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Next steps in iCEP development

Development of Waratah-Wynyard's first Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP) is on track following a planning workshop in which a broad section of Council staff and Elected Members developed plans for managing environmental values and responding to climate change in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality.

The workshop participants developed priorities and actions for the iCEP based on research evidence, good practice in Local Government, and community and stakeholder feedback received by Council during the recent iCEP consultation period.

"It was positive to see so many staff members and Councillors participating in the workshop, bringing their expertise and experience," said Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh.

"It is important to Council that the Plan is evidence-based, but also that it responds to the community's hopes and concerns.

"With more than 250 responses received during the consultation period, it was clear to us that climate action is important to the people in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality."

Following the internal staff workshop, the iCEP Steering Committee will meet in mid-March to review the proposed priorities and actions before a draft plan is prepared.

Waratah-Wynyard Council aims to release the draft iCEP for public comment in time for World Environment Day - Friday, June 5, 2020.

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