



**ORDINARY MEETING  
OF COUNCIL**

**MINUTES  
OPEN MEETING**

**19 August 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 19 AUGUST 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Time Occupied</b>
Open Council	6.00PM	7.16PM	76MINS
Planning Authority	N/A		
Closed Council	7.16PM	7.26PM	10MINS
Open Council	7.26PM	7.26PM	0MINS
<b>TOTAL TIME OCCUPIED</b>			<b>86MINS</b>

#### **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.

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<b>1.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE</b>
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**1.1 ATTENDANCE**

MAYOR MARY DUNIAM  
DEPUTY MAYOR CELISA EDWARDS  
COUNCILLOR GARY BRAMICH  
COUNCILLOR KEVIN HYLAND  
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL JOHNSTONE  
COUNCILLOR LEANNE RAW  
COUNCILLOR DILLON ROBERTS

IN ATTENDANCE

SHANE CRAWFORD – GENERAL MANAGER  
DANIEL SUMMERS – DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES  
SALLIE MOORE-WOOD – DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
MITCHELL SMITH – DIRECTOR FINANCIAL SERVICES  
ALAN CATTERMOLE – DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES  
SALLY BLANC - EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**1.2 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Andrea Courtney

**1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

Nil received.

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<b>2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>
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**2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
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 15 July 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		MAYOR DUNIAM	CR EDWARDS
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

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### **3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **Councillor and Agenda Item Number**

Nil

#### **Staff and Agenda Item Number**

Nil

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### **4.0 COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT**

#### **4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR**

##### Correction – Radio Discussion re Power House Walk Waratah

On Wednesday 7 August, I did a five (5) minute interview on ABC Radio with Kim Napier, to give an overview of projects in Waratah.

I was asked when the Power House track was going to be upgraded, and my response did not accurately reflect the Council's position about this track. I now need to set the record straight, as Council's current position is not to upgrade this track at the present time.

Even though there are no immediate plans to progress a Powerhouse Loop and associated infrastructure in the short term; this could be revisited when the next Waratah Community Plan is developed and the next list of Strategic Priority projects for the community are determined.

The Mayor also welcomed Alan Cattermole, the new Director of community Services to his first Council Meeting,

## 4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED BY	CR JOHNSTONE
SECONDED BY	CR RAW

**That Council note the Mayors Communications:**

<b>MAYOR DR MARY DUNIAM</b>	
8/7/24	Councillor Workshop
9/7/24	FM Radio Interview
10/7/24	CHAC Community NAIDOC Day
10/7/24	<b>CR HYLAND</b> Dulverton Regional Organics Facility Opening
11/7/24	Warawyn Child Care – Acknowledgement of Country Plaque Unveiling
15/7/24	Council Meeting
18/7/24	Social and Environmental Entrepreneurship in Australia Student Presentations
22/7/24	Councillor Workshop
24/7/24	Meeting with Constituent
24/7/24	UTAS forum – The Cat Catastrophe
25/7/27	LGAT General Management Committee function
26/7/24	LGAT General Management Committee Meeting
26/7/24	LGAT General Meeting and AGM
26/7/24	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR</b> – Artscape Exhibition Opening
27/7/24	<b>CR HYLAND</b> – 110 <sup>th</sup> Annual Wynyard Fire Brigade Dinner and Awards Night
31/7/24	Meeting with Constituent
1/8/24	RDA Tasmanian Committee Meeting
5/8/24	TasWater Board Selection Committee meeting
6/8/24	Coast FM Radio interview
6/8/24	Audit Panel Meeting
7/8/24	Business Visit Larapi Child and Family Learning Centre
7/8/24	Councillor Workshop
9/8/24	Australia Local Government Women’s Assoc. meeting
12/8/24	Councillor Workshop

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

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

## 4.3 REPORTS BY DELEGATES

Cr K Hyland

Cr Hyland noted his attendance at the opening of the new Dulverton’s FOGO waste facility and how impressive the facility was. He also noted that previous Council Officers Mat Greskie and Paul West had significant roles at Dulverton.

Cr Hyland also noted his attendance at the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for the Wynyard Fire Brigade. Noted family atmosphere and multi generational representation.



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#### 4.4 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR EDWARDS

**That Council note the following Workshops:**

<b>22/7/24</b>	<b>Emergency Management Presentation TasWater Presentation Somerset Sports Precinct Consultation Review</b>
<b>7/8/24</b>	<b>Sisters Beach Erosion Control Councillor IT training Organisational Survey Results Councillor Code of Conduct Consultation</b>
<b>12/8/24</b>	<b>Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Group presentation Child Safe Action Plan update</b>

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

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

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**5.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS****5.1 RESPONSE(S) TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING****5.1.1 C FOSTER - CIVIL WORKS OLD BASS HIGHWAY (OLD BASS HIGHWAY DRS ROCKS)****QUESTION**

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 be taken to a Councillor Workshop for discussion given the amount of information that needs to be considered to make any decisions

**OFFICERS RESPONSE**

This item is addressed in the Reports of Officers section of the agenda.

**5.1.2 R KRABBE - COMMUNITY BASED INCOME****QUESTION**

Dr Krabbe noted that a key part of the Community Based Income project is to offer meaningful work and asked if council would consider allowing staff to do Corporate Volunteering.

**OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Council recognises the important role volunteering plays within the community and will continue to advocate and promote volunteering opportunities within the community.

There are no current plans for the introduction of a corporate volunteering program.

Council's Enterprise Agreement provides support to employees who undertake emergency services related activities for the Tasmania Fire Service (including volunteer fire-fighting services); Tasmania Ambulance Service; State Emergency Service or any other emergency service/organisation. Similarly, support is provided for employees involved with the Australian Defence Force Reserves.

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## **5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING**

### **5.2.1 J POWELL - POWERHOUSE WALK WARATAH**

#### **QUESTION**

Mr Powell of Waratah noted that on Wednesday 6 August The Mayor commented on ABC Northern Tasmania Breakfast, when asked about the Old Powerhouse (walk), that "the walk would be upgraded"

The question is :-

1. when will this occur?
2. Will it include the entire loop including a new bridge over the Ringtail Falls?
3. How much will it cost

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Council remains committed to delivering projects as outlined in the recently adopted Waratah Community Plan.

There are no immediate plans to progress a Powerhouse Loop and associated infrastructure in the short term.

## **5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **5.3.1 K KROGH - RUBBISH COLLECTION FOR LARGE FAMILIES**

Ms Krogh of Wynyard noted her understanding of the reasons for introducing FOGO but noted that since general waste has changed to fortnightly she is having to make multiple trips to the tip. She noted that she has six children and her sister has eight and that only one bin per fortnight is causing problems for both families. She asked if council could look at how this problem could be resolved.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised he would follow up with Ms Krogh to discuss the issues for larger families.

### **5.3.2 K GROGH - REGULAR COUNCIL HARD WASTE KERB SIDE COLLECTION**

Ms Krogh of Wynyard asked if council could consider a quarterly kerb side collection of larger unwanted items, similar to other councils.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised that Council was reviewing its waste strategy this year and could consider regular hard waste collections as part of that review.

## **5.4 PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECEIVED IN WRITING**

Nil received.

## **5.5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil received.

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**6.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY ITEMS**

**THERE WERE NO PLANNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

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**7.0 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS****7.1 RESPONSE(S) TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING****7.1.1 CR COURTNEY - PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES****QUESTION**

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

**OFFICERS RESPONSE**

The question posed by Councillor Courtney requests a course of action more suited to a Notice of Motion than question and would require this redirection to proceed.

That said, Council has not undertaken an appropriate analysis of the suggested topic to engage in meaningful dialogue with any party in relation to this matter. There are many other more appropriate bodies to raise any concerns in the first instance if this is a direction Council chooses to pursue.

**7.2 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING**

Nil received.

**7.3 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil Received.

**8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil received.

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## 9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### 9.1 SOMERSET SPORTS PRECINCT MASTER PLAN 2024-2032

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Recreational Planning and Environment
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	2 August 2024
File Reference:	0808
Enclosures:	1. Somerset Sports Precinct - Community Consultation Report 
	2. Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan 

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#### PURPOSE

To seek Council approval for the adoption of the Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan.

#### BACKGROUND

The Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan 2017-2027 (OSSR) identified a key opportunity in Somerset to develop a vacant parcel of land adjacent the Somerset Primary School into a shared sporting precinct for Somerset. This required a consolidation of sporting facilities into the proposed area in order to meet the objectives of developing quality and safe spaces as well as enhancing recreation opportunities within the area. An early concept plan within OSSR suggested a facility could be developed to house a combination of sports such as football, cricket, tennis and an indoor basketball/netball court alongside the primary school.

However, since the adoption of OSSR, there has been significantly greater residential growth within Somerset, and this has resulted in a smaller area available for possible recreational development. As such Council, at its 22 June 2020 meeting, endorsed changes to the Somerset Sports Precinct and adopted the Somerset Soccer Master Plan for upgrading the existing soccer facility.

Following this decision, further work needed to be undertaken to investigate the technical feasibility of relocating to the land adjacent the primary school as well as the option to upgrade the existing facilities at Langley Park.

Given the changes in circumstances, the development of a Somerset Sporting Precinct (SoSP) Master Plan was required and subsequently consultation with key stakeholders commenced. Input from stakeholders was considered and ideas/opportunities explored before Council adopted a draft master plan for public consultation in May 2024. The consultation period lasted for almost seven weeks, and was advertised through social media, local newspaper content, letter drop to adjacent households and direct correspondence with identified stakeholders. An informal community meeting (“Community Conversation”) was also hosted on the 24 June 2024 with the key theme being the draft sports precinct plan. As a result of the consultation process, Council received a total 46 submissions (including two late submissions). All comments were reviewed and considered prior to finalising the plan.

#### DETAILS

Somerset is fast outgrowing its capacity to provide adequate space for the growing variety of sports on offer. Facilities require upgrades as they do not meet current standards, amenity

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and capacity needs. Once complete, the SoSP will provide a clear strategy for the development of fit-for-purpose spaces for recreational pursuits and facilitate community partnerships and enhance lifelong participation in sports.

The SoSP Master Plan aims to provide a diversity of recreation opportunities within Somerset. The proposed facilities shall enhance participation in physical and social activities, liveability, the health and wellbeing of residents and the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the region.

The objectives of the master plan are to:

1. Provide opportunities to enable greater participation in recreational pursuits to improve the potential for personal and community benefits.
2. Increase utilisation of public facilities through consolidation, improved accessibility and shared use.
3. Enhance partnerships between Council, the community and other organisations.
4. Provide quality facilities that are consistent with the asset provision in council's adopted hierarchy for sports and recreation.
5. Integrate school and community facilities to foster lifelong participation in health and wellbeing activities.
6. Establish community facilities that are sustainable and can be managed cost-effectively through shared contributions to the renewal and maintenance of the facilities.

The actions identified in the Master Plan can be categorised into at least one of three key focus areas which align with the objectives of the plan. The focus areas are:

- Plan for and build resilient and sustainable infrastructure
- Promote council, club, community and education collaboration
- Ensure strong futures, shared outcomes and sustained identities

In summary, the key features of the Master Plan are:

1. Retention of Langley Park for active recreation and enhanced participation opportunities, by improving safety and accessibility of the existing structures;
2. Enhanced indoor recreation facilities to meet current demand, including the construction of a new multi-use shared stadium facility;
3. Partnership with the Department for Education, Children and Young People, to utilise the vacant land adjoining the Somerset Primary School for the new shared facility to enhance participation pathways between the school and junior sports; and
4. Maintaining flexibility and resilient futures for recreational pursuits in Somerset, through the consideration of providing community hireable facilities within the new stadium and relocation of tennis.

After the draft plan was endorsed by Council in May, it was released for community feedback over the course of approximately seven weeks (22 May – 7 July 2024). The responses received as a result of the consultation period have been included in the attached Community Consultation Report.

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Overall, the feedback was largely positive with approximately 80% of commentary being supportive of the proposed plan. The majority of those who were not supportive of the plan were either concerned with affordability or service provision gaps across the Wynyard and Somerset indoor sports centres.

Common themes from the feedback are outlined below:

- Desires for additional upgrades at Langley Park to be considered (such as kitchen and canteen/kiosk) and the spectator seating to be brought forward. Respondents cited the anticipated increase in junior participation for football/cricket as the main driver for these recommendations
- Increasing lighting provision from 100 lux to 150 lux at Langley Park
- Although there were some views both for and against an upgraded indoor sports facility in Somerset, there was a substantial number of respondents who either directly or indirectly supported the provision of four full-sized courts
- Some respondents highlighted the difficulty in obtaining ‘court time’ within the municipality, particularly for indoor sports. Management of bookings of the existing facilities and any future facilities was raised as an opportunity to resolve conflict between clubs
- There were some concerns regarding affordability of the plan. These comments varied from not relocating the existing tennis/indoor sports at all through to general unease about the predicted implications for ratepayers

The revised plan, as attached and put forward for adoption, attempts to strike a balance between the benefits of upgraded recreational infrastructure, legislative compliance, safety needs, as well as the community’s capacity/willingness to pay. Unfortunately, the nature of consultation means that it is not possible for Council to address each submission directly and equally, as the submissions received are sometimes at odds with other submissions. As such, the proposed plan has been developed after careful consideration of feedback received as a whole, which has been assessed against the underlying objectives and principles of Council’s strategies and plans.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

### Statutory Requirements

The proposed upgrades at Langley Park will improve accessibility to the building in compliance with the National Construction Code and the Building Act 2016. All new building construction works will equally comply with the appropriate codes and legislation.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
4.3 We provide recreational opportunities to the community for all ages and abilities.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
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.
<b>GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing</b>



<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
4.4 Our community enjoys access to visually appealing safe spaces and facilities for recreation.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
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.
<b>GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
1.5 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.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
1.5.2 Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Access and infrastructure</b>	<b>Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access</b> – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
<b>Natural resource management</b>	<b>Managing abundant, natural and productive resources</b> – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>Maintaining good health and wellbeing</b> – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
<b>Place making and liveability</b>	<b>Liveable places for all ages</b> – 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 with regard to this report in that the long-term life cycle cost of asset investment are considered.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The state government’s natural values dataset was consulted in the development of this Master Plan to understand the presence of any threatened flora and fauna in the vicinity of the three key sites in question. This information has been used to inform the proposed plan and ensure the natural values of the Somerset community are maintained.

Both Langley Park and the Somerset Tennis Courts are located on the foreshore area of Somerset and therefore were subject to a desktop assessment of coastal processes to understand implications for these sites and inform future investment. Of most concern, scientific studies suggest the tennis courts site is at high risk of wave run-up in the next 20 years. Further modelling by the Tasmanian Government supports this research as it indicates the inundation and/or erosion issues will worsen at this site by 2050. This information has

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informed the Master Plan which has recommended the relocation of the tennis courts away from the foreshore as a result.

Council obtained the school's permission to seek a natural values assessment by a qualified ecologist to investigate the vegetation band on the southwestern corner of the vacant land adjoining the school. The report concluded the area is largely wetland forest and there was no evidence of burrowing crayfish. The presence of *melaleuca ericifolia* could be classified as swamp forest (and therefore protected by legislation) if the patch was surveyed as large enough. Whilst the vegetative area was not identified as habitat for threatened wildlife, Council has recognised its biodiversity and educational values given it is a prominent feature in the school's curriculum and for its location. As such, all proposed developments in the Master Plan have avoided this band of vegetation.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Master Plan proposes the delivery of 17 action items over eight years, at a total estimated capital expenditure of almost \$30 million. Of this amount, approximately \$5.6 million is planned to be funded by Council, with the remaining \$24.4 million to be sourced by third party grants and contributions.

