

# COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday 20 March 2023  
Council Chambers, St Helens

John Brown, General Manager  
Break O'Day Council  
14 March 2023

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Break O'Day Council will be held at the St Helens Council Chambers on Monday 20 March 2023 commencing at 10.00am.

### CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, I hereby certify that the advice, information and recommendations contained within this Agenda have been given by a person who has the qualifications and / or experience necessary to give such advice, information and recommendations or such advice was obtained and taken into account in providing the general advice contained within the Agenda.



**JOHN BROWN**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## AUDIO RECORDING OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

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*In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, these audio files will be retained by Council for at least six (6) months and made available for listening online within seven (7) days of the scheduled meeting. The written minutes of a meeting, once confirmed, prevail over the audio recording of the meeting and a transcript of the recording will not be prepared.*

## OPENING

*The Mayor to welcome Councillors and staff and declare the meeting open at [time].*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, the Palawa people of this land Tasmania, and recognise their continuing connection to the lands, skies and waters. We pay respects to the Elders Past, present and future.*

### 03/23.1.0 ATTENDANCE

#### 03/23.1.1 Present

Mayor Mick Tucker  
Deputy Mayor Kristi Chapple  
Councillor Gary Barnes  
Councillor Ian Carter  
Councillor Janet Drummond  
Councillor Liz Johnstone  
Councillor Barry LeFevre  
Councillor Vaughan Oldham  
Councillor Kylie Wright

#### 03/23.1.2 Apologies

Nil

### 03/23.1.3 Leave of Absence

Nil

### 03/23.1.4 Staff in Attendance

General Manager, John Brown  
Corporate Services Officer, Bec Wood

## 03/23.2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 03/23.2.1

## 03/23.3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF A COUNCILLOR OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

*Section 48 or 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a Councillor or Officer who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council Meeting that will be attended by the Councillor or Officer must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the General Manager before the meeting; or at the meeting before the matter is discussed.*

*A Councillor or Officer who makes a disclosure under Section 48 or 55 must not preside at the part of the meeting relating to the matter; or participate in; or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter, unless allowed by the Council.*

## 03/23.4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 03/23.4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Council Meeting 20 February 2023

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 20 February 2023 be confirmed.

### 03/23.5.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE 20 FEBRUARY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

There was a Workshop held on Monday 6 March 2023 and the following items were listed for discussion.

- Animal Control Report
- Waste Transfer Station Voucher System
- Pedestrian Crossing Points – Main Street, St Marys
- Fingal Local Township Plan
- Cornwall Local Township Plan
- Mathinna Local Township Plan
- Cor Infinitus Memorial – Memorial Park, St Helens
- Community Funding Program 2022-2023
- Funding of Online Centres – St Helens, St Marys and Fingal
- St Helens Sports Complex
- Pending Development Application Updates
- Review of Conservation Covenant Support Policy (EP03)
- Open Space Development Guidelines
- Amendment to Sealed Plan Process and Review of Applicable Fees and Charges
- Georges Bay Activation Strategy
- Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC) – Receipt of Quarterly Report
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) – 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions

Pursuant to Section 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 the Mayor informed the Council that it was now acting as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

ACTION	DECISION
PROPONENT	B S Sullivan
OFFICER	Planning Officer
FILE REFERENCE	DA 027-2022
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Attachment A – Plans Attachment B – Work Department Advice Attachment C – RO Assessment Attachment D – Map highlighting properties with building setbacks which would not meet acceptable solution Attachment E – Representations (7) Attachment F – Applicant’s Response to Representations

#### OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

After due consideration of the application received and Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993* and the *Break O’Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013* that the application for RESIDENTIAL - SHED on land situated at 252 ST HELENS POINT ROAD, STIEGLITZ described in Certificate of Title 211313/1 be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. Development must be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents listed as follows, except as varied by conditions on this Planning Permit.

Approved Plans			
Plan / Document Name	Reference Number	Prepared By	Dated
Site Plan	-	Applicant	Received by Council on 31 January 2023
Elevations	-	Applicant	Received by Council on 21 December 2022

2. The crossover/access from the road to the property boundary at the location marked on the submitted plans as “vehicle access” must be constructed in accordance with standard drawing TSD-RO3-v3 except that the culvert and headwalls are not required due to the

absence of road side drainage. A shallow dish crossing should be included to allow overland water flows to move across the access.

3. Stormwater should be directed to the roadside pit on St Helens Point Road via a new connection. The connection must be completed by a licenced plumber in accordance with drawing number TSD-SW02-v3 and be financed by the developer. Where the new stormwater pipe crosses the nature strip it must have 600mm of cover. The end /reinstated topography of the nature strip must ensure that natural overland water will flow to the roadside pit.
4. An application must be submitted to obtain a Works Permit prior to undertaking any work on the crossover and/or the stormwater connection.
5. The property boundary gates located at the approved vehicle access location are not to open outward onto Council land.
6. Use of the development must not create a nuisance as defined by the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.
7. Works on the site must not result in a concentration of flow onto other property, or cause ponding or other stormwater nuisance.
8. All underground infrastructure including all forms of water, storm water, power, gas and telecommunication systems must be located prior to the commencement of any on-site excavation and / or construction works. Any works to be undertaken within 2 metres of any Council owned infrastructure must be done in consultation with Council's Works Operations Manager.
9. All building wastes are to be removed to the appropriate waste disposal facility to prevent an environmental nuisance being caused outside of the works site.

#### ADVICE

1. Activities associated with construction works are not to be performed outside the permissible time frames listed:
  - Mon-Friday 7 am to 6 pm
  - Saturday 9 am to 6 pm
  - Sunday and public holidays 10 am to 6 pm
2. The access shown on the approved plans as 'existing pedestrian access' is not an approved second vehicle access. Intention to use this gate as a formalised second vehicle access

would require application for a Planning Permit with a supporting Traffic Impact Assessment.

3. Be advised that in accordance with the Building Act 2016 assessment for building approval cannot commence until such time as Council is provided with full Building Design Plans and Specifications prepared by an accredited designer.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The application seeks planning consent for the construction of a shed, located at 252 St Helens Point Road, Stieglitz. A copy of the proposed plans is contained in **Attachment A**.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil.

#### **OFFICER'S REPORT:**

##### **1. The Proposal**

The applicant is seeking approval to construct a shed on a residential lot located within the General Residential Zone - 252 St Helens Point Road, Stieglitz.

The subject lot is a corner site of 1019m<sup>2</sup>, with frontages to St Helens Point Road and Dawson Street. The land is relatively flat and contains an existing dwelling and detached 'bungalow', which incorporates two (2) small garages. An access gate at about midway along the Dawson Street frontage provides vehicle access into the garages. There is no constructed crossover at this access gate or at any other point along either road frontage. The applicant has also installed double gates at the location where the new vehicle access is proposed.

The site is not mapped as being flood or bushfire prone and has access to sewer, water and Council's stormwater drainage system. No easements affect the land.

The proposed shed is 12m long and 9.5m wide (114m<sup>2</sup>) and is to be located adjacent to the south-eastern side boundary with a new access onto Dawson Street. The plans note the other existing access gate as pedestrian access only. The set-back of the shed to the south-eastern (side) boundary is proposed at 900mm and the set-back from the Dawson Road frontage is proposed at 2m. The height of the south-eastern (side) wall of the shed (adjacent to the side boundary) is proposed at 3.7m with the roof pitching away from the boundary to an overall height of 5.4m. The height of the north-western (side) wall of the shed is proposed at 3m.

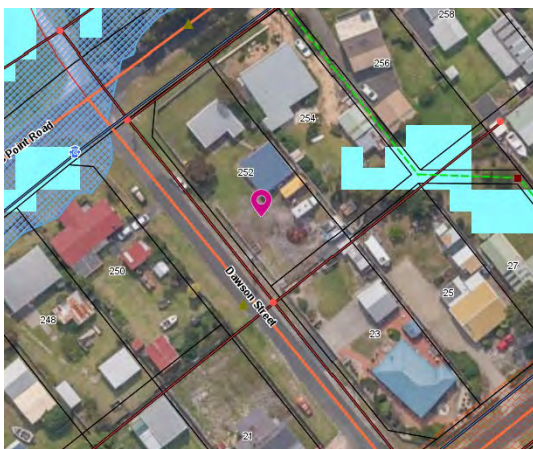
The shed is to be clad in corrugated zincalume (walls), monument colour 'monoclad' (roof) and monument colour (trim and roller doors). The proposed site plan and elevation plans are contained in **Attachment A**.

Access to the shed is to be via a new crossover adjacent to the southern-most gates along the Dawson Street frontage. Double gates have already been installed at the proposed crossover

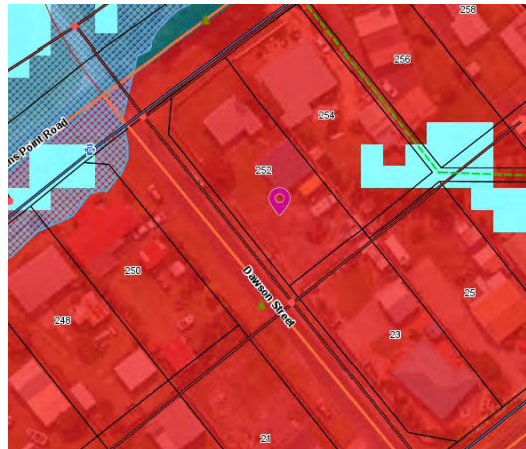


location. As there is no formalised access for this property, Council Works Department has advised of construction standards for this crossover. The Department has further advised that these standards do not stipulate a maximum crossover width. No approval has been sought or given for the construction of a crossover in association with the existing access gate located about mid-way along the Dawson Street frontage. This gate is currently used to provide vehicle access to the rear yard, however, the Applicant has advised that it will be used only for pedestrian access once the shed is constructed.

Stormwater run-off from the shed is proposed to be directed to an existing roadside pit on St Helens Point Road. Council Works Department has advised that a new connection to this pit is required and has provided a condition for construction. A copy of the advice from the Works Department on the crossover and the stormwater is contained in **Attachment B**.



**Aerial photo**



**Zoning**

## 2. Applicable Planning Assessment

- 10 General Residential Zone;
- E4 Road and Railway Assets Code;
- E6 Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Code.

## 3. Referrals

- Council Works Department

## 4. Assessment

The application met the acceptable solutions for all issues except for reliance upon the three (3) performance criteria detailed below:

*Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013:*

- 10.4.2.P1 and P3 – General Residential Zone – Development Standards – *Setbacks and Building Envelope for all dwellings*
- 10.4.13.1 P1 – General Residential Zone – Development Standards - *Stormwater Disposal*

Detailed assessment against the provisions of the *Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013* where the proposal was reliant on satisfying the performance criteria, is provided below. **The proposal is deemed to comply with the performance criteria applicable.**

A copy of the Responsible Officer (RO) Assessment is contained in **Attachment C**.

## **Planning Assessment**

### **10 General Residential Zone**

#### **10.4 Development Standards for Dwellings**

##### *10.4.2 Setbacks and Building Envelope for all dwellings*

<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>
<p><b>A1</b></p> <p>Unless within a building area on a sealed plan, a dwelling, excluding garages, carports and protrusions that extend not more than 0.9m into the frontage setback, must have a setback from a frontage that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) if the frontage is a primary frontage, not less than 4.5m, or, if the setback from the primary frontage is less than 4.5m, not less than the setback, from the primary frontage, of any existing dwelling on the site;</li> <li>(b) if the frontage is not a primary frontage, not less than 3m, or, if the setback from the frontage is less than 3m, not less than the setback, from a frontage that is not a primary frontage, of any existing dwelling on the site;</li> <li>(c) if for a vacant site and there are existing dwellings on adjoining properties on the same street, not more than the greater, or less than the lesser, setback for the equivalent frontage of the dwellings on the adjoining sites on the same street;</li> </ul>	<p><b>P1</b></p> <p>A dwelling must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have a setback from a frontage that is compatible with the streetscape, having regard to any topographical constraints; and</li> <li>(b) if abutting a road identified in Table 10.4.2, include additional design elements that assist in attenuating traffic noise or any other detrimental impacts associated with proximity to the road.</li> </ul>

<p>(d) if located above a non-residential use at ground floor level, not less than the setback from the frontage of the ground floor level; or</p> <p>(e) if the development is on land that abuts a road specified in Table 10.4.2, at least that specified for the road.</p>	
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### **Performance Criteria Assessment**

*The proposal does not satisfy Acceptable Solution A1 part b) as the set-back of the shed from the secondary frontage (Dawson Street) is proposed to be 2m instead of 3m. Parts A1 a), c), d) and e) are not relevant to this proposal.*

*The following assessment against Performance Criteria **P1 part a)** is provided (P1 part b) is not relevant):*

***P1 part a)** relates to the streetscape, which is Dawson Street in this instance, and requires that the set-back is compatible with the streetscape. The following objectives for this 10.4.2. (setbacks and building envelope for all dwellings) provide the context for consideration of this performance criteria:*

#### ***The siting and scale of dwellings:***

- (a) provides reasonably consistent separation between dwellings and their frontage within a street;***
- (b) provides consistency in the apparent scale, bulk, massing and proportion of dwellings;***
- (c) provides separation between dwellings on adjoining properties to allow reasonable opportunity for daylight and sunlight to enter habitable rooms and private open space; and***
- (d) provides reasonable access to sunlight for existing solar energy installations.***

*Dawson Street is a small side street off St Helens Point Road and provides secondary access for two (2) properties fronting St Helens Point Road (the subject land and 250 St Helens Point Road) and four (4) properties fronting Peron Street (No 20,21,22 and 23 Peron Street). All of these properties have vehicle access onto Dawson Street, with No 20, 21, 22 and 23 having garages fronting Dawson Street at variable set-back distances. Dwelling set-backs from the Dawson Street frontage are also variable, with most being around the 3m mark, although it is noted that the set-back of the dwelling and garage of 22 Peron Street is closer to the 2m mark. Boundary fencing runs along both sides of Dawson Street and is approximately 1.8m in height, other than where gates for vehicle access are located. It is considered that the buildings (dwellings and sheds) and the privacy (side) fencing sited relatively close to, and along, the secondary street frontage (Dawson Street) underpin the built form character of the street. In this context, it is considered*

*that the reduced front set-back of the proposed shed (2m instead of 3) is reasonably consistent with the presentation of the existing buildings and structures to Dawson Street.*

*The apparent scale, bulk and massing of the proposed shed (floor area 114m<sup>2</sup>, wall heights 3m-3.7m, overall height 5.04m) is not inconsistent with that of surrounding dwellings, which includes both single and double storey buildings. Roller doors and the 'split' gable roof provide some articulation to the street, with the side presentation being broken up by boundary fencing and some small shed structures located on the neighbour's boundary.*

*The siting of the proposed shed provides sufficient separation between dwellings on adjoining properties to allow reasonable opportunity for daylight to enter habitable rooms and private open space. In this regard, the only affected property will be 23 Peron Street. The dwelling on this property is approximately 30m distance from the proposed shed siting and while part of the yard area directly adjacent to the affected boundary will be overshadowed, this part of the yard appears to be a utility area for sheds and vehicle parking and leaves the main area of private open space unaffected. There are no solar installations which would be overshadowed.*

*On balance, it is considered that the 1m reduction in the secondary frontage set-back acceptable solution (2m instead of 3m) will be compatible with the streetscape taking into account the context of the objectives.*

*It is therefore considered that the proposed development satisfies the performance criteria in this instance.*

Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p><b>A3</b></p> <p>A dwelling, excluding outbuildings with a building height of not more than 2.4m and protrusions that extend not more than 0.9m horizontally beyond the building envelope, must:</p> <p>(a) be contained within a building envelope (refer to Figures 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3) determined by:</p> <p>(i) a distance equal to the frontage setback or, for an internal lot, a distance of 4.5m from the rear boundary of a property with an adjoining frontage; and</p> <p>(ii) projecting a line at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal at a height of 3m above existing</p>	<p><b>P3</b></p> <p>The siting and scale of a dwelling must:</p> <p>(a) not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjoining properties, having regard to:</p> <p>(i) reduction in sunlight to a habitable room (other than a bedroom) of a dwelling on an adjoining property;</p> <p>(ii) overshadowing the private open space of a dwelling on an adjoining property;</p> <p>(iii) overshadowing of an adjoining vacant property; or</p> <p>(iv) visual impacts caused by the apparent scale, bulk or proportions of the dwelling when viewed from an adjoining property;</p> <p>(b) provide separation between dwellings on adjoining properties that is consistent with that</p>

<p>ground level at the side and rear boundaries to a building height of not more than 8.5m above existing ground level; and</p> <p>(b) only have a setback of less than 1.5m from a side or rear boundary if the dwelling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) does not extend beyond an existing building built on or within 0.2m of the boundary of the adjoining property; or</li> <li>(ii) does not exceed a total length of 9m or one third the length of the side boundary (whichever is the lesser).</li> </ul>	<p>existing on established properties in the area; and</p> <p>(c) not cause an unreasonable reduction in sunlight to an existing solar energy installation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) an adjoining property; or</li> <li>(ii) is another dwelling on the same site.</li> </ul>
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#### **Performance Criteria Assessment**

*The proposed set-back of the shed to the secondary frontage (Dawson Street) is less than the requirement of 10.4.2.A1 (2m instead of 3m) therefore it is not fully contained within the Building Envelope Acceptable Solution (10.4.2.A3 part a), which relates to corner sites (Figure 10.2). The proposed set-back of the shed from the south-eastern (side) boundary is 0.9m, which does not meet Acceptable Solution 10.4.2.A1 part b) which further requires a set-back of 1.5m from the side boundary, where the length of the wall is greater than 9m.*

*Therefore, the lesser set-back of the shed from the south-eastern side boundary (0.9m instead of 1.5m) and the lesser street set-back (2m instead of 3m) is required to be assessed against Performance Criteria P3 in the context of the previously stated objectives for setbacks and building envelope. The Performance Criteria relates to the impact of the proposal on the amenity of adjoining properties, consistency of the siting of the building with that established on adjoining properties and impacts on solar installations.*

*With regard to amenity, considerations are overshadowing and the visual impacts caused by the apparent scale, bulk or proportions of the building when viewed from an adjoining property.*

*As the proposed shed will be sited to the north/north-west of the adjoining property located at 23 Peron Street, this property will be subject to a degree of overshadowing. No habitable rooms will be affected given the approximate 30m separation distance to the neighbouring dwelling. Some overshadowing of the property will occur, mostly in the afternoon. The area of the property which will be overshadowed will be between the driveway of 23 Peron Street and the affected boundary. This area appears to be mostly a utility area for sheds and vehicle parking. The main private open space area appears to be located mostly around the dwelling and will be unaffected by shadow from the proposed development.*

*Consideration of the visual impacts of the proposal are not as easy to quantify but generally relate to the proposed siting, scale and look of the building. There is no doubt that the construction of a building where there was previously no building is going to cause visual impacts for those with an outlook to that building. In this instance, the occupiers of number 23 Peron Street currently enjoy open views through the backyard of the subject land to the waterfront beyond, particularly as the neighbouring dwelling sits slightly higher than the subject land. Their outlook would be greatly reduced by the placement of a building on the subject land, even if it were to meet all of the acceptable solutions for building setbacks and height. In this regard it is not considered that the reduced street and side set-back of the proposed shed would significantly increase the impact on the neighbour's outlook, over and above what would be caused by the placement of a residential building which met all of the Acceptable Solutions (and in the General Residential Zone, would not require a Planning Permit). The topography of the land which slopes slightly downwards from the number 23 Peron Street towards the water, means that the dwelling at number 23 Peron sits slightly higher than the subject land. This, along with the boundary fencing and small shed structures located along their rear boundary should assist in reducing the visual massing of the building as viewed from the neighbouring property.*

*With regard to the separation between dwellings on established properties within the area (broader definition than streetscape), a desktop review has shown several instances of buildings within the locality sited close to side, rear and street boundaries, which would not meet the current Planning Scheme Acceptable solutions. A map highlighting some of these properties is contained in **Attachment D**. This demonstrates that the established built form pattern within the area is influenced by a range of set-back distances.*

*The proposed shed will not affect any solar installations on the subject or neighbouring land.*

*On balance, it is considered that the reduced secondary frontage set-back and side set-back of the proposed development sufficiently satisfies the performance criteria.*

## **10 General Residential Zone**

### **10.4 Development Standards for Dwellings**

#### ***10.4.16.1 Stormwater Disposal***

<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>
A1 All run off from buildings must be directed into on-site water storage tanks and the overflow from the tanks disposed of into the Council maintained	P1 Stormwater must be managed on the site so that it does not cause pollution, soil erosion or flooding to adjacent lots.



roadside drain or the reticulated stormwater system.	
<p><b>Performance Criteria Assessment</b></p> <p><i>The applicant has not proposed to include a rainwater tank at this stage, and stormwater is to be directed to the roadside pit on St Helens Point Road, which is part of the Council's stormwater drainage system. Council Works Department has reviewed the proposal and advised that a new stormwater connection to this pit is required and has provided a condition which is included in the draft permit.</i></p> <p><i>As all stormwater from the proposed shed is to be directed to the Council maintained system, via new pipework and connection, it is considered that stormwater is to be managed such that it will not cause pollution, soil erosion, or flooding to adjacent lots.</i></p> <p><i>It is therefore considered that the proposed development satisfies the performance criteria.</i></p>	

## 5. Representations

The application was advertised from 16 April 2022 to 4 May 2022 in the Examiner Newspaper, notices on-site and at the Council Chambers and notification by mail to all adjoining land owners. No representations were received prior to the closing date and time. The application was subsequently amended (at the Applicant's request) and triggered a new discretion so was re-advertised from 4 February 2023 to 17 February 2023. Eight (8) representations (two (2) anonymous) were received prior to the closing date and time. A copy of the representations are contained in **Attachment E**. One (1) representation was received out of time and is not valid (and has not been included in this report).

The Applicant has provided a written response to the representations, a copy of which is contained in **Attachment F**.

A summary of the key issues and response is outlined below:

Issue	Response
<p>The concerns raised in the representations are summarised below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposal does not meet the minimum set-back acceptable solutions for the Zone and therefore should not be approved for this reason alone.</li> <li>2. The shed is too big for a residential area.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The failure to meet an acceptable solution of the Planning Scheme does not require that the proposal is refused. Reliance on performance criteria follows a discretionary assessment process, which is the process currently underway for this application.</li> </ol>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The size and height will impact neighbours and the streetscape.</li> <li>4. Concern that the shed could be used for business or habitable purposes.</li> <li>5. The existing buildings on the site are an eyesore and the value of surrounding properties will be affected if the large shed is built.</li> <li>6. Concern that a second vehicle access will be allowed. The current vehicle access is too close to St Helens Point Road and causes traffic blocks when the occupant is backing in boats or trailers.</li> <li>7. The plans show the current vehicle access as a pedestrian access.</li> <li>8. Concern that the set-back of the shed would prevent the opening inward of the existing double gates and restrict access to the rest of the yard. Concern that the gates will be made to open outwards onto the nature strip.</li> <li>9. Disappointed as the property owner advised that he would not build anything to block views to the water. The shed will impede the view of the residents of 23 Peron Street and impact their enjoyment of the property.</li> <li>10. The shed is not in keeping with the beachfront location.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The Planning Scheme provisions for the General Residential Zone do not prescribe a floor area limit for outbuildings.</li> <li>3. The set-back discretions of the shed (set-back from the secondary frontage and set-back from the side boundary) have been assessed under previous sections of this report as satisfying the relevant performance criteria. This assessment has taken into account the size and height of the proposed shed.</li> <li>4. The shed is to be assigned a residential use class and is unable to be used for a business purposes without development approval. The owner has not sought approval for a business and would need to lodge a development application if a change of use for a business was proposed. This does not prevent the owner using the shed under the '<i>home occupation</i>' exemption (section 5.1.3 of the Interim Planning Scheme). The shed has been assessed as a non-habitable outbuilding and does not contain any amenities for habitation. The applicant has confirmed in his response to the representations that he does not intend to live in the shed or use it to conduct a business.</li> <li>5. The state of the existing buildings on the land are not the subject of this development application. Notwithstanding this, the applicant has advised that once the shed is constructed, he intends to store items from the dwelling and bungalow so that he can commence refurbishing these buildings. The impact of developments on property values is not a valid planning consideration.</li> <li>6. With regard to vehicle access, the Council Works Department has confirmed that neither 'access' point along the secondary street (Dawson Street) has been formalised and has given approval through this</li> </ol>
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	<p>application for the formalisation of the southern-most access, adjacent to the proposed shed. The Department has provided a condition of approval for this access which relates to construction requirements. The Department has also advised that the Rural Roads Property Access Standard (TSD-R03-v3) does not stipulate a maximum cross-over width for construction therefore no restriction has been placed on the width of the crossover. With regard to the other access gate (about mid-way along the Dawson Street frontage), the Works Department has advised that there is no requirement for this gate to be closed off, however approval has not been given to formalise this gate as a second access point. The Applicant has advised in the response to representations that the intention is to utilise the formalised access for vehicle access as vehicles (car and boat) are to be parked in the proposed shed. The other access gate is intended to be used for pedestrian access.</p> <p>The Works Department has advised that there are no site distance issues for either access gate and both are at least the required distance from the intersection.</p> <p>With regard to the issue raised about the road being blocked when the occupants reverse boats/trailers into the property, this issue is common to most boat/trailer/caravan owners in and around St Helens. The siting of the garage 1m closer to the street frontage than the Acceptable Solution would make no difference to the issue of reversing towed vehicles in or out of the property. The proposed formalisation of the southern-most access point, will provide a greater separation from the intersection with St Helens Point Road, which should improve traffic conditions.</p>
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	<p>7. The issue of the second access point has been discussed above.</p> <p>8. Regarding the concern that the position of the shed would restrict the inward opening of the gates, the Applicant is aware that this will be an issue and has advised in the response to representations that it is intended to install a sliding gate once the shed is constructed. The Applicant is also aware that access to the remainder of the rear yard may be restricted by the siting of the shed. It should be noted that should vehicle access to the remainder of the yard be required for any purpose (deliveries, building work etc), there is no reason why this could not occur through the other gate opening (or any other opening in the fence). As with many other properties vehicle access to rear yards is often restricted by the placement of buildings/structures. The Applicant is also aware that the access gates cannot be designed to open outwards onto Council land.</p> <p>9. Any commitments made between property owners regarding the retention of views, is an issue for the respective property owners and is not a consideration under the Interim Planning Scheme. The planning assessment included in the previous section of this report has considered the visual impacts of the proposed shed.</p> <p>10. The planning assessment included in the previous section of this report has considered the streetscape impact of the proposed shed. The General Residential Zone contains no objectives that recognise or specify characteristics of the 'beachfront' location. Domestic outbuildings are an anticipated building form within the General Residential Zone and in various forms, are common within the area and locality.</p>
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The recommendation for approval has been made following due consideration of the representations and comments.

