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Community input sought for next stage of draft Settlement Strategy

Members of the Waratah-Wynyard community will get a chance to have their say in Council's draft *Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy* when it is released for community consultation from Wednesday, December 16.

After the first two opportunities for feedback (mid-June and August 2020), the draft strategy will be open for community consultation over two stages.

A "soft launch" on December 16 will see the community given immediate access to the draft strategy and an opportunity to complete an on-line survey.

Early in the new year, consultation will continue via multiple means to ensure broad and representative outreach, including 'listening posts' where community members can attend in-person sessions.

"The Strategy is designed to enhance the liveability of Wynyard, Waratah, Somerset, Boat Harbour Beach, Sisters Beach and Yolla," Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

The niche that this strategy fits into is defined by state and regional plans and the Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy and the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan.

"Both these documents stress the importance of liveability as the key goal that we must strive for in our planning decisions," Mayor Walsh said.

"Liveability is increasingly seen as the key to economic success and contributes to everyone's quality of life. The Waratah-Wynyard municipality enjoys exceptional environmental qualities and is the home of a resilient, resourceful and supportive community."

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

"How we manage growth, while maintaining what people love about living here, is a key issue for us," Mayor Walsh said.

"Council is committed to ensuring the community has a say in addressing those issues."

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Please go to Council's website www.warwyn.tas.gov.au to complete the survey.

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