Once completed, an additional \$406,000 annually is required to cover depreciation and maintenance (this figure is net of any savings in decommissioning of existing sites). These recurrent costs are equivalent to a 4.3% general rate increase. In line with Council's Financial Management Strategy, operational improvements would need to be achieved to fund the additional cost. This could be achieved through decreasing expenditure or increasing revenue streams.

The estimates assume that most assets become public, owned and maintained by Council. This creates an additional financial burden on the broader community. Council will continue to work with key stakeholders to negotiate asset ownership moving forward, potentially reducing the annual recurrent costs. Council will also explore other opportunities to reduce these financial implications through sustainable building design, increased utilisation of facilities and avoiding unnecessary costs through regular planning and employing appropriate procurement strategies throughout the life of the plan.

The estimates have been prepared based on current market rates and a conceptual understanding of each action. The costs will be revised once detailed design and planning has been completed for each action. Additionally, current estimates do not include inflation or conditions placed on the works by other authorities.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Not proceeding with facility development will leave users exposed to poor experiences and there is some scepticism in the community that a plan of this nature will not proceed. However, based on a small number of comments received during the consultation process there is some risk that adoption of the plan as proposed could create some contempt for clubs outside of the Somerset area.

Additional risks regarding costs to the plan and affordability must also be noted. As with all Council Master Plans and Strategies, planned expenditure and associated impacts on Council's operational budget will be included in Council's Financial Management Strategy. The Strategy guides Council in how much it is likely to have at its discretion to allocate in future years based upon community affordability. Furthermore, the Master Plan can only be

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achieved through third-party funding assistance. Grant funding opportunities must be actively pursued as an essential funding source for actions contained within the plan.

### CONSULTATION PROCESS

Councillors and various staff across the organisation have been consulted in the process of producing the draft master plan. The initial phase of engagement also included core stakeholders such as: Department for Education, Children and Young People, the Somerset Primary School, Somerset Strikers Cricket Club, Somerset Football Club, Wynyard/Somerset Tennis Club, Somerset Amateur Basketball Association and the Somerset Bowls Club/WDIBBA.

A secondary phase of consultation was also held to assess the needs and expectations of the wider community in relation to the ideas put forward in the draft plan. All feedback received during this process was considered prior to producing the final draft for adoption.

It is noted that the *Department for Education, Children and Young People* and the Somerset Primary School have provided in principle support for the proposed development on the Department's land adjacent the school.

### CONCLUSION

It is therefore recommended that the Council:

- Note the information contained within the Somerset Sports Precinct Community Consultation Report;
- Adopt the Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan and the action plan contained within; and
- Approve an amendment to the 2024/25 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates by \$90,000 to include the Langley Park Changeroom Detailed Design (\$60,000) and the Somerset Indoor Stadium Concept Design (\$30,000), as per the Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

#### That Council:

1. **Note the information contained within the Somerset Sports Precinct Community Consultation Report;**
2. **Adopt the Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan and the action plan contained within; and**
3. **Approve an amendment to the 2024/25 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates of \$90,000 to include the Langley Park Changeroom Detailed Design (\$60,000) and the Somerset Indoor Stadium Concept Design (\$30,000), as per the Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

#### IN FAVOUR

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

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## 9.2 COASTAL PATHWAY - EROSION MITIGATION WORKS, DOCTORS ROCKS

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Responsible Manager:	General Manager
Report Date:	29 July 2024
File Reference:	Environment
Enclosures:	Nil

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### PURPOSE

For Council to consider a request received from the public questions without notice section of the 15 July 2024 Council meeting.

### BACKGROUND

The following question is presented at 5.3.3 of the 15 July 2024 Council meeting: -

#### 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.

This report follows a workshop with Councillors and provides required information for which a decision can be made following the question from Chloe Foster.

It should be noted that two other residents in the Doctors Rocks area have raised queries to Council, like that received from Chloe Foster. The resolution from this report will form the basis of a response to those requests also.

The Coastal pathway is a long term, multi-Council project spanning from Wynyard to Latrobe that was envisioned in 2010 and is now nearing completion. Over many years of feasibility study and investigation a final alignment that for the most part re-uses the dormant railway in the State government's infrastructure corridor is now nearing completion.

Some key dates and events leading to this point include: -

- 2017 - \$1.86million funding from the State Government announced for the \$3.7million dollar pathway construction from Wynyard to Cooe
- 2018 – Major coastal erosion issues occur due to storm surge, king tide and storms causing widespread damage to the north west coast line and the State Governments infrastructure corridor.
- 2019 - \$12million allocated by the State Government to manage the significant erosion issues associated with its infrastructure corridor between Cooe and Wynyard
- 2020 – State government appoint Burnie City Council as the railway corridor manager between the Burnie Port and Wynyard, negotiations over the future responsibility of

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erosion management continue between the state government the Burnie City Council and Waratah-Wynyard Council jointly.

- 2022 – State Government and Councils come to agreement on the future responsibilities for erosion control and repairs, enabling the coastal erosion control works to be tendered as part of the pathway construction. Agreement means that future repairs from coastal erosion events are not a direct financial liability for the communities of Burnie City Council and Waratah-Wynyard Council.
- November 2023 – Planning permit awarded by Waratah-Wynyard Council as a planning authority, after public advertising, for four (4) erosion revetment structures along the States infrastructure corridor between Cam River and Doctors Rocks.

## DETAILS

It is important to reflect upon the high tide, coastal erosion events of 2018 and the damage that resulted.

Some images published by ABC Tasmania in October 2018 are re-produced below: -



King tides coupled with a storm surge smashed the Penguin foreshore in the winter of 2018. (ABC Northern Tasmania: Rick Eaves)



Burnie's prized West Beach walkway was not exempt from damage, with one access point closed for repair. (ABC Northern Tasmania: Rick Eaves)

Following this event, a review by third party consultants was commissioned by the State Government as part of approval for occupation of the State's infrastructure corridor (then occupied by rail) to be used for coastal pathway construction.

A specialist engineering firm was engaged by the Department of State Growth to assess the damage caused by the 2018 coastal erosion event and the vulnerability of the coastline to future similar events now and into the future that would affect the intended re-use of the corridor from rail to a coastal pathway.

A total of 16 sites were identified between Cooe and Wynyard over a 13km length and assessed in 2018 for potential impacts caused by future coastal inundation and weather events. Eleven of the 16 sites exist in the Waratah-Wynyard Municipal Area between the Cam River and Doctors Rocks.

The reporting recommended as a first preference that the coastal pathway be realigned outside of the corridor and 'retreat' away from areas of coastal damage or vulnerability where space allowed. The 'retreat' option has occurred at 7 of the 11 sites in the Waratah-Municipal area.

For the remaining four sites, where realignment was not an option, a resultant package of works involving repair and upgrade of damaged erosion revetment structures was agreed and funded by the State government, to be completed as part of a total package of works with coastal pathway construction.

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The Doctors Rocks site (site 16) was assessed in 2018 as being in poor condition (photos below): -



Observations made in 2018 were that: -

- The rail corridor was found to be 0-1m inland from the high tide shoreline and pathway realignment was not an option due to the proximity of Old Bass Highway.
- Approximately 55 metres of the existing masonry retaining wall was found to be damaged from past events with significant undermining observed in some locations.
- The recommended option for site 16 was reconstructing a suitably sized rock revetment wall with toe rock to minimise undermining and scour.

The works for site 16, along with other sites, were tendered concurrently with the Coastal pathway construction works and are now being jointly executed.

While Council will become the asset owner of the soon to be completed coastal pathway, the erosion structures such as the rock revetment wall have been constructed to protect the

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states infrastructure corridor (previously occupied by rail tracks) and will be assets of the State Government. As such, Council does not have direct authority to amend the scope of the agreed works that the State government are funding in full after negotiations with Burnie City Council and Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Council could advocate to the State Government for a reduced scope of works as per the question received, however, this would certainly jeopardise existing maintenance agreements reached with the state government for future repairs to erosion revetment structures as events occur. A potential consequence of a reduced scope is impacts upon the pathway are more likely during storm events and the time where erosion affected sections of the coastal pathway are out of service may be lengthier. Additionally, there is the risk of the burden of erosion repairs falling the local community via Council.

It should be noted that sites outside of the State Infrastructure corridor, that were not previously occupied by rail did not receive state funding for coastal protection works upgrades or repairs (this includes locations such as Nurses retreat).

Following the request received by Chloe Foster a review of the design for the four locations of coastal erosion revetment structures along the State infrastructure corridor was undertaken. It was found that for each location: -

- The design final wall height was identical for each location, though the height of the adjacent pathway varied, giving the appearance of variable wall height.
- The constructed height at site 16, Doctors Rocks was checked against the design at 4 separate locations and the average height was 20mm less than the designed height (deemed to be an acceptable tolerance).
- Each location has been designed by Coastal engineers for a 30 year horizon (2053) of coastal events, consistent with the 30 year design life of the asphalt surfaced coastal pathway.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

### Statutory Requirements

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

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
1.5 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.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
1.5.2 Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.



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## Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Memorable visitor experiences all year round</b> – The must see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
<b>Access and infrastructure</b>	<b>Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access</b> – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
<b>Natural resource management</b>	<b>Managing abundant, natural and productive resources</b> – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
<b>Governance and working together</b>	<b>Working together for Murchison</b> – 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**

Council's Asset Management Policy and the Environmental & Sustainability policy have some relevant in this instance however the erosion revetment assets are not owned by Council.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no new financial implications as a result of this report, however it must be noted that future State Government funding commitment of erosion repairs at this location is likely compromised if Council are to advocate for a lesser scope of works than that constructed to date.

It is likely Council would be asked to financially contribute to any design modifications at this late stage of the construction process for modifications not deemed necessary or beneficial to the project.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- **Legislative compliance**  
The ownership arrangements associated with the State Infrastructure Corridor and associated erosion revetment structures should be recognised in Council decision making
- **Financial Sustainability**  
Costs for erosion repairs are difficult to forecast and can be exorbitant. Any threat to the existing maintenance agreement from the State Government could result in financial burden upon the Waratah-Wynyard Community

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## CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of the recommendation made in this report.

## CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council note the report and determine not to advocate to the state government for a reduced erosion revetment structure scope at site 16, Doctors Rocks due to the lower level of protection to the Coastal pathway that would occur.

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

### That Council:

- 1. Note the information in the report and the status of asset ownership of erosion revetment structures protecting the State Infrastructure corridor, and;**
- 2. Determine not to advocate to the State Government for a reduced erosion revetment structure scope at site 16, Doctors Rocks, that would offer a lower level of protection to the Coastal Pathway**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

### IN FAVOUR

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

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### 9.3 SISTERS BEACH OPEN SPACE – COASTAL EROSION OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Strategic Projects Manager  
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services  
Report Date: 8 August 2024  
File Reference: 0808  
Enclosures: 1. Sisters Beach Open Space - Coastal Erosion Options Assessment - Community Engagement and Options Refinement 

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#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- inform Council of the outcomes of a community engagement process detailed in report “Sisters Beach Open Space – Coastal Erosion Options Assessment – Community Engagement and Options Refinement “;
- note the report and recommended intervention option; and
- determine to release the report for public comment and receive a further report on comments received before determining the preferred intervention option.

#### BACKGROUND

Council is aware of on-going community concerns with foreshore (coastal) erosion at Sisters Beach, along the frontal dunes east and west of the Sisters Creek and abutting the Sisters Creek Reserve.

The foreshore is Crown Land administered by Parks and Wildlife. Council has a license over the Crown Land which forms the Sisters Creek Reserve. (refer image below): -



Outside the licensed area, Council has no ability to unilaterally intervene or address coastal erosion. Its role is as a community advocate and manager of any community assets (walkways, stormwater pipes and the like) placed on the crown land.

However, as the licensee of the Sister Creek Reserve, custodian of significant community assets within the Reserve and acknowledging that the Reserve is the primary recreational / public space for the Sisters Beach Community, Council had allocated funding to investigate,

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design and implement measures to mitigate and repair coastal erosion on the foreshore area abutting the Reserve.

It is important to note that any action by Council within the licensed area will still require crown approval, a development approval and other approvals depending upon the nature of the intervention.

It should also be made clear that this report only deals with coastal erosion concerns adjacent to the Sister Beach Reserve.

Over the past decade a range of measures have been implemented by Council and Community Groups to mitigate localised erosion adjacent to the reserve to varying success. These measures have included access control and plantings, among other actions.

The effort of the community to date should be acknowledged and a continued partnership the focus of any intervention.

Council had previously received two technical reports which consider the coastal erosion issue at Sisters Beach.

1. Water Technology – Sisters Beach Erosion Options Assessment April 2017.
2. Alluvium – Waratah Wynyard Coastal engineering and geotechnical assessments May 2021.

Parks and Wildlife Tasmania have separately commissioned the preparation of a Foreshore Management Plan for Sisters Beach. While this report has not been publicly released, Officers have provided feedback on drafts of this document.

The Alluvium Report identified the following intervention options (concept level:) and applied a multi criteria analysis to recommend a preferred option:

- Active Sand Management
- Parks and Wildlife options
  - Public Pathway
  - Reduced and formalised access points
  - Revegetation
  - Stormwater management
- Combined groyne and diverted stormwater
- Buried seawall or approved seawall alignment for last line of defence.

The preferred option - Active Sand Management – has been reviewed by officers in conjunction with the draft Parks Foreshore Management Plan. Active Sand Management would be complementary to the management approach outlined in the draft parks plan.

While high level technical assessment work has occurred as outlined above, Council is also cognisant of the significant value/ importance that the Sisters Creek, the Foreshore and abutting reserve have to the community.

In the 23/24 capital work program Council allocated funding to progress the design and implement of an intervention option for the reserve foreshore.

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To provide an opportunity for the community to participate in guiding the selection of the most appropriate intervention option Council engaged Alluvium Consulting to undertake a community consultation process. This being the first step of a larger project.

The aims of this process were:

- to gain appreciation of community values, uses, and concerns.
- to convey broader management objectives of the Council and State.
- to raise and discuss the realities and complexities of the natural environment, changing climate conditions, hazards and resilience, and possible future challenges.
- to share, discuss and gain feedback on possible management actions that could be suitable for the site.
- Incorporate community values in the options assessment process (Multicriteria assessment).

Based upon the outputs from the Multicriteria assessment a recommended intervention option would be proposed.

The community engagement process has been completed. A copy of the report is attached.

#### **DETAILS**

The Sister Creek and the Reserve are an integral part of the fabric of the Sisters Beach Community.



There is a clear community desire to retain these natural assets for as long as possible.

The Alluvium report contains a detailed summary of the community engagement process, community feedback, options assessment and recommendation.

The engagement activities carried out can be summarised as follows:



An important early discussion point was related to future predications as to the impacts of Climate Change on the foreshore area.

Referring to appendix C of the report, extracts from the Tasmania Planning Scheme showing coastal hazard mapping (Coastal Erosion and Storm Tides) are provided. It is clear from the State Government modelling that over time, regardless of the intervention implemented, sections of the reserve will not be useable for current activities. As such some form of progressive retreat of public assets should be considered overtime.

This awareness also points to having the capacity to adaptively manage the impacts of coastal erosion, in response to the climate impacts noted above.

The importance to community of retaining the character of the foreshore, estuary and reserve is highlighted in the values expressed by the community in the engagement process; captured in the images below.