## **6. Mediation**

Nil.

## **7. Conclusion**

In accordance with 8.10 of the Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013, the application has been assessed against the objectives of the Scheme, in particular the General Residential Zone, and all relevant Codes and issues. The application has demonstrated compliance with the Acceptable Solutions and Performance Criterion and the received representations have been considered. It is recommended for approval with conditions normally set to this type of development.

### **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

*Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013;*

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993;*

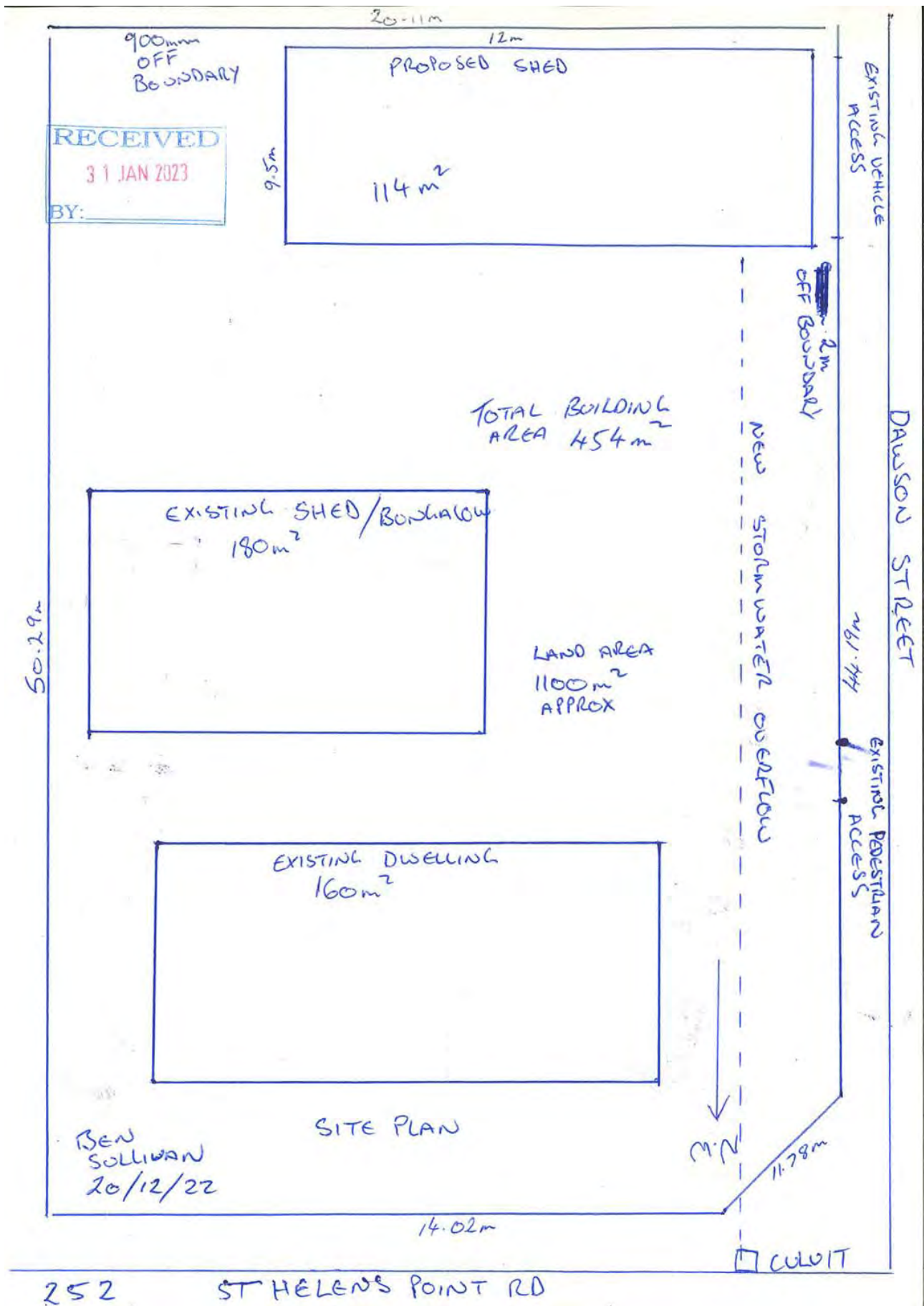
*Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*

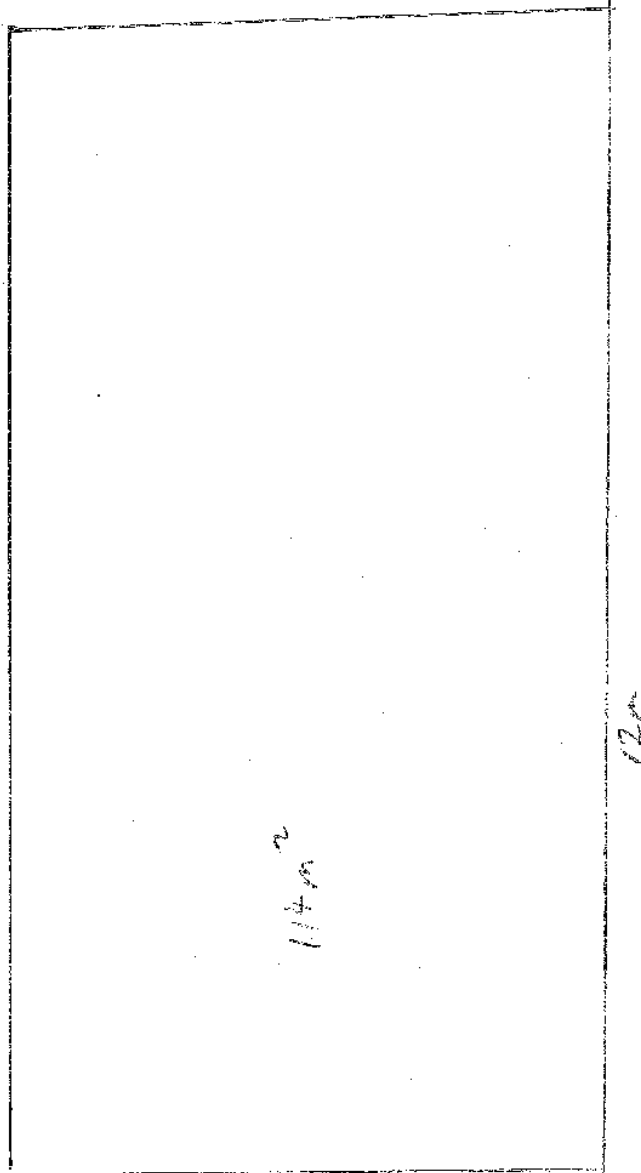
### **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable, all costs of the development are the responsibility of the developer.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.



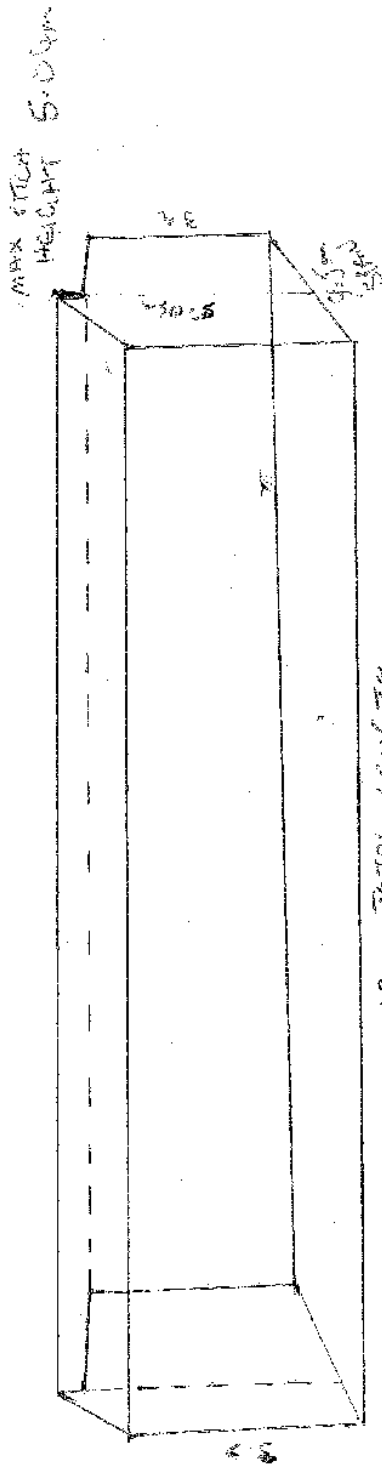


FLOOR PLAN

TOTAL AREA 114 m<sup>2</sup>

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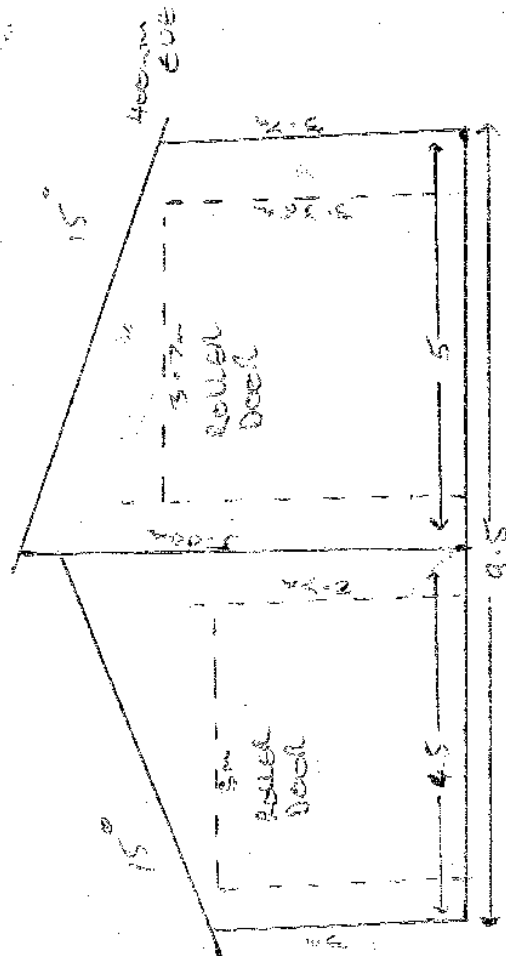
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CLADDING = ZINCALUM  
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TRIM + DOORS = MONUMENT



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ACTION	DECISION
PROPONENT	G Bromfield
OFFICER	Rebecca Green, Planning Consultant
FILE REFERENCE	DA 207-2022
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Plans and Elevations – Communal Shelter (Saxon Hall Architecture) Plans Tennis Court & Shelter (PDA Surveyors) Representation (1) Response to Representations

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

After due consideration of the representation received pursuant to Section 57 of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993* and the *Break O'Day Council Interim Planning Scheme 2013* that the application for **RESIDENTIAL - COMMUNAL SHELTER & TENNIS COURT** on land situated at **141 RIVERVIEW ROAD, SCAMANDER** described in Certificate of Title 169359/1 be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. Development must be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents listed as follows, except as varied by conditions on this Planning Permit.

Approved Plans / Documents			
Plan / Document Name	Reference Number	Prepared By	Dated
Location Plan	DD 1.100	Saxon Hall Architecture	4/8/22
Site Plan	DD 1.101	Saxon Hall Architecture	29/9/22
Floor Plan	DD 1.102	Saxon Hall Architecture	4/8/22
Elevations	DD 1.200 & DD 1.201	Saxon Hall Architecture	4/8/22
Proposed Tennis Court & Shelter Overall Plan	47310-ST02	PDA Surveyors	14-12-2022
Proposed Tennis Court & Shelter Plan	47310-ST02	PDA Surveyors	29-11-2022

2. All stormwater runoff from the proposed development must be detained by on-site water storage systems and overflow disposed of by means within the subject site that will not result in soil erosion or other stormwater nuisance.

3. Any power supply to the Communal Shelter and/or Tennis Court must be provided underground.
4. Any damage that may occur to any Council infrastructure during the construction of the proposed development must be reinstated to the satisfaction of Council and at the costs of the developer.

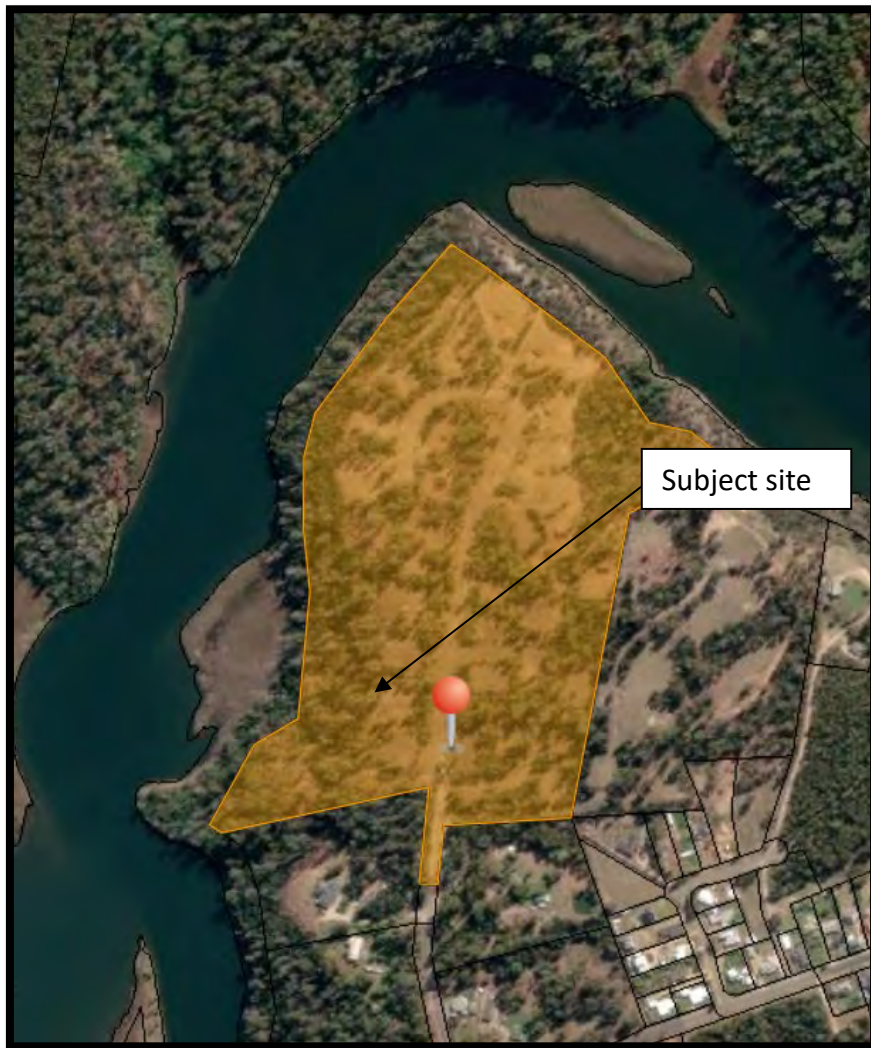
#### **ADVICE**

1. All underground infrastructure including all forms of water, storm water, power, gas and telecommunication systems must be located prior to the commencement of any on-site excavation and / or construction works. Any works to be undertaken within two (2) metres of any Council owned infrastructure must be done in consultation with Council's Works Manager.
2. The introduction of non-native plant species and plant species not of local provenance should be avoided and environmental weeds regularly monitored and targeted for removal.
3. Activities associated with construction works are not to be performed outside the permissible time frames listed:
  - a. Monday - Friday 7 am to 6 pm
  - b. Saturday 9 am to 6 pm
  - c. Sunday and public holidays 10 am to 6 pm

#### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

Application is made for the construction of a communal shelter and tennis court at 141 Riverview Road, Scamander. Residential use, if not for a single dwelling in the General Residential Zone is a permitted use, under Table 10.2 of the *Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013*.





Site Photos





#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

DA 190-2014 – 28 Lot Multi-Residential Layout & Infrastructure (Lot 1), *amended in 2022 to 30 Lot* (S58 application)

DA 191-2014 – 9 Lot Multi-Residential Layout & Infrastructure (Lot 2) (S58 application)

DA242-2021 – Front Fence and Plumbing Permit (S57 application)

#### **OFFICER'S REPORT:**

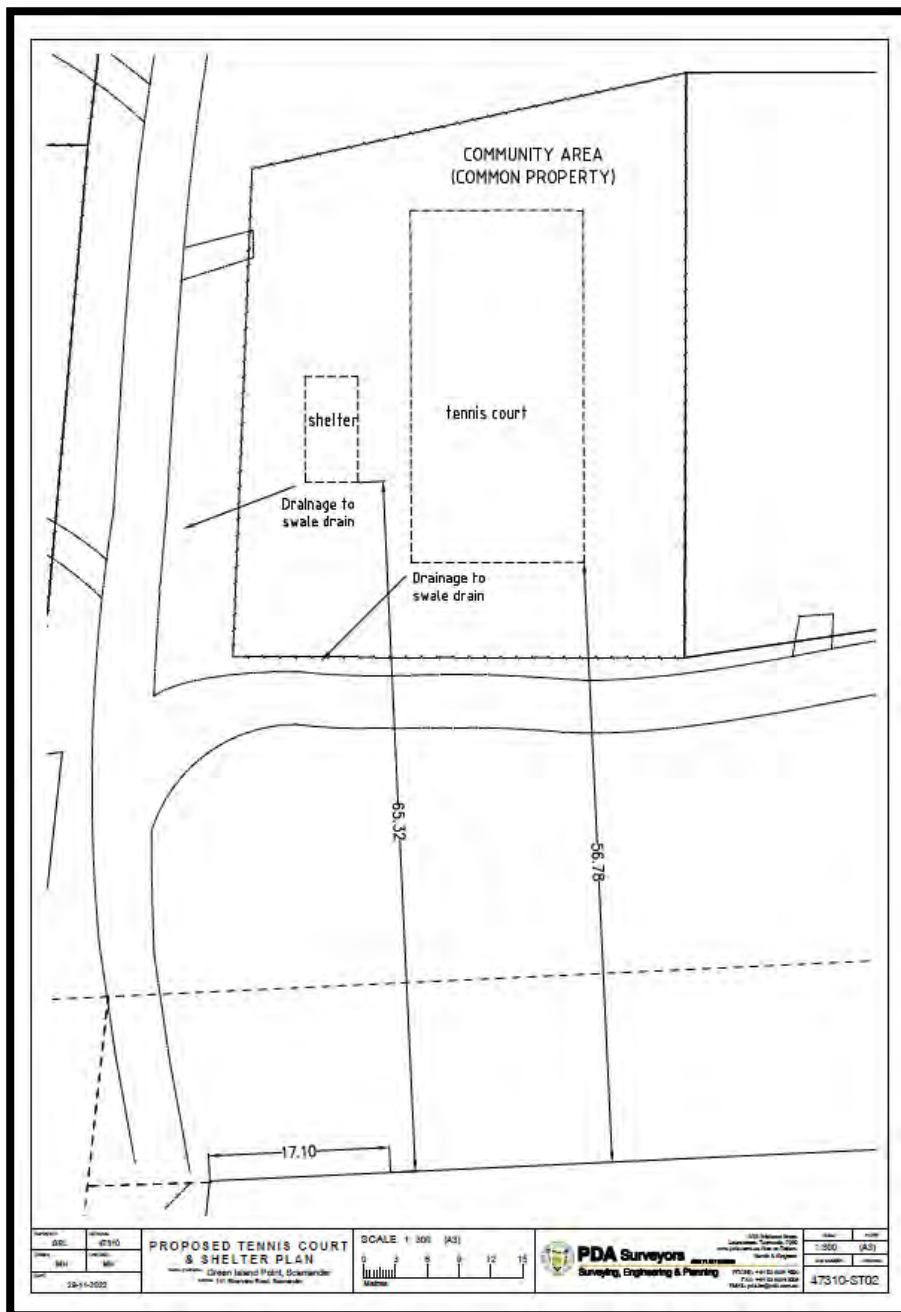
##### **1. The Proposal**

Break O'Day Council received a valid application on 17 October 2022 from Glenn Bromfield on behalf of the owner of the subject land, Three Streams Pty Ltd for the construction of a communal shelter and tennis court, associated with an approved multiple dwelling use and development at 141 Riverview Road, Scamander.

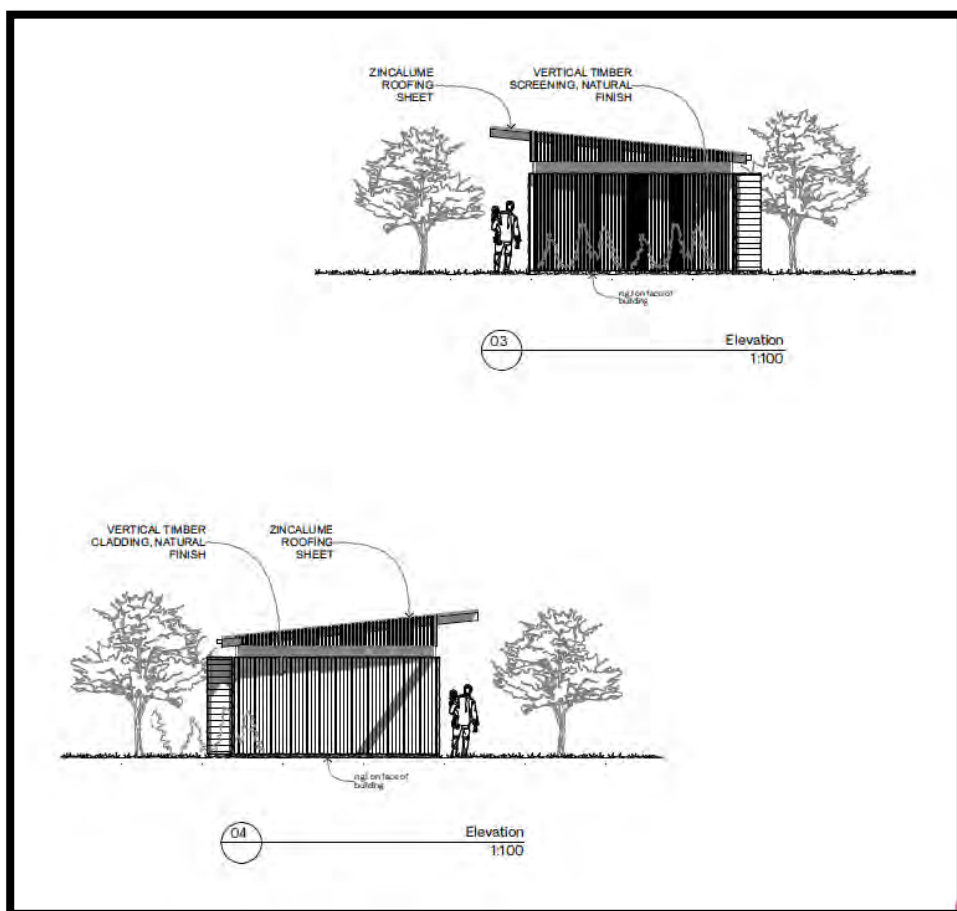
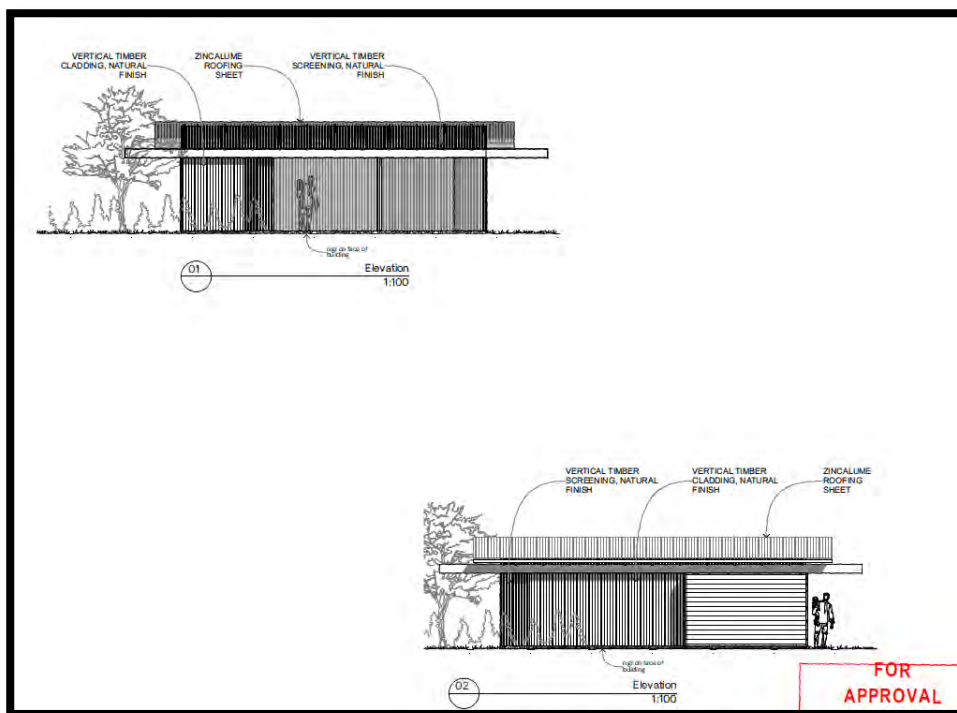
##### **Proposed Location Plan**







## Proposed Shelter Elevations



The application is for development within an existing approved allocation of common area within the overall strata layout of the approved multiple dwellings.

Stormwater from the new roof of the communal shelter is proposed to be directed into a water tank with overflow into existing swale drains. The communal shelter also includes a small area allocated

for storage. The communal shelter will be clad with vertical timber cladding and screening of natural finish with a zinalume roof cladding.

## **2. Applicable Planning Scheme Provisions**

Part 10 General Residential Zone  
E6 Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Code

## **3. Referrals**

Nil required.

