to climate related risks.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council’s Environmental Sustainability Policy is relevant to the items discussed at the panel meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

COMMENT

It is recommended that Council note the unconfirmed minutes from the SEAP’s meeting held on 18 June 2024.

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

That Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel meeting held on 18 June 2024.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

10.0 MATTERS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED MEETING

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That the Council **RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY** that the matters listed below be considered in Closed Meeting:

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference</i>
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting</i>	15 (2)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) – Notices Of Motion NIL RECEIVED</i>	15(2)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (g) information of a personal nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF CCA REPRESENTATIVES MEETING</i>	15 (2) (g)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (d) Contracts and tenders for supply of goods and services. TENDER EVALUATION</i>	15 (2) (g)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors NIL RECEIVED</i>	15(2)(h)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report</i>	15(2)

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

11.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

MOVED BY	CR BRAMICH
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

That the Council **RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY** that go into Closed Meeting to consider the following matters:

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference</i>
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The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

CR BRAMICH	CR COURTNEY	MAYOR DUNIAM	
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

12.0 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

At 7.29pm the Open Meeting was resumed.

13.0 PUBLIC RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 15(9) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and having considered privacy and confidential issues, authorises the release to the public of the following discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to this closed meeting:

Min. No.	Subject	Decisions/Documents
NIL		

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.29pm.

Confirmed,

MAYOR

19 August 2024