**Key words that came to individuals' minds  
when thinking of Sisters Beach and creek:**



*\*Word size reflects how frequently each word was raised*

Key foreshore values for Sisters Beach include:



Various activities were carried out with the community to explore the relative merits of several possible interventions against a range of criteria.

The table below (attachment H in the report) summarises the community views on interventions.

Option	Not appropriate	Less appropriate	Neutral	Appropriate	Very appropriate	Total responses	Consolidated comments and feedback from the community
Option 1: Active sand and vegetation management with controlled access points	0	1	0	8	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach is the highest priority</li> <li>Most natural solution</li> <li>Would need to be ongoing</li> </ul>
Option 2: Public pathway, controlled access points, revegetation, stormwater management	0	1	7	4	1	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property owners are not likely to support this option. If combined with a buried seawall they might be willing to adopt this option</li> <li>Could create a divide in the community</li> <li>This could have positive outcomes if combined with stronger protection around the creek mouth and primary assets</li> <li>Privacy issues</li> <li>Path should not be impervious surfaces</li> <li>Need to work collaboratively with foreshore land owners</li> </ul>
Option 3: Combined groyne and diverted stormwater	3	6	2	1	0	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very risky, may lose assets and values</li> <li>Would lead to the beach being lost overtime</li> <li>Creating more of an issue down east/west of the creek</li> </ul>
Option 4: Buried seawall or approved seawall alignment for last line of defence	1	3	3	5	0	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A buried sea wall would reinforce the makeup and create sand dunes of old - seems beneficial? Maybe?</li> <li>The buried wall would need to be very steep dune at western side wall</li> <li>No guarantee the dune will survive</li> <li>Consider combining with the pathway option 2</li> <li>Might be beneficial around the mouth of the Creek</li> </ul>
Option 5: Seawall for last line of defence	4	5	0	0	0	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates further problems with sand nourishment</li> </ul>
Option 6: Move public assets and facilities out of at risk areas in time	3	2	0	3	1	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate in the long term</li> <li>Assuming that council will face cascading effects of climate change, resources will be best spent at a level above sea level where long term infrastructure can be built</li> <li>Who cares where the car park is, the beach is primary attraction to the site and should be protected</li> <li>Would prefer to see long-term managed retreat that is planned rather than a 'silver bullet' approach. Needs to have a community engagement lens to it.</li> </ul>

Note: While initially considered, an artificial offshore reef was not shortlisted further, as it is not appropriate for this location – due to onshore and offshore environmental conditions, approvals.

From this work it was clear that there were two options that elicited a more positive response:

- Active sand and vegetation management with controlled access points
- Buried seawall or approved seawall alignment for last line of defence.

Consultants Alluvium applied a revised set of assessment criteria to the assessment of the two options.

Section 3.2 of the report explains how the community engagement outputs were applied to the assessment criteria.

The scoring for the two options is shown below (table 2 of the report)

**Table 2. Shortlisted options MCA refined weightings and scorings**

	Decision criteria								Weighted total
	Cost	Protection of assets	Life cycle/ durability	Amenity/ access	Environmental factors / respect natural processes	Approvals	Coastal and riverine processes	Adaptive capacity to future climate hazards	
<b>Weightings</b>	100%	150%	200%	150%	200%	150%	100%	100%	
<b>Option 1 – Active sand and vegetation management, access control</b>	10	6	4	10	7	9	8	8	
	10.0	9.0	8.0	15.0	14.0	13.5	8.0	8.0	85.5
<b>Option 4 – Buried wall</b>	4	9	8	8	6	6	6	4	
	4.0	13.5	16.0	12.0	12.0	9.0	6.0	4.0	76.5

Based on this assessment the recommended intervention is “Active Sand and Vegetation Management with controlled access points”



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Some of the key considerations framing this recommendation are:

- Respecting the natural values and community values.
- Recognising that coastal processes will require consideration of retreat options in the medium term.
- Concerns with the unintended consequences of hard infrastructure.
- Consistent with Parks and Wildlife views on foreshore management.
- Legislative and approvals processes.

It is also relevant to note that Council is applying a similar intervention to the foreshore area at Anzac Park Somerset, a site which has some similar characteristics to Sisters Beach. Council thus is developing skill in constructing and managing such an intervention.

It is recommended that Council progress the following actions:

- Council to receive the report and seek Community and Agency feedback.
- Consider a subsequent report detailing the feedback and select an option to implement.

Subject to the decision of Council, Officers would then progress design and approval processes for the selected option, including engagement with stakeholders and the community. Opportunities for the community to be engaged in the implementation of the intention should also be explored.

Furthermore, it is suggested to Council that it consider developing a long-term plan for Open Space in Sisters Beach so that appropriate asset planning is put in place and the Sisters Beach community has ongoing access to attractive and useable open spaces.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

### Statutory Requirements

This report presents no statutory implication for Council.

However subject to Council's future decision on intervention measures to mitigate erosion impacts to the Sister Beach Reserve foreshore various approvals may be required including:

- Crown land / Parks and Wildlife approvals
- Development Approval

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
4.4 Our community enjoys access to visually appealing safe spaces and facilities for recreation.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
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.

## Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Tourism	<b>Memorable visitor experiences all year round</b> – 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	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	<b>Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access</b> – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	<b>Managing abundant, natural and productive resources</b> – Natural resource management is valued, and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental impacts will be a significant matter to address should Council progress to implement an intervention option.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has allocated \$495,000 is the current year capital works budget to implement an agreed intervention option.

Alluvium Consulting have provided order of costings for the two options.

Option	Capital (Year1)	Annual Opex (per annum)	Combined Total (10 Years)
Active sand and vegetation management with controlled access points	\$320,000	\$75,000	\$1,070,000
Buried seawall or approved seawall alignment for last line of defence.	\$4,300,000	\$25,000	\$4,550,000

In developing the costs estimates reference has been made to project costs estimates for the Anzac Park works

Both options have an operational impact for Council, these are estimated to be: -

- \$107,000 per annum (equivalent to 1.07% general rate rise) for Active Sand management and
- \$215,000 per annum (equivalent to 2.16% general rate rise) for a buried seawall.

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Depending upon the final decision of Council as to the adopted intervention option, decisions will be made as to funding requirements.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The intent of this report is to inform Council as to opportunities to mitigate the impacts of ongoing coastal erosion on the foreshore of the Sisters Beach Reserve.

Said erosion exposing the Council assets to risk as well as the Community's use and enjoyment of the reserve.

Risk will be further explored in the subsequent report to Council and in any related approvals and design processes.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Opportunities were presented to the Sisters Beach and broader community to participate in a community engagement process as outlined in the Alluvium report.

Community feedback has been documented in the report and has been incorporated in the assessment process.

### **CONCLUSION**

The report "Sisters Beach Open Space – Coastal Erosion Options Assessment, Community Engagement and options refinement" summarizes the community engagement process undertaken and puts forward a recommendation as to a preferred intervention option to mitigate the impacts of coastal erosion on the Sisters Beach reserve.

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

#### **That Council**

- 1. Receive the report by Alluvium Consulting "Sisters Beach Open Space – Coastal Erosion Options Assessment – Community Engagement and Options Refinement" and seek Community and Agency feedback; and**
- 2. Seek a further report from Officers detailing the feedback received before determining the preferred intervention option.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

#### **IN FAVOUR**

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

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## 9.4 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST CHARGING STATION

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Economic Development Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Financial Services
Report Date:	23 July 2024
File Reference:	1
Enclosures:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Electric Highway Tasmania Submission - Confidential</li><li>2. Electric Highway Tasmania Submission Supporting Documentation - Confidential</li><li>3. Memo - Electric Vehicle Charging Station - EOI Assessment - Confidential</li></ol>

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### PURPOSE

To consider Expression of Interest (EOI) options for a Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Fast Charging Station.

### BACKGROUND

An action within the 23/24 Annual plan was:

*5.1.2.1 Promote and facilitate investment in electric car charging stations within the municipal area for public and workplace use*

With the number of electric vehicles within the community increasing due to visitors to the town and residents' ownership, there is a need to provide access to charging opportunities for such vehicles. Working collaboratively to facilitate the provision of such facilities will encourage greater utilisation of electric vehicles, reducing the impact of emissions associated with internal combustion engines.

In terms of a Public EV charging station, it was considered that Council's role would be to facilitate an opportunity for a private operator to invest in such infrastructure in the Council area.

In that regard, an expressions of interest process was undertaken to seek submissions from suitably qualified and experienced individuals or businesses to design, install, operate, and manage an electric vehicle fast-charging station in the Wynyard CBD. It is noted that a potential site for a public EV charger was identified being in the Goldie Street carpark.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) was a commitment by WWC to be involved in this project, rather an opportunity to understand potential opportunities within the marketplace and to possibly facilitate the development of a needed facility in the community.

EOIs were called in March 2024, closing 7 June 2024.

### DETAILS

At the conclusion of the EOI process, one application was received, from Electric Highway Tasmania.

Electric Highway Tasmania is a private Tasmanian based Company established in 2017 to build and operate public electric vehicle charging stations. Refer their website [Electric Highway Tasmania - About](#)

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The Company currently operates 20 Public EV charging sites across the state, with one additional site in development.

The submission addressed the requirements of the EOI document. The company has a demonstrated track record of building and operating public EV charging stations and has an open book approach to project costs.

Electric Highway Tasmania in their submission provided three proposed options for Council’s consideration. A copy of EHT’s submission along with council officers’ assessment of the options are included with this report as confidential attachments.

Subject to the option chosen (should Council determine a position) there may be a rental income arising and the potential for additional visitor expenditure in the CBD.

Since the EOI process was progressed, Council has adopted a new annual plan. An action relevant to the matter at hand is:

- *Undertake review of CBD parking provision and compliance.*

It would seem appropriate for this review to be completed before any formal decision is made regarding Council participating in a public EV charger project.

It is recommended that Council determines to delay introduction of public electric vehicle infrastructure subject to the outcome of the CBD parking review and associated recommendations and re assess the options for introduction of infrastructure in mid-2026.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

### Statutory Requirements

The occupation of the council land would need to be formalised via a lease.

The requirement of *Section 177 of the Local Government Act 1993* would need to be complied.

The carpark is also identified as “Public Land “. The requirements of Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 would also need to be complied with.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
6.1 Our transport and access network can accommodate the changing needs of our industry and community.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
5.1.1 Investigate and embrace new economic opportunities.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Business &amp; Industry</b>	<b>Specialised diversity of the economy</b> – Value adding, diversification, innovation and employment. A resilient economy with global brand recognition and growing exports.

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Memorable visitor experiences all year round</b> – The must-see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
<b>Strong communities and social capital</b>	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
<b>Access and infrastructure</b>	<b>Local, regional, and global transport and infrastructure access</b> – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>Maintaining good health and wellbeing</b> – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
<b>Education</b>	<b>Lifelong learning and education</b> – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
<b>Place making and liveability</b>	<b>Liveable places for all ages</b> – 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.
<b>Governance and working together</b>	<b>Working together for Murchison</b> – 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

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

The potential risks of proceeding with the recommendation is public perception that Council does not support the transition away from internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEV) to electric vehicles.

Council is able to demonstrate its support for this transition through its adoption of Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP).

## CONSULTATION PROCESS

The public land disposal process (if required) provides the opportunity for the public to make submissions in regard to a proposed disposal of public land.

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## CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council delay the introduction of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure until after the completion of its CBD parking review and re assess options for introduction of infrastructure in mid-2026.

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR EDWARDS

### That Council:

1. **Receive and note the submission received relating to electric vehicle charging stations; and**
2. **Delay the introduction of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure and reassess options for its introduction in mid-2026.**

## AMENDMENT

MOVED BY	CR RAW
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

### That Council:

1. **Receive and note the submission received relating to electric vehicle charging stations; and**
2. **Delay the introduction of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure and reassess options.**

The AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

## IN FAVOUR

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

## AMENDED MOTION

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR EDWARDS

### That Council:

1. **Receive and note the submission received relating to electric vehicle charging stations; and**
2. **Delay the introduction of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure and reassess options.**

The AMENDED MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

## IN FAVOUR

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

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## 9.5 ESTABLISHMENT OF CAT PROHIBITED AREAS - RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Manager Development and Regulatory Services  
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services  
Report Date: 6 June 2024  
File Reference: NOM  
Enclosures: Nil

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### PURPOSE

To provide a response to a notice of motion raised by Mayor Duniam and carried at the 20 May Council Meeting:

**That Council investigate the establishment of Cat Prohibited Areas within designated sensitive habitats of native birds and animals as a positive step to protect and preserve our wildlife.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED unanimously.

This report is to provide an overview of the current Cat Prohibited Areas under the *Cat Management Act 2009* and provide an introductory overview of some of the impacts and limitations within the Act. These factors will need to be considered should Council pursue the establishment of additional Cat Prohibited Areas within the municipality.

### BACKGROUND

There have been multiple approaches to Council to undertake Cat Management including declaring Cat prohibited areas for the reasons as put in the background to the motion.

Past reporting to Council has occurred at various stages following these requests, detailing the resourcing requirements for Council if it were to enact any legislative powers under the *Cat Management Act 2009* without any funding support from other levels of government.

Without resourcing assistance, Council has participated in Cradle Coast Authority Cat Management forums and more recently co funded a Cat de-sexing program to assist in Cat Management improvement.

It was suggested that an officers report to Council be prepared to provide detail of the legislative powers available to Council under the *Cat Management Act* such as declaring prohibited areas and potentially further investigation to follow for subsequent resourcing requirements. The *Cat Management Act 2009* provides Council with legislative powers to manage cats within its municipality to try and reduce any negative impacts from feral and domestic cats alike.

### DETAILS

The *Cat Management Act 2009* and the *Cat Management Regulations 2022*, provides a limited legislative framework to manage cats throughout Tasmania. This legislation enables Council certain powers under the legislation by recognising an authorised person under the *Cat Management Act 2009* the same as authorised under the *Dog Control Act 2000*. This in turn grants Council legislative powers to work within the confines of the *Cat Management Act 2009* and allowing Council to establish by-laws in relation to the management of cats within our municipality.



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Currently all management of this legislation remains with NRE, under the Invasive Species Branch. The Act to a large part is self-managed by the individual cat owner with very limited enforcement taking place as it has been established with a strong focus on education rather than penalties.

The Act is broken down into 5 main parts:

- Micro-chipping, desexing and keeping of cats
- Management of cats, including prohibited areas
- Seized, unclaimed, surrendered and destruction of cats
- Breeding of cats and;
- miscellaneous that covers all other various parts of the act

Currently the *Cat Management Act 2009*, recognises the following areas as prohibited for cats under the Act:

- any area of land that is managed by a public authority, or Agency within the meaning of the *State Service Act 2000*, and is reserved land; or
- any area of private land that is reserved land; or
- any area of land declared to be a prohibited area under section 19; or
- any other area of land that is prescribed or is of a prescribed class; or
- any part of an area of land referred in the above paragraphs.

The vast majority of public land and some private land is already declared prohibited to cats under the Act and managed by other government or private authorities. It is worth noting that land managed by a public authority (such as Crown) the coastal reserves and Private Timber Reserves are already declared prohibited cat areas within this Act. Council would only have powers to declare land under our authority or land we directly own. The majority of the land that is already declared prohibited to cats, that sustains greatest environmental value for native birds and animals is under State ownership. There are however some examples in Council's ownership such as the Frenchs Road Nature reserve and there would certainly be privately owned land of similar value.