## **4. Assessment**

The advertised application relied upon the following one (1) performance criteria as detailed below;

- 1) 10.4.16.1 Stormwater Disposal P1

Detailed assessment against the provisions of the *Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013* is provided below. **The proposal is deemed to comply with the performance criteria applicable.**

## **10 General Residential Zone**

### **10.1 Zone Purpose**

#### **10.1.1 Zone Purpose Statements**

**10.1.1.1 To provide for residential use or development that accommodates a range of dwelling types at suburban densities, where full infrastructure services are available or can be provided.**

**10.1.1.2 To provide for compatible non-residential uses that primarily serve the local community.**

**10.1.1.3 Non-residential uses are not to be at a level that distorts the primacy of residential uses within the zones, or adversely affect residential amenity through noise, activity outside of business hours traffic generation and movement or other off site impacts.**

**10.1.1.4 To encourage residential development that respects the neighbourhood character and provides a high standard of residential amenity.**

### **10.2 Use Table**

The proposed use fits the use class of Residential, being associated with an approved multiple dwelling proposal on the site, which is permitted use (permit required) within the General Residential Zone.

Residential as defined by the Scheme means:

“use of land for self-contained or shared living accommodation. Examples include an ancillary dwelling, boarding house, communal residence, home-based business, hostel, residential aged care home, residential college, respite centre, retirement village and single or multiple dwellings.”

Multiple Dwellings as defined by the Scheme means:

“ 2 of more dwellings on a site”.

#### **10.3.1 Amenity**

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
A1 If for permitted or no permit required uses.	A1 The proposed is a Permitted Use. Acceptable solution met.
A2 Commercial vehicles for discretionary uses must only operate between 7.00am and 7.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 6.00pm Saturday and Sunday.	A2 Not applicable. The proposed is a Permitted Use. Acceptable solution met.
A3 If for permitted or no permit required uses.	A3 The proposed is a Permitted Use. Acceptable solution met.

### 10.3.2 Residential Character – Discretionary Uses

Not applicable. The application is for a Permitted Residential Use (Multiple Dwelling). Acceptable solution met.

## 10.4 Development Standards

### 10.4.1 Residential density for multiple dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solution
A1 Multiple dwellings must have a site area per dwelling of not less than: (a) 325 m <sup>2</sup> ; or (b) if within a density area specified in Table 10.4.1 below and shown on the planning scheme maps, that specified for the density area.	A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).

### 10.4.2 Setbacks and building envelope for all dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
A1 Unless within a building area, a dwelling, excluding protrusions (such as eaves, steps, porches, and awnings) that extend not more than 0.6 m into the frontage setback, must have a setback from a frontage that is: (a) if the frontage is a primary frontage, at least 4.5 m, or, if the setback from the primary frontage is less than 4.5 m, not less than the setback, from the primary frontage, of any existing dwelling on the site; or (b) if the frontage is not a primary frontage, at least 3 m, or, if the	A1 The site plan demonstrates that the shelter building proposed is at least 4.5m from the frontage. Acceptable solution met.

	<p>setback from the frontage is less than 3 m, not less than the setback, from a frontage that is not a primary frontage, of any existing dwelling on the site; or</p> <p>(c) if for a vacant site with existing dwellings on adjoining sites on the same street, not more than the greater, or less than the lesser, setback for the equivalent frontage of the dwellings on the adjoining sites on the same street; or</p> <p>(d) if the development is on land that abuts a road specified in Table 10.4.2, at least that specified for the road.</p> <p>(e) If the development is on land that abuts a road specified in Table 10.4.2, at least that specified for the road.</p>	
A2	<p>A garage or carport must have a setback from a primary frontage of at least:</p> <p>(a) 5.5m, or alternatively 1m behind the façade of the dwelling; or</p> <p>(b) The same as the dwelling façade, if a portion of the dwelling gross floor area is located above the garage or carport; or</p> <p>(c) 1m, if the natural ground level slopes up or down at a gradient steeper than 1 in 5 for a distance of 10m from the frontage.</p>	A2 Not applicable.
A3	<p>A dwelling, excluding outbuildings with a building height of not more than 2.4m and protrusions that extend not more than 0.9m horizontally beyond the building envelope, must:</p> <p>(a) Be contained within a building envelope (refer to Figures 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3) determined by:</p> <p>(i) A distance equal to the frontage setback</p>	A3 The plans demonstrate that the development is to be wholly contained within the building envelope as per Figure 10.1. Acceptable solution met.



<p>or, for an internal lot, a distance of 4.5m from the rear boundary of a lot with an adjoining frontage; and</p> <p>(ii) Projecting a line at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal at a height of 3m above natural ground level at the side and rear boundaries to a building height of not more than 8.5m above existing ground level; and</p> <p>(b) Only have a setback within 1.5m from a side or rear boundary if the dwelling:</p> <p>(i) Does not extend beyond an existing building built on or within 0.2m of the boundary of the adjoining lot; or</p> <p>(ii) Does not exceed a total length of 9m or one-third the length of the side boundary (whichever is the lesser).</p>	
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#### 10.4.3 Site coverage and private open space for all dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
<p>A1 Dwellings must have:</p> <p>(a) A site coverage of not more than 50% (excluding eaves up to 0.6m); and</p> <p>(b) For multiple dwellings, a total area of private open space of not less than 60m<sup>2</sup> associated with each dwelling, unless the dwelling has a finished floor level that is entirely more than 1.8m above the finished ground level (excluding a garage, carport or entry foyer).</p>	<p>A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).</p>

<p>A2 A dwelling must have an area of private open space that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) is in one location and is at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 24 m<sup>2</sup>; or</li> <li>(ii) 12 m<sup>2</sup>, if the dwelling is a multiple dwelling with a finished floor level that is entirely more than 1.8 m above the finished ground level (excluding a garage, carport or entry foyer);</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) has a minimum horizontal dimension of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 4 m; or</li> <li>(ii) 2 m, if the dwelling is a multiple dwelling with a finished floor level that is entirely more than 1.8 m above the finished ground level (excluding a garage, carport or entry foyer); and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) is located between the dwelling and the frontage only if the frontage is orientated between 30 degrees west of true north and 30 degrees east of true north; and</li> <li>(d) has a gradient not steeper than 1 in 10.</li> </ul>	<p>A2 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).</p>
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#### 10.4.4 Sunlight to private open space of multiple dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solution
<p>A1 A multiple dwelling, that is to the north of the private open space of another dwelling on the same site, required to satisfy A2 or P2 of clause 10.4.3, must satisfy (a) or (b), unless excluded by (c):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The multiple dwelling is contained within a line projecting (see Figure 10.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At a distance of 3m from the northern edge of the private open space; and</li> <li>(ii) Vertically to a height of 3m above existing ground level and then at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).</p>

<p>(b) The multiple dwelling does not cause 50% of the private open space to receive less than 3 hours of sunlight between 9.00am and 3.00pm on 21<sup>st</sup> June; and</p> <p>(c) This Acceptable Solution excludes that part of a multiple dwelling consisting of:</p> <p>(i) An outbuilding with a building height not more than 2.4m; or</p> <p>(ii) Protrusions that extend not more than 0.9m horizontally from the multiple dwelling.</p>	
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#### 10.4.5 Width of openings for garages and carports for all dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solution
<p>A1 A garage or carport within 12 m of a primary frontage (whether the garage or carport is free-standing or part of the dwelling) must have a total width of openings facing the primary frontage of not more than 6 m or half the width of the frontage (whichever is the lesser).</p>	<p>A1 Not applicable.</p>

#### 10.4.6 Privacy for all dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
<p>A1 A balcony, deck, roof terrace, parking space or carport (whether freestanding or part of the dwelling) that has a finished surface or floor level more than 1m above natural ground level, must have a permanently fixed screen to a height of at least 1.7m above the finished surface or floor level, with a uniform transparency of no more than 25%, along the sides facing a:</p>	<p>A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).</p>

	<p>(a) Side boundary, unless the balcony, deck, roof terrace, parking space, or carport has a setback of at least 3m from the side boundary; and</p> <p>(b) Rear boundary, unless the balcony, deck, roof terrace, parking space, or carport has a setback of at least 4m from the rear boundary; and</p> <p>(c) Dwelling on the same site, unless the balcony, deck, roof terrace, parking space, or carport is at least 6m:</p> <p>(i) from a window or glazed door, to a habitable room of the other dwelling on the same site; or</p> <p>(ii) from a balcony, deck, roof terrace or the private open space, of the other dwelling on the same site.</p>	
A2	<p>A window or glazed door, to a habitable room, of a dwelling, that has a floor level more than 1 m above existing ground level, must satisfy (a), unless it satisfies (b):</p> <p>(a) The window or glazed door:</p> <p>(i) is to have a setback of at least 3 m from a side boundary; and</p> <p>(ii) is to have a setback of at least 4 m from a rear boundary; and</p> <p>(iii) if the dwelling is a multiple dwelling, is to be at least 6 m from a window or glazed door, to a habitable room, of another dwelling on the same site; and</p> <p>(iv) if the dwelling is a multiple dwelling, is to be at least 6 m from the private open space of</p>	<p>A2 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).</p>

	<p>another dwelling on the same site.</p> <p>(b) The window or glazed door:</p> <p>(i) is to be offset, in the horizontal plane, not less than 1.5 m from the edge of a window or glazed door, to a habitable room of another dwelling;</p> <p>(ii) is to have a sill height of at least 1.7 m above the floor level or have fixed obscure glazing extending to a height of at least 1.7 m above the floor level; or</p> <p>(iii) is to have a permanently fixed external screen for the full length of the window or glazed door, to a height of at least 1.7 m above floor level, with a uniform transparency of not more than 25%.</p>	
A3	<p>A shared driveway or parking space (excluding a parking space allocated to that dwelling) must be separated from a window, or glazed door, to a habitable room of a multiple dwelling by a horizontal distance of at least:</p> <p>(a) 2.5 m; or</p> <p>(b) 1 m if:</p> <p>(i) it is separated by a screen of at least 1.7 m in height; or</p> <p>(ii) the window, or glazed door, to a habitable room has a sill height of at least 1.7 m above the shared driveway or parking space, or has fixed obscure glazing extending to a height of at least 1.7 m above the floor level.</p>	A3 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).

#### 10.4.7 Frontage fences for all dwellings – not applicable.

#### 10.4.8 Waste storage for multiple dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
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<p>A1 A multiple dwelling must have a storage area, for waste and recycling bins, that is not less than 1.5m<sup>2</sup> per dwelling and is within one of the following locations:</p> <p>(a) An area for the exclusive use of each dwelling, excluding the area in front of the dwelling; or</p> <p>(b) A common storage area with an impervious surface that:</p> <p>(i) Has a setback of not less than 4.5m from a frontage;</p> <p>(ii) Is not less than 5.5m from any dwelling; and</p> <p>(iii) Is screened from the frontage and any dwelling by a wall to a height not less than 1.2m above the finished surface level of the storage area.</p>	<p>A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).</p>
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#### 10.4.9 Storage for multiple dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
A1 Each multiple dwelling must have access to at least 6 cubic metres of secure storage space.	A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).

#### 10.4.10 Common property for multiple dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
A1 Development for multiple dwellings must clearly delineate public, communal and private areas such as:	A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022). Noting that the proposed works are within the designated common area on the approved plans.
<p>a) Driveways; and</p> <p>b) Site services and any waste collection points.</p>	

#### 10.4.11 Outbuildings and ancillary structures for the Residential Use Class other than a single dwelling

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
A1 Outbuildings for each multiple dwelling must have a combined gross floor area not exceeding 45m <sup>2</sup> .	A1 Not applicable.
A2 A swimming pool for private use must be located:	A2 Not applicable.
<p>a) Behind the setback from a primary frontage; or</p> <p>b) In the rear yard.</p>	

#### 10.4.12 Site services for multiple dwellings

Acceptable Solutions	Proposed Solutions
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A1 Provision for mailboxes must be made at the frontage.	A1 Not applicable, the multiple dwelling proposal on the site as approved 2014 (amended in 2022).
A2 For multiple dwellings power supplies must be underground.	A2 Whilst no power supply to the communal shelter has been indicated, as the proposal is associated and subservient to the existing multiple dwelling approval, a condition to ensure compliance is recommended should power supply be required. Acceptable solution met.

**10.3.13- 10.4.12.7** – not applicable

#### **10.4.13.1 Stormwater Disposal**

<b>Acceptable Solutions/ Performance Criteria</b>	<b>Proposed Solutions</b>
<p>A1 All run off from buildings must be directed into on-site water storage tanks and the overflow from the tanks disposed of into the Council maintained roadside drain or the reticulated stormwater system.</p> <p>P1 Stormwater must be managed on the site so that it does not cause pollution, soil erosion or flooding to adjacent lots.</p>	<p>P1 Stormwater from the roof of the communal shelter building will be directed to a new water tank and overflow to the swale drains within the site. The shelter is relatively small (50m<sup>2</sup>) and capable of having stormwater managed on the site so that it will not cause pollution, soil erosion or flooding to adjacent lots. Performance Criteria met.</p>

#### **10.4.13.2 Filling of sites**

<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Proposed Solution</b>
<p>A1 Fill must be;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) No more than 50m<sup>3</sup>, and</li> <li>b) Clean fill, and</li> <li>c) Located more than 2m from any boundary.</li> </ul>	<p>A1 Proposal complies, no more than 50m<sup>3</sup> of fill is proposed nor will this be located within 2m of any boundary.</p>

**E6 Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Code** – although this code applies to all use and development, the existing approval car parking arrangements are not proposed to change or require to be altered due to the proposal.

## **5. Representations**

The application was advertised 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Examiner Newspaper, notices on-site and at the Council Chambers and notification by mail to all adjoining landowners. One (1) representation was received prior to the closing date and time. The issues raised within the representation are as follows:-

<b>Representation 1</b>	<b>Response</b>
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<p>Concerns with the location of the development adjacent to the representors boundary, with noise generated from the building of the tennis court and the amenities plus continuous noise thereafter with the playing of tennis and congregating of people plus cars, which will disturb and frighten away the birdlife and wildlife and affect the representors enjoyment of the quietness and wildlife.</p>	<p>Council has approved the use and development of the subject land for a multiple dwelling development, approved under permitted planning permits in 2014. The proposed development is directly associated with that approved use whereby the 2014 permits have substantially commenced. The development is for provision of facilities and amenities within the formerly approved common area. The only discretion sought is in relation to stormwater collection and management and the concerns raised do not relate to or have any merit in regard to the singular discretion sought. No further consideration of the concerns can be provided.</p>
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The recommendation for approval has been made following due consideration of the representation and comments.

## 6. Mediation

Nil.

## 7. Conclusion

In accordance with 8.10 of the *Break O' Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013*, the application has been assessed against the objectives of the Scheme, in particular the General Residential Zone, all relevant Codes and issues. The application has demonstrated compliance with the Acceptable Solutions and one (1) Performance Criterion; the received representation has been considered although the concerns have no planning merit in relation to the single discretion sought. It is recommended for approval with conditions normally set to this type of development.



#### **LEGISLATION / STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES:**

*Break O' Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013, Version 18;*  
*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993;*  
*Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993.*

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable, all costs of the development are the responsibility of the developer.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.



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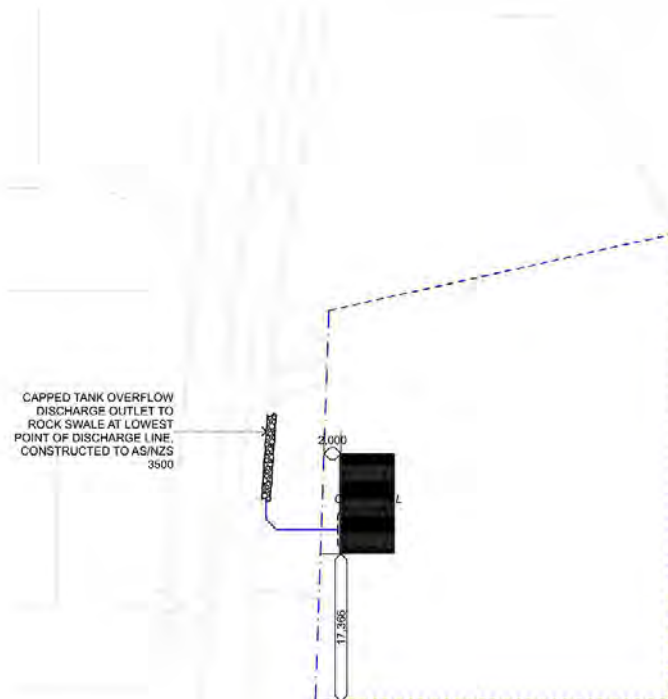
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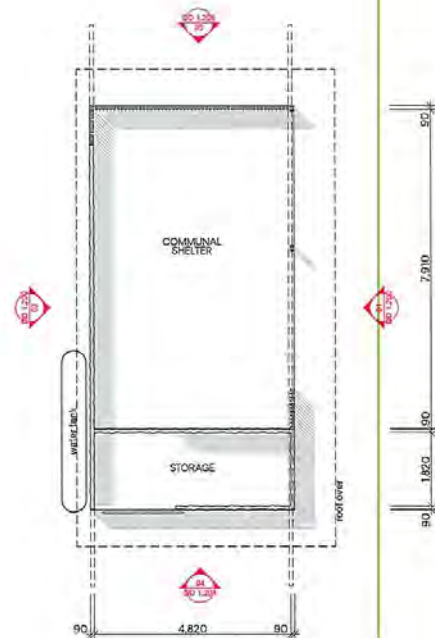
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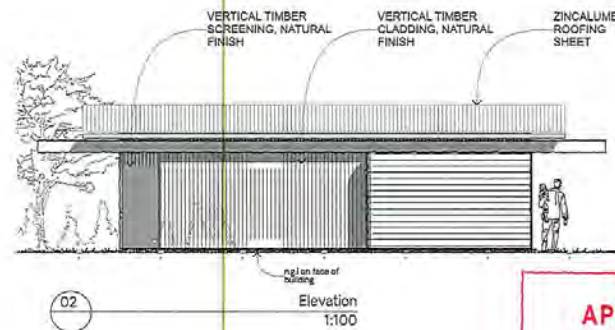
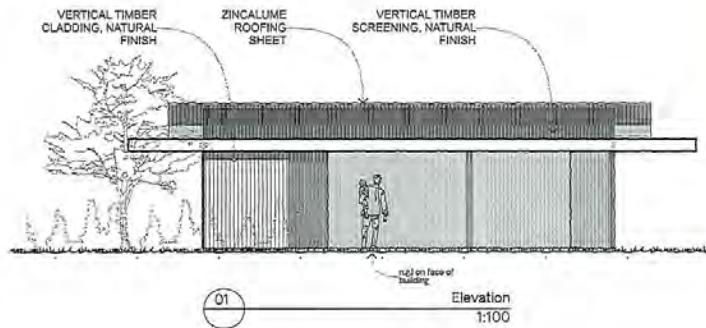
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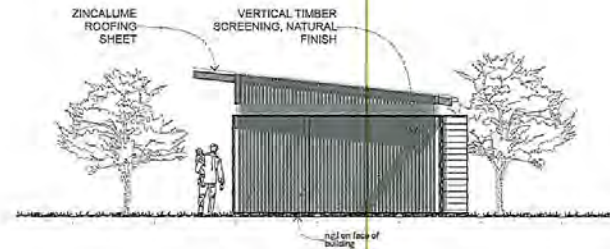
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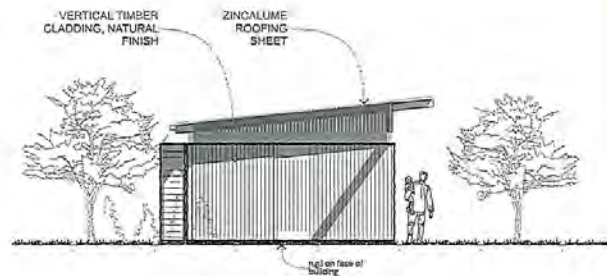
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Project Status: CD

Client: Three Streams Pty Ltd

Climate Zone: 7  
Wind Region: TBA  
Site: Riverview Road Scamander Tasmania  
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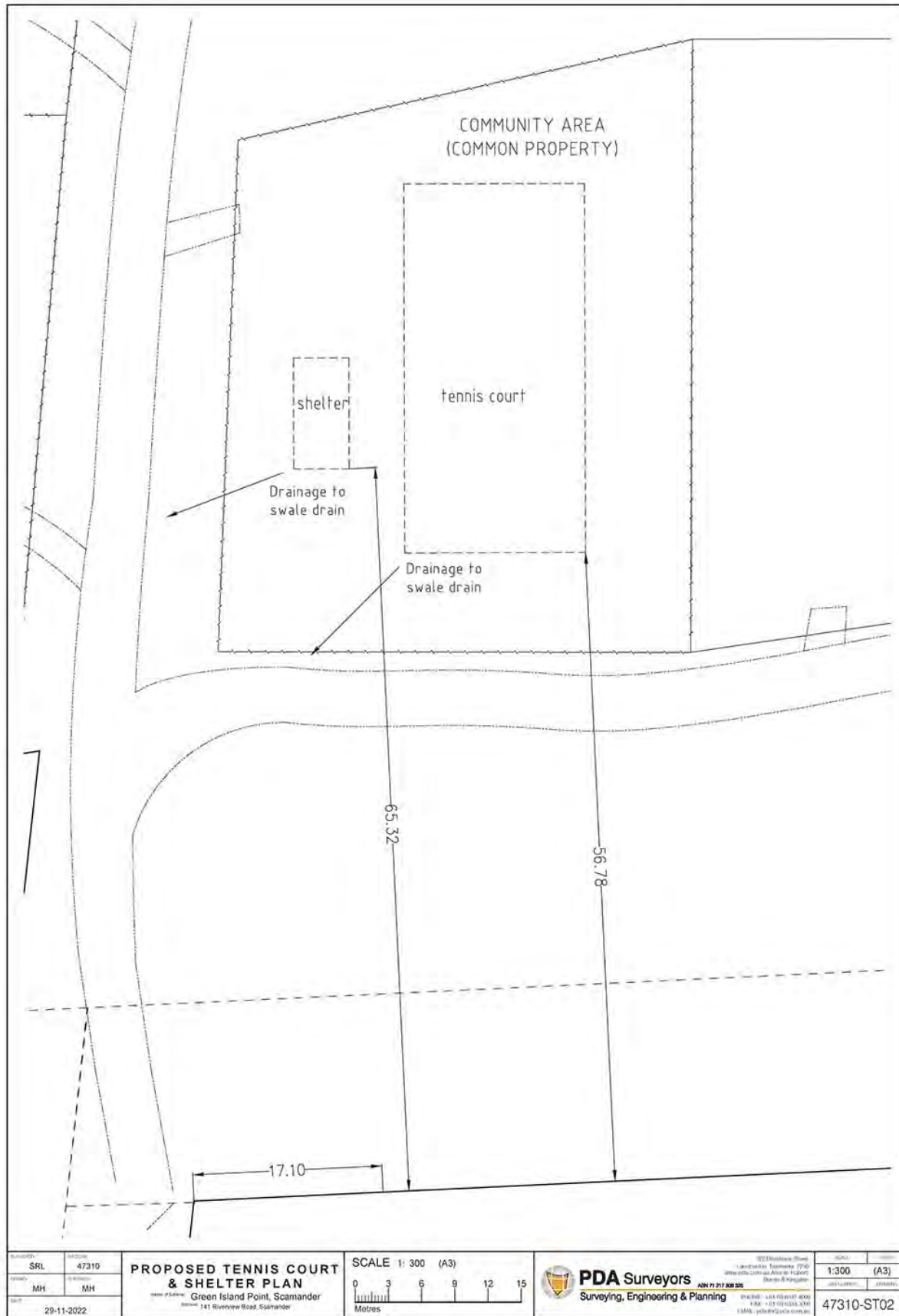
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The Mayor advised the Council that it had now concluded its meeting as a Planning Authority under Section 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.





## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - MEETINGS - PUBLIC

14/03/2023

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GOALS

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GOAL COMPLETION

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS PLAN

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FEBRUARY 2023

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
100%	20/02/2023	13/03/2023	02/23.6.1 DA 297-2022 – 2 Lot Subdivision – 2 Annie Street, St Helens	ursuant to Section 57 of the <i>Land Use Planning &amp; Approvals Act 1993</i> and the <i>Break O'Day Interim Planning Scheme 2013</i> that the application for 2 Lot Subdivision on land situated at 2 Annie Street, St Helens (incl Works in CT107996/2 & medea Street) described in Certificate of Title 173142/2 be APPROVED subject to conditions.	Planning Permit issued 27th February 2023	Development Services Coordinator
0%	20/02/2023	30/04/2023	02/23.9.1 - Short Stay Accommodation Policy – Cllr J Drummond	That Council discuss a short stay accommodation policy at a workshop.		Development Services Coordinator
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.13.4 Risk Management Framework Policy Review	That Council adopt the revised Risk Management Framework Policy.	Risk Management Framework Policy approved by Council at February 2023 meeting.	Manager Corporate Services
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.13.5 Capital Works Budget Review	That Council adopt the revised Capital Works Budget 2022/2023.	Council's decision advised to Accountant who is updating Council documents and financial records.	Manager Corporate Services

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.15.2 5-7 Portland Court, St Helens – Hub4Health Building	That under s.177A. of the Local Government Act, the property at 5 – 7 Portland Court, St Helens be classed as public land:  1. Public Land  2. The following land owned by a council is public land:  1. ....  2. Any other land that the council determines is public land;  3. ....	Agenda item for February Council meeting - Council accepted for their information only	Manager Community Services
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.15.3 Binalong Bay - Local Township Plan	That Council endorse the second Binalong Bay Township Plan which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop to be forwarded to the Binalong Bay community for comment.	Council approved the draft township plan and has now been forwarded to community for comment.	Manager Community Services
100%	20/02/2023	27/03/2023	02/23.15.4 Scamander – Local Township Plan	That Council endorse the second Scamander Township Plan which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop to be forwarded to the Scamander community for comment.	Council approved the draft township plan and has now been forwarded to community for comment.	Manager Community Services
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.15.5 Falmouth – Local Township Plan	That Council endorse the second Falmouth Township Plan which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop to be forwarded to the Falmouth community for comment.	Council approved the draft township plan and has now been forwarded to community for comment.	Manager Community Services

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
75%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.15.6 Policy AM21 – Single Use Plastics Policy	<p>1. That a longer time frame be considered for community members who are participating in events and activities to implement the Single Use Plastic Policy.</p> <p>1. That Council undertaking more extensive community engagement with community groups as to what options are available for them to use when replacing current single use plastics.</p>	Council approved a longer time frame to enforce the Soft Plastics Policy with our community and engagement has commenced with market groups and leasees of Council owned facilities.	Manager Community Services
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.16.2 NRM Committee Meeting Minutes 6 December 2022	That Council receive the Minutes of the NRM Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2022.	Minutes considered and received by Council at its February Council meeting.	NRM Facilitator
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.16.3 Grant for Scamander Coastal Hazards Risk Mitigation and Pathways Planning Project	That Council receive an update on successful grant proposal for a project to address coastal erosion and flood hazards at the Scamander River mouth and confirm Council contributions towards the project to secure the grant by allocating \$30,000 to its capital works budget in the 2022-2023 financial year.	Report considered and Council funding contributions to the project confirmed at the February Council meeting.	NRM Facilitator
50%	20/02/2023	30/06/2023	02/23.16.4 Binalong Bay Foreshore Weed Management	That Council commit to the first year of funding and then look at the following years as part of the budget process.	Council and the Parks and Wildlife Service are planning a start to joint weeding activities this financial year. Adoption of Council's budget with resources allocated to continue this work in 2023-2024 will implement its decision.	NRM Facilitator
100%	20/02/2023	28/02/2023	02/23.17.2 Future of Local Government Review	That the submission in relation to the Options Paper be endorsed.	Submission lodged with the Local Government Board	General Manager
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	02/23.17.3 2022-2023 Annual Plan Quarterly Review	That Council receive the Review as at the 31 December 2022 of the Break O'Day Council Annual Plan the 2022 – 2023.	No action required	General Manager

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0%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	<b>02/23.17.4 Future Aquatic Facility Investigation</b>	That Council:  1. Adopt the Break O'Day Council Future Aquatic Facility Strategy Project Methodology (January 2023) for implementation  2. Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Aquatic Facility Investigation Working Group and seek expressions of interest to fill the positions	Council officers will now progress with implementation of the initial steps in the process as resources and time allows	General Manager
9%	20/02/2023	30/06/2023	<b>02/23.17.5 Live Streaming of Council Meetings</b>	1. That Council resolve to implement Live Streaming of Council Meetings; and  2. That the cost for the implementation for associated hardware and software be considered as part of the 2023- 2024 budget deliberations.		Executive Assistant
100%	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	<b>02/23.17.6 Draft Response – Tasmanian Population Strategy Consultation</b>	That Councillors consider and discuss the draft response to the Tasmanian Population Strategy Consultation	Response endorsed by Council in Feb Workshop.  Will be submitted 3rd March, 2023.	Economic Development Officer



## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - JANUARY 2023

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
70%	16/01/2023	30/06/2023	<b>01/23.13.4 Upgrade Cricket Pitch Surface and Relocation of Cricket Practice Nets – St Helens Sports Complex</b>	That Council allocate \$23,000 from “Small Projects” in the existing Capital Works Budget across to “Capital Works Project: St Helens Cricket Facilities- upgrade” to complete the project.	Capital allocation approved by Council at its January meeting. Works scheduled to be complete before the EOFY.	Manager Corporate Services

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - DECEMBER 2022

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
50%	19/12/2022	31/03/2023	<b>12/22.15.3 St Marys Theatre Group – Request for Fee Waiver</b>	That a review be undertaken to examine the parameters for a 5th category to be added to the existing policy to encompass trial projects.	Council staff have advised the community member of the Council decision and she has made bookings for the three month trial to commence	Manager Community Services

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS NOVEMBER 2022

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
75%	21/11/2022	31/12/2022	<b>11/22.15.8 Request for Financial Support – St Helens Online Access Centre</b>	1. Council staff work with the St Helens Online Centre to attract more volunteers to assist with the delivery of services to our community.	Council staff have organised an event where people who wish to volunteer can engage with volunteer organisations who are seeking new members - event to be held on the 16th March, 2023	Manager Community Services
35%	21/11/2022	30/06/2023	<b>11/22.16.6 Community Communications support for Off Road Vehicle Management</b>	That Council provide public information and education support to the efforts being made by the Parks and Wildlife Service, private landholders and NRM North to control illegal off road vehicles on St Helens Point.	The NRM Committee recently visited St Helens Point to investigate Off Road Vehicle issues and management options. This is providing background and insight for a communications strategy by Council, in collaboration with the Parks and Wildlife Service and other stakeholders.	NRM Facilitator

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS JUNE 2022

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
75%	27/06/2022	31/10/2022	<b>06/22.15.3.123 - Outdoor Exercise Equipment - Scamander</b>	That Council seek external funding to cover the cost of this project.	The committee who is looking at projects for the area where the old bridge was removed have approved two pieces of gym equipment to be placed in the open space which is currently being reinstate green area	Manager Community Services



## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS MAY 2022

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
95%	16/05/2022	31/07/2022	<b>05/22.9.1.87 - Notice of Motion - Provision of Crossing in Main Street, St Marys - Cllr J Drummond</b>	<p><i>A report is sought providing advice in accordance with the requirements of Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the information of Council at a future meeting and consider any advice given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation:</i></p> <p>That Council re-consider the provision of pedestrian cross over points and/or traffic islands in the Main Street of St Marys.</p>	Community engagement process concluded 8th March 2023. Council briefed on comments received prior to March 6 Workshop at that March 6 workshop. Agenda Report prepared for March Council meeting.	Manager Infrastructure and Development Services

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FEBRUARY 2022

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
60%	21/02/2022	31/03/2022	<b>02/22.16.5.39 - Management of Freshwater Resources and Water Quality</b>	Council show leadership on freshwater management arrangements and seek input and advice from state water managers and independent experts on freshwater management arrangements and development initiatives in Tasmania, and their adequacy for ensuring the ecologically sustainable use and development of freshwater systems and resources in Break O'Day.	Activities to bring information and advice on state water resources and water quality management to Break O'Day through Council remain to be developed. The NRM Committee is following recent issues, such feedback from Taswater on sewage discharges into St Marys Rivulet. Concerns remain for critical reviews and claims of poor freshwater and river management by the Tasmanian Government agencies and bodies.	NRM Facilitator

## COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 2021

Current Co...	Meeting ...	Due D...	Goal	Resolution / Action	Update	Owner
10%	15/02/2021	31/08/2021	<b>02/21.16.4.50 - Draft Policy LG55 – Use of Conferencing Technology to Attend Council Meetings and Workshops Policy</b>	That Council note the draft Policy LG55 – Use of Conferencing Technology to Attend Council Meetings and Workshops Policy and await the outcome of the Local Government Act review.	On hold until the Local Government Act Review is completed.	Executive Assistant
95%	19/04/2021	30/06/2021	<b>04/21.14.3.88 - St Marys Recreation Ground Lighting</b>	That Council consider the logistics and validity of relocating the St Helens lights with particular attention paid to the ongoing cost of maintaining and running the lights.	The existing football ground lights at the St Helens Rec Ground (electrical and structural components) are to be inspected when removed from service in 2023, for suitability for re-use at the St Marys Rec Ground. Electrician to undertake electrical assessment of old infrastructure during March 2023. A report will be subsequently prepared for Council's consideration.	Manager Infrastructure and Development Services
82%	16/08/2021	14/02/2022	<b>08/21.13.4.178 - Electric Vehicle Charging Station Proposal for Fingal</b>	That management be authorised to enter into a joint funding agreement for the installation and operation of such a charging station.	No further correspondence to report.	Manager Corporate Services
50%	20/09/2021	30/06/2023	<b>09/21.16.5.208 - Intention to Make a New By-Law - Keeping of Roosters and Other Animals</b>	In accordance with section 156 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , Council resolves to make a by-law for the regulation of keeping roosters and other animals.	Final Draft Completed, currently being Peer reviewed and obtaining initial legal advice.	Development Services Coordinator
90%	15/11/2021	31/01/2022	<b>11/21.14.5.249 - Terrys Hill Road, Goshen</b>	Council pursue DPIWE to fulfil their maintenance responsibilities on Terry Hills Road and that Council approach the State Government with the view of potentially providing the State a road maintenance service paid for by the State Government.	Normal government procurement processes apply. The road was upgraded in the latter part of 2021 via open tender process.  The matter of how PWS will undertake ongoing road maintenance remains open for general discussion with the Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRET) - yet to be scheduled.	Manager Infrastructure and Development Services

## 03/23.8.0

## PETITIONS

Nil.

## 03/23.9.0

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### 03/23.9.1

### Submission from St Marys Dog Group – Clr Drummond

#### MOTION:

*A report is sought providing advice in accordance with the requirements of Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the information of Council at a future meeting and consider any advice given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.*

To provide acknowledgement and consider the submission from the St Marys Dog's Group for two dog exercise areas in St Marys.

That Council acknowledge the submission of the St Marys Dog group, of the preferred dog exercise areas, in St Marys; and consider including the proposed areas as part of the municipal Dog Management Policy.

#### SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION:

##### Submission in support of the motion as prepared by the St Marys Dog Group:

##### St Mary's Dog Group

Dog exercise areas to be put to BO'D Council, submission provided by Diana Foster of St Marys Area One



Area on east side of road into Cranks & Tinkerers and Men's Shed. Suitable for medium and large size dogs

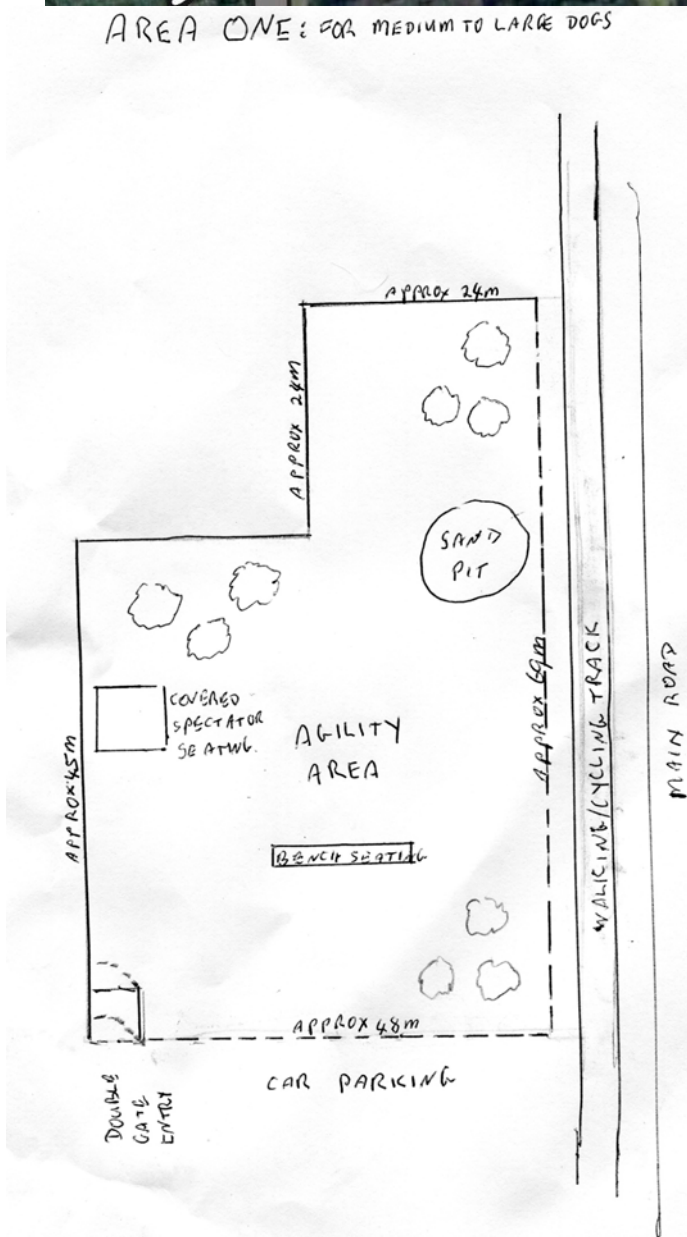
Will need:

- Dog fencing on at least 2 sides
- Advanced trees to be planted.
- Dog waste collection facilities
- Seating for dog owners, ideally a shed (gazebo?) for hot or wet weather conditions





AREA ONE: FOR MEDIUM TO LARGE DOGS



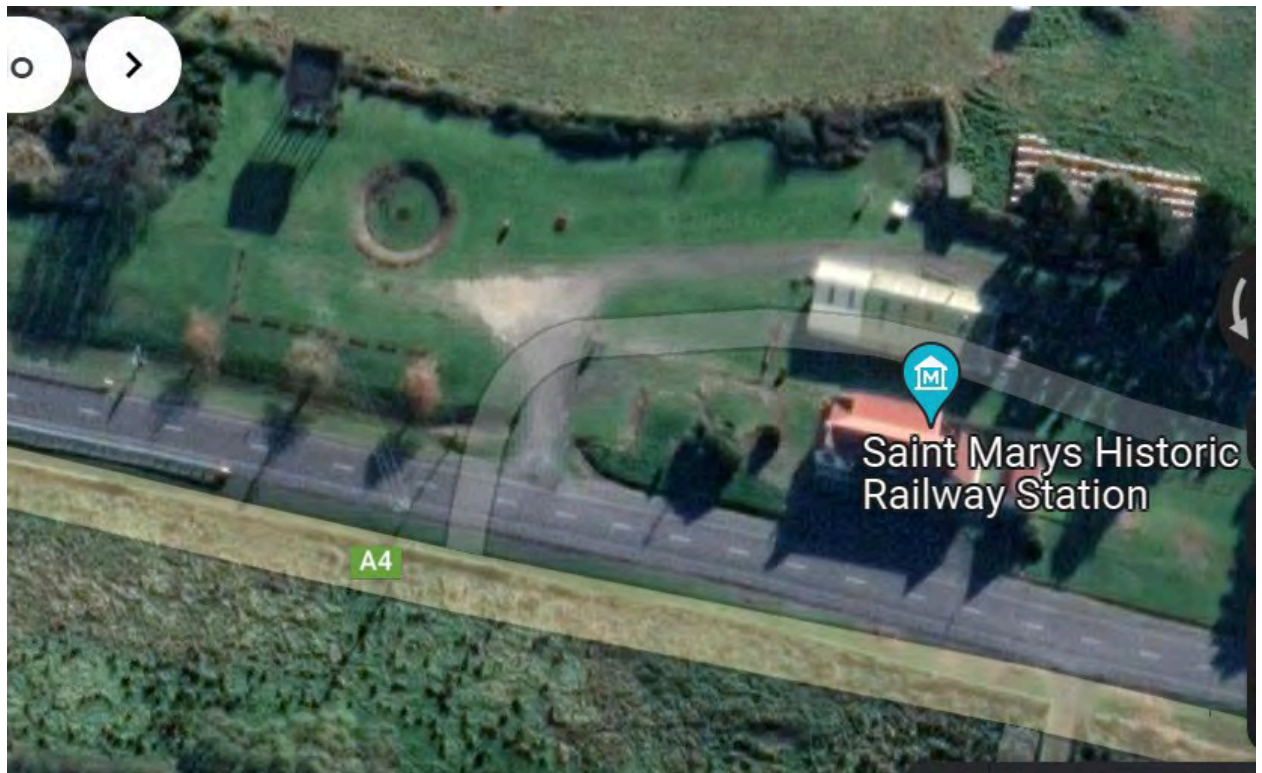
## Area Two

Area on west side of Cranks & Tinkerers and Men's Shed. Suitable for small dogs.



Will need:

- Dog fencing on all sides
- Advanced trees to be planted.
- Dog waste collection facilities
- Seating for dog owners.



Nil.

*Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 specifies that in putting a Question Without Notice a Councillor must not offer an argument or opinion, draw any inference or make any imputations except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.*

*The Chairperson must not permit any debate of a Question without Notice or its answer.*

21.02.2023	<b>Launceston</b>	– Meeting with Minister Jaensch
24.02.2023	<b>Campbell Town</b>	– Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) – General Management Committee Meeting
27.02.2023	<b>Sydney</b>	– Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) – Special Board Meeting
03.03.2023	<b>MS Teams</b>	– Tasmanian Audit Office – Annual Stakeholder Meeting
06.03.2023	<b>St Helens</b>	– Council Workshop
15.03.2023	<b>Fingal</b>	– Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House – Eating with Friends
16.03.2023	<b>Launceston</b>	– LGAT Mayor's Workshop
17.03.2023	<b>Launceston</b>	– LGAT General Meeting
17.03.2023	<b>Launceston</b>	– LGAT General Management Committee Meeting
18.03.2023	<b>St Helens</b>	– Dragon Trail Mountain Bike Race Award Ceremony
20.03.2023	<b>St Helens</b>	– Council Meeting

*This is for Councillors to provide a report for any Committees they are Council Representatives on and will be given at the Council Meeting.*

- St Helens and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Tourism – Deputy Mayor Kristi Chapple
- NRM Special Committee – Cllr Janet Drummond
- East Coast Tasmania Tourism (ECTT) – Cllr Barry LeFevre
- Mental Health Action Group – Cllr Barry LeFevre
- Disability Access Committee – Cllr Janet Drummond
- Bay of Fires Master Plan Steering Committee – Cllr Ian Carter



## 03/23.13.0 BUSINESS AND CORPORATE SERVICES

### 03/23.13.1 Corporate Services Department Report

ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, Manager Business Services
FILE REFERENCE	018\018\001\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

#### INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on activities of the Business and Corporate Service Department since the previous Council Meeting.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Provided as a monthly report – Council consideration at previous meetings.

#### OFFICER'S REPORT:

##### Rates and Cash Flow

The third rates instalment became due in February and payments are at normal levels.

##### Policy Review, Long Term Financial Planning and Strategy Development

As part of budget planning and the annual work plan of the Audit Panel, a number of key strategic documents are currently under review by staff. These include updating the following prior to presentation to Council:

- 1) Long Term Financial Plan
- 2) Financial Management Strategy

A number of key policies are in development, while other policies are also under review and will be presented to the Audit Panel at its March meeting:

- 1) Review of LG40 Rates and Charges Policy
- 2) Review of EP03 Conservation Covenant Support Policy
- 3) Review Fraud and Corruption Control Policy and Plan
- 4) Review Whistle Blower Policy
- 5) Review of MTB Asset Management Plan

Once the Audit Panel has reviewed these documents they will be presented to Council for formal consideration.

### **State Grants Commission**

The State Grants Commission (the Commission) is an independent statutory body that was established by State legislation, the [State Grants Commission Act 1976](#). The primary function of the Commission is to make recommendations to the Treasurer concerning the distribution of Australian Government financial assistance grants (FAG's) to Tasmania's 29 councils consistent with the requirements in the Australian Government's [Local Government \(Financial Assistance\) Act 1995](#).

The Australian Government financial assistance is provided in two parts: a Base Grant (general purpose) component and a Road Grant component. The Australian Government determines each state's share of the Base Grant pool based on population share, while the Road Grant pool based on historically agreed proportions. Despite their source names, FAG's are provided to councils as untied, general revenue and can be spent as councils choose, and not according to their funding source names.

Each financial year, the Australian Government provides estimated grant pools on which the Commission bases its recommendations. The Australian Government also finalises each state's grant entitlements for the previous year based on final population figures and the movements in the Consumer Price Index.

The Tasmanian State Grants Commission members visited Council on the 9 March and presented a number of 'conversation starters' for management feedback and discussion.

The key piece presented concerned the adjustment of Councils assessed expenditure requirements to allow for the service population being greater than the resident population. In short, the consideration is that Break O'Day (in this instance) has a larger service population than our resident population.

The Commission currently estimates each Council's total expenditure requirements on the number of residents in each municipality as estimated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The issue with this approach is that in communities such as ours the resident population is far less than the service population when tourists, campers, shack owners and others are taken in to account.

Management provided the Commission supportive feedback that the current approach to assessing Councils' expenditure requirements should be reassessed where the population it services is higher than the ABS estimate of resident population.

The State Grants Commission will continue to receive feedback from Councils' over the coming months and any change to the cost adjustment factors will most likely be gradually phased in over a number of years.

## Investments

\$ 1,100,000 4.55% Maturing 25/01/2024  
 \$ 1,500,000.00 4.34% Maturing 1/12/2023  
 \$ 1,008,843.21 4.27% Maturing 10/11/2023  
 \$ 1,007,022.43 4.27% Maturing 10/11/2023  
 \$1,003,964.11 3.94% Maturing 19/6/2023  
 \$2,008,166.58 3.84% Maturing 14/6/2023  
 \$2,017,040.22 4% Maturing 11/5/2023  
 \$1,003,825.52 3.6% Maturing 9/3/2023

### Rates Summary - 2 March 2023

	2022/2023		2021/2022	
<b>Rates Brought Forward</b>	%	\$	%	\$
Outstanding Rate Debtors		470,736.59		390,871.07
Less Rates in Credit		-280,014.02		-227,512.36
<b>Net Rates Outstanding at 30 June</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>190,722.57</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>163,358.71</b>
Rates and Charges Levied	97.51	10,887,939.50	97.66	10,379,565.83
Interest and Penalty Charged	0.78	87,235.37	0.80	84,878.34
Total Rates and Charges Demanded	100.00	10,975,174.87	100.00	10,464,444.17
Less Rates and Charges Collected	79.65	8,893,889.27	80.62	8,568,266.37
Less Credit Journals and Supp Credits	0.53	59,462.59	1.63	173,155.19
Remissions and Discount	5.03	561,298.34	5.17	549,103.83
<b>Unpaid Rates and Charges 2 March</b>	<b>14.79</b>	<b>1,460,524.67</b>	<b>12.58</b>	<b>1,173,918.78</b>

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Remissions and Discounts	105,928.63	104,921.87
Early Payment Discount	455,369.71	444,181.96
Pensioner Rebates	561,298.34	549,103.83

<b>Number Rateable Properties</b>	<b>6572</b>
<b>Number Unpaid Rateable Properties</b>	<b>3415</b>
<b>% Properties Not fully paid</b>	<b>51.96</b>

## Right to Information (RTI) Requests

One (1) request was received and has been finalised.

## 132 and 337 Certificates

	132	337
February 2023	35	22
January 2023	34	20
February 2022	69	33

## Debtors/Creditors @ 10 March 2023

### DEBTORS INFORMATION

#### Invoices Raised

Current			Previous Year	
Month	Mth Value	YTD 22/23	Month	YTD 21/22
73	115,638.19	566	101	642

### CREDITORS INFORMATION

#### Payments Made

Current			Previous Year	
Month	Mth Value	YTD 22/23	Month	YTD 21/22
335	\$ 593,188.48	1795	327	2967

## STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

### Goal

Services – To have access to quality services that are responsive to the changing needs of the community and lead to improved health, education and employment outcomes.

### Strategy

- Work collaboratively to ensure services and service providers are coordinated and meeting the actual and changing needs of the community.
- Ensure Council services support the betterment of the community while balancing statutory requirements with community and customer needs.

## LEGISLATION & POLICIES:

Nil.

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority.

ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, Manager Business Services
FILE REFERENCE	018\018\001\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Financial Reports

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the following reports for the month ending 28 February 2023 be received:

1. Profit and Loss Statement
2. Capital Works 2022-2023

**INTRODUCTION:**

Presented to Council are the monthly financial statements.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council considers financial reports on a monthly basis.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The financial statements as shown below show the financial position of Council as at 28 February 2023.

# Profit and Loss

Break O'Day Council

For the 8 months ended 28 February 2023

Account	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance % YTD	2023 Annual Budget	Notes
<b>Trading Income</b>					
Rates	10,878,799	10,840,244	0%	10,840,244	
User Fees	913,374	933,141	-2%	1,399,726	
Operating Grants	945,519	620,676	52%	2,423,090	1
Interest & Investment Income	390,052	375,584	4%	563,369	
Contributions	24,800	13,336	86%	20,000	
Other Revenue	58,980	21,336	176%	32,000	
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>13,211,523</b>	<b>12,804,317</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15,278,429</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>13,211,523</b>	<b>12,804,317</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15,278,429</b>	
<b>Capital Grants</b>					
Grants - Commonwealth Capital	1,285,799	1,497,190	-14%	2,994,381	
Grants - Roads to Recovery	8,865	323,500	-97%	647,000	
Grants - State Capital	176,424	333,336	-47%	500,000	
<b>Total Capital Grants</b>	<b>1,471,088</b>	<b>2,154,026</b>	<b>-32%</b>	<b>4,141,381</b>	2
<b>Other Non Operating Income</b>					
Net Gain/Loss on Disposal of Assets	23,296	80,000	-71%	120,000	3
<b>Total Other Non Operating Income</b>	<b>23,296</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>-71%</b>	<b>120,000</b>	
<b>Total Non Operating Revenue</b>	<b>1,494,384</b>	<b>2,234,026</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>4,261,381</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Employee Costs	3,730,283	3,841,827	-3%	5,839,111	
Materials & Services	4,551,459	4,141,303	10%	6,128,348	4
Interest Expense	160,535	180,896	-11%	271,341	
Depreciation	2,825,934	2,612,424	8%	3,918,626	
Other Expenses	227,396	169,384	34%	246,584	5
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>11,495,606</b>	<b>10,945,834</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>16,404,010</b>	
<b>Operating Net Profit</b>	<b>1,715,917</b>	<b>1,858,483</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>(1,125,581)</b>	
<b>Net Profit (Including Non Operating Revenue)</b>	<b>3,210,301</b>	<b>4,092,509</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>3,135,800</b>	
<b>Work in Progress</b>					
Capital Work in Progress	1,432,785	0	0%	0	
<b>Total Work in Progress</b>	<b>1,432,785</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Notes

1. Operating Grant revenue is up \$325k on budget YTD (52%) this primarily relates to carried forward grants from the prior year of \$142k and increased financial assistance grants for 22/23.
2. Capital Grant revenue is down \$683k on budget YTD (32%) which relates to the timing of grant payments with the completion of project milestones. There has been delay on some projects due to storm events during the year.
3. Materials and Services are up \$410k on budget YTD (10%) primarily due to increased costs and responding to storm events during the year, which will be partially claimable.
4. Other expenses are up \$58k on budget YTD (34%) primarily due to election costs of \$60k.

**Break O'Day Council**  
**Capital Works 2022-2023**  
**For the period ending 28 February 2023**

Project Details	YTD	Revised 2023 Budget	Comments
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	-	-	
Vehicle Management Tracking System	-	30,000	
Airport Self Starting Generator	-	-	Subject to regional airport grant funding of \$12 k - deferred to 23/24
1336 Building Services Coordinator	-	45,000	
H66ZW - DS Pool Car	-	40,000	
1339 General Manager	51,919	55,000	
1369 Manager Community Services	34,282	36,000	
1368 Replace Corporate Services Manager	38,833	45,000	Carried forward from Replacement of Trails Project Manager 1338
Manager Infrastructure & Development Services	34,172	36,000	
Turf Mower Replacement	-	-	2nd hand Mower - Contingent of co-funding from St Helens Football Club 50:50- deferred to 23/24
1321 Fuso Fighter	-	130,000	Truck with HYAB (on-board crane)
1219 Street Sweeper	-	150,000	
Mower Trailer	-	20,000	
1084 - Box Trailer	-	3,000	
1252 Box Trailer	-	3,000	
1080 Box Trailer	-	3,000	
1097 - Pavement Roller (self propelled)	-	30,000	
Mobile Porta-loo	-	4,000	Additional unit
Small Plant - VARIOUS	18,469	40,000	
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>177,673</b>	<b>670,000</b>	
<b>Furniture &amp; IT</b>			
Additional sit down/stand up desks	-	1,500	
IT - Exchange Upgrade 2022/23	-	20,000	
Spatial Upgrade	-	10,000	
IT - SANS Server	3,265	30,000	
Air Conditioner - Council Building Incl Server Room	5,730	13,750	
Desktop replacements 2022/23	20,804	21,000	
Tablet/Laptop Replacement - Councillors	21,834	22,000	
Planning & Reporting Software	-	15,000	
Street furniture & signage	6,462	20,000	
Ricoh IM C4500 A3 colour copier/printer/scanner		6,255	
<b>Total Furniture &amp; IT</b>	<b>58,096</b>	<b>159,505</b>	
<b>Buildings</b>			
Marine Rescue Building - Additions	-	-	Helens Marine Rescue. Additions plus gantry. Defer to 23/24
Fingal Community Shed (Old Tas Hotel)	12,611	378,497	BSBR Grant
Mangana Communications Cell	29,455	115,119	BSBR Grant
St Marys Indoor Recreation Facility	24,061	1,146,727	BSBR Grant
Portland Hall Upgrades	-	6,288	Audio visual equipment to be purchased and installed.

Project Details	YTD	Revised 2023 Budget	Comments
Scamander Sports Complex	-	50,000	Solar Panel & Kitchen upgrades - Contribution from Scamander Sports Complex \$20k
St Marys Hall Upgrades	-	50,000	Solar Panel = \$35K + \$15K for Heating - Refer Council Motion
St Helens Croquet proposal	-	-	Defer to 23/24
St Marys Skate Park Toilet	27,346	34,302	C/fwd project
St Marys Waste Tip Shop Extension	7,127	45,000	
Small Projects	3,697	7,000	Bus Shelters/Small projects and improvements that cannot be considered maintenance
Aerodrome Hanger	9,733	-	
Police Station & Health - 1 Annie St	14,604	-	
Police Station Acquisition	2,550	-	
History Room - Projector replacement	12,830	11,000	
Council Chambers additions and improvements	199	47,934	New Indoor/Outdoor Kitchen/Lunch Room Extension.Painting outside.
<b>Total Buildings</b>	<b>144,213</b>	<b>1,891,867</b>	
<b>Parks, Reserves &amp; Other</b>			
Special Project - Marine Strategy	33,674	40,000	
Special Project - St Helens Wharf Foreshore Master Plan	-	50,000	
Special Project - Feasibility Study Aquatic Centre & Hydrotherapy Pool	-	40,000	
Fingal Youth Playground/recreation hub	-	345,767	B5BR Grant
Pump Track/s	-	500,000	State Gov't Grant
St Helens Sports Complex - Athletics building	-	48,589	
St Helens Cricket Facilities - upgrade	-	33,000	
Playground equipment replacement program - Cornwall	-	60,000	
Playground equipment replacement program	-	64,261	
Dog exercise area St Helens Improvements	2,197	10,000	
Wrinklers Lagoon Redevelopment Design & Planning - Amenities Building	-	27,646	Transfer \$30,600 from CE110
Parnella/Foreshore Walkway	213,041	234,151	Existing grant prior year (State). Erosion barrier repair.
St Marys Dog Park	3,447	10,000	
Cornwall Soldiers Park - Track upgrade and SW works	-	60,000	
St Marys Cemetery Master Plan - Columbarium Wall & garden	-	55,000	
St Helens Cemetery Master Plan improvements	-	-	Deferred to 23/24
St Helens Football Grounds Fencing	-	50,000	
Kirwins Beach Jetty	773	-	To be expensed
St Helens Sports Complex New Lighting Towers	1,333	14,390	09/21.16.3 Contributed Asset - Council contribution, part of larger grant funded project (total value \$235k)
Special Project: Scamander Coastal Hazards Project		30,000	
<b>Totals Parks, Reserves &amp; Other</b>	<b>254,465</b>	<b>1,672,804</b>	
<b>Roads - Streetscapes</b>			



Project Details	Revised 2023		Comments
	YTD	Budget	
LRCI Round 3 - Cecilia St St Helens	6,887	320,000	Bayside section - Circassian St down, and intersection with Esplanade
Quail St Parking Bay	-	50,000	
<b>Total Streetscapes</b>	<b>6,887</b>	<b>370,000</b>	
		-	
<b>Roads - Footpaths</b>		-	
Annual replacement of damaged footpaths	3,039	25,000	
Akaroa - Akaroa Ave	22,096	25,000	Replace 100m of path
Maori Place	-	10,000	Replace 40m of path
Penquin St	-	5,000	Replace 95m of path
Irishtown Rd	-	15,000	Relace 285m of path
Akaroa - Carnnell Place	-	23,000	
Main St Mathinna (Wilson St to Community Hall)	-	-	Deferred to 23/24. OB should have been \$8,500, not 85k
Esk Main Rd, St Marys - Pathway	1,260	12,244	C/fwd project
Young St - St Helens	52,177	110,000	
Jason St St Helens	-	25,000	
Medea Cove Footpath	3,489	100,000	
Parkside Foreshore Footpath	174,001	217,278	
St Helens Lawry Heights 580m	7,858	10,000	
<b>Total Footpaths</b>	<b>263,919</b>	<b>577,522</b>	
		-	
<b>Roads - Kerb &amp; Channel</b>			
Byatt Court, Scamander	-	-	SW system assessment and new design- defer to 23/24
Falmouth St St Helens	-	-	Penelope to Halcyon - defer to 23/24
			100 lm on new K&C required to address local flooding issue and includes bus pull over area pavement treatment. Defer to 23/24
Penelope St St Helens	-	-	
Treloggen Drive, Binalong Bay	-	-	
St Helens Pt Rd, near Cunningham St	169	-	To be expensed
Replacements TBA	43,752	50,000	
<b>Total Kerb &amp; Channel</b>	<b>43,920</b>	<b>50,000</b>	
		-	
<b>Roads - Resheeting</b>		-	
1214 - Roses Tier Rd	121,091	60,000	
1215 - Roses Tier Rd	-	60,000	
Eddystone Rd	-	50,000	
Policemans Point Road	-	30,000	
St Mary's Area	60,383	100,000	
Upper Scamander Road, Scamander	55,397	70,000	
41 - Anchor Rd	-	37,000	
2258 - McKerchers Rd		8,190	
2259 - McKerchers Rd		9,623	
2260 - McKerchers Rd		2,662	
2380 - Tirns Creek Rd		6,880	
2392 - Tyne Rd		6,370	
2393 - Tyne Rd		7,262	
2394 - Tyne Rd		6,166	
2303 - Old Roses Tier Rd		6,848	
999 - Victoria St Part C		1,400	
998 - Victoria St Part C		360	

Project Details	Revised 2023		Comments
	YTD	Budget	
997 - Victoria St Part C		2,100	
2138 - Franks St Fingal		3,795	
1024 - Franks St Fingal		3,400	
1081 - Sorell St		6,700	
1053 - Louisa St		2,800	
Fingal Streets		6,500	
85 - Forest Lodge Rd	-	50,000	
<b>Total Resheeting</b>	<b>236,872</b>	<b>538,056</b>	
<b>Roads - Reseals</b>			
St Marys - Story Street Esk Main Road to Groom Street	-	55,084	Subject to State Growth resealing Story St
70 - St Columba Falls Rd	-	42,874	
166 - Mathinna Rd	-	25,901	
251 - Upper Esk Rd	-	16,096	
252 - Upper Esk Rd	-	57,245	
274 - Rossarden Rd	-	18,852	
275 - Rossarden Rd	-	27,882	
324 - Cornwall Rd	-	21,268	
341 - Posiedon St	-	15,638	
342 - Posiedon St	-	801	
343 - Perseus St	-	11,308	
352 - Lawry Heights	-	1,776	
378 - Kings Park	-	2,971	
383 - Cobrooga Dve	-	4,784	
436 - Circassian St	-	8,234	
491 - Beaulieu St	-	13,280	
492 - History Room C/P	-	6,735	
529 - Targett St	-	12,995	
530 - George St	-	18,144	
694 - St Helens Point Rd	-	10,420	
759 - Hilltop Dr	-	6,092	
768 - Highcrest Ave	-	8,806	
789 - Coffey Ct	-	9,867	
891 - Nicks Cl	-	4,186	
913 - Ansons Bay Rd (Priory Rd)	-	5,233	
1001 - Champ St Fingal	-	8,244	
1089 - Seymour St	-	4,196	
1090 - Seymour St	-	17,657	
1155 - North Ansons Bay Rd	-	79,115	
<b>Totals Reseals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>515,684</b>	
<b>Roads - Construction, Digouts &amp; Other</b>			
Mathinna Road	3,552	100,000	Reduction to fund increased digouts below
St Helens Pt Rd - Parkside	-	200,000	
Digouts to be allocated	44,199	200,000	Increase due to extended wet weather
Road Intersection Upgrade Works	-	-	Defer to 23/24
Sealed Roads - Condition Assessments	-	33,000	
Road Network - Sign Replacement	-	25,000	
218 - Mathina Plains Road	-	-	Sealing - Stage 3 works. Defer to 23/24

Project Details	YTD	Revised 2023 Budget	Comments
LRCI Phase 3 Projects allocated to 22/23	-	76,000	Projects determined for 22/23 amount to be carried forward. Projects to be fully funded under the AG Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program.
LRCI Phase 3 North Ansons Bay Sealing	34,672	539,000	
LRCI Phase 3 Mount Paris Dam Sealing	-	50,000	
Medea Cove Esplanade - Reconstruct	113	-	To be expensed
Roundabout Medea/Quail Sts	109,314	111,056	C/fwd project
Medea St/Circassian St intersection upgrade	805	1,000	Defer to 23/24
Ansons Bay Rd - Seal 800m	9,862	65,000	Carried Forward
<b>Totals - Roads Construction, Digouts &amp; Other</b>	<b>202,515</b>	<b>1,335,056</b>	
<b>Totals Roads &amp; Footpaths</b>	<b>754,113</b>	<b>3,386,318</b>	
<b>Bridges</b>			
B1605 - St Columba Falls Rd	4,949	215,571	Replace timber bridge with concrete structure to SM1600
B2293 - Cecilia St	5,089	224,000	Replace bridge with concrete structure to SM1600
B63 Gardiners Creek Road	-	47,000	renew timber deck and runners
B7027 - Mathina Plains Road	-	-	Defer to 23/24
B2177 St Patricks Head Rd	-	23,483	
B7010 Rattrays Rd		40,000	
B160 - Newman Street Footbridge	2,344	10,000	Replace timber deck with FRP
<b>Total Bridges</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>560,054</b>	
<b>Stormwater</b>			
Minor stormwater Jobs	4,038	50,000	
Treloggens Track Stormwater	3,825	30,732	
Osprey Drive	994	10,000	Design only
Atlas Drive - Retaining Wall anchor	5,881	69,595	C/fwd project
Beaumaris Ave		25,000	
Freshwater St/Lade Crt Beaumaris	8,066	70,000	Previously deferred project
Penelope Street	6,479	120,000	Stormwater Main - frontage of caravan park 275 lm
Falmouth St, St Helens	-	-	Design only. Defer to 23/24
<b>Total Stormwater</b>	<b>29,283</b>	<b>375,327</b>	
<b>Waste Management</b>			
Rehabilitation of former Binalong Bay Tip	-	-	Contingency sum only - no immediate requirement to undertake works. Defer to 23/24.
Scamander WTS - Inert Landfill	1,909	-	Design. Defer to 23/24
Scamander WTS - Waste Paint Container Station		14,283	
Scamander WTS retaining wall replacement	-	-	Contingency for potential replacement - condition monitoring in place for existing asset. Defer to 23/24
<b>Total Waste Management</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>14,283</b>	
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>1,432,135</b>	<b>8,700,158</b>	

ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, Manager Business Services
FILE REFERENCE	040\028\002\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the activities and services the delivered by the Visitor Information Centre since the previous Council Meeting.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Provided as a monthly report – Council consideration at previous meetings.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:****Staff Movements:**

Staffing is normal for this time of year.

**Visitor Information Centre Report:**

VIC staff noted:

- Main tourists this month were Vic and NSW. We had a lot of overseas tourists mainly from New Zealand, Canada, US and UK.
- One staff member attended the Tasmanian Visitor Information Network Meeting and met up with other staff from the Information Centres in the North. Main discussions were around the upcoming Conference in May which hopefully will be held at Vaucluse.
- Still getting lots of phone calls regarding availability of camping.

**The History Room Curator Report:**

- **'The Chinese Experience'**: The theatrette is up and running again with a safer and smoother AV installation. All SD cards have been renewed and backups taken for future reference.

- **New Volunteers:** Wendy Roach has completed her induction and had her first day on Wednesday 1 March 2023. Welcome aboard Wendy! Revel Munro has completed his induction and we just need to arrange an appropriate time for him on the roster.
- **Coach Tour:** KTG Tours is expected at 9 am on Sunday 12 March 2023 with 30-40 seniors on board. The curator will do a Meet and Greet for the group.
- **Weldborough Chinese Memorial:** This has been revamped by the Friends' of St Helens History Room and is looking pretty good!
- **Channel Museum Family:** This group visited the St Helens History Room on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023. No charges were applied but a healthy donation was received by them. Lots of questions fielded and a return trip will be organised.
- **Dorset Historical Society:** Proposed address at this meeting (Thursday 2 March 2023) arranged through Nigel Mercer had to be postponed due to COVID cases. This will be rearranged.
- **Special Visitor:** A Mr Peter Harris visited the St Helens History Room. He is in charge of the Alma Doepel restoration. He had participated as a speaker at the recent Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart and detoured to visit us on his way home to Melbourne. He was interested in obtaining a photo of the ship which we had as it showed the rigging of the boat in more detail as it was tied up at the St Helens wharf. The Alma Doepel is being restored at the Docklands in Melbourne, Shed 2, N. Wharf Road. A reprint of the negative was scanned and printed out for Mr Harris and duly mailed to him.
- **Tasmanian Archives Geilston Bay Repository Tour by Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Society of Archivists (ASA):** This is scheduled for Wednesday 29 March 2023 and interested volunteers can attend with the Curator. This is the new repository, opening only this year so should be an interesting tour.
- **Valley Voice Archive:** Request from editor regarding the dates we hold of these editions. Email forwarded with that information for her and scanned images of those requested editions.
- **March Statistics:** February saw the third highest income and the ninth highest visitation rate. Volunteer hours amounted to 125 hours for the month. The 2022 year is the seventh highest visitation since 2009. However, records indicate that visitation is comparable to pre-covid totals of 2019 (1475) so experiencing good numbers.

**Statistics:****Door Counts:**

<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	<b>Daily Average</b>	<b>History Room</b>
February 2013	5,371	169.50	396
February 2014	6,053	216.17	430
February 2015	6,739	240.67	529
February 2016	6,943	239.41	203
February 2017	5,707	203.82	182
February 2018	4,529	161.75	209
February 2019	5,290	188.93	195
February 2020	4,190	144.48	165
February 2021	2,242	80.07	108
February 2022	2,397	85.61	105
February 2023	4,320	154.28	176

**Revenue 2021/2022:**

<b>Month</b>	<b>VIC Sales</b>	<b>HR Entry</b>	<b>HR Donations</b>
July	2,534.48	200.00	72.95
August	1,820.81	Nil	138.50
September	2,460.63	267.00	96.20
October	2,596.31	237.00	114.55
November	3,035.09	209.00	171.30
December	2,783.25	181.00	42.50
January	4,909.95	426.00	86.65
February	6,123.46	427.00	151.66
March	8,054.27	502.00	170.40
April	4,690.85	407.20	126.05
May	4,377.35	290.00	165.80
June	2,972.74	142.00	147.05

**Revenue 2022/2023:**

<b>Month</b>	<b>VIC Sales</b>	<b>HR Entry</b>	<b>HR Donations</b>
July	2,838.51	188.00	80.90
August	2,518.86	0	197.35
September	4,865.29	331.00	58.50
October	6,847.24	532.00	138.80
November	8,437.20	601.00	107.75
December	7,698.94	415.00	148.05
January	9,745.80	647.00	190.60
February	10381.03	668.00	296.85

## **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

### *Goal*

Economy - To foster innovation and develop vibrant and growing local economies which offer opportunities for employment and development of businesses across a range of industry sectors.

### *Strategy*

Create a positive brand which draws on the attractiveness of the area and lifestyle to entice people and businesses' to live and work in BOD.

## **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

Nil.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.



ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	David Jolly, Manager Infrastructure and Development Services
FILE REFERENCE	014\002\001\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received by Council.

**INTRODUCTION:**


This is a monthly summary update of the works undertaken through the Works and Infrastructure Department for the previous month and a summary of the works proposed for the coming month, and information on other items relating to Council's infrastructure assets and capital works programs.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Provided as a monthly report – Council consideration at previous meetings.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Asset Maintenance	
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventative Maintenance Inspections (PMI) of Council owned buildings and playgrounds.</li> </ul>
Town & Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/ground maintenance.</li> <li>Garden/tree maintenance and weeding.</li> <li>Footpath maintenance and repairs.</li> <li>Boat Ramp – monthly inspections and cleaning undertaken.</li> </ul>
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sealed road patching – all areas.</li> <li>Stormwater system pit cleaning and pipe unblocking.</li> <li>Flood damage.</li> <li>Kerb cleaning/sweeping where required.</li> <li>Maintenance grading Roses Tier.</li> </ul>
MTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine track maintenance.</li> </ul>

Weed Management – Targeted weeds for February 2023	
Aerodrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thistles, Spanish Heath, Fleabane, mullein</li> </ul>
St Marys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadleaf: Multiple weed varieties</li> </ul>
Binalong Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadleaf: Multiple weed varieties</li> </ul>
St Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadleaf: Multiple weed varieties</li> </ul>
Anson's Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumbungi (<i>Typha latifolia</i>)</li> </ul>
	<p>Elisha's tears (Himalayan honeysuckle) is a declared weed. Importation, sale or distribution is prohibited in Tasmania. Elisha's tears invades cool moist forests, woodlands and riparian areas. It can invade both disturbed and undisturbed bush, forming dense thickets that smother other vegetation and prevent regeneration, displacing native plants and animals. Smaller plants can be hand-pulled or dug out while larger plants can be sprayed with frog-friendly products without a wetting agent. Larger plants can be 'cut and painted' or drilled and filled as low to the ground as possible from spring through to autumn using a 1:1 frog-friendly product. Very dense infestations can be slashed in winter. It is very important that all fragments of Elisha's tears are removed from site, to stop fragments striking into new plants.</p>

## Waste Management – General Information

General Waste to Copping Landfill													
Year	Jul	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	Jun	Total
2022/23 (T)	194	243	226	206	250	262	388	TBA					1,769
2021/22 (T)	237	238	249	269	250	290	317	224	272	245	211	216	3,018

Kerbside Recyclables Collection – JJ's Waste service													
Year	Jul	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	Jun	Total
2022/23 (T)	53	56	66	64	67	65	81	63					515
2021/22 (T)	48	53	52	53	52	70	73	60	53	60	55	68	687

## St Helens Inert Landfill

Building & Demolition Material													
Year	Jul	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	Jun	YTD
Received (T)	13	14	6	6	7	8	7	TBA					61
Recovered (T)	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	TBA					6
Landfilled (T)	0	0	27	0	0	0	28	TBA					55

## Green Waste

Single and double shredded mulch is available for purchase at St Helens Waste Transfer Station. It is available between 10am and 4pm daily. Waste Transfer operators will load mulch for buyers.

## CAPITAL WORKS

Activity	Update
Atlas Drive retaining wall – drainage improvement.	Works completed.
Bridge 1605 replacement – St Columbia Falls Road	Scheduled replacement post Easter.
Bridge 2293 replacement – Cecilia Street, St Helens	Contract awarded. Scheduled replacement in May 2023.
Road resealing program 2022/2023	Works in progress.
Young Street Footpath	Works in progress, nearing completion.
Mt Paris Dam Road – William Street urban area sealing	In progress.
North Ansons Road	In progress.
Cecilia Streetscape project	Preliminary activity in progress. Site works scheduled to commence week of 16 April 2023.
Atlas Drive retaining wall	Works completed – drainage works.

## FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS EX OCTOBER 2022 RAINFALL EVENTS

Repair to damaged road infrastructure has commenced.

Completed works:

- O'Connors Beach Pathway
- Banticks Creek Road
- St Columba Falls Road – landslip 1
- Tim's Creek Road
- Tyne Road
- Davis Gully Road – landslip
- Irishtown Road
- Germantown Road
- Gardeners Creek Road

In progress at 9 March 2023:

- St Columba Falls Road – landslip 2

## LEGISLATION / STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES:

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

### *Goal*

Infrastructure - To provide quality infrastructure which enhances the liveability and viability of our communities for residents and visitors.

### *Strategy*

- Be proactive infrastructure managers by anticipating and responding to the growing and changing needs of the community and the area.
- Work with stakeholders to ensure the community can access the infrastructure necessary to maintain their lifestyle.
- Develop and maintain infrastructure assets in line with affordable long-term strategies.

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority.

ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Municipal Inspector
FILE REFERENCE	003\003\018\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received by Council.

**INTRODUCTION:**

This is a monthly update for animal control undertaken since the last meeting of Council.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Provided as a monthly report – Council consideration at previous meetings.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Dog control – activity summary

Dog Control - Activity Summary: 26th January 2023 to 9th March															Reporting Period Total	2022-2023 YTD
Category/Area	Ansons Bay	Binalong Bay, The Gardens	Cornwall	Fingal, Manganna	Falmouth	Four Mile Ck	Upper Esk, Mathinna, Evercreech	Beaumaris	Scamander	Seymour, Denison	Parnella, Stieglitz, Akarora	Goshen, Pyengana, Weidborough	St Helens	St Marys		
Dog - Attack on a person (Serious)															0	0
Dog - Attack on another animal (Serious)															0	5
Dog - Attack/Harassment - on another animal (Minor)															0	0
Dog - Attack/Harassment on a person (Minor)															0	3
Dog - Declared Dangerous															0	4
Dog - Dangerous Dogs Euthanised															0	3
Dog - Barking								2	1		2		3		8	33
Dog - Chasing a person															0	1
Dog - Impounded		1						1							2	10
Dog - in Prohibited Area															0	0
Dog - Lost Dogs Reported															0	2
Dog - Rehomed/kennel for rehoming															0	0
Dog - Wandering/at large								1			1	1		2	5	29
Verbal Warnings given to dog owners								1		1	1	1		1	5	32
Notice Issued - Unregistered Dog							5		2					1	8	23
Notice Issued - Bark Abatement Notice															0	0
Notice Issued - Caution Notice		1									2			1	4	10
Notice Issued - Infringement Notice		3											3		6	11
Infringement Notice - Disputes															0	0
Infringement Notice - Time Extension Request															0	0
Infringement Notice - Revoked															0	3
Written Letter - Various matters to Dog owners.							1			2	1		1	2	7	23
Patrols - Township/Urban Areas					2				1				5	5	13	85
Patrols - Beaches/Foreshore		1			3	2		2	5	1	1		5		20	97

Unregistered Dog - Notice to Register															0
Kennel Licence - No licence held						1								1	3
Kennel Licence - Issued															1
Other - Cat complaints															1
Other - Livestock															0
Other - Poultry															3
Other - Animal Welfare, RSPCA intervention				1			1							2	9
TOTAL		6		1	5	2	8	7	9	4	8	2	17	12	391

<b>Dogs Registered 2022-2023 YTD</b>	<b>1,493</b>
<b>Pending Dog Registrations 2022-2023</b>	<b>9</b>

**Notes:**

Infringement Notices revoked 2022-2023YTD include infringement notices issued in the previous financial year 2021-2022 and revoked in the current financial year.



## LEGISLATION / STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES:

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

### *Goal*

Environment - To balance our use of the natural environment to ensure that it is available for future generations to enjoy as we do.

### *Strategy*

Ensure the necessary regulations and information is in place to enable appropriate use and address inappropriate actions.

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority.

### 03/23.14.3 Pedestrian Crossing Points – Main Street, St Marys

ACTION	DECISION
PROPONENT	David Jolly – Manager Infrastructure & Development Services
OFFICER	David Jolly – Manager Infrastructure & Development Services
FILE REFERENCE	Not applicable.
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	St Marys Pedestrian Crossover Options

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider community feedback and the opportunity that exists to fund a preferred option (Option 1, the construction of an informal crossing in Main Street, St Marys) as a candidate project for co-funding on a 50% basis under the Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP).

That Council make a provision of \$10,000 in the 2023-2024 capital budget to undertake required works should a VRUP funding application be successful.

#### INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of community feedback on options for pedestrian crossing points at Main Street, St Marys.

Community comment received as at 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was provided to the Council at a workshop on the same day for discussion and information. Note: Crossing options were previously provided to the Council for information and discussion at a February 2023 workshop.

Guidance was provided to the Manager Infrastructure & Development Services to prepare a funding application to the Vulnerable Road User Program for an informal crossing at Main Street, St Marys.

The closing date for funding submissions is the 16 March 2023 and before the March 2023 Council meeting. A submission made prior to a decision of the Council can be withdrawn if not supported by the Council.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

05/22.9.1.87 Moved: Clr J Drummond / Seconded: Clr K Wright

A report is sought providing advice in accordance with the requirements of Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the information of Council at a future meeting and consider any advice given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation:

That Council re-consider the provision of pedestrian cross over points and/or traffic islands in the Main Street of St Marys.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## OFFICER'S REPORT:

### Community Engagement

As an outcome of workshop discussion, it was agreed for Community engagement to take place and feedback from the community to come back to the March Council Workshop for consideration.