Section 19 of the Act allows Council through a public consultation process, the powers to declare an area of land within the authority of Council to be an area where cats are prohibited. A future declaration would need to go out for public consultation and allow a person within 15 days of the notice being published to make a submission in writing to Council. All submissions must be considered before making a declaration under s. 19 to declare an area prohibited to cats. This part is by large in line with the *Dog Control Act 2000*, except council must own or have the authority over the land that we wish to declare prohibited.

Declaring an area prohibited would then naturally require other aspects of the *Cat Management Act 2009* to be enforced and By-laws to be established/drafted in order to police the newly established prohibited areas. This may include but to limited to, building and staffing a cat management facility to house trapped roaming and stray cats, employing additional staff, vehicles and equipment to trap and manage cats and generating a revenue stream to help alleviate the financial offset by implementing cat registration though a newly established By-Law under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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This work will need to be guided by a shared understanding that there is a need to encourage responsible cat ownership, and on the other hand to understand and mitigate the negative impacts that cats can have to the environment in a newly established prohibited area.

All supporting information documents are available via the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment website / invasive Species. (DPIPWE)

A major impost to all parties, State government, private and Council to undertaking cat management actions is the unavailability of a nearby Cat Management facility. The nearest such facility is in Longford and the only other facility in Tasmania is in the South of the state in New Town.

Council would have powers under s. 18 (1) (a) of the Act, to humanely destroy all cats caught or trapped in any newly established prohibited areas. By carrying out this action it would possibly alleviate the need to establish a cat management facility to house trapped cats and reduce some of the costs associated with effectively managing a newly established prohibited area. The *Cat Management Act 2009* has no legislative provision including monetary penalties, to enforce owners to confine their cats to their property.

It should also be noted, that recently the State Government's Parks & Wildlife services (PWS) have undertaken cat management activity in an area of sensitive habitat being Fossil Bluff. PWS engaged with all local residents via a letterbox drop advising of the sensitive habitat for wildlife and the intent to set cat traps in the land owned and manage by PWS. The letters set out a three-strike process for any captured cats involving: -

- First strike – return of a microchipped cat with education around responsible cat ownership.
- Second strike - return of a microchipped cat with a fine
- Third strike – humane destruction of the cat

The setting of cat traps under the *Cat Management Act* is resource intensive in that any person doing so must attend to the traps at least every 24 hours to ensure the humane treatment of any animal (cat or other) caught in the trap. Further, the lack of a cat management facility other than that at Longford, limits the options available for dealing with trapped cats and creates an intense resource demand for microchip checking involving reliance upon local vets.

It is understood in the early days of the setting of traps that two Tasmanian devils were discovered in the traps, validating the sensitive nature of wildlife in this location and the need to protect from introduced predators such as uncontained domestic cats.

It is also understood that this trapping program may become a regular activity of PWS, pending the success of the current program.

The Fossil Bluff cat management exercise by PWS lends itself to State government agencies applying similar programs to other land under their management where cats are prohibited such as Rocky Cape National Park as one example.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

### Statutory Requirements

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

Currently the *Cat Management Act 2009* and Regulations are administered by NRE. The *Cat Management Act 2009* recognises an authorised person within the meaning of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 7: Environment
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
7.2 The community understands its vulnerabilities and strengths when it comes to climate change adaptation and resilience.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
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:
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.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

Should Council choose to investigate enacting any matters beyond education under the Cat Management, a further Policy would need to be developed and endorsed by Council.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The key desired outcomes expected from Cat Prohibited Areas within designated sensitive habitats would be the prevention of fauna kills due to direct cat predation or chronic loss due to disease spread from *Toxoplasmosis gondii*.

The establishment of such areas would, in time, have a positive effect on the robustness of localised biodiversity. However, it must be understood, these areas are unlikely to be fenced to the level of total cat exclusion and subsequently will need to be constantly monitored and straying cats removed or euthanised.

This would be a high resource demand activity and will be highly weighted towards night management activities as that is the time that uncontained cats roam. Such activities would be expected to include use of camouflaged cameras and trapping. There would be, as required, a need for onsite human monitoring or interventions.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Implementation of any part of the *Cat Management Act 2009*, would need further detailed investigations into the individual financial impact of each step to guide decision making by Council.

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## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The main risk implications relating to the establishment of Cat Prohibited Areas would be manifested through current and long-term effects.

First current risk relates to the existence, or effectiveness of the public communication process. Non-existent, or inadequate general support, through lack of general community understanding has potential to de-rail the capacity to achieve the desired outcome.

For example, when Cat Prohibited Areas were declared within the Queenstown and Zeehan townships within the West Coast Municipality, the Council undertook a robust consultation process to achieve adequate community support for declarations and subsequent implementation actions relating to trapping, holding, returning or eventual disposal of Cats.

Despite this, there was an experience of vandalism to, and disarming or theft of traps. Even though, in the examples listed above, there was general understanding of the need for monitored Cat prohibited areas there were community members who either disagreed with the process or wanted the traps. The problems were noted in areas of public space but were not noted in private land.

Another current risk would be the inability to secure a short to long-term holding space for any trapped cats. Euthanasia of all trapped cats as an action would be a hard message to sell. Currently there nearest Cat Management facility is in Longford.

The longer-term risks would firstly relate to the Council's commitment to or resourcing capacity of the management of the areas along with sustained community buy in and support.

Secondly, without a general understanding of the environmental and health risks caused by roaming, straying or feral cats in our urban and natural landscapes coupled with the failure of the Cat Management Act 2009 to specify the containment of cats as is required in most mainland States it will be impossible to stop the intrusion of cats into environmentally sensitive areas.

Aspects of The Act relating to micro-chipping, desexing and keeping of cats, management of cats, including prohibited areas, seized, unclaimed, surrendered and destruction of cats, as well as breeding of cats and others currently will suffice but until all cats are contained there will continue to be highly impactful yet avoidable problems of wildlife kills.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Should Council choose to take on cat management policing and declare further prohibited areas limited to Council's authority. A future declaration would need to go out for public consultation and allow a person 15 days of the notice being published to make a submission in writing to Council. All submissions must be considered before making a declaration under s. 19 to declare an area prohibited to cats.

## **CONCLUSION**

Should Council seek to investigate the potential to take on enforcing prohibited cat areas, several matters will need to be considered and costed by Council; including but not limited to the following; enforcement and complying with the act to ensure an appropriate facility is available within the allocated timeframes (currently made very difficult by distance to

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Longford), housing and disposal of the animals, staffing, appropriate equipment and the introduction of an associated bylaw.

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

**That Council:**

- 1. Note the report on establishing cat prohibited areas within designated sensitive habitats of native birds and animals; and**
- 2. Lobby the various State government agencies to undertake cat management action on land under their control that is prohibited to cats under the *Cat Management Act 2009* and forms habitat for native birds and animals.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

## 9.6 QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To: Council  
 Reporting Officer: Manager Engineering Services  
 Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services  
 Report Date: 1 August 2024  
 File Reference: IDS  
 Enclosures: Nil

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### PURPOSE

To provide statistical information and a quarterly update on the activities of Council for each Department. This report is for the Infrastructure and Development Services Directorate, made up of the following Departments:

- Development and Regulatory Services
- Engineering Services
- Works and Services
- Asset Services
- Recreational Planning and Environment

### BACKGROUND

This report is part of a regular reporting framework to inform Council of activities undertaken across the organisation on a quarterly basis. Each month, a quarterly information report is provided on rotation for each Directorate:

- Community and Engagement (July, October, January, April)
- Infrastructure & Development Services (August, November, February, May)
- Organisation Performance (September, December, March, June)

### DETAILS

This report contains information on the activities, projects and programs being delivered by the Infrastructure and Development Services Team.

**Development and Regulatory Services**

**Public Health**

	<b>Food Premises (FP)</b>	<b>Private Water Suppliers (PWS)</b>	<b>Public Health Risk Activities (PHRA)</b>	<b>Regulated Systems Air Cooling Systems</b>
Renewal notices sent in July	105	11	3	4
Renewal of registrations received in July	70	4	1	3

During the quarter Council issued:

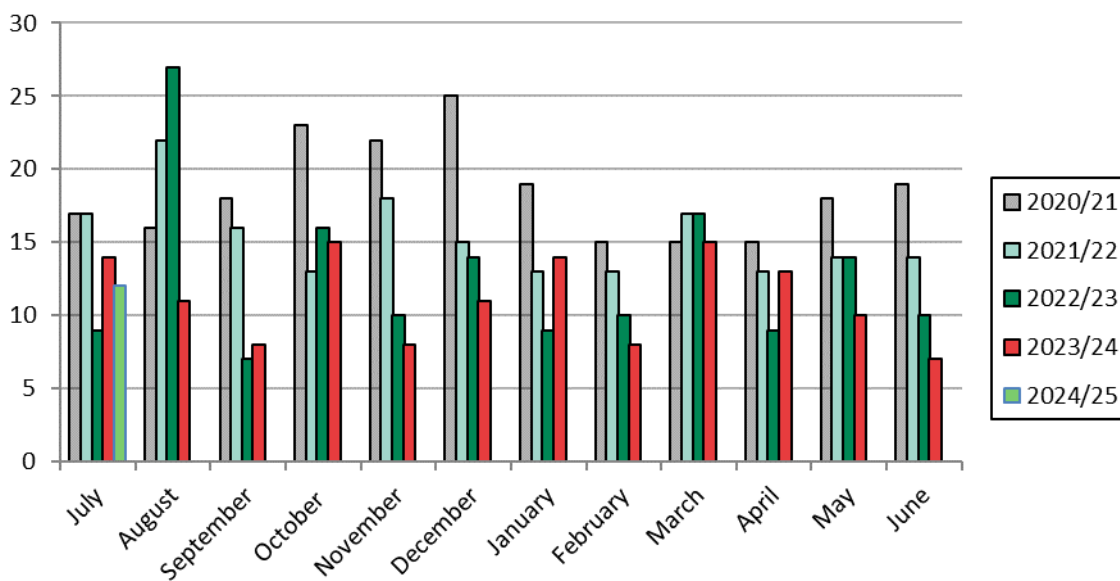
- New Certificates of Food Registration: 2
- Renewed Certificates of Food registration: 53
- Temporary Food Premises Permits: 4
- Certificate of Registration State-wide Mobile Food Permit: 4
- Food Safety Inspections of Food Business Undertaken: 37

**Animal Control**

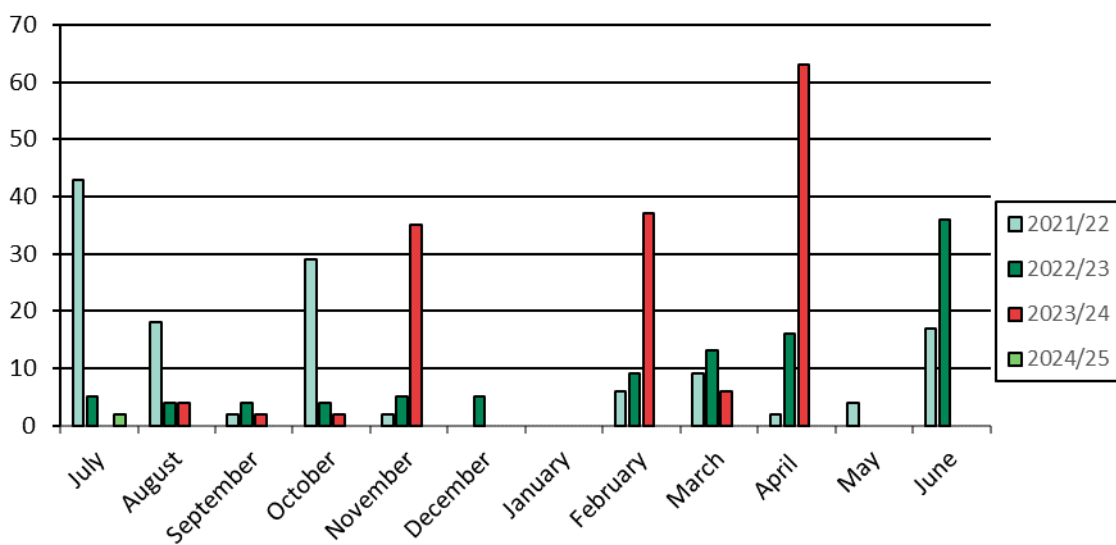
Dogs' registration renewal notices sent out in July	2220
- Dog renewals notices sent via post	1824
- Dog renewals notices sent via email	396
New dogs registered this quarter (May-June-July)	93
Total number of dogs currently registered by end of July	1179
- Number of registered dogs elected to receive all notification via email.	425
Kennel Licence renewal notices sent out in July	35
- Application for renewal of Kennel Licences received in July	29
Dogs Impounded this quarter (May-June- July)	1

**Statistics**

**Planning Approvals**

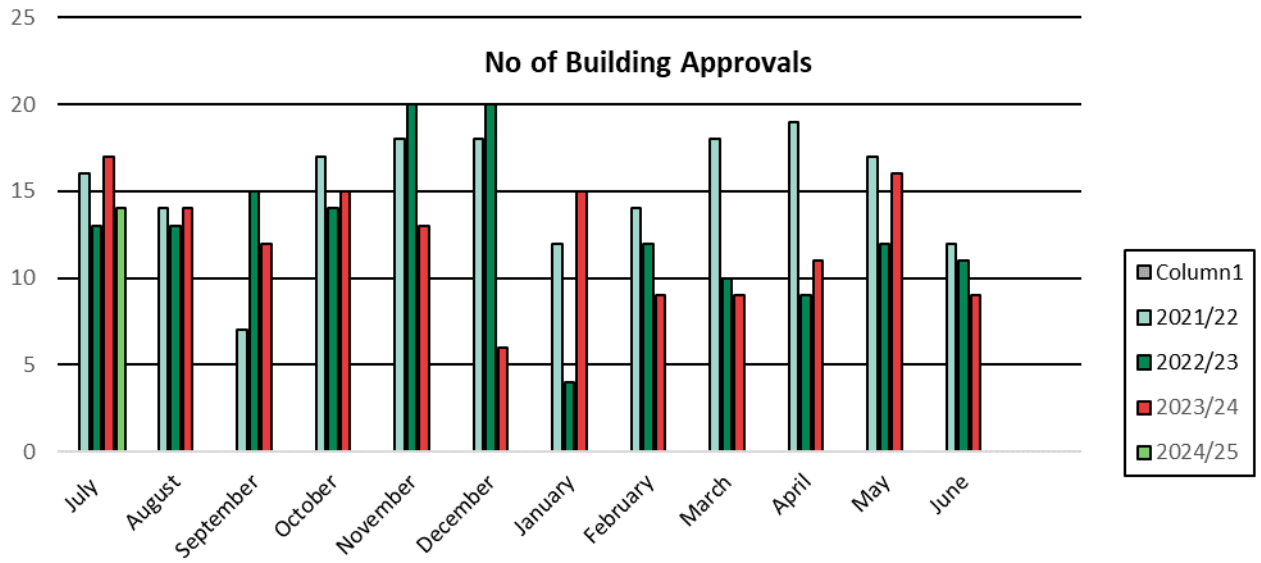


**Subdivisions - No of new lots created**

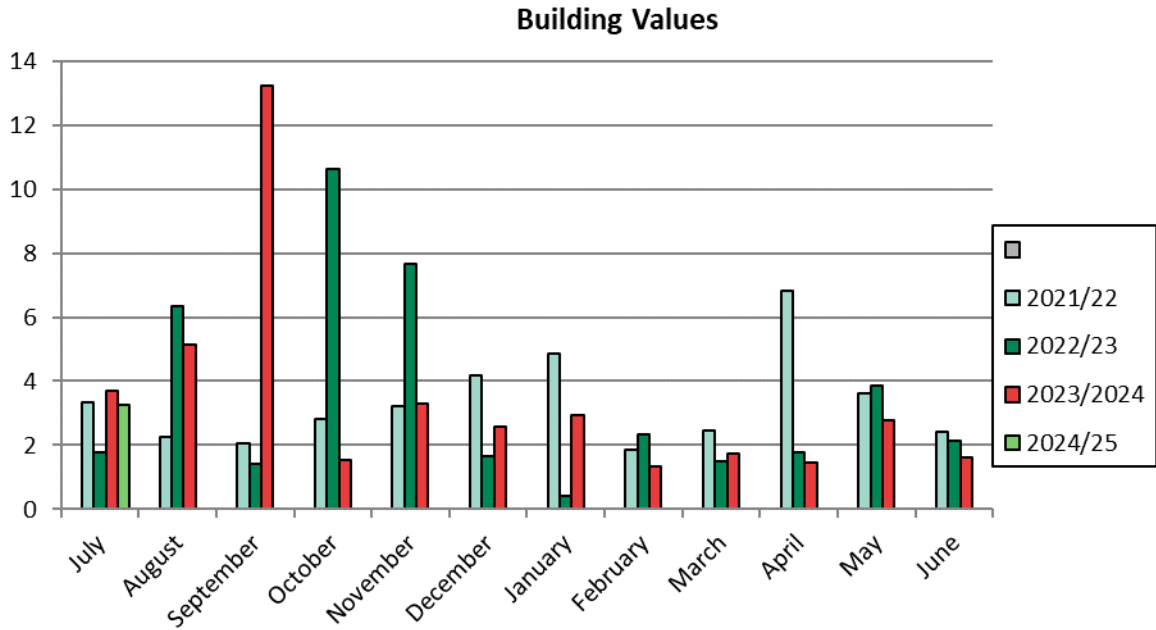




Building Approvals include Building Permits and Notifiable Building Work (Category 3)



Building Values includes Building Permits and Notifiable Building Work (Category 3)



## Engineering Services

### Project Updates

Project	Status
Resheet	Works on the re-sheet program have commenced, Ballast Pit Rd, Marshalls Rd and Ridges Rd completed
Sealed Rural Roads Shoulder Improvements	Due to commence in August
Depot Store Room Upgrade	Scheduled to be undertaken in December
Depot Security Upgrade	Planning and design currently underway
Re Gravel Roadways - Yolla Rec & Langley Park	Works Completed
Install new footpath in Athol Street	Design works completed, works scheduled to commence in October
Footpath Upgrade Inglis and Park St	Works scheduled for January during school holiday period
Footpath Upgrades - DDA Compliance	Works commenced with ramp upgrades at Simpson St completed
Irby Blvd Sealing - East	Works scheduled for November
Wynyard Cemetery Seal Road	Works scheduled for November
Rural Roads Safety Audit Project Delivery	Works to be completed throughout the year
Rural Culverts Replacement	Works to be completed throughout the year
Car Park Works - Wynyard Yacht Club	Works subject to state funding announcement, programmed for February
Low Street Playground	Works underway
Coopers Lane/Andersons Road Realignment	Design being finalised to enable tendering
ANZAC Park Erosion Mitigation	Fencing works underway with planting to follow
Undertake review of CBD parking provision and compliance	Project planning and scope definition being determined
Review and update the Stormwater System Management Plan	Scheduled for September
Create and adopt a Stormwater Policy	Seeking feedback on draft policy from SEAP group
SLST Coastal Risk Assessment	Planning and design commenced with works scheduled for October
Sisters Beach Estuary Stage 3	Working through Crown Land approval to lodge DA
Big Creek Flood mitigation	Consultation and design in progress
15-17 George St - Lining of Drain	Consultation and design in progress
Wynyard Showgrounds - Demolition of Grand Stand	Works effectively completed with some minor tasks outstanding
Gates Road Sealing - Investigation + Design	Design package to be prepared and tendered
Coastal Pathway Construction	Scheduled for October completion
IGA Intersection re Configuration & Carpark	Working through Crownland approval to finalise subdivision and titles
Port Road Boat Harbour Drainage	Working through Crown Land approval to lodge DA
Waratah Road Infrastructure Improvement Design	Works tendered and awarded to Sustainable Engineering Tas
Waratah Falls Walk - Stage one	Awaiting minor works to complete
Calder Road - Bridge Replacement (Blackfish Creek)	Final asphalt overlay to occur in October
Sisters Beach Erosion Works	In design phase with Parks
Port Creek flood mitigation works	Works nearing completion
Fossil Bluff Stairway	Works complete

**National Heavy Vehicle Regulator permit applications**

**Consent Performance**

**Monthly Statistics for Jun 2024**

Based on Received Date  
 Based on Completed Date  
 Based on both dates



Permit Application Type	Consents Received	%
Prime and semi-trailer - Higher Mass Limit (HML)	9	69.2%
Performance Based Standards (PBS)	3	23.1%
Oversize and/or Overmass (OSOM)	1	7.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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Completed Status	Completed	%
Granted	13	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Vehicle Class	Completed	%
Class 2	12	92.3%
Class 1	1	7.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Consent Performance

# Consent Performance by month

## Average days with Road Managers

All figures below are averages for the selected period

Due to inconsistencies in consent tracking, Total Time will not currently reflect the sum of New and Assessment time. New and Assessment times are given for trend level analysis and guidance.

**New Time**

The period between receipt and allocation

**4.12**

**Assessment Time**

The period of assessment prior to completion

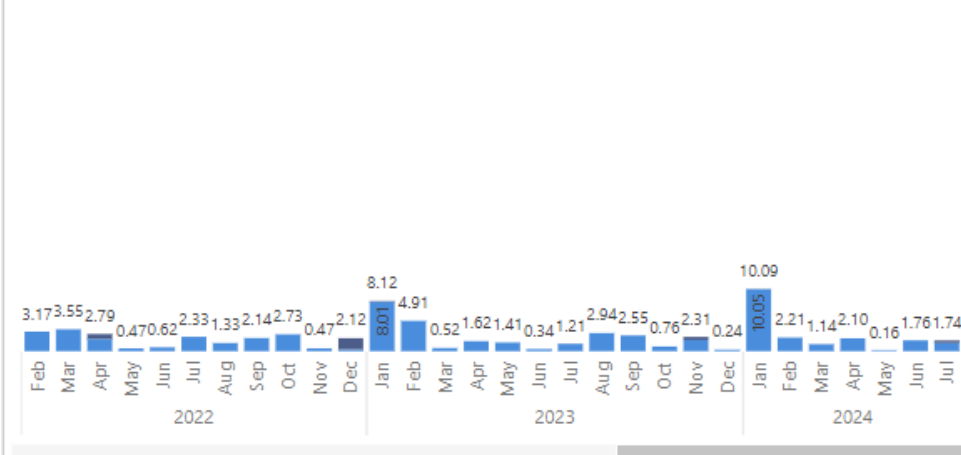
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**Total Time**

The total time the consent was in the system

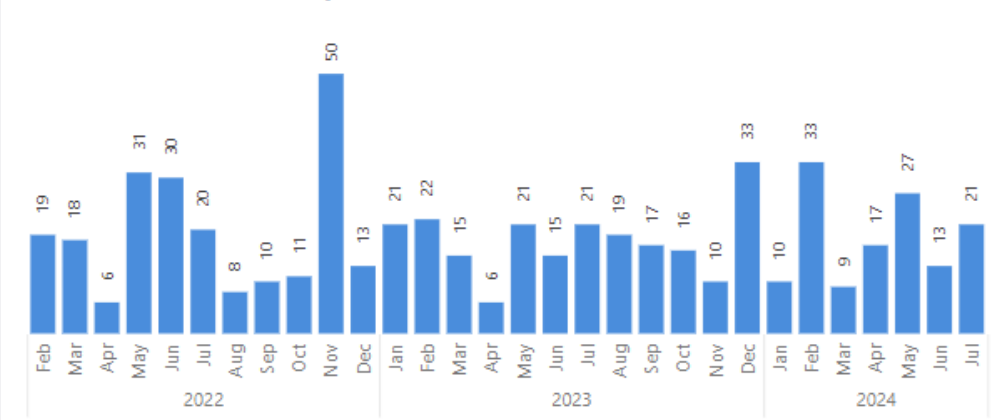
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● Avg Days With Road Manager New ● Avg Days With Road Manager Assessment

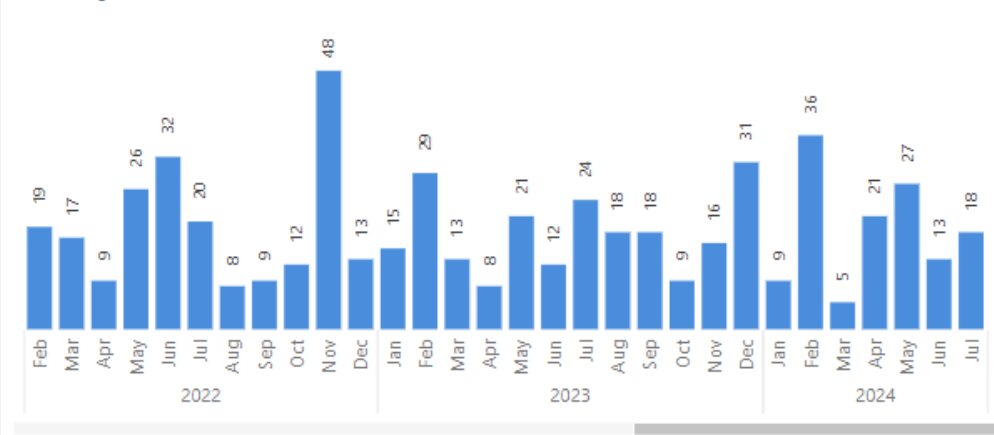


## Total Consents

**Received 1,087**



**Completed 1,079**



Consent Performance  
Consent Status Comparison

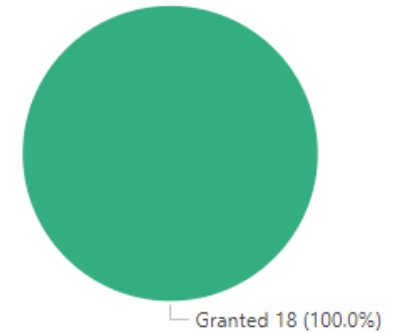
Quarter **Month**

Current Financial Year

Consents Completed by Period

Consents Completed by Status

Status	2024-07	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Granted	18	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>



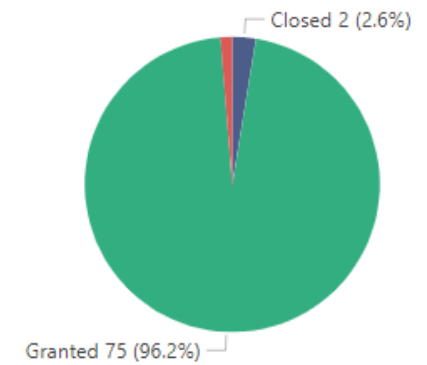
Previous Financial Year

2023-24 2022-23 >

Consents Completed by Period

Consent Completed by Status

Status	2018-07	2018-08	2018-09	2018-10	2018-11	2018-12	2019-01	2019-02	2019-03	2019-04	2019-05	2019-06	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Closed	1											1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Granted	8	10	2	7	2	5	10	6	14	3	4	4	75
<input type="checkbox"/> Refused				1									1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>



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## Works and Services

### Operations and Maintenance Updates

#### Waratah Depot Shed Clean-up:



#### Wynyard Recreation Ground – Base prep for new groundsman shed:



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**New DDA compliant footpath ramp on Simpson St, Somerset:**



**Re-sheeting completed on Boat Harbour Siding Rd:**



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**Cam River tree planting by Parks & Reserves crew:**



**Cam River Reserve, mature tree planting – Wayne Flint & trainees:**





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**Cam River Reserve tree planting, transporting large mature trees:**



**Cam River reserve planted trees:**



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**Re-sheeting completed for Langley Park oval surrounds Road:**



**Parks & Reserves crew – park bench prep during wet weather days:**



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**Lowe St playground decommissioning:**



**Lowe St ready for new playground equipment:**



**Tidy up of cemetery gardens:**



**Garden maintenance by Parks & Reserves trainees:**



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**Garden maintenance by Parks & Reserves trainees:**



**Annual mulching of garden beds:**



**Team effort by the Parks & Reserves crew:**



**New line marking at pedestrian crossing, East Wynyard Foreshore:**



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**New DDA compliant footpath ramp Hogg St /Little Goldie St:**



**Removal of fallen trees:**



## Asset Services

### Project Updates

*Rolling Service Review* - Current practice is to review the Asset Management Plan (AMP) and associated service levels for each major asset class every four years and review the overarching Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) every year. As part of this process (coordinated by the Asset Services team) a multi-disciplinary working team is assembled comprising key staff involved in the delivery of services associated with the asset class under review.

Council's Transport (Roads & Bridges) assets were reviewed in 2023/24 with Council's Buildings assets the focus during the 2024/25 financial year.

*AMP and Service Level (SL) Review* – The Transport Services review has now concluded, and the revised AMP and SL documents adopted by Council. The 2024/25 review of Buildings services will commence in coming weeks following completion of the end-of-year asset processes (asset take-on, revaluations, audit etc).

*Asset Revaluations* – 2023/24 saw revaluations for both the Transport (Roads, Footpaths & Bridges) and Buildings asset classes. This will impact future annual depreciation costs for this asset class. Improvements have been made this year to the way we document the revaluation process with particular focus on our own internal scrutiny and review of the accuracy and reasonableness of each revaluation.

*Strategic AMP* – Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan is also reviewed each year to capture the most recently reviewed AMP update and ensure financial management considerations can be updated in the Financial Management Strategy (FMS). This has also been completed for 2023/24 and adopted and the updated SAMP adopted by council.

*Asset Management Strategy* – Asset Services also coordinates the implementation of Council's improvement plan from its Asset Management Strategy. A key tool in this strategy is the Asset Management Maturity assessment. This was last reviewed in 2022 and guides the organisation's Strategic AM Improvement/Action Plan (reproduced below). Many of these actions are being progressed during the Transport Service Review this year and will be carried through the 2024/25 Buildings service review.