Councils Communication Coordinator developed an engagement plan that included publishing an explanation and the four pedestrian crossing options on Council's website. Promotion included; sending an email linking back to the website to the St Marys Database (around 50 including businesses) on 7/2 with a follow up reminder sent on 7/3, as well as social media posts on our facebook page on 8/2, 12/2, 16/2, 23/2, and 1/3.

Residents were asked to comment on four options.

Option 1: An Informal Crossing (Central Area of Main Street)

Option 2: Dedicated crossing (Central Area in Main Street)

Option 3: Story Street Intersection

Option 4: No Change

Comments received up to the 6<sup>th</sup> March were provide to Councillors at the workshop held on that day. This report lists all comments received at the closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Person names and addresses have been removed.

16 responses were received. The option count distribution is as follows:

Option 1: An Informal Crossing (Central Area of Main Street)	4	25%
Option 2: Dedicated crossing (Central Area in Main Street)	4	25%
Option 3: Story Street Intersection	3	18.75%
Option 4: No Change	5	31.25%
<b>Total Count</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based on this feedback, albeit a small number of participants, around 70% of respondents see some benefit in the provision of a pedestrian crossing in the main street of St Marys. It is also clear from the comments received that the loss of Main Street parking is one of the main concerns raised.

## Responses

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	COMMENTS
			1	I chose option 4 and will go through the other options to show why. Option 1 an informal crossing which will do nothing to add safety while crossing the main street. This is basically what happens now but this option wants people to risk their lives on a designated spot instead of anywhere else they would want to cross. This does not add anything in my opinion. Option 2 will take away 10 parking spaces, we already lost several last time when there was a change in the way we park on and alongside the main road. We would lose the majority of parking spots, no need for a crossing there anyway when you cannot park. I do like a designated crossing as such, because there is a safety spot in the middle of the road for those crossing and need to be able to stop half way. So yes to designated crossing, no to losing 10 spots.
	1			I live in St Marys. My name is (name deleted) and I have two young children. A pedestrian crossing is sorely needed for families, prams, older persons and people with mobility issues. It is a wide stretch of road, a main thoroughfare, and gets extremely busy and some vehicles don't adhere to safe driving or the speed limit through town. I prefer option two with the central refuge. I think it's the most visible and the safest of all options provided. The intersection of Story street and Main Street is a concern also, as drivers go really fast around the corner when turning left coming from St Marys pass end. Is it possible to get more signage, road paint/zebra type crossing indication to slow down and beware of pedestrians at this crossing?
1				My preference is number one, an Informal Crossing. I prefer this option more because its location would be more centralised to the street and would not obstruct the flow of traffic through the town. Being the gateway to the East Coast, our township has a lot of heavy freight trucks that require substantial space to pass through to the coast. This option also does not take up as many parking spaces as the other options. The town already struggles with the amount of available parking spaces and is in need of a parking lot with designated lots for R.Vs, larger vehicles and disabled parking. The lot would also need to be on a flatter ground than the lots at the Town Hall, where the incline of the hill causes wheelchairs, walking frames, prams etc. to roll faster and more unsafe for the user. St Mary's main street has one designated disabled park. Option 1s location of the crossing is more open for users to safely judge the traffic conditions than on a corner of a t-intersection. We need a safer option to cross the Main street but also need a solution for the parking problem.
		1		I frequently walk to different shops and services in the main street and this would be most convenient option for me, while also minimising the amount of parking spaces lost. (Removing the disabled car park and the parking nearby the supermarket would be very inconvenient.) It's also most central for all the shops and services when you include those on the other side of the bridge.
	1			Hi, I think option 2, with a refuge in the middle of the road is best...as the road is often so busy with cars there needs to be a SAFE place to wait and continue crossing..
				So many caravans and trucks use the road. Safety should be paramount for disabled, elderly, mothers and kids...I've seen some close accidents.

	1			We need something to calm the traffic that races through our town as well as a pedestrian crossing.
			1	Whilst I support in principle any proposals that make the community safer I really do not see the need for such a project to be constructed and would ask what is the statistical data that's suggest the need for a cross over.
				The Main Street of St Marys is in most cases (with the exception of school holidays and public holidays) is not that busy, however with that in mind I would suggest a more relevant course of action would be better traffic speed control. The issues of large vehicles trucks, caravans and cars driving at excessive speed through town I believe is far more of an issue and presents a very real threat to pedestrian safety. A pedestrian crossing would not resolve this problem.
				Speeds should be reduced from the 60km entry signs to 50km and 50k to 40km respectively. Also a greater traffic monitoring presences is need from local police. In addition to the issues of safety the loss of parking bays in an already tight situation would be unfortunate. In answer to the proposal my preference would be Option 4. But as a secondary, Option 3 would be the most appropriate with least impact. However I cannot stress the importance of traffic speed control through town as a key factor to pedestrian safety.
	1			I am fairly new to living in the area, and go to shop in St Marys a couple of times a week. The main street definitely needs a crossing, and out of the options listed, I think Number 2 is a good idea. There is plenty of parking in the area, and the loss of spaces won't be a big issue I wouldn't imagine. I would also like to suggest that an ordinary crossing, losing just 4 parks in total, without a middle median strip for pedestrians, is also an option worth considering. Obviously crossing signs would be needed but I can see it as a cheaper option. People do drive reasonably slowly through the area so as long as it is considerably signposted I'm sure it will be fine, and of course better than what we have now, which is nothing!
		1		Loss of the least number of car parking spaces, but also improves pedestrian access across the road. Losing car parking spaces in front of the shopping precinct will actually disadvantage disabled and elderly residents because they will no longer be able to park outside the businesses they wish to use – therefore, they will have to walk/travel further to access these businesses (which is counterproductive to what the council is trying to achieve). Option three improves crossing access, but doesn't hinder residents from direct business access. Option 2 is the worst option owing to the loss of car parking spaces and the disruption it would cause to the main street. For me personally, I don't see a need for a crossing, but I understand the benefit it would have to disabled and/or elderly residents.
			1	I feel a dedicated crossover on a main highway is a poor idea and would promote an increase in mva due to stopping vehicles. Option 4
1				Option 3 second preference. Provides a good balance between increased safety and loss of car spaces. Car parking can already be at a premium at times in Main Street for residents when there are a lot of tourists around, so losing 10 spaces as in Option 2 wouldn't be ideal. Option 3 would be ok, but it's not as central and may not be used as much by those who need it (and is less accessible to older/less mobile residents who live on the western side of town).

		1		<p>Having visited the site of the proposed pedestrian cross over options for St Marys we prefer Option 3. REASONS: Being a T Junction a lot of traffic slows down. - Having an existing pram crossing onto Story St - Good visibility in both directions of Main ST. - The loss of only two car spaces on the nth side of the street (Cars could easily park on Frank St just around the corner). - Encourage people to shop in the Story Street. (Only Purple Possum at Present but could have the old newsagency/hardware store opening in the future). - Encourage people to shop at the 'top 'end of town e.g., Bakery, Hillys IGA, Maple on Main and Gone Rustic. Our second preference is option 1. We feel the loss of two car parking bays on the main street is detrimental for it is in such close proximity to Pharmacy etc. While we like the idea of Option 2, having a pedestrian refuge placed in the carriageway we believe the loss of 10 parking bays is unreasonable for it is already often difficult to find parking in the Main Street. Also we feel Main Street is not wide enough to warrant a pedestrian crossing to the detriment of possible loss of business to the shops on Main Street.</p>
1				<p>Absolutely NOT near the Story St intersection. (Option 3) I lived in a place that had this very set up and a number of people were knocked down by cars not "seeing" people on the crossing - an elderly person was killed. Cars were too focussed on other traffic and not the pedestrians on the black and white striped painted crossing. I agree with a crossing half way along main street. Not the painted crossing, but my preference is Option 1 with only the loss of 3 parking bays. The shops need parking bays and a loss of 10 would be too many unless people were allowed to park around the community hall and then go shopping.</p>
				<p>Whilst I strongly agree with a pedestrian crossing and appreciate that the engineer's reports are final, I don't see any of the proposals as being suitable. Whilst access to the town hall and car park would be the most beneficial option as in option one the absence of a safe island in the middle of the road still leaves people playing Russian roulette with the ever increasing east coast traffic. Option two would see the loss of 10 parking spaces? With no backup plan for the loss of those spaces? Not very practical or helpful to the community. Option three would see people crossing at an intersection? Not ideal given that to cross Story St now is a challenge in itself. Option four sounds like it is all too hard for you? Whilst you have presented four options I believe they are all inferior, with their individual shortcomings. Many years ago Council was presented with a proposal to install a roundabout at the Story street intersection, this would have the benefit of slowing through traffic to manageable speeds, then perhaps option one may work? Its due time that our Council took this issue seriously and address the increasing traffic volumes.</p>
1				<p>OPTION 1 IS THE BEST OF THE THREE OPTIONS. AS IT WILL TAKE LESS PARKING SPACES OPTION 3 IS TOO CLOSE TO THE INTERSECTION. ST MARYS HAS LESS PARKING NOW THAN EVER WITH NEW COFFEE SHOP OPEN ANY CONSIDERATION TO MAKE THE AREA AT THE REAR OF SUPERMARKET AND POST OFFICE A OFF STREET PARKING AREA WITH ENTRANCES AND EXITS ONTO STOREY ST CAMERON ST AND MAIN ST. ONLY An IDEA</p>

			1	I do not want to lose any more parking spots on the main street. We already lost many parking spots when the parking was changed to parallel. Now there are 1hr time limits on the main street. Please do not create any more parking restrictions. Please don't take away main street parking places
			1	<p>Firstly thank you for involving the community in this proposal. It would be interesting to know why this proposal has been initiated. I do live in St Marys and would like to be added to the database.</p> <p>Option 4 is my choice, it is my preferred option because we cannot afford any loss of parking in the shopping precinct. I discussed this with several people this morning and they were all of the same opinion...WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE ANY PARKING.</p> <p>We are so lucky that the staff at the supermarket in main part of town assist elderly and disabled customers to get their shopping to their cars. I can honestly say i have never seen a build-up of people waiting to get across the road.</p> <p>Something that could be helpful though would be reducing the shopping precinct speed limit down to 40kmh. Hopefully common-sense prevails in making a decision on something that to me and many others has never been an issue</p>
4	4	3	5	

## STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:

### Strategic Plan 2017-2027 – Revised March 2022

Goal Infrastructure - To provide quality infrastructure which enhances the liveability and viability of our communities for residents and visitors.

Strategy - Develop and maintain infrastructure assets in line with affordable long-term strategies.

## LEGISLATION & POLICIES:

- Local Government Act 1993.

## BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

In making a VRUP funding application, Council is expected to make a financial contribution of 50% of a project's cost. Estimates are as follows:

Crossing Option	Project Estimate (excluding GST)	Council Contribution (excluding GST)
Option 1: An Informal Crossing (Central Area of Main Street)	\$20,000	\$10,000
Option 2: Dedicated crossing (Central Area in Main Street)	\$60,000	\$30,000
Option 3: Story Street Intersection	\$20,000	\$10,000

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority.



## St Marys Pedestrian Cross-Over Options



### OPTION 1. An Informal Crossing (Central Area of Main Street)

Option 1 is the possible installation of an informal crossing in front of the Town Hall. It includes ramp access from the kerb through to the carpark of the Hall. The image below shows the two existing pram crossings in blue, and a possible new ramp in red outside the Town hall.

This new ramp would be located on the Town Hall side of the street and would allow access over the stepped kerb from the Hall and the Hall carpark to the southern side of the street.

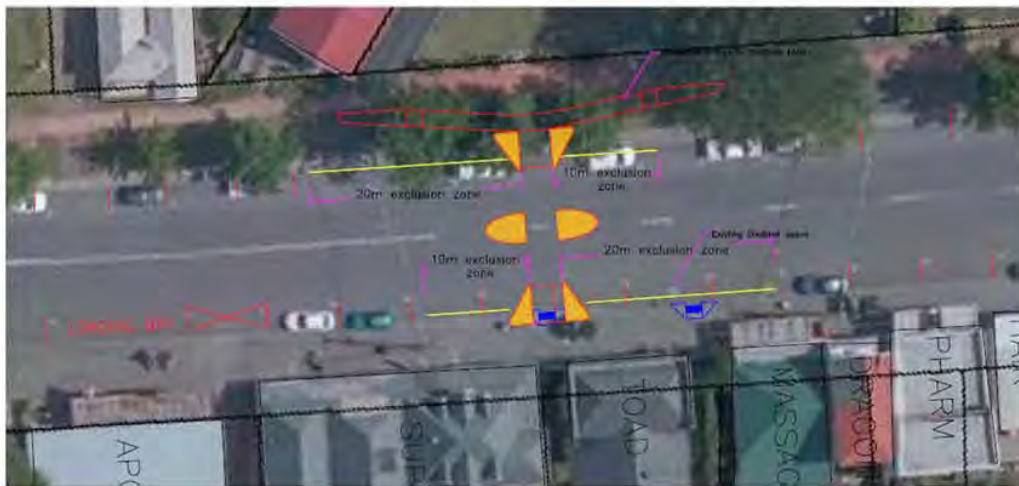
Yellow lines shown are possible yellow painted edge lines which would stop parking in front of the two ramps. This would be a loss of three parking bays.



## OPTION 2. Dedicated, crossing (Central Area in Main Street)

Option 2 is the possible construction of a dedicated crossing that includes a pedestrian refuge placed in the carriageway. The image below shows the existing pram crossings in blue that would remain in place, a new access ramp shown in red to enable pedestrian access to the existing footpath on the northern side of the street, and crossing infrastructure.

Yellow lines indicate the parking exclusion zones (both sides of the carriageway) which would stop parking in front of pram ramps. This option results in the loss of ten parking bays.



### OPTION 3 – Story Street Intersection

The image below shows the existing pram crossing onto Story Street (shown in blue), and possible future access points in Main Street are shown in red. The pram crossing on the northern side of the street would connect to the existing footpath. The yellow line represents a possible yellow edge line which would preclude parking across two existing car parking bays on the Northern side of Main Street.



### Option 4 – No change

The last option is not to do anything at this stage.



## 03/23.15.0 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### 03/23.15.1 Community Services Report

ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Chris Hughes, Manager Community Services
FILE REFERENCE	011\034\006\
ASSOCIATED REPORT AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

#### INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of various issues which are being dealt with by the Community Services Department.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Provided as a monthly report – Council consideration at previous meetings.

#### OFFICER'S REPORT:

##### Outstanding Reports:

	Item	Notes	Status C=Completed O=Outstanding A=Actioned
1 August 2016	8.1 - Crown Lease – Burns Bay Boat Ramp and Car Park Area	The Manager Community Services will go back to Chris Price, Parks & Wildlife Services to see what his thoughts are prior to discussing with Chris Colley – ALL AGREED.	A Meeting held with representatives of the users of the Burns Bay Boat Ramp and PWS looking at some designs and potentially how they may work – draft proposal currently with AHT for their feedback Meeting arranged with all parties to review the recommendations by PWS prior to documentation being submitted on a formal basis

## 2022 - 2023 Programs and Initiatives

<b>Council Community Grants/Sponsorship</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>Community Services</b>	
Community Grants	30,000
Youth Services	8,000
Misc Donations & Events	7,500
School Prizes	1,000
<b>Community Event Funding</b>	
Seniors Day	3,000
Australia Day Event	5,000
Swimcart	1,000
St Helens Athletic Carnival	2,500
Carols by Candlelight	1,600
January event including Wood chopping	15,000
Fingal Valley Coal Festival	2,000
Pyengana Endurance Ride -	500
Game Fishing	2,000
Marketing Greater Esk Tourism	2,500
Volunteer Week	2,500
Bay of Fires Winter Arts Festival	14,000
St Marys Community Car & Bike show	2,000
East Coast Masters Golf Tournament	2,000
Triathlon	2,000
World Supermodel	1,000
Mental Health Week	500
International Disability Day Event	1,000
<b>Council Sponsorship</b>	
Funding for BEC Directory	2,000
St Helens Marine Rescue	3,000
Suicide Prevention Golf Day	1,000
BEC	28,000

Updates on current projects being managed by Community Services:

### **Pump Track Project**

The two pump track projects are progressing well.

The Flagstaff working group has provided their input for development of a brief to go to tender for design and construct as well as feedback on the potential location of the pump track. Council officers have started the development process by seeking the relevant advice from the planning team and stakeholders regarding the most appropriate site to construct the pump track.



The St Helens pump track group met for the first time in February. Through this meeting a consultation process with the local youth was developed, including survey questions.

On Tuesday 28 February, Council Officers with a member from the Working Group visited the St Helens District High School at recess and lunch to survey the students. The survey is online and we have posted it on our website under Community Engagement, our Facebook page and have sent an advert to both the schools for inclusion in their newsletters.

## **Community Events**

Community Services staff have been working closely with event organisers to help them develop their COVID safe events and hold successful events.

Council staff have also been working with community groups to assist them in a Covid friendly manner to return to their food fundraising stalls.

Council supported the International Women's Day organised by the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House in St Marys on 8 March attended by 115 people including the contributors. Council hosted a wellbeing stall to promote wellbeing and health opportunities at the event and facilitated a wellbeing workshop with 10 women.

Volunteer Promotion Event booked for Thursday 16 March on St Helens foreshore 11am-1pm. If this event goes well staff will explore hosting similar events in St Marys and/or Fingal. This activity addresses some strategic goals in the Community Volunteering Strategy. Volunteering Tasmania will attend. Council staff have been updating the community group and volunteering information on Council's website and talking with community groups about the volunteering strategy and other support available to them. Ten local community groups have already booked a spot. Promotion includes posters, social media and radio advertising.

A group of mental health cyclists, Psychs on Bikes have partnered with the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) to host an event on the St Helens foreshore on Thursday 16 March from 2pm onwards. They will offer free health checks and promote good mental health. This is part of a program where they visit locations throughout Australia. Council staff connected them with our local providers the RFDS.

Planning for the 2023 Festival of Wellbeing is about to commence and is currently relying on project funds but will require consideration of Council funding to sustain this in an ongoing way.

Dragon Trail MTB event is bringing over 200 riders for the 2023 event on 16-18 March. 10% of these riders are from overseas and another 50% are from around the mainland, with the remainder from within Tasmania, but outside of Break O'Day Municipality.

Some exciting racegoers listed below:

- The editor of Australian Mountain Bike Magazines (AMB) is racing
- Australia's current 24hr solo champion (Jon Odams), Australia's current XCO and XCC champion (Sam Fox) as well as a pro rider from Japan, Yuki Ikeda and MTB / Road Olympian, Scott Bowden are racing.

The event has control of FLOW Mountain Bikes Instagram and stories for the duration of the event. The following features printed, and will have an additional feature in AMB post event. <https://flowmountainbike.com/post-all/dragon-trail-2023-preview/>  
<https://marathonmtb.com/2023/01/15/a-riders-advice-for-the-dragon-trail-mtb-stage-race/>

In the past Dragon Trail has succeeded in bringing close to 900 people to the area who have spent \$1.5 million in local communities. There has also been significant media exposure for the area. In addition to this Dragon Trail has donated nearly \$20,000 to the Dorset and Break O'Day Councils to help maintain the trails.

### **March 2023**

1 - Conscious Theatre Group – BODRA – St Marys Hall  
7 – Questacon – Bendigo Bank Community Stadium  
8 – International Women's Day Event – FVNH – St Marys Hall  
8 - Conscious Theatre Group – BODRA – St Marys Hall  
10-13 – St Helens Game Fishing Club – Bendigo Bank Community Stadium  
12 – Orienteering Tasmania – thank you to volunteers event  
15-21 – Dragon Trail – Bendigo Bank Community Stadium  
15 - Conscious Theatre Group – BODRA – St Marys Hall  
16 – Discover Volunteering in Break O'Day event – St Helens Foreshore, St Helens 11-1pm  
16 – Psychs on Bikes St Helens Foreshore, St Helens 2-4pm in partnership with Royal Flying Doctors Service. Free health Checks and health and mental health information  
22 - Conscious Theatre Group – BODRA – St Marys Hall  
29 - Conscious Theatre Group – BODRA – St Marys Hall

### **Learner Driver Mentor Program**

No report this month due to staff leave

### **Community Wellbeing Project**

The Festival of Wellbeing is a Finalist in the Super Spirit Business Awards which will be announced on 18 March.

A variation request to extend the timeline for the project and adjust the budget to facilitate embedding the work into existing organisations and programs is underway. This is an exciting time for the project as the evaluation indicates that our community is excited to have more stewardship of the project.

A get together of project participants was attended by a small but passionate group on 18 February at Panorama.

### **Youth Report**

Live 4 Life



The Youth Collective of North East Coast Tasmania (YCNECT) and Break O'Day Council have partnered with the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House to lodge an Expression of Interest to run a mental health training program aimed at young people and their support networks in Break O'Day. We have been advised that the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House were successful in their application and this will be another great program for our youth involving both St Helens and St Marys District High Schools.

The Illuminate Challenge is returning to Break O'Day in March for year 10 students at St Helens District School and then in September for St Marys District School to build their entrepreneurial skills by developing a business case for opportunities or needs they identify that are important to them. Last year's group worked on tourism and wellbeing themes. The themes for this year are yet to be confirmed.

Council lodged a grant submission for Youth Week Funding in partnership with the Youth Collective of north East Coast Tasmania. The grant is for a Scooter/Skate/BMX day in St Marys. This year a series of workshops in the lead up to the day are an opportunity for young people to help plan and design the day.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

Community Services have met with Public Health Tasmania to develop a Live Well Live Long program for our community. Funded by State Government the program for over 65s is a 6-8 week series of sessions to learn more about looking after your health as you age. The first iteration of the program is happening in St Marys, starting in May. With another 6-week program planned for St Helens in October.

This group is about connecting service providers and is laying the foundations for planning for Hub 4 Health.

Community Services continue to nurture a renewed network of health and wellbeing service providers and groups. A summer e-news was issued in December and a network meeting is booked in for 27 March.

Council is exploring collaborative activities to involve more community members in preventative health activities. Council's funding submission for Lift Local Grants if successful will help us co-design with our community an inclusive and accessible preventative health program.

Council submitted a grant application for Neighbour Day, to host some morning teas and to deliver a promotion campaign encouraging people to take a cup of kindness to a neighbour.

## **Access and Inclusion**

Council continues to advocate for and consider how access and inclusion can be a lens across all work areas. The Disability Action Committee held an event for International Day for People with a Disability in December 2022.

## LEGISLATION / STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES:

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

### *Goal*

Community - To strengthen our sense of community and lifestyle through opportunities for people to connect and feel valued.

### *Strategy*

- Build community capacity by creating opportunities for involvement or enjoyment that enable people to share their skills and knowledge.
- Foster a range of community facilities and programs which strengthen the capacity, wellbeing and cultural identity of our community.

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority.

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Chris Hughes, Community Services
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	002\017\016\
<b>ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS</b>	Draft Fingal Township Plan

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the Fingal Township Plan 2022-2025 which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop and forward to the Fingal community for comment.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of the township plans is to provide a framework for how members of the Fingal community can work with Council on projects which they have identified.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

The first Fingal Council Township Plan was adopted in August 2018.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

A drop in session with Fingal residents was held on Wednesday 6 April, 2022 where issues/projects were discussed with Council staff in attendance.

Headings to start the conversations were identified:

- Infrastructure;
- Environment; and
- Other issues

Those members of the community who were in attendance were asked how they as members of the community could work with Council to develop projects.

One of the ideas that members who attended the session had was around making Fingal a place where people could stop and stay and experience what Fingal had to offer. They also had ideas around what experiences could be developed to allow people to stay overnight, for example rock climbing, constructing trails around the township.

During the Drop-in session period (11 March – 2 June 2022) a survey was available for community members to complete who were unable to attend the Drop-in session.

From the completed surveys and drop in session, all comments were reviewed by relevant staff and actions/comments were provided and all this information fed into the attached township plan.

Reporting against the identified actions will occur twice a year and an updated action list will be provided on Council's website and forwarded to those that have provided Council with contact details.

The Fingal Township Plan has a term of three years.

#### **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

N/A

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

Strategic Plan 2017-2027 – revised March 2022

##### *Goal*

To strengthen our sense of community and lifestyle through opportunities for people to connect and feel valued

##### *Strategy*

Build community capacity by creating opportunities for involvement or enjoyment that enable people to share their skills and knowledge

Annual Plan: 2022 - 2023

Local Townships Plans – Complete the development of new Local Township Plans in consultation with the communities

#### **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Some of the identified actions listed will need to be costed and budgeted for in any future budgets or seek external funding this has been identified in the action list.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.



# Fingal Township Plan

## 2022 - 2025



Version 1 – October 2022

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## Introduction

Township Plans are developed with community and provide Council with an understanding of the needs of each community, as well as how community and Council can work together to achieve them.

The idea to develop township plans came from conversations Council staff had with communities when we consulted on the development of the Strategic Plan in 2017.

The first Township Plan was developed in August, 2018.

This second edition of the Fingal Township Plan will guide activities over the next three years, from 2022 – 2025.

To develop this plan we consulted the Final community through a “drop in session” and an online survey process. Further detail on the information from the community engagement process forms Appendix 1 to this Plan.

This Township Plan will replace the 2018-2021 Fingal Township Plan, you can find a copy of this plan and a report of how we went achieving these activities on our website under My Community /Township Plans.

The themes from the previous plan compared to this plan have not changed a great deal with the community still focusing on community infrastructure and tourism

Some notable achievements from the previous plan include:

- Renovation works on the Old Tasmania Hotel – Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House building
- Completion of streetscape works in front of Fingal Park
- Trails at Mathinna Falls and Evercreech were repaired

## Fingal – Our Town

An important part in developing the Township Plan is to understanding what residents love about their community and how they would like their community to look in 10 years’ time.

Based on residents answers to these survey questions we developed the below statements.

**Community Vision:** *The Fingal Community most values its strong sense of community and history as well as the peaceful country living their town offers.*



**Community Legacy:** *The community of Fingal would like to see the township become a popular place for tourists to stop with an increase of commercial businesses and tourism infrastructure. They would also like to see more opportunity for community facilities and general infrastructure like roads.*

You can find a full report of all community consultation including how these statements were developed, on our website under **My Community / Community Consultation**.