### **Asset Management Maturity Improvement Plan 2023/24**

Task No	Element	Recommendation	Comments	Action
5	Annual Budgeting	Annual Budget items should be expressed in terms of life cycle cost increase/decrease to Council as a percentage increase/decrease of the general rate.	Achievable	Commit for 2023/24 Budget and Council Reports where applicable
9	Asset Management Strategy	Review the strategy to fit with the council strategic plans and improve inputs and interface with FMS.	Opportunities in Waratah re: buildings assets	Proposed SL changes are run through the FMS to see impact of cost increase/decrease
14	Governance and Management	Continue to improve the formal process for corporate risk reporting for any residual high risks from AMPs to Audit Committee and Council.	Current AMP 4-year review cycle identifies risks to pass on to	Ensure communication of AMP Risk reviews



Task No	Element	Recommendation	Comments	Action
			operational risk register	to Org Performance
15	Governance and Management	AM improvement should continue to be driven by EMT by improving role clarity and responsibility to manage assets to meet service delivery needs.	Raise as issue to EMT/SMT for direction on staff role clarity	Clarify accountable person for the Transport Asset class - strategic discussion with SMT with formalisation through PDs
17	Levels of Service	In future reviews of technical LOS for each of the AMPs ensure that service level targets for the next ten years are achievable and make clear what Council can and cannot do for the likely budget and FMS.	SAMP/FMS increased integration	Proposed SL changes are run through the FMS to see impact of cost increase/decrease
18	Levels of Service	Ensure technical LOS are incorporated, monitored, and reported at an operational level.	Next step improvement is to increase audit of LOS performance	Sample auditing + determine reporting (eg as KPI)
19	Levels of Service	Link community and technical service levels in AMPs to the community strategic plan and corporate plan informed by formal community engagement.	Link to rolling AMP cycle	Incorporate community engagement into development of community levels of service/ willingness to pay
23	Data and Systems	Prepare or complete inspection manuals for all major asset classes as each AMP is reviewed/updated.	Urban Stormwater review in 2022/23; Transport in 2023/24	E.g. depth of gravel remaining prior to resheet trigger.
24	Data and Systems	Progress mobile field technology implementation for more efficient data capture and maintenance.	Enable Conquest 4 - roads, footpaths, pits, culverts + ongoing 10 year works renewal planning	Condition inspections are done using mobile computing in the field (e.g. with MapInfo access +)
28	Evaluation	Service level reporting needs to be implemented using "state of the assets" metrics, reporting on trends for condition, quality, function and capacity for strategic service levels. Continue regular reporting on current maturity and status of AM Improvement Plan implementation.	Add to 4-year AMP review cycle	Produce an up-to-date "state of the assets" report for the Transport asset class

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## Recreational Planning and Environment

### Environmental Sustainability Services

The Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP) meeting in June yielded no new recommendations to Council, however progress is continued to be made on the action plan items which were noted at the July meeting of Council.

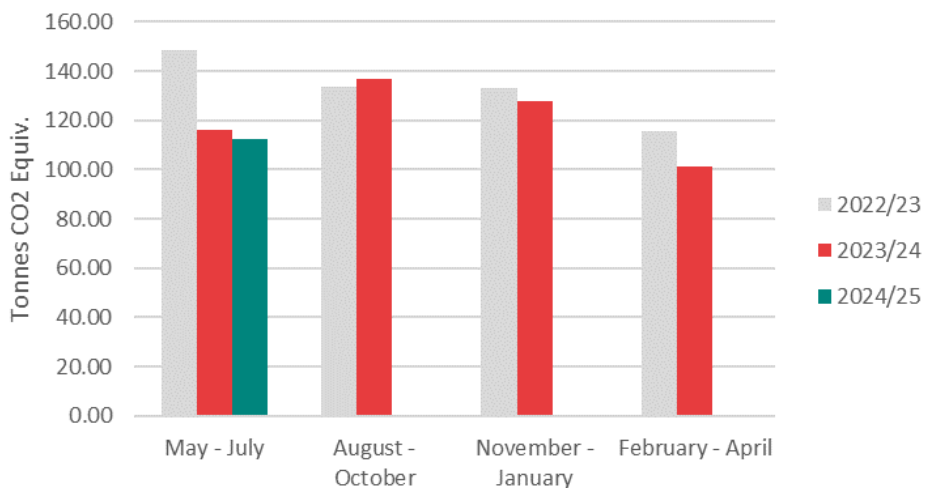
#### Emissions Statistics

Emissions statistics provided below are based on fuel consumption from council fleet, plant and machinery only (partial scope 1 emissions), as well as electricity consumption (scope 2 emissions) on councils buildings and other assets. Scope 3 emissions have not been included. It is noted that electricity data will be received intermittently throughout the year so it is expected to see variations when comparing one quarter to the next.

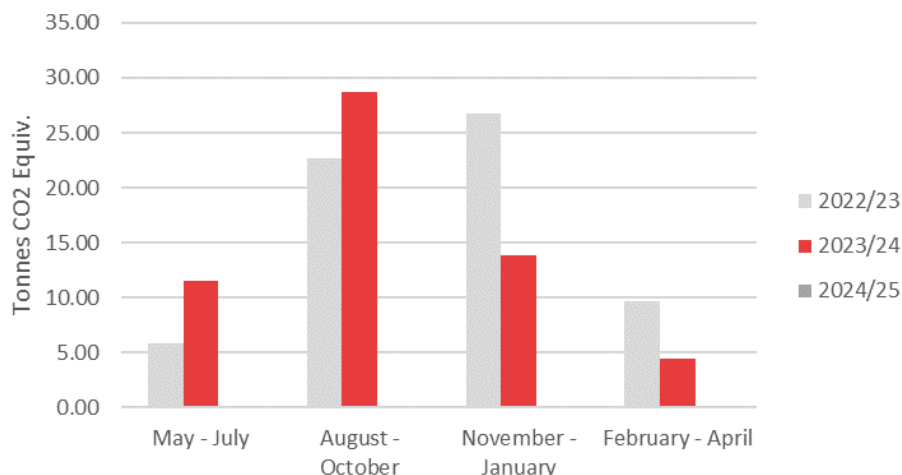
Fuel consumption has decreased by 3% when compared to the same period last year. Over the total year, there has been a 9% decrease in emissions from fuel between 2023-24 and the previous year in 2022-23. This is positive news for Council's net zero target.

Electricity data for this period was not available and an update will therefore be provided in the next quarter as they become available.

**Fuel Quarterly Emissions Trend**



**Electricity Quarterly Emissions Trend**



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## **Waste Management Services**



*Examples of local social media activity in the lead up to bin roll out*

A significant activity in the waste area this quarter has been the continued roll-out and implementation of the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service. During this quarter, key communications and education activities included a stall at the Wynyard Foreshore Market, a site tour to Dulverton Waste Management, social media and mail-outs. Further details regarding the breadth of the communications activities can be found in Council's June Council Meeting Agenda.

On Monday 1 July FOGO collection commenced on a fortnightly collection regime. At the time of writing this report, only data from one single collection round had been received. In the future, it is the intent for FOGO statistics to be reported alongside recycling and waste.

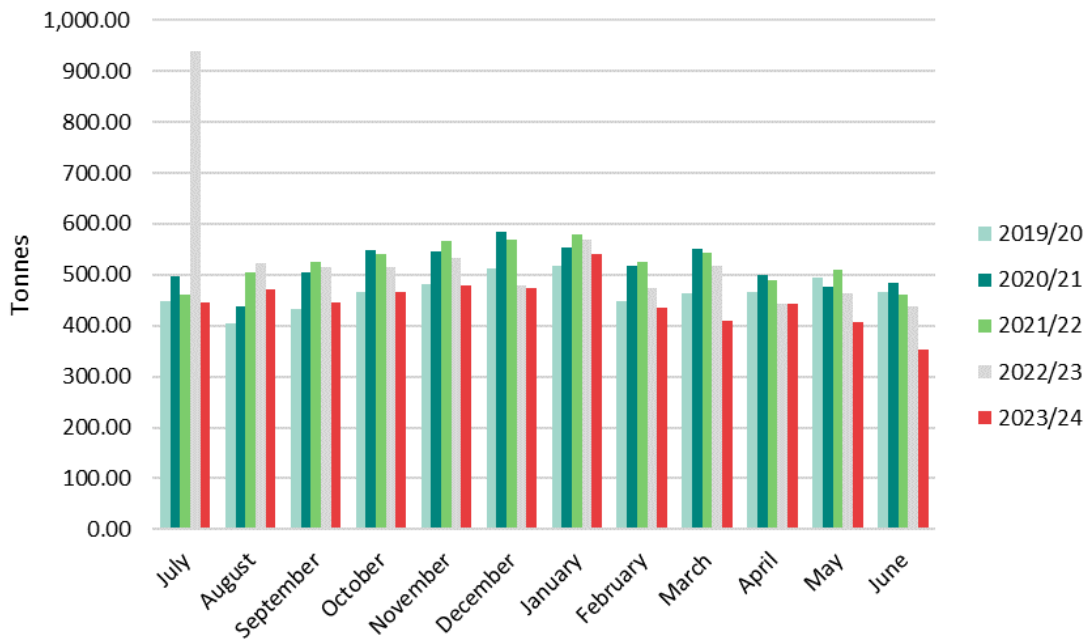
During the first collection, bin presentation rate for Waratah-Wynyard was 32%, which is in line with the regional average of 34%. Bin presentation rate is thought to be influenced by the time of year, which typically peaks during the Spring and Autumn months.

The yield per household per week for Waratah-Wynyard residents is 6.75kg. Across the region, the yield is about 6.5kg-7kg per week, which is consistent with national projections across the east coast of Australia.

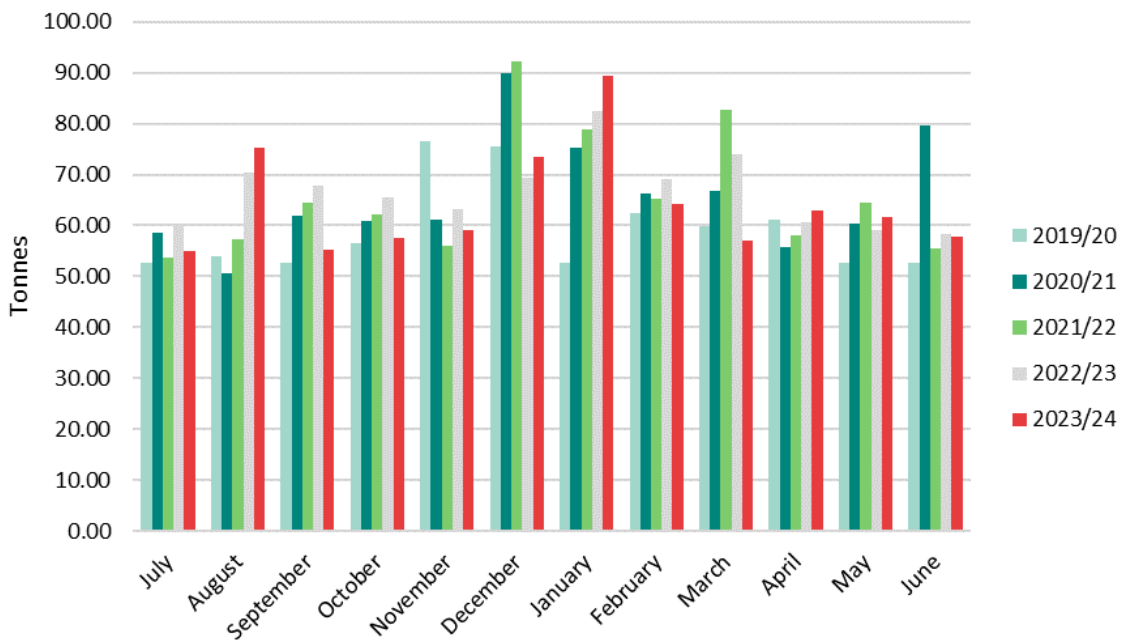
### **Waste Management Statistics**

- At the time of writing this report, data for waste and recycling was only available for the months of May-June (missing July).
- The total waste to landfill from May-June was 761 tonnes. This is approximately 15% less than the same period last year and a similar discrepancy occurred in the previous reporting discrepancy. Whilst Council Officers will continue to explore these anomalies, it is possible that a change in disposal site has resulted in these variations.
- The total comingled recycling collected between May and June was 119.5 tonnes. The total tonnes of comingled recycling has increased by almost 2% when compared with the same time period in the previous year.

### Tonnes of Waste to Landfill



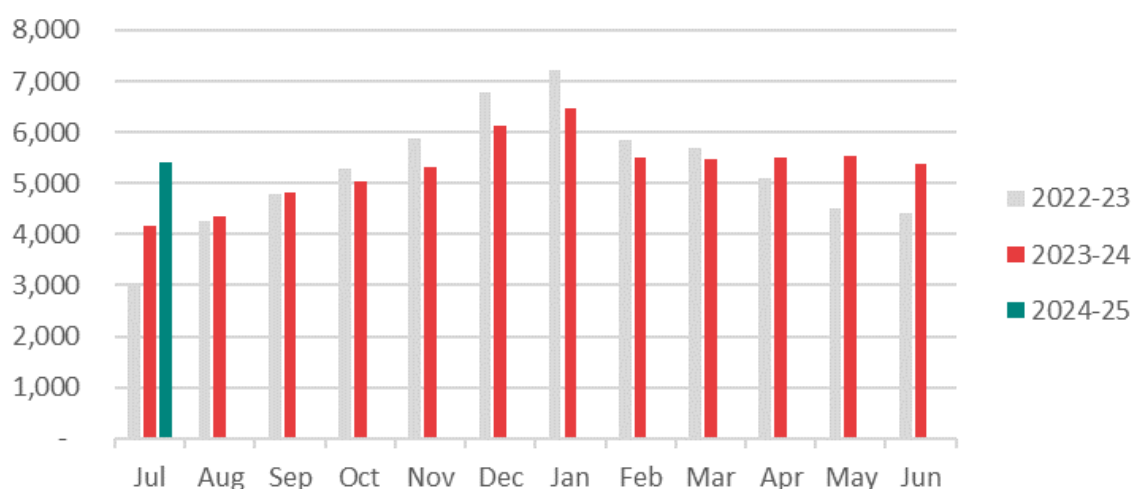
### Tonnes of Comingled Recycling



#### Wynyard Waste Transfer Station:

- The total number of customers for the period to the end of April was 16,306.
- Average number of customers/day at the WTS for the period 1 May – 31 July was 177 visits, down from 184 visits in the last period (Feb - Apr).

### Wynyard Waste Transfer Station – Total No. Customers / Month



### Recreational Planning

The draft Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan was released for public comment during this period. The results of which and subsequent recommendations are being tabled at the August council meeting.

### Contracts and Reporting

Statistics below describe the contract extensions in the current reporting period, based on the date the extension was approved. During this quarter, three (3) contract extensions were executed across three (3) separate contracts:

No.	Contract	Contract Start Date	Original Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date	Update
814	Consultant Services Brief – Feasibility and Predesign Design Study User Trail	29/04/2024	01/06/2024	31/07/2024	Extension raised to 31 July (28/06 KS) sent 28 June, deemed accepted if no response received by 5 June (28/06 KS) - No changes requested, deemed accepted (22/07 KS)
762	Provision of Weed Spraying Services	14 /02/2022	30/06/2024	30/06/2027	Extension of up to 3 years available as per contract terms. Contractor is performing to required standards. Extension offered in full and accepted.
813	Grandstand Demolition	18/03/2024	31/05/2024	30/09/2024	Earliest possible start date post Wynyard Show 18/03/2024 (start TBC). (01/03/24 KS) - extension raised to 30 September (8/05 KS) sent 8 May, deemed accepted if no response received by 15 May (08/05 KS) - No changes requested, deemed accepted (16/05 KS)

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory Requirements

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

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
1.1 We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
1.6.2 Develop leadership that inspires and motivates, and which maintains a strong community and workplace culture.
<b>GOAL 2: Organisational Support</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
2.1 We are a knowledgeable organisation—we demonstrate best practices in our business processes.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
2.1.1 Develop a learning culture that ensures staff have the knowledge and skills to maximise potential, and which empowers staff to achieve and grow.
<b>GOAL 6: Transport and Access</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.
<b>GOAL 7: Environment</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
7.1 Council and the community minimise its resource consumption and carbon footprint.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
7.1.1 Divert waste from landfill and build awareness around sustainable waster generation and management.
<b>GOAL 7: Environment</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
7.2 The community understands its vulnerabilities and strengths when it comes to climate change adaptation and resilience.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
7.2.1 Support and foster community led adaption and initiatives.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	<b>Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access</b> – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	<b>Managing abundant, natural and productive resources</b> – Natural resource management is valued, and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Governance and working together</b>	<b>Working together for Murchison</b> – 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**

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no new 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 Quarterly Information Report for the Infrastructure and Development Services Department is presented for Council noting. More detailed annual reports for individual Council plans and Strategies are also provided as required.

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR BRAMICH

### **That Council note the Quarterly Information Report for the Infrastructure and Development Services Department as of 31 July 2024**


The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

### **IN FAVOUR**

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

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## 9.7 CRADLE COAST WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP - 2024/25 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Project Engineer - Waste and Sustainability  
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services  
Report Date: 2 August 2024  
File Reference: 0606  
Enclosures: 1. Cradle Coast Waste Management Group 2024/25 Annual Plan and Budget 

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities to be undertaken by the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG) for the 2024/25 financial year.

### BACKGROUND

The CCWMG was established in 2007 and is comprised of 9 North West Councils being Burnie City, Central Coast, Circular Head, Devonport City, Kentish, King Island (joined December 2023), Latrobe, Waratah Wynyard, and West Coast (joined December 2023).

Participating Councils operate under a Terms of Reference and project and administration services are provided by Dulverton Waste Management's (DWM) 'Cradle Coast Waste Services' (CCWS) arm.

In 2007 CCWMG initiatives were funded by a voluntary \$5.50/tonne levy on waste to landfill contributed by member Councils and on the 1 July 2022 the Tasmanian State Government instigated a \$20/t Statewide Landfill Levy, managed by the Waste and Resource Recovery Board (WRRB) which has increased to \$44.88 from 1 July 2024.

CCWMG has a 3-year grant from the State Levy funds which delivers funding for the Annual Plan & Budget initiatives based on the average tonnages received to Dulverton, Central Coast and Port Latta landfills over the previous 3 years at a rate of \$8.25/t in 2024/25.

Each year the group prepares an Annual Plan and Budget (AP&B) to identify the projects and focus for the coming year. The development of this work is underpinned by the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group *Strategic Plan 2022/23- 2027/28*, together with the individual waste strategies of the member Councils and an understanding of the state and national expectations.

This AP&B was endorsed by the CCWMG at the meeting held on the 5 June 2024 and has been provided for Council's information.

### DETAILS

Projects for delivery in 2024/25 that were adopted by the CCWMG are detailed in Table 1.

The CCWMG also works actively with the WRRB to identify additional opportunities to assist them in their delivery of the *Tasmanian Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-2026* through utilisation of established regional networks and capacity. Any additional work would result in additional funding from the levy collected. The CCWMG also works closely



with Circular North and TasWater South, the two other regional groups to manage the *Rethink Waste* education and communication initiatives across the state.

*Table 1: 2024/25 CCWVG Project Plan*

<b>Community Engagement and Education</b>			
<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Summary</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Ref #</b>
3.1	Regional Bin Assessments	Residential bin assessments and contamination education across the region.	24
3.2	Incoming FOGO Audit	Support the FOGO start-up by removing and recording contamination received in kerbside bins prior to entering the receiving facility.	8, 24
3.3	Regional Schools Program	State-wide waste education & communications, including Rethink Website.	12, 26, 42, 43
3.4	Public Events	Promote waste reduction at public events across the region.	12, 26, 39, 40
3.5	Statewide Rethink Waste Education & Promotion	State-wide waste education, communication and Rethink Waste website management.	12, 26, 37, 38
3.6	FOGO Education & Marketing	FOGO education and communications for FOGO roll out.	26
<b>Waste Diversion Programs</b>			
<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Summary</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Ref #</b>
4.1	Household Battery Recycling	Free household collection at transfer stations and Council offices.	6, 12
4.2	Fluoro Tube & Globe Recycling	Provision of free fluoro tube and globe collection at transfer stations.	6, 12
4.3	E-waste Recycling	Provision of free e-waste collection at transfer stations in each municipality.	6, 12
4.4	Paint Recycling	Free paint recycling service, covered by the Paint Back Scheme.	6, 12
4.5	Xray Collections	Provision of free X-ray recycling service in each municipality.	6, 12
4.6	Mobile Phone Collections	Provision of free mobile phone recycling service in each municipality.	6, 12
4.7	Green Waste Mulch Contract Management	Management of the regional Green Waste Contract.	6
4.8	Regional Steel Contract Management	Management of the regional Steel Contract.	6
4.9	Regional Concrete Crushing Contract Management	Management of the regional Concrete Crushing Contract.	6, 14
<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Summary</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Ref #</b>
4.10	Household Hazardous Waste	Fund a series of Household Hazardous Waste collection events across the region.	21

4.11	Illegal Dumping Signage, Education & Data Analysis	Funding available to undertake illegal dumping education and preventative activities.	27
4.12	Asbestos Information Packs	Develop Asbestos safety packs for distribution by Councils.	27
4.13	Container Refund Scheme (CFS)	Support the region with establishing the CRS program once more information becomes known.	11
4.14	C&I Organics Program Development	Investigate the development of a C&I organics diversion program.	19
4.15	C&I Resource Recovery from WTS	Undertake a trial to determine the resource recovery potential from WTS general waste skip bins.	18, 20
4.16	Home Composting	Home composting resources and education.	25
4.17	Tyre Subsidy	CCWVG to reimburse \$2/tyre for Councils who recycle tyres through Tyrecycle Tasmania.	8
4.18	Public Place Hubs	Establish at least 1 publicly accessible recycling hub in KIC and WCC.	12
4.19	Allocation for Unknown	Funding allocation for waste diversion opportunities that arise during the year and/or project excesses.	
<b>Governance Programs</b>			
Ref #	Action	Action Summary	Strategic Plan Ref #
5.1	2023/24 Annual Report	Development of the 2023/24 Annual Report.	
5.2	Mandalay Program	Mandalay associated costs.	3, 5, 8, 10
5.3	NRE CCWVG Reporting	Undertake Monthly NRE Reporting for Councils.	3, 5, 9
5.4	Waste Governance	Implementation of governance changes.	2
5.5	Regional Kerbside Waste Collection Tender	Tender for a regional kerbside waste collection service.	2, 6, 8
5.6	Regional Transfer Station Improvements	Assist Councils with bringing WTS/RRC facilities up to best practice standards.	7
5.7	Waste Transfer Station Staff Training	Training funding for WTS/RRC staff.	7, 8
5.8	Kerbside Recycling and FOGO Contract Management	Management of the Kerbside Recycling and FOGO Concrete.	7, 8
5.9	Negotiate Next NRE Grant	Negotiate the next waste levy grant with NRE.	
5.10	Project Management & Administration	Undertake project management and administration of the CCWVG's activities.	
5.11	Allocation for Unknown	Funding allocation for governance opportunities that arise during the year and/or project excesses.	

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory Requirements

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

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## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

### Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.1 Council and the community minimise its resource consumption and carbon footprint.
Our Priorities
7.1.1 Divert waste from landfill and build awareness around sustainable waster generation and management.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
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.
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

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

The CCWVG's strategic vision is to:

*Deliver a sustainable community in the Cradle Coast region of Tasmania by implementing strategies which minimise waste through increases in waste diversion and recovery.*

CCWVG prepares a five-yearly Strategic Plan which details projects and strategies for improvements in resource recovery and waste reduction for member councils and the region's residents and businesses. This Annual Plan and Budget (AP&B) marks the second year of the CCWVG 2022/23 – 2027/28 Strategic Plan Actions.

The objectives of the CCWVG Strategic Plan 2023-2028 are:

1. By 2028, establish regionally consistent practices for waste management in all member council areas for consistent waste contracts, services and best practice principles
2. By 2028, target 60% MSW resource recovery
3. By 2028, target <10% contamination rate in kerbside recycling bins (based on annual kerbside recycling auditing)
4. By 2028, phase out priority single-use plastics.

The implementation of the regional FOGO collection service across the north west from mid-2024 is instrumental in reducing the amount of materials bound for landfill and achieving the 2028 target of 60% of municipal waste being recovered and reused.

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Projections based on such services implemented elsewhere in the country indicate that at least 7,500 tonnes of household waste currently going to landfill will be composted through the new FOGO green lidded bin.

Additional growth in the rate of recycling collection through the yellow lidded bins is also expected as the FOGO education and marketing material has included information on the best use of the 3-bin system now in place. Councils have moved to fortnightly waste collection to offset the additional collection costs and to provide a practical incentive to use the correct bin when sorting materials at home, to maximise bin capacity.

Opportunities for the newest member Councils, King Island and West Coast to increase recycling and manage FOGO wastes are also under investigation separately. These communities face relatively unique challenges, compared to the rest of the region. But options do exist and there is a design and education piece of work to be done to find the best fit solutions.

The new DWM organics facility at Latrobe will also support the reduction in waste to landfill by commercial food makers and venues in the coming years as well as support recycling of construction materials made of organic elements (i.e. timber, gyprock and similar components).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The CCWVG vision and strategic objectives deliver the programs and activities in the 2024/25 Annual Plan and Budget to minimise waste to landfill and increase resource recovery aimed at outcomes that have a positive impact on the environment.

The vision and objectives are consistent with managing waste sustainably as outlined in *Council's Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP)*.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications for Council as the activities of the CCWVG are funded via the State Waste Levy.

Council contributes to the State Waste Levy via levy payments on the quantity of tonnes disposed to landfill.

This year marks the final of 3 years of the Grant program. It is forecast that the CCWVG will receive \$824,670 from the State Government, that and a forecast 2023/24 closing balance of \$470,243 (of which is \$239,324 in Council contributed capital and \$230,919 is prior year grant funding) results in \$1,294,913 of funds available. The AP&B has allocated \$1,167,476 of funds to undertake initiatives across the region.

Until 2022/23, the CCWVG was funded by a voluntary levy for waste collected at the regions three landfills; Dulverton (DWM), Port Latta and Lobster Creek. During the 2021/22 FY this levy was charged at a rate of \$5.50 per tonne and was scheduled to increase by \$0.50 per year for the next ten years.

On 1 July 2022, the Tasmanian State Government initiated a State Landfill Levy of \$20.00 per tonne, which superseded the regional voluntary levy collection method as ongoing funding for all regional groups was promised from the State. This levy will increase to more than \$65.00 per tonne by 2026/27. Therefore, the work of the CCWVG to divert materials from

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landfill stands to save the new communities implementing FOGO around \$340,000 in the 2024/25 financial year, increasing to more than \$500,000 in the 2026/2027 financial year.

WRRB funding is delivered through a three-year Grant linked to average landfilled tonnages over the previous three years starting at \$7.50 per tonne (in 2022/23), increased annually by CPI. This method was used in our region to create a smoothing function for significant landfill changes, with the planned introduction of a FOGO service. The grant income for the CCWMG for 2024/25 is forecast to be \$824,670.

The group also has retained earnings from prior to 1 July 2022, where projects were underspent, delayed or additional interest was received. This funding is expected to be drawn down over the coming year to support the 2024/25 budgeted actions.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The rates of waste generation per person, together with the costs for disposal and the requirements to manage the environmental and social impacts have become increasingly demanding for many communities to manage.

At a regional level, joint contracts provide the ability to increase market competition, achieve savings and improve service, when compared to individual Council purchasing. Also, most Councils in the region do not have staff with specialist knowledge or workload capacity, limiting their ability to source the best outcomes.

The implementation of a new FOGO collection and recycling service brings with it the risks associated with contamination of the end product, which is used on our local farms, parks, and reserves. The facility has procedures in place to attempt to manage this. The CCWS also is planning an extensive community education campaign which will continue into the 2024/25 year, including a bin assessment and an education program which is to be conducted across the entire region where FOGO is collected, with advance notice provided to residents and Councils. A FOGO audit will also commence on site at the DWM facility in early 2024/25, to provide data on the main sources of contamination that enter the facility. This will inform future education initiatives and key messaging for Councils to share with their communities.

Programs to safely remove hazardous waste from our region will again include the Household Hazardous Waste collection campaign planned for November 2024, as well as the development of an asbestos safety pack, including information on safe disposal and a voucher towards an asbestos inspection.

A tyre subsidy will also be provided to Councils to enable them to keep tyre disposal fees affordable for residents using waste transfer stations, and in turn reduce the occurrence of illegally dumped tyres. Other activities identified by the CCWS *Litter and Illegal Dumping Strategy 2023-2028*, such as preventative signage and surveillance, will also continue to deter illegal dumping in general.

WTS staff training will be conducted in hazardous waste identification and management (including asbestos product awareness), emergency response and first aid, to improve the safety of staff and patrons visiting the Waste Transfer Stations/Resource Recovery Centres.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

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

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The member Councils, staff, and General Managers, together with community groups have been instrumental in making the CCWVG the most mature and stable in the state. The commitment to the previous voluntary levy and the capacity to work together has driven much of the change in the last 15 years.

Supporting easy access for the community on how to reduce waste and increase recovery has been part of the school and community education programs, as well as involvement with various local events and the development of the *Rethink Waste* website and social media accounts

### **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council note the CCWVG Annual Plan and Budget for 2024/25 and note the ongoing work of the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

**That Council note the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group 2024/25 Annual Plan and Budget.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

### **IN FAVOUR**

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

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## 9.8 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2024

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Director Financial Services  
Responsible Manager: Director Financial Services  
Report Date: 6 August 2024  
File Reference: Financial Management - Reporting - Council  
Enclosures: Nil

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### PURPOSE

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

### BACKGROUND

The financial reports presented incorporate:

- Income Statement
- Investments
- Rate Summary

### DETAILS

The Finance Team have been working on Councils statutory financial reports for the 2023-24 financial year. Full reports will be presented to Council for formal adoption following the independent audit. Statements were submitted for audit on 14 August.

Departmental performance against budget for the 2024-25 financial year will be reported from next month following finalisation of the end of year statements.

Council's Income Statement for July 2024 is provided below, there are currently no known variances to budget.

### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
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 October 2023

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**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 ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR HYLAND

**That Council note the Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2024.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

**IN FAVOUR**

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



## Income Statement

The Income Statement shows the performance of Council's recurrent operations year to date.