## Community Engagement and Plan Focus

A common theme of the Fingal community engagement activities was the need for maintenance works to be done on street infrastructure.

Themes include:

- Tourism ;
- Small infrastructure projects; and
- Connecting to health and wellbeing services.

Some other matters raised were considered by Council as ‘business as usual’ and will be dealt with through existing Council activities.

To ensure all feedback was recorded and not lost we have included a copy of this in Appendix 2 along with items considered outside the scope of the Township Plan.

### The 2022-2025 Fingal Township Plan will focus on:

- Protecting and enhancing the environmental values of Fingal;
- Working with health providers to provide a service in the Valley;
- Ensuring there are enough community facilities to service Fingal’s future needs; and
- Supporting tourism.



## Action List

Action	Who
<b>1. Community Projects</b>	
1.1. Work with the community to develop a planting program for the Fingal Recreation Group to which community can undertake plantings	<b>Council/Community</b>
<b>2. Community infrastructure</b>	
2.1. Work with community to identify areas that could be upgraded to host recreational infrastructure including a tennis court and trails	<b>Council/Community</b>
2.2. Review township signage	<b>Council</b>
<b>3. Supporting Tourism</b>	
3.1. Work with the community to rebrand Fingal as a tourism destination and encourage members of the committee to participate in the Valley Tourism Group sessions	<b>Council/Community</b>
3.2. Work with the community and Fingal Valley Tourism Group to re-design township signs to reflect their community	<b>Council/Community</b>
3.3. Work with community to identify event opportunities to promote their township	<b>Council/Community</b>
<b>4. Health Services</b>	
4.1. Work with local and visiting service providers to service the Fingal Valley by using the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House as a venue	<b>Council/Service providers</b>

## Reporting back to the Community:

We will report back to you on how we are progressing with these actions twice a year. An updated action list will be posted on Council's website and forwarded to those that are on Council's Fingal Township Email Database. (If you would like to join this database, please email, [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au).)

Any feedback on these plans can be sent to [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au)

The Fingal Township Plan has a term of three (3) years – after this period, the action list will be reviewed.

Adopted by Council on XX

## Appendix 1

### Community Engagement

On Wednesday 6 April, 2022, Council held a “drop in session” at Fingal where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Infrastructure;
- Environment; and
- Other issues

Fifteen community members registered their attendance at this session.

During the Drop-in session period (11 March – 2 June 2022) a survey was available for community members unable to attend the Drop-in session. The survey received 244 responses from the Break O'Day Municipality – 16 of these were from Fingal.

### Council heard from a total of 31 Fingal residents.

According to the 2021 Census, Fingal has a population of 431 people.

While developing township plans we also asked residents to share with us what they loved about their community and how they would like their community to look in 10 years' time.

The answers to these questions were used to develop a vision and legacy statement for each township and we would appreciate your feedback on these as well as the plan itself.

These statements will help Council to make decisions about your township based on whether they fit with the vision and legacy of each community.

The Community Vision and Legacy Statements for Fingal are:

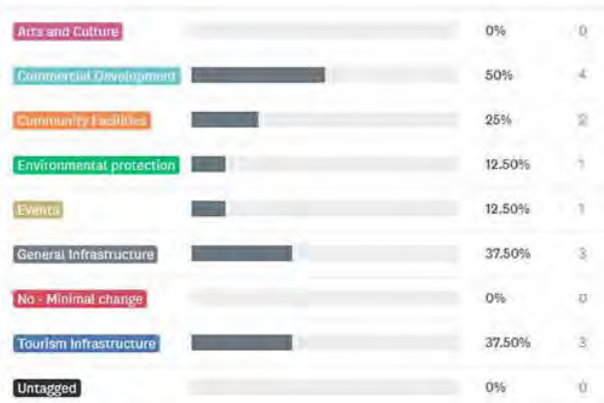
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The above statements were developed from Community feedback as shown over:

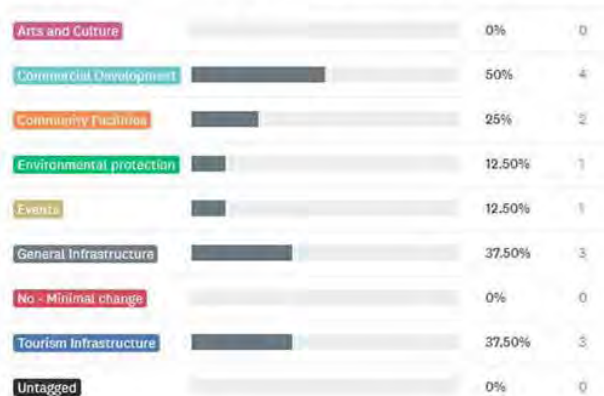
## Grouped answers to Question 5.

What do you most love about your community?



## Grouped answers from Question 7.

How would you like your community to look in 10 years' time?



*"Maximising the obvious heritage of Fingal with thriving hotel, cafes and shops. A place where people can live and work and enjoy a beautiful part of Tasmania's East Coast while being an hour from Launceston airport and 30 minutes from the beach, all within the beauty of a historic county town."* Comment direct from community member.

You can find a full report of all community consultation on our website under **My Community / Community Consultation**.



## Appendix 2

### Business as Usual Activities

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seal Albert Street – based on use – dust factor</li> </ul>	Council to review the request
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower end of Victoria Street – Crown Reserve – vegetation and weeds</li> </ul>	Forward this information to Crown Land Services for action by Crown Land
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve waste management – recycling services for glass and plastic, green waste</li> </ul>	Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to cut grass and make the town look presentable again</li> </ul>	This is undertaken by Council staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the gorse and Hawthorne</li> <li>Weed infestation – river – old cells</li> </ul>	Community to work with Council staff to develop a program

### Activities Outside Township Plan Scope

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climbing gym in St Marys – feeding into tourism in Fingal</li> </ul>	The significant cost implication, space requirement and inflexible nature of a climbing installation does not align with the program of the building and won't be part of the project.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table and seat relocated closer to river – so that people can sit and relax</li> </ul>	The current seat has been placed above the typical flood level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kerb and guttering – near old church – main road</li> </ul>	Noted that the infrastructure is old but still functional and it will be upgrade/replacement to be undertaken in accordance with the asset replacement schedule
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather station</li> </ul>	Now installed in Fingal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming pool</li> </ul>	Council is undertaking a feasibility study addressing the pool issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Brown Street – light currently shines in house – investigate shielding or moving – train/railway crossing</li> </ul>	Light has a role in illuminating the train crossing/road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Marys/Fingal MTB – NE Corner MTB</li> <li>Rail Trail – Fingal to St Marys</li> </ul>	These projects were identified through the Recreational Trails Strategy – Council to look at this as a project in line with recommendations from community input
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DA Tower Hill Road – Antenna DA 299-21 – Notice does not state location – states only Tower Hill Road</li> </ul>	The development site is a parcel of Crown land of 6543 hectares managed by DPIWPE and classified as an Informal Reserve, Future Potential Production Forest. The land currently

	accommodates a Fire Lookout Tower, Equipment Shelter, Solar Panel Frame and several antennas mounted on poles providing emergency services radio links to the region. Access is via Cabin Road, off Tower Hill Road on a Crown easement which traverses PID6417501. The development location is described within title systems as Tower Hill Road, Mangana.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skyrail to top of Bare Rock</li> <li>• Steam Train</li> <li>• Small scale live stream/compressed air railway and old goods yard in St Marys</li> </ul>	These projects would require external funding and business cases to support these idea and would also require members of the community to be part of the committee to follow through with the projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to FVNH from St Marys – eg transport</li> </ul>	The FVNH have vehicles to provide community transport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighten up regulations for Tiny Houses</li> <li>• (Hip Camp) – let people do it experience for visitors</li> </ul>	The planning scheme and planning legislation does not differentiate between the size of dwellings when applying planning instruments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EV Charge stop</li> </ul>	Planning in progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More information provided to the community members about native plantings specific to this area</li> </ul>	Tree planting to be consistent with Council's tree planting and articles to be run through the monthly newsletter advising community of the policy and what can be planted in their community

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Chris Hughes, Community Services
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	002\017\016\
<b>ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS</b>	Draft Cornwall Township Plan

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the Cornwall Township Plan 2022-2025 which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop and forward to the Fingal community for comment.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of the township plan is to provide a framework for how members of the Cornwall community can work with Council on projects they have identified.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

The first Cornwall Council Township Plan was adopted in March 2019.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

A drop in session with Cornwall residents was held on Wednesday 6 April, 2022 where issues/projects were discussed with Council staff in attendance.

Headings to start the conversations were identified:

- Infrastructure; and
- Other issues

Those members of the community who were in attendance were asked how they as members of the community could work with Council to develop projects. Some members of the community took the opportunity to ask questions around drainage etc and these have been identified in the attached document as maintenance. Other ideas such as a monthly market were identified and Council staff have said that they are able to work with the community to promote the market and provide some advice as to how markets for example could occur.

During the Drop-in session period (11 March – 2 June 2022) a survey was available for community members to complete who were unable to attend the Drop-in session.

From the completed surveys and drop in session, all comments were reviewed by relevant staff and actions/comments were provided and all this information fed into the attached township plan.

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The Cornwall Township Plan has a term of three years.

#### **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

N/A

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

Strategic Plan 2017-2027 – revised March 2022

##### *Goal*

To strengthen our sense of community and lifestyle through opportunities for people to connect and feel valued

##### *Strategy*

Build community capacity by creating opportunities for involvement or enjoyment that enable people to share their skills and knowledge

Annual Plan: 2022 - 2023

Local Townships Plans – Complete the development of new Local Township Plans in consultation with the communities

#### **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.



# Cornwall Township Plan

## 2022 - 2025



Version 1 – October 2022

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## Introduction

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The first Township Plans were developed in March, 2019.

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This Township Plan will replace the 2019-2021 Cornwall Township Plan, you can find a copy of this plan and a report of how we went achieving these activities on our website under My Community /Township Plans.

The themes from the previous plan compared to this plan have not changed a great deal with the community still focusing on community infrastructure, tourism and weed maintenance

Some notable achievements from the previous plan include:

- Redesign of swale drain – Alexander Street – completed
- Sealing of Lennox and Campbell Streets - completed
- Council assisted with the erection of signage at Soldiers Walk Park.

## Cornwall – Our Town

An important part in developing the Township Plan is to understanding what residents love about their community and how they would like their community to look in 10 years’ time.

Based on residents answers to these survey questions we developed the below statements.

**Community Vision:** *The Cornwall Community most values their peaceful and quiet family lifestyle that is free of development.*



**Community Legacy:** *The community of Cornwall would like to see general improvements to the town's infrastructure that would also foster better tourism.*

You can find a full report of all community consultation including how these statements were developed, on our website under **My Community / Community Consultation**.

## Community Engagement and Plan Focus

A common theme of the Cornwall community engagement activities was the need for maintenance works to be done on street infrastructure.

Themes include:

- Maintenance issues regarding drainage and roads
- Connecting members of the community to services; and
- Working with the community to explore what events could be held within the township of Cornwall.

Some other matters raised were considered by Council as 'business as usual' and will be dealt with through existing Council activities.

To ensure all feedback was recorded and not lost we have included a copy of this in Appendix 2 along with items considered outside the scope of the Township Plan.

### The 2022-2025 Cornwall Township Plan will focus on:

- **Emergency event preparedness of the community**
- **Community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance; and**
- **Supporting tourism**



## Action List

Action	Who
<b>1. Emergency Event Preparedness</b> 1.1. Work with landowners adjoining the township to ensure that fire breaks are appropriate and maintained 1.2. Ensure community members have the opportunity to engage with TFS through community briefings which will provide community with ways to protect their properties	<b>Council/TFS/Landowners/</b>
<b>2. Community infrastructure</b> 2.1. Soldiers Walk – continue work in defining walking track and attend to drainage issues 2.2. Cornwall Community Hall – review drainage in front of hall 2.3. Develop scope works to undertake reseal and deformation corrections of Alexander Street – external funding will be required – listed in 4 year capital plan 2.4. Tennis Court upgrade – work with community to see what the use of the facility currently is and seek input from all community if tennis court will be required	<b>Council/Community</b>  <b>Council</b>  <b>Council</b>  <b>Council/Community</b>
<b>3. Supporting Tourism</b> 3.1. Work with the community to look at what activities and events can be held at Cornwall to encourage people to visit their town	<b>Council/Community</b>

## Reporting back to the Community:

We will report back to you on how we are progressing with these actions twice a year. An updated action list will be posted on Council's website and forwarded to those that are on Council's Cornwall Township Email Database. (If you would like to join this database, please email, [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au).)

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The Cornwall Township Plan has a term of three (3) years – after this period, the action list will be reviewed.

Adopted by Council on XX

## Appendix 1

### Community Engagement

On Wednesday 6 April, 2022, Council held a “drop in session” at Cornwall where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Infrastructure; and
- Other issues

Four community members attended this session.

During the Drop-in session period (11 March – 2 June 2022) a survey was available for community members unable to attend the Drop-in session. The survey received 244 responses from the Break O'Day Municipality – 8 of these were from Cornwall.

### Council heard from a total of 12 Cornwall residents.

According to the 2021 Census, Cornwall has a population of 82 people.

While developing township plans we also asked residents to share with us what they loved about their community and how they would like their community to look in 10 years' time.

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These statements will help Council to make decisions about your township based on whether they fit with the vision and legacy of each community.

The Community Vision and Legacy Statements for Cornwall are:

**Community Vision:** *The Cornwall Community most values their peaceful and quiet family lifestyle that is free of development.*

**Community Legacy:** *The community of Cornwall would like to see general improvements to the town's infrastructure that would also foster better tourism.*

The above statements were developed from Community feedback as shown over:

### Grouped answers to Question 5.



### What do you most love about your community?



### Grouped answers from Question 7.

#### How would you like your community to look in 10 years' time?



*"More tourists coming through. All roads paved and well kept. Neat and tidy surrounds. Maybe a bit more of a touristy thing near the waterfall."* Comment direct from community member.

You can find a full report of all community consultation on our website under **My Community / Community Consultation**.



## Appendix 2

### Business as Usual Activities

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair walking track around Soldiers Walk and Kerb &amp; Guttering – need to look at drainage around the town – top side of the Soldiers Walk Park</li> <li>Plant out Soldiers Walk – ground covers</li> </ul>	Item listed in 2022-2023 capital budget
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re- look at pipe work undertaken outside 69 Alexander Street – as now causing flooding to property</li> </ul>	Monitor. Unable to validate at this point in time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drain work undertaken in Edward Street, Cornwall – now does not allow home owner to mow his nature strip</li> </ul>	Will review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance issue – top side of 11 Alexander Street – water flow onto neighbouring block</li> </ul>	EHO and Building Services – Compliance issue - active matter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value networking Council and Neighbourhood Houses</li> </ul>	Council staff work closely with both St Helens and Fingal Valley Neighbourhood Houses and share information from both houses on Council's social media page
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeping the grass and gardens tidy</li> </ul>	Review the maintenance schedules – Nature strips and council gardens

### Activities Outside Township Plan Scope

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile reception – Telstra &amp; NBN – signal strength is not good – people need to travel to the entrance to Cornwall to use mobile phones</li> </ul>	Council staff to advise Telcos of this issue and if not addressed by them – will earmark for future black spot funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport</li> <li>Community Transport available and affordable</li> </ul>	Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House provide transport options for people living in the valley or CTST provide transport services for those people needing to travel to Launceston and Hobart for medical appointments



<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Chris Hughes, Community Services
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	002\017\016\
<b>ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS</b>	Draft Mathinna Township Plan

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the Mathinna Township Plan 2022-2025 which has been developed with the community listing actions/projects that the community can work with Council to develop and forward to the Fingal community for comment.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of the township plan is to provide a framework for how members of the Mathinna community can work with Council on projects they have identified.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

The first Mathinna Council Township Plan was adopted in March 2019.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

A drop in session with Mathinna residents was held on Wednesday 13 April, 2022 where issues/projects were discussed with Council staff in attendance.

Headings to start the conversations were identified:

- Infrastructure; and
- Other issues

Those members of the community who were in attendance were asked how they as members of the community could work with Council to develop projects. Some ideas that were put forward by the community was to renew ageing street furniture and to make their town more tourism friendly and also look at how they could run a market to attract people to their township and showcase what they have.

During the Drop-in session period (11 March – 2 June 2022) a survey was available for community members to complete who were unable to attend the Drop-in session.

From the completed surveys and drop in session, all comments were reviewed by relevant staff and actions/comments were provided and all this information fed into the attached township plan.

Reporting against the identified actions will occur twice a year and an updated action list will be provided on Council's website and forwarded to those that have provided Council with contact details.

The Mathinna Township Plan has a term of three years.

#### **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

N/A

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

Strategic Plan 2017-2027 – revised March 2022

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#### **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.



# Mathinna Township Plan

2022 - 2025



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## Introduction

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The first Township Plan was developed in March, 2019.

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To develop this plan we consulted the Mathinna community through a “drop in session” and an online survey process. Further detail on the information from the community engagement process forms Appendix 1 to this Plan.

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The themes from the previous plan compared to this plan have not changed a great deal with the community still focusing on community infrastructure and tourism

Some notable achievements from the previous plan include:

- Stormwater infrastructure upgraded in High Street, Mathinna
- Community infrastructure – completion of walking track around existing recreation area
- Footpath upgrade and installation of street furniture – High Street

## Mathinna – Our Town

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Based on residents answers to these survey questions we developed the below statements.





**Community Vision:** *The Mathinna Community most values their peaceful, simple lifestyle that has strong connections to the natural environment and the community.*

**Community Legacy:** *The community of Mathinna would like to see improvements to road access to the township.*

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## Community Engagement and Plan Focus

A common theme of the Mathinna community engagement activities was the need for maintenance works to be done on street infrastructure.

Themes include:

- Maintenance issues regarding drainage and roads
- Infrastructure to support community needs; and
- Working with the community to explore what events could be held within the township of Mathinna.

Some other matters raised were considered by Council as 'business as usual' and will be dealt with through existing Council activities.

To ensure all feedback was recorded and not lost we have included a copy of this in Appendix 2 along with items considered outside the scope of the Township Plan.

### The 2022-2025 Mathinna Township Plan will focus on:

- **Community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance; and**
- **Supporting tourism**

## Action List

Action	Who
<b>1. Supporting Tourism</b>	
1.1. Work with the community in assisting them to look at how they can run a local market in their community	Council/Community
1.2. Work with community to ensure that they have a voice on the Fingal Valley Destination Action Group so that signage and any other tourism issues are considered as part of any further projects throughout the Fingal Valley	Council/Community
<b>2. Community infrastructure</b>	
2.1. Renew street furniture	Council/Community
2.2. Work with young people in the community to identify recreational infrastructure	Council/Community
2.3. Revamp community pool	Community
2.4. Revamp bus shelter/picnic shed	Council/Community

## Reporting back to the Community:

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## Appendix 1

### Community Engagement

On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 we held a “drop in session” at Mathinna where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Infrastructure; and
- Other issues

Five community members attended this session.

During the Drop-in session period (11 March – 2 June 2022) a survey was available for community members unable to attend the Drop-in session. The survey received 244 responses from the Break O'Day Municipality – 10 of these were from Mathinna.

**Council heard from a total of 15 Mathinna residents.**

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The above statements were developed from Community feedback as shown over:



### Grouped answers to Question 5.

What do you most love about your community?



### Grouped answers from Question 7.

How would you like your community to look in 10 years' time?



Comment direct from community member.

***"All gravel roads sealed drain work to be completed the top end of the town maintained"***

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## Appendix 2

### Business as Usual Activities

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special waste collection – hard waste</li> <li>• Refuse dump at Mathinna</li> </ul>	<p>Review and discuss with Council</p> <p>Illegal dumping at Mathinna is a significant matter. Tasmanian EPA/Council to raise with affected land owner.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jubilee trees – Recreation Ground – maybe not so mature with tree guards and stakes as wind is an issue – deciduous trees are best</li> <li>• Trees for shelter</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage – 3 days camping inside BBQ shed – but still must be daily use allowed if people are camping in same</li> </ul>	<p>Council is currently working on a By-Law which will address this issue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass mowing top end of Mathinna</li> <li>• Roadside mowing and shoulders as well</li> </ul>	<p>Council to review its Green Zone mowing regime and we talk to Council re strategies to encourage community participation</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage issues – 38 High Street – flooding occurs along High Street on the Recreation Ground side</li> </ul>	<p>Monitor in high rain events</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge – Bent Street – needs replacing</li> </ul>	<p>Complete - Bent Street bridge works completed in June 2022.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mangana street – comes out behind the Church needs some repair work – can it be sealed</li> </ul>	<p>Maintenance work already completed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend footpath in High Street to the old school</li> </ul>	<p>Noted for future external grant funding projects</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where pipes have crossed the road – it is still gravel – are they going to be sealed</li> </ul>	<p>Maintenance work already completed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fix bridge in Butler Street and seal</li> </ul>	<p>We are looking at alternative culvert options for the Butler Street bridge – sealing of Butler Street is not warranted from a usage and cost perspective.</p>

## Activities Outside Township Plan Scope

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caravan dump site</li> </ul>	No infrastructure to support - and a considerable operational cost to maintain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Esk – 5 Bridges – have a look at it – in flood plain – rocks are an issue</li> </ul>	Bridges were inspected in June, 2022 – no concerns were identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Roses Tier Road and Mathinna Plains Road – they are in poor condition</li> <li>Seal all gravel roads</li> </ul>	<p>Mathinna Plains Road has been sealed in two sections with a third section to be sealed programmed. Sealing of Roses Tier Road given forestry activity is not a viable option for the Council.</p> <p>Unsealed roads with requests for sealing are assessed on a case by case basis and decisions made by Council accordingly.</p>

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Chris Hughes, Community Services
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	018\019\078\
<b>ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS</b>	N/A

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council fund the following projects through the Community Grants Program 2022 - 2023:

Organisation or Group name	Description of Project	Amount Requested from Council	Contribution from Organisation or Group	Other Approved Grants	Unsecured	Total Budget for Project
St Helens Croquet Club Inc	Bench seats	\$1,900				\$1,900
StemForGirls	STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	\$4,000	\$750			\$4,750
Georges Bay Dragon Boat Club Inc	To purchase a 20 seat dragon boat trailer	\$8,000	\$9,500			\$17,500
St Helens Online Access Centre	To provide a digital awareness program to assist the Break O'Day Community and across the East Coast regions	\$3,000				\$5,000
Cornwall Community Development Group Inc	Replace battery in Community Defib machine	\$495				\$495
North East Bioregional Network (NEBN)	Running a campaign with the objective of providing better protection for shorebirds that use the beaches of BODC area	\$5,400	\$5,200		\$1,000	\$11,600
		<u>\$22,795</u>	\$15,450.00		\$1,000	\$41,245.00

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Submissions for funding through the Community Funding Program closed on Monday 13 February 2023.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

## **OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Council staff received 9 applications from community groups for this round of grant funding totally \$73,326.80. The total requested sum from Council is \$51,455 which exceeds the amount allocated to this project by \$21,455.

All grants have answered the selection criteria in order for Councillors to make a decision.

Councillors at the March, 2023 workshop reviewed all applications in line with the eligible criteria.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027

### *Goal*

Community – To strengthen our sense of community and lifestyle through opportunities for people to connect and feel valued.

### *Strategy*

Foster and support leadership within the community to share the responsibility for securing the future we desire.

## **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

N/A

## **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Council has funding in the current budget (\$30,000) to be applied to the Community Grants

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Chris Hughes, Community Services
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	018\019\078\
<b>ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS</b>	Nil

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council does not provide \$15,000 to assist the St Helens Online Centre to extend the current hours of the Co-ordinator as requested by the St Helens Online Access Centre Committee.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Council has received a written request from the President of the St Helens Online Access Committee seeking Council's support in providing funding to support the request for increased hours at the St Helens Online Access Centre.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Not applicable

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The St Helens Online Access Centre are seeking additional funding to open the Centre for a longer period and to cover the costs of the Co-ordinator during these proposed extended hours.

A request for additional funding has also been submitted to the State Government. The request for funding is based on the increased number of people using the St Helens Online Centre over the last two years and the need therefore to increase the hours of opening and staffing same:

- 14,800 walk ins in 2021; and
- 13,000 walk ins in 2022 – up to and including 25.10.22.

The St Helens Online Centre provides a service to those community members that are unable to access online services for a range of reasons from low literacy, intermittent internet connection and that those that may be digitally illiterate.

The catchment area for the St Helens Online Centre is not only St Helens but also encompasses and not limited to the following towns: Ansons Bay, Pyengana, and Scamander and even through to Bicheno.

Due to the limited funding, the St Helens Online Centre is currently only open for 18 hours a week. With the additional funding, this will allow the Centre to open for an additional 5 hours – the Centre would therefore be open 23 hours a week for community access. The Co-ordinator's current



arrangements are that she is available at the Centre for 10 hours a week and the remaining 8 hours are covered by volunteers when available.

The St Helens Online Centre currently receives \$25,500 per annum. From these funds they are expected to cover the following costs:

- Coordinator's salary, including superannuation and PAYG,
- insurance policies (approximately \$7,000 pa) and
- operating costs etc.

The majority of their equipment has been sourced through community grants or donations. For example UTAS provided the Centre with 6 reformatted/refurbished computers.