### Income Statement as at 31 July 2024

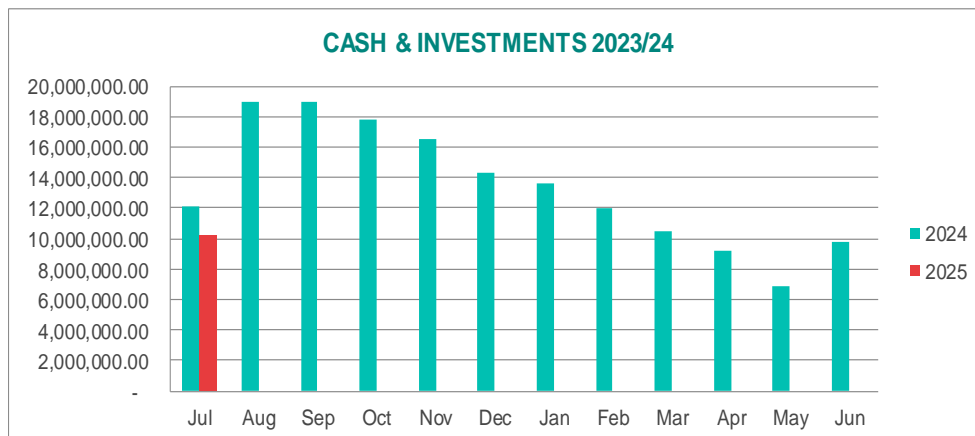
	YTD Actual	Budget	Forecast	Forecast Variance	
<b>Recurrent Income</b>					
Rate Revenue	14,782,235	14,838,314	14,838,314	✓	-
User Charges	322,559	3,419,312	3,419,312	✓	-
Reimbursements/Contributions	14,768	805,622	805,622	✓	-
Grants and Subsidies	12,000	4,133,146	4,133,146	✓	-
Interest	41,786	673,000	673,000	✓	-
Distributions from Water Corporation	-	674,400	674,400	✓	-
<b>Total Recurrent Income</b>	<b>15,173,349</b>	<b>24,543,794</b>	<b>24,543,794</b>	✓	-
<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>					
Employee Costs	492,023	9,659,752	9,659,752	✓	-
State Levies	-	849,748	849,748	✓	-
Remissions & Discounts	117,640	370,886	370,886	✓	-
Materials & Contracts	414,011	6,483,548	6,483,548	✓	-
Depreciation	495,159	5,944,300	5,944,300	✓	-
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal	-	31,702	31,702	✓	-
Borrowing Costs	-	46,611	46,611	✓	-
Other Expenses	17,212	316,340	316,340	✓	-
<b>Total Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>1,536,046</b>	<b>23,702,887</b>	<b>23,702,887</b>	✓	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>13,637,303</b>	<b>840,907</b>	<b>840,907</b>	✓	-
<b>Capital Items</b>					
Capital Grants/Contributions	-	4,133,650	4,133,650	✓	-
Derecognition of Assets	-	-	-	✓	-
Asset Recognition	-	-	-	✓	-
<b>Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>13,637,303</b>	<b>4,974,557</b>	<b>4,974,557</b>	✓	-

## Investments

The following table provides an outline of Council’s cash and investment portfolio as of 31 July 2024. Total cash and investments on hand as of 31 July is \$10.301m. The weighted average return on investment earned on Council’s investment portfolio is 5.19%.

### Investments as at 31 July 2024

	\$	INVESTMENTS	\$	Weighted Average Return
Deposits	8,145,654	Commonwealth Bank	2,154,731	
Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500	Investments		
Trading Account	2,154,731	ING	2,500,000	
		CBA	1,145,654	
		WBC	2,500,000	
		BOQ	2,000,000	
		Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500	
<b>Balance - All Accounts</b>	<b>10,301,885</b>		<b>10,301,885</b>	<b>5.19%</b>



## Rates Summary

The following table provides the detail of Council's Rates and Charges levied compared with the same time last year.

Council has several policies to assist in debt collection efforts, including interest penalties, financial hardship provisions providing flexibility for payment arrangements, and the ability for payment of rates and charges by four equal instalments. Ratepayers continue to be encouraged to contact Council if they are having difficulty paying.

82.04% of the total rates levied for the year were outstanding as at 31 July 2024; this includes all aged rates and charges outstanding. This compares with 94.28% outstanding as at 31 July last year.

### Rates Summary to 31 July 2024

	2024-25		2023-24	
	%	\$	%	\$
<i>Notice Issue Date - 25 July 2023</i>				
Outstanding Rates Debtors (1 July 2023)		356,192		778,159
Less: Rates in Credit		(878,209)		(855,516)
<b>NET RATES OUTSTANDING (1 July 2023)</b>	<b>(3.66)</b>	<b>(522,017)</b>	<b>(0.56)</b>	<b>(77,357)</b>
Rates and Charges Levied	103.64	14,782,382	100.51	13,816,749
Interest Penalties Charged	0.02	2,188	0.06	7,823
<b>GROSS RATES AND CHARGES DEMANDED</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>14,262,554</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>13,747,215</b>
LESS RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED	6.71	956,393	2.62	360,483
REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS**	6.31	900,043	7.73	1,063,092
	<b>13.02</b>	<b>1,856,436</b>	<b>10.36</b>	<b>1,423,575</b>
ADD PROPERTIES IN CREDIT	4.94	704,684	(4.63)	637,154
<b>UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES *</b>	<b>82.04</b>	<b>11,701,434</b>	<b>94.28</b>	<b>12,960,794</b>
(includes Deferred Rates)				
**REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS		<b>2023-24</b>		<b>2022-23</b>
Early Payment Discount		152,828		326,989
Pensioner Rebates		710,921		699,099
Council Remissions and Abandonments		36,295		37,005
		<b>900,043</b>		<b>1,063,093</b>
Number of Rateable Properties		8,093		8,052
Number of Unpaid Rateable Properties		6,634		7,756
% not fully paid		81.97%		96.32%

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## 9.9 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Executive Officer  
Responsible Manager: General Manager  
Report Date: 15 July 2024  
File Reference: 1312  
Enclosures: Nil

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### 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 12 July 2024 to 9 August 2024

#### Corporate

- Participated in meeting of Waratah-Wynyard Council's Audit Panel
- Participated in Information Technology Steering Committee meeting to oversee Council's Digital Strategy implementation in conjunction with Circular Head Council
- Participated in meetings regarding negotiations of Council's new enterprise agreement

#### Community

- Was guest speaker at the Business Northwest breakfast networking meeting held at the Wynyard Bowls Club
- Joined Councillors on a tour of the Larapi Child and Family Centre in Wynyard

#### Industry

- Attended a meeting of the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group
- Attended a meeting of the North West General Managers Group
- Attended the LGAT Annual General Meeting and General Meeting held in Devonport

#### Other

- Attended an Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of the Cradle Coast Authority
- Annual Leave from 15 July to 19 July – the Director Infrastructure and Development Services was Acting General Manager for the period

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## Local Government Association of Tasmania Annual Conference

The following Councillors will be attending this year's LGAT annual conference:

1. Mayor, Dr Mary Duniam
2. Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards
3. Councillor Andrea Courtney
4. Councillor Leanne Raw

Costs for councillors to attend this conference are included in the annual budget each year. Council policy and the current 2024/25 budget allows for four councillors to attend this two-day professional development event.

The approximate costs for four councillors to attend the two-day conference is:

Cost of Attendance	\$3,872
Accommodation	\$1,560
Other costs (travel etc)	<u>\$1,500</u>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$6,932</b>

### Sponsorships

#### **Tasmanian Representative – Chloe Harris**

Council has awarded a \$100 sponsorship to Chloe Harris of Elliot who has been selected to represent Tasmania at the Oldham Australian Interschool Championships in Equestrian Eventing from the 18-23 September in Tamworth NSW.

#### **ADMINISTRATION – Use of Corporate Seal**

18/7/24	Crown Land License	Esplanade Somerset (020969)
18/7/24	Crown Land License	Foreshore Wynyard (020479)
18/7/24	Crown Land License	Inglis River Reserve (021491)
31/7/24	Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service Agreement	Resale Agent Agreement for collection of entry fees for Tas. National Parks
31/7/24	Final Plan and Schedule of Easements	SD2192 - 340 Back Cam Road Subdivision (1 into 2 lots)
6/8/24	Final Plan and Schedule of Easements	SD2121 – 95 Bass Highway Subdivision (1 into 2 lots)
6/8/24	Final Plan and Schedule of Easements	SD2175 – 29 Arthur Street Subdivision (1 into 2 lots)

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MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR JOHNSTONE

**That Council note the monthly Senior Management Report.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

#### IN FAVOUR

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

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## 9.10 SARAH GROUP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Executive Officer  
Responsible Manager: General Manager  
Report Date: 13 August 2024  
File Reference: 0808  
Enclosures: 1. Draft MOU - SARAH Group - Confidential

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### PURPOSE

To recommend, following investigation, the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding with the SARAH Group.

### BACKGROUND

At the May 2024 Council meeting the following motion was passed following a Notice of Motion from Mayor Duniam: -

**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

The SARAH group was founded by Peter Frazer OAM, whose 23-year old daughter Sarah was killed by a distracted truck driver in 2012 in a completely avoidable road crash on the Hume Highway in regional NSW.

Mr Frazer established National Road Safety Week the following year, which is now recognised annually by Federal, State, and local governments across Australia.

The SARAH program seeks to improve road safety outcomes through policy development, community education, advocacy and collaboration with community and government organisations.

The SARAH Group campaigns for changes to policy and legislation to ensure that lives are not lost in preventable and clearly foreseeable situations by lobbying for a commitment to renewing poor infrastructure and asking drivers to take responsibility for their actions on our roads and highways.

### DETAILS

In response to a motion by Mayor Duniam in May 2024; Council has had two workshops, one involving a presentation with the SARAH Group discussing the work they do and how council can participate in a meaningful way to promote community road safety and awareness.

Waratah-Wynyard covers an area of over 3,500 km with a considerable rural road network used by our agricultural and mining industries and local residents. Waratah-Wynyard is not immune to tragic road accidents and this partnership between Waratah-Wynyard Council

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and SARAH Group will be a constant reminder that we each have a responsibility to ‘Drive So Others Survive’ and to help promote safe road practices every single day.

A draft MOU is attached for information and consideration of Councillors.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

### Statutory Requirements

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

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
6.3 We represent our community and are a strong advocate for contemporary regional transport and access network needs.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
3.5.1 Build community capacity through services and programs that strengthen, support and care for our community.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Access and infrastructure</b>	<b>Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access</b> – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
<b>Education</b>	<b>Lifelong learning and education</b> – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Participation in a Memorandum of understanding with the SARAH group and the advocacy benefits that come with this, requires an annual subscription fee of \$2,500.

## **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.

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## CONCLUSION

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. It is recommended that Council agree to the establishment of an MOU with the SARAH Group.

MOVED BY	CR EDWARDS
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

**That Council authorise officers to enter into 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.

### IN FAVOUR

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



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## 9.11 MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES

### 9.11.1 NOTES OF WARATAH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING 19 JULY 2024

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Manager Community Activation  
Responsible Manager: Director Community Services  
Report Date: 6 August 2024  
File Reference: 001  
Enclosures: 1. Waratah Community Board Notes July 2024 

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#### PURPOSE

For Council to receive notes from the meeting of the Waratah Community Board held on 19 July 2024.

#### BACKGROUND

The inaugural Waratah Community Board was established by Council in 2019. In July 2022 the 2022-2025 Waratah Community Plan was adopted by Council, and an expression of interest was opened for interested community members to self-nominate for Board membership. In September 2022 Council endorsed the community members of the Board for a three-year term. The Waratah Community Board meet bi-monthly to discuss progress of the Waratah Community Plan.

#### DETAILS

The Waratah Community Board discussed the following at their meeting held on 19 July 2024:

- update on the progress of the Waratah shelters, (delivered to site to be installed by a contractor)
- the historic rail bridge walkway, (design of safety panels shared with Board)
- the Waratah waterfall walk, (lights fitted and tested. Will be controlled by an App at the Waratah Post Office. Community Board members will be responsible for management)
- the Community Hub (all works complete. Rural Health delivering services through A2HS Tas)
- Athenaeum Hall works (complete, except for installation of windows)
- Statue of Philosopher Smith (the desire for a Philosopher Smith statue and some picnic tables and seating has been shared with Mt Bischoff Mine)
- Saunders Street Park (tenders are in and successful applicant notified. Community consultation prior to manufacture and installation)

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

##### Statutory Requirements

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

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## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 3: Connected Communities</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
1.1 We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
1.1.1 Commit to best practice in community engagement.

<b>GOAL 3: Connected Communities</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
1.3 We encourage broad community input to create a focussed and strong sense of belonging.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
1.4.1 Collaborate with, understand and satisfy our external customers' needs and values.

### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
<b>Strong communities and social capital</b>	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
<b>Place making and liveability</b>	<b>Liveable places for all ages</b> – 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.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## 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

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

That Council receives the notes of the Waratah Community Board Meeting held on 19 July 2024.

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MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR ROBERTS

**That Council receives the notes from the Waratah Community Board meeting held on Friday 19 July 2024.**


The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

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

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## 9.11.2 NOTES OF THE PUBLIC ART ADVISORY GROUP 31 JULY 2024

To: Council  
Reporting Officer: Manager Community Activation  
Responsible Manager: Director Community Services  
Report Date: 8 August 2024  
File Reference: 001  
Enclosures: 1. Public Art Advisory Group Meeting Notes July 2024 

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### PURPOSE

The notes of the Public Art Advisory Group meeting held on 31 July 2024 are circulated for information.

### BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting in November 2019 Council adopted a Public Art Policy, Public Art Procedures, and a Public Art Advisory Group Operating Procedure.

During the consultation phase of developing the Public Art policy expressions of interest were received from members of the public to be a part of the Public Art Advisory Group.

Further expressions of interest were advertised for and applicants self-nominated.

A diverse range of community members form the committee, with the skills and experience necessary to inform and advise Council on matters relating to public art.

### DETAILS

Council has an annual budget allocation for the Public Art Advisory Group. The group is connected via email and meets annually (and as needed) to determine project/s to support in the upcoming year.

This financial year the Public Art Advisory Group will support a painted street cabinets project. Up to eight artists will be given the chance to paint one electrical box (WWC seeks permission and permits and works with the box owners to select the sites and boxes to be painted). The artists receive \$1000 per box (incl costs). This could be an opportunity to celebrate many local artists and make a positive contribution to the attractiveness of the urban streetscape.

### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

#### Statutory Requirements

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

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Strategic Plan Reference

<b>GOAL 3: Connected Communities</b>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>
4.2 Our community values, encourages and supports physical, social and cultural activities.
<b>Our Priorities</b>
1.6.1 Encourage increased participation by all stakeholders.

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Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

<b>Community Future Direction Theme</b>	<b>Key Challenges &amp; Opportunities:</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Memorable visitor experiences all year round</b> – The must-see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
<b>Strong communities and social capital</b>	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**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**

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 receive the notes of the Public Art Advisory Group meeting held on 31 July 2024.

MOVED BY	CR ROBERTS
SECONDED BY	CR RAW

**That Council receive the notes of the Public Art Advisory Group meeting held on 31 July 2024.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

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**10.0 MATTERS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED MEETING**

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR BRAMICH

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

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference</b>
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting</i>	15 (2)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) – Notices Of Motion <b>NIL RECEIVED</b></i>	15(2)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (c (i)) commercial information of a confidential nature, that if disclosed, is likely to-prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it – <b>AUDIT PANEL MEMBERSHIP - CHAIRPERSON</b></i>	15 (2) (c (i))
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (b,g,j) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct business; AND information of a personal nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential; AND the personal hardship of any person who is resident, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area – <b>WYNYARD GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD REQUEST FOR RATE RELIEF</b></i>	15 (2) (b,g,j)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors <b>NIL RECEIVED</b></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		MAYOR DUNIAM	CR EDWARDS
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

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**11.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

MOVED BY	CR HYLAND
SECONDED BY	CR BRAMICH

**That the Council RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY to go into Closed Meeting to consider the following matters, the time being 7.16PM**

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference</b>
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting</i>	15 (2)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) – Notices Of Motion <b>NIL RECEIVED</b></i>	15(2)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (c (i)) commercial information of a confidential nature, that if disclosed, is likely to-prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it – <b>AUDIT PANEL MEMBERSHIP - CHAIRPERSON</b></i>	15 (2) (c (i))
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (b,g,j) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct business; AND information of a personal nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential; AND the personal hardship of any person who is resident, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area – <b>WYNYARD GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD REQUEST FOR RATE RELIEF</b></i>	15 (2) (b,g,j)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors <b>NIL RECEIVED</b></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		MAYOR DUNIAM	CR EDWARDS
CR HYLAND	CR ROBERTS	CR JOHNSTONE	CR RAW

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**12.0 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING**

At 7.26pm 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:

<b>Min. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Decisions/Documents</b>
NIL		

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.26pm.

Confirmed,

MAYOR

16 September 2024