The St Helens Online Access Centre charge for some of the services that they deliver to the community. The funds raised offset some of the costs that they incur running the Centre. Below is a list of the services that they charge for:

# FEES & CHARGES - 2022

## COMPUTER USAGE

<b>General Users</b> (All Users, except Concession Holders)	\$2.00	
	30 Mins	1 Hour
<b>Concession Card Holders</b> (Registered Users <b>ONLY</b> )	FREE	\$2.00
Students, OAC Volunteers, Association & Committee Members	FREE	

## SERVICES

<b>General Printing</b>	A4	A3
Black & White	\$0.20	\$0.30
Colour	\$1.50	\$2.20
<b>Student Printing</b>	A4	A3
Black & White	\$0.10	\$0.15
Colour	\$0.80	\$1.20
<b>Laminating</b>	A4	A3
	\$2.50	\$3.50
<b>Faxing</b>	First page	Extra Pages
Within Australia	\$3.00	\$0.50
Overseas	\$3.50	\$1.00
<b>Phone Calls</b>	Local	Interstate
	\$1.50	\$2.50
<b>Emailing for Patrons</b>	\$2.50	
<b>Admin Assistance</b>	\$3.00	

## CONSUMABLES

Blank CD's & DVD's	CD-R/RW	DVD-R/RW
	\$2.50	\$3.50
USB Sticks	Prices as marked	

## PHOTO PRINTING (CANON PRINTER)

<b>6" x 4" Size</b>	
1 Photo	\$1.00 each
First 5 Photos	\$5.00
Extra Photos	\$0.50 each
<b>5" x 7" Size</b>	
1 Photo	\$1.50 each
First 5 Photos	\$7.50
Extra Photos	\$0.50 each
<b>A4 Size</b>	
	\$7.00 each

Patrons printing on their own paper: half marked price

## BINDING SERVICE

Small (25 - 95 sheets)	\$5.00
6 mm to 12 mm	
Large (145 - 225 sheets)	\$10.00
15 mm to 25 mm	

## Laminating Pouches

A5	\$1.50 each
A6	\$1.00 each

Printing of Photos will be done by Staff and by APPOINTMENT ONLY.  
You will need to have your selected photos on a USB stick

The Mayor in support of the St Helens Online Centre also wrote to the Minister asking that they consider providing additional funding to the St Helens Online Centre. A response was received from Minister Jaensch on 9 November 2022 advising the following:

- The Government is committed to supporting digital inclusion in line with the PESRAC recommendation.
- Both Libraries Tasmania and Service Tasmania provide support to digital inclusion at St Helens. The St Helens Library offers free digital literacy support and access to Wi-Fi and



public computers, and access to printing, scanning and copying as well as providing an adult literacy service.

- Recognises the valuable support that the St Helens Online Access Centre plays in our community.
- The St Helens Online Centre signed a grant deed for \$76,500 (ex GST) for three years – first payment received in July, 2022 was for \$25,500. This amount is greater than the average \$22,384 per annum provided to other online centres operating in Tasmania.

In August/September, 2022 – media outlets in Tasmania reported that the local Online Access Centres were under threat – as the funding levels had not kept pace with inflation, wages and cost of living. They further reported that there had been no real increase in funding of the Online Centres for the last 6 years. A media outlet was quoted as saying “Cynics might see the government’s position as a starvation strategy to force local councils, communities and volunteers to pick up the slack in providing these essential services.”

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027

##### *Goal*

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##### *Strategy*

Build community capacity by creating opportunities for involvement or enjoyment that enable people to share their skills and knowledge.

##### Annual Plan 2022 – 2023

Key Focus Area - Create a culture of volunteering and support to enable vibrant and sustainable events, activities and community groups.

Actions 1.2.1.2 Community Event Support - Assist the community with event delivery by providing support and assistance with planning, approvals processes, COVID-19 compliance and arrangements for Council assistance and resources.

#### **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

N/A

#### **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There would be budget implications to Council, as the requested \$15,000 has not been budgeted for in the 2022 – 2023 budget document.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute Majority.

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Chris Hughes, Community Services
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	004\008\025\
<b>ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS</b>	St Helens Sports Complex Conceptual Plan St Helens Sports Complex Master Plan – Community Feedback Summary

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council engage a landscape architect to design connectivity between the various areas of the St Helens Sports Complex identifying what amenities are required to service the area and its users as well as ensuring green spaces and vegetation management are addressed as part of the project.
2. That funds from Public Open Space – St Helens be used to engage a landscape architect to undertake this project.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Council staff sought feedback from the community in relation to the draft St Helens Recreation Ground conceptual plan. A document was produced from the feedback and actions identified.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

08/22.15.2.169 St Helens Sports Complex Draft Master Plan - Community Feedback

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Council staff have met to discuss the next steps in developing the St Helens Sports Complex – looking at how this area could be utilised by our community over a ten year period.

The St Helens Sports Complex Master Plan – Community Feedback Summary (“the document”) identified the next steps for this project to move forward:

1. Work through feedback and make any final changes/ amendments to master plan.
2. Review the options for siting of public amenities within the Sports Complex to ensure that a balance is achieved between necessary access and duplication of facilities (e.g. best location to service the Croquet Club area)
3. Develop a tree planting and vegetation management plan for the Sports complex
4. Options to improve and develop pathways servicing the various areas of the Sports Complex
5. Review information provided by sporting groups and work with the respective committees to explore suggestions made and opportunities relating to the provision of facilities including sharing of infrastructure
6. Initiate a feasibility study in relation to an Aquatic Centre type facility potentially including a hydrotherapy pool and gym.

Since the document was produced, Council staff have received additional feedback from the Croquet, Cricket and Tas Flying Paws group who use the Dog Park area.

1. The Croquet Club would like to extend their club house and include in the extension a male and female toilet using a different system and not connecting to Council's sewerage system.
2. The Cricket Club would like a drinking fountain and their area fenced off
3. Tas Flying Paws would like the existing perimeter fencing and existing internal fencing to be replaced with ring lock fencing and be a height of 1.8 metres, gates should be self-closing, water stations to be provided, sails to be installed to provide shade for users of the area, play area for the dogs to be installed, larger signage installed so that people can read it from at least 2 metres, pathways to be installed in at least one section of the area allocated, more plantings and a toilet block to be built at the dog park area.

A landscape architect, who would have a higher level of technical knowledge and experience in plant structural design would be able to design an attractive and functional area which would show connectivity between all the areas as well as identifying plantings.

The engagement of a landscape architect would be able to complete the first four points as identified in the document, set out below.

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3. Develop a landscaping and vegetation management plan for the Sports complex
4. Options to improve and develop pathways servicing the various areas of the Sports Complex

#### **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

Not Applicable

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

##### *Goal*

To strengthen our sense of community and lifestyle through opportunities for people to connect and feel valued

##### *Strategy*

Build community capacity by creating opportunities for involvement or enjoyment that enable people to share their skills and knowledge

#### **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There will be a cost for this work to be undertaken. An Expression of Interest process would be undertaken to test the market. Funds from Public Open Space – St Helens will be used to cover the cost of the engagement of a landscape architect.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute Majority.

# st helens sports complex 03

potential layout  
break o' day council dec 2021

- 01 equestrian
- 02 croquet
- 03 cricket
- 04 kiosk + amenities for playground and soccer ground
- 05 soccer  
relocate soccer pitch to athletics field  
shared sports ground
- 06 football  
new stadium lighting  
new electronic scoreboard
- 07 shared netball + tennis courts  
new court marking + lighting
- 08 indoor stadium
- 09 navy cadets
- 10 athletics + cycling  
remove leveling grandstand  
upgrade commentators box  
maintain kiosk + store room  
new portable grandstand
- 11 overnight camping  
second access point off young street
- 12 woodchopping
- 13 dog exercise yard  
new carpark from eagle street access
- 14 community garden
- 15 tennis courts
- 16 gym, pool + hydrotherapy
- 17 playground
- 18 changerooms  
females inclusive changerooms  
additional unisex changerooms  
amenities for croquet club  
indoor exercise space  
storage space

- building
- vegetation
- green space
- sealed access road
- sports ground
- pedestrian zone
- new recreation area



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# St Helens Sports Complex Draft Master Plan

## Community Feedback

Version 3 – Date July, 2022

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## This 'Community Feedback' report outlines:

A background on the consultation process to date and a summary of Community Feedback; what the community told us they did and did not like about the Draft St Helens Sports Complex Master Plan including compliments, suggestions, queries and concerns.



## Background

### User Group Feedback

The current users of the facility met on Tuesday 23rd February, 2021 at 5 pm at the Bendigo Community Stadium to ensure that the draft plan met the needs of their organizations for the next ten (10) years.

A number of changes were made after this session:

- Additional access point to the stadium carpark has been removed and trees along street to be retained
- Possible pool site has been left as is
- Possible gym site has been left as is
- Helicopter landing pad has been removed
- Cricket pitch to stay in current location
- Soccer pitch to stay in current location
- Tennis + netball to be shared courts
- Position of football oval lighting amended
- New amenities shown between the athletics track and the football ground, adjacent proposed playground
- Additional parking shown around southern end of football oval
- Community garden added adjacent to dog exercise yard
- New access road to community garden from existing Eagle Street access
- Event space removed

After the above amendments were incorporated, the updated document was again forwarded to user groups for their sign off before progressing to community feedback. Additional suggestions were provided by the user groups and further amendments made including:

- Access road between 03 and 05 to have an arrow showing an entry point
- A gate which can be locked between 05 and 07 (netball courts) there are currently barriers there
- Change 15 to reflect tennis courts
- Extend 16 to the left and right to reflect gym, pool and hydrotherapy - to the ease of the existing 16 will impact on some car spaces but we need the space for all three pieces of infrastructure - hopefully you can where I have drawn on the attached



- The grassed area between the football ground and 02 - if we can build identify this space as being the following: change rooms to be inclusive of girls/women, increased umpiring change rooms including women umpires - inside exercise space and storage room - also include amenities to be used by Croquet Club

## Updated Plan

Below is the Draft Master Plan for community feedback, incorporating 2 rounds of feedback from user groups.



## Summary of Community Feedback

Council sought feedback from the community on the draft concept plan from 28 March, 2022 to the 13 May 2022. Feedback was promoted on Council's community engagement webpage and social media on 4/5, 25/4, 10/5 and in Council's April Newsletter. Feedback was received via letters and email, discussions at the St Helens township plan community session and via social media comment.

Feedback was generally positive and supported the Draft Master Plan, a summary of how feedback was received is outlined below.



- 46 responses were received via a combination of letter and email
- 5 responses were received during the St Helens Township plan community session
- Approximately 33 comments were made on social media

### What you said

We have categorized community feedback into the following overarching themes:

<b>Leisure Facilities</b>	Gym, pool and hydrotherapy facilities
<b>Sporting Facilities</b>	Infrastructure that supports our local clubs including cricket and croquet
<b>Public Amenities</b>	Such as playgrounds, public toilets and community centers
<b>Accessibility</b>	Safe access to facilities for all
<b>Natural Values</b>	Enhancing the natural values of the site

### Leisure/Aquatic Facilities

36 responses were received with regards to leisure facilities representing the majority of community feedback. Responses were overwhelmingly supportive of the inclusion of gym, pool and hydrotherapy facilities.

Questions were raised in relation to the design of the pool, hydrotherapy and gym - how many lanes, length of the pool, hydrotherapy and pool – should they be 2 separate builds, separate showers and toilets. Location of a swimming pool, hydrotherapy and gym will be significant in this project. If we are not able to utilise existing toilets and showers which are located in the Stadium facility – this will add to the cost of the build considerably. Car parking is another important factor which will need to be considered – as the current car parking may either be too far away or too small to cater for both facilities.

Comments
"My main interest is the inclusion of a pool, hydrotherapy pool and gym. I believe these are essential for our community and hopefully if the plan goes ahead these will be a priority"
"This facility will be available to the Break O Day community providing essential modern sporting facilities to support the community's health and well-being."
"We desperately need this".

"Would like to put our support behind council putting a pool gym and hydrotherapy into the forward plan for the sports complex."
"The whole town benefits, the pool covers every demographic and all levels of ability or non-ability"
"Fantastic, especially on the therapy pool! Much needed and looked forward to"
"I am particularly over the moon to see provision being made for a public swimming pool and gym"
"With an ageing population we all need to have a hydrotherapy pool for exercise and for better health and mind set"
"I believe this facility will be a fabulous resource for not only our St Helens community, but also for visitors to the area"
"The only thing that I feel is missing out in this beautiful town is a gym"
"Really looking forward to the gym & pool"
"Wanted to say how much a sports complex would benefit our community"

Suggestions
"It should definitely be as big or bigger than the pool at St Mary's, and also include a toddler pool and hydrotherapy pool with wheel chair access a must"
"You need warm showers (and ideally heated or very well insulated) change rooms too"
"I hope the pools will be housed indoors so it can be accessed all year"
"Hydrotherapy that is wheel chair/hoist suitable this would benefit so many people in the community"
"It would also be great to see a small splash pool for younger children or a smaller pool to be used for learn to swim classes"
"Have you considered something similar to the Scottsdale set up for kids in regards to pool set up?"
"Are we in any way able to model our facility off Scottsdale's Aquatic Centre? This is a truly amazing facility and I think would be a great guide for our Municipality"

### Sporting Facilities

3 responses were received with regards to sporting facilities.

Suggestions
"a BBQ or Kiosk type facility closer to the cricket oval"
"the tennis courts, I think that's a great idea, however I would put a decent fence between it and the caravan stopover"



"Why do we need a second tennis court - the existing one is not fully utilized"

The re-formed Cricket Club have provided some good input into the draft concept plan identifying much needed upgrades of their facility. Their feedback is not identified on the current draft plan but believe it should be considered as part of the overall facility. The St Helens Cricket Club is awaiting/applying for a community sports grants to fund the following:

- Relocate the nets approx 90 degrees, so players are not bowling into the sun and can have required run up area for bowling ect, also provides safe car parking area with practice balls being hit adjacent to the oval area.
- Removal of self-sown trees around the cricket oval for the safety vision of players, coaches and parents during game and training. Currently this is a safety hazard with balls going directly into the bushes and players having to enter bushes to get balls out with tree branches sticking out and currently a dumping ground for bottles, glass and rubbish ect., also jack jumpers have nested within the tree roots which is also a hazard as we have players anaphylaxis to jack jumpers at current.
- Removal of tree roots on the far side of the cricket oval, currently forming a trip hazard for fielding players.
- Proposed new fence, to help maintain the quality of turf, ball retrieval ect, approx 400m around the boundary line of the current oval, with the allowance of 1x ambulance access gate, 4x pedestrian gates for players access and ball retrieval.
- Combined outdoor BBQ area to be used by cricket and also the football club, currently BBQ's are our form of revenue raising for our club, and provides lunch for our senior and tea for our junior players.
- Proposed watering system, the oval during cricket season is under turfed and forms a dust bowl, proposing something similar to the football club oval watering system of some sort.

### Public Amenities

10 responses were received with regards to public amenities. Responses clearly identified concerns around access to toilet facilities for members of the Croquet club. Support for a toilet facility closer to or part of the Croquet Club was mainly due to the aging members of the community who played croquet.

There were also suggestions around location of the community gardens and camping area and well as a suggestion for a community meeting room with storage.

#### Comments

"The location of amenities, such as toilets, needs to be prioritized in conjunction with the use of the space"

"Very concerned that the toilets are being moved away from the lawns where croquet is played"

"Lack of toilet facilities for people playing croquet"

#### Suggestions

"Without this facility (toilet) within a short walk from our club (croquet) many members would not be able to attend. We hope an adjacent toilet will be included in the new plan"
"Would like more accessible toilets for those who play croquet"
"I find that putting a community garden in the School grounds would be more effective than at the Recreation grounds"
"I'd prefer to have the overnight camping area very well away from the sports-ground complex, given the number of children who would be participating in activities and potentially roaming around"
"Is there a community meeting room for visiting community talks ie nutrition and a commercial kitchen next to it - and a multipurpose room for yoga, salsa dancing etc. Storage for bikes etc for spin classes, put away chairs , trestle tables etc"

### Accessibility

2 responses were received with regards to accessibility including elderly and female participation.

A walking track around the Sports facility was suggested as this would allow better connectivity to the township of St Helens as well as existing sporting facilities and provide another safe trail for people to walk and improve the safety issue between cars and pedestrians which has been raised.

Suggestions
"It would be good to see a consistent walking track around whole facility for elderly citizens, one with no bumps or tree roots or path traffic, suitable also for mums with prams"
"With all sport facilities at one place (Recreation Ground) how about safety - particular for female individuals in evening - (isolation area)"

### Natural Values

2 responses were received with regards to natural values.

A suggestion was that Council undertake a management plan for the whole site focusing on the natural values of the area as well as weed management, run off and silt management.

Comments
"Don't support the proposed increased amount of bitumen"

Suggestions
"The Day Camping Area would benefit greatly with the addition of shade trees"

"Maintaining grass, trees and gravel roads maintain the aesthetic and rural feel of the site."

"The Sports Complex is both a valuable sporting venue but also valuable open space. There needs to be a comprehensive Management Plan developed for the whole site which considers natural values, landscaping, stormwater etc"

## Next Steps

The next steps of this project will be:

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ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Department
OFFICER	Development Services
FILE REFERENCE	031\013\003\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of various issues which have been dealt with by the Development Services Department since the previous Council meeting.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Provided as a monthly report – Council consideration at previous meetings.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:****KEY DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC OR OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

1. Completed Final Draft Georges Bay Activation Strategy to be presented to March Council meeting;
2. Progression of St Marys Indoor & Evacuation Centre & Fingal Community Shed construction drawings;
3. Ongoing Testing and Collation of feedback to State Government Department regarding implementation of Plan Build;
4. Completed Public Open Space Guidelines Procedure.

## PLANNING REPORT

The following table provides data on the number of applications approved for the month including statistical information on the average days to approve and the type of approval that was issued under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*:

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD	EOFY 2021 / 2022
<b>NPR</b>	5	3	2	2	4	4	2	4					26	
<b>Permitted</b>	1	1	6	5	7	2	3	5					30	
<b>Discretionary</b>	17	22	5	13	11	13	15	10					106	
<b>Amendment</b>	3	1	3	2	1	2	1						13	
<b>Strata</b>	1				1		1						3	
<b>Final Plan</b>	1	6		1	2	1	2	1					14	
<b>Adhesion</b>					2								2	
<b>Petition to Amend Sealed Plan</b>			1		2								3	
<b>Boundary Rectification</b>														
<b>Exemption</b>														
<b>Total applications</b>	28	33	17	23	30	22	24	20					197	326

<b>Ave Days to Approve Nett *</b>	43.6 7	33.66	21.41	27.26	36.03	29.9	46.16	25.35					32.89
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\* Calculated as Monthly Combined Nett Days to Approve/Total Applications

The following table provides specific detail in relation to the planning approvals issued for the month:

**February 2023**

DA NO.	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	SECTION	Day to Approve Gross	Days to Approve Nett
323-2022	Falmouth	2 Lot Subdivision	S57	42	42
232-2021	Beaumaris	Dwelling, Ancillary Dwelling & Shed Extension	S57	375	40
272-2022	St Helens	Construction of Fence and Retrospective Approval of Existing Fence	S58	3	0
258-2022	St Marys	Construction of a Shed	S57	112	60
274-2022	Beaumaris	Construction of Deck & Veranda Extension	S57	43	42
017-2023	Akaroa	Additional Use Visitor Accommodation	S58	10	10
010-2023	Four Mile Creek	Additional Use of the Existing Ancillary Dwelling	S58	19	19
026-2023	Scamander	Deck	NPR	3	3
234-2022	Scamander	Retrospective Approval of Dwelling Additions & Alterations Including Patio & Retaining Wall	NPR	2	1
022-2023	St Helens	Additional Use Visitor Accommodation	S58	15	15
325-2022	Fingal	Construction of Rural Yard Cover/Shed	S57	34	33
019-2023	St Helens	Additional use for Visitor Accommodation	S58	4	3
018-2023	St Helens	Shed	NPR	1	0
324-2022	Akaroa	Construction of a Shed	S57	54	47
004-2023	Beaumaris	Dwelling Additions & Alterations	S57	36	36
326-2022	St Helens	Dwelling, Deck & Carport	NPR	12	11
002-2023	Stieglitz	Construction of a Dwelling, Incorporating a Deck & Garage	S57	46	35
214-2021	Beaumaris	Final Plan of Survey – 2 Lot Subdivision	FINAL	29	29
297-2022	St Helens	2 Lot Subdivision	S57	91	68
006-2023	St Helens	Construction of Dwelling & Decks, Ancillary Dwelling & Shed	S57	14	13

**TOTAL 20**

## BUILDING PROJECTS REPORT

### Projects Completed in the 2022/2023 financial year

Description	Location	Updates
New Accessible/Family Toileting Facility	St Marys Community Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed and Opened to public 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022;</li> <li>Minor landscaping works to be completed once the area has dried.</li> </ul>
Building Improvements	St Helens Council Chambers	Completed November 2022
Installation of three drinking water fountains	Bendigo Community Stadium; St Marys Community Space; Scamander Reserve	Completed February 2023

### Projects ongoing – Capital Works Program (Includes carried over projects previous financial years)

Description	Location	Updates
Marine Rescue Additions	St Helens Foreshore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nearing Completion.</li> </ul>
Re-Roof and Weatherproofing of athletics building	St Helens Sports Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works Commenced;</li> <li>Next phase of works pending outcomes of St Helens Sports Complex Masterplan consultation.</li> </ul>
New Lighting Towers	St Helens Sports Complex – Football Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works have commenced, due for completion prior to commencement of Local AFL roster (April/May 2023).</li> </ul>
St Marys Waste Transfer Station Additions	St Marys Waste Transfer Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulatory approvals obtained</li> <li>Works currently being scheduled with contractors.</li> </ul>

### Approved Capital Works Program – Current Financial Year - not yet started

Description	Location	Updates
Building upgrades	St Marys Railway Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works scoping and scheduling of works to be confirmed.</li> </ul>
Old Tasmanian Hotel Site – New Community Shed	20 Talbot Street, Fingal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning approval obtained;</li> <li>Edwards + Simpson awarded contract for preparation of tender and building approval documentation.</li> </ul>
St Marys Indoor Recreation Facility	St Marys Sports Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning approval obtained;</li> <li>Edwards + Simpson awarded contract for preparation of tender and building approval documentation.</li> </ul>
New Solar Panels & Heating Improvements	St Marys Community Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New project - Approved in 2021/2022 Capital Works Program</li> <li>Scoping and works and quotations currently being sourced.</li> </ul>

### Bendigo Bank Community Stadium:

A very unfortunate circumstance has occurred where the basketball backboard, while in the stored position located in the truss zone of the stadium has exploded and smashed onto the sports floor causing cuts in the finished surface. A successful insurance claim has been lodged and the flooring will be repainted and re line marked sometime in the summer months of 2023 (date to be confirmed).

Council officers have been advised by the St Helens Netball Association that a risk assessment has been carried out (by unknown persons) and deemed the floor surface unfit for use. Council can only assume that expert advice has been relied upon in making this decision.

The St Helens Basketball Association has deemed the sports floor system fit for use and the backboard will be replaced in due course.

Photos of the damage as provided below and confirm that Council has not and will not form the view whether the sports floor is fit for use or not and this remains the responsibility of the sporting organisation.







The below table provides a summary of the building approval issued for the month including comparisons to the previous financial year.

## Building Services Approvals Report February 2023


No.	BA No.	Town	Development	Value
1.	2022 / 00197	St Marys	New Dwelling	\$168,000.00
2.	2021 / 00282	Scamander	Alteration & Additions - Dwelling & Deck	\$82,000.00
3.	2022 / 00039 - AMEND	St Helens	Alterations & Additions - Deck (Extension)	\$30,000.00
4.	2022 / 00228	Stieglitz	Demolition & New - Shed	\$47,000.00
5.	2022 / 00194	Scamander	New Ancillary Dwelling incorporating deck and veranda, Shed & retaining wall	\$143,000.00
6.	2022 / 00221	Ansons Bay	New Shed	\$58,000.00
7.	2022 / 00105	Beaumaris	New Dwelling, Deck and Garage with habitable first floor	\$28,700.00
8.	2022 / 00264	St Helens	New Shed	\$70,000.00
9.	2021 / 00019	Stieglitz	Alterations & Additions - Dwelling, Pool & Retaining wall	\$900,000.00
10.	2023 / 00014	St Marys	New Farm Shed	\$300,000.00
11.	2023 / 00030	Four Mile Creek	New Solar panels	\$8,170.00

ESTIMATED VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVALS FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE	2021/2022	2022/2023
	\$16,558,900.00	\$22,723,257.00

ESTIMATED VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVALS FOR THE MONTH	MONTH	2022	2023
	February	\$517,000.00	\$1,834,870.00

NUMBER BUILDING APPROVALS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE	MONTH	2021/2022	2022/2023
	February	126	130

## ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Description	Updates
NRM Committee	<p>NRM Committee Meeting held on 7 March was preceded by a field trip to look at Off Road Vehicle issues on St Helens Point and management efforts by a landholder and PWS and supported by NRM North. The visit will help Council use its community information and communications in support of the efforts and the NRM Committee to identify other steps to ensure off road vehicle users can access and enjoy our coast sustainably, for future generations.</p> 

## Recreational Water Quality

The *Public Health Act 1997* requires that Councils to monitor recreational waters (including public pools and spars) using the Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines.

Results for sampling twice during December and in January are reported here. A wet spring has charged catchments and sustained good stream flows through coastal lagoons and river mouths into early summer.

Recreational water	5 Dec. 2022		20 Dec. 2022		10 Jan. 2023		6, 14 & 22 Feb. 2023	
	Ente*	Rec. WQ#	Ente*	Ente*	Rec. WQ#	Rec. WQ#	Ente*	Rec. WQ#
Grants Lagoon mouth A	<10	Good	31	N/A		Good	N/A	
Grants Lagoon mouth B	N/A		N/A	<10	Good		60	Good
Grants Lagoon footbridge	20	Good	10	<10	Good	Good	<10	Good
Grants Lagoon (camp ground)	10	Good	<10		Good	Good		Good
				<10			<10	
Beauty Bay	10	Good	10	30	Good	Good	10	Good
Yarmouth Creek	110	Good	10	<10	Good	Good	130	Good
Wrinklers Lagoon	40	Good	20	10	Good	Good	<10	Good
Scamander River mouth	<10	Good	<10	30	Good	Good	80	Good
Henderson Lagoon	70	Good	<10	50	Good	Good	30	Good
Denison Rivulet	10	Good	<10	10	Good	Good	<10	Good

\* Enterococci /100ml    # Recreational Water Quality class (from Tasmanian Guidelines)

With the exception of Denison Rivulet in this last month (February), the results for water samples indicate conditions for all these waters have been safe for swimming during the season according to the Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines.

The results for water samples indicate conditions for all these waters have been safe for swimming during the season according to the Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines. Monitoring early in February of recreational waters found initially there was moderate water quality at some sites, such as Denison Rivulet. Resampling according to the Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines subsequently saw all sites achieve good water quality results.

The February monitoring is a reminder that all natural waters may be subject to local poorer water quality from time to time due to weather or other conditions.

## Immunisations

The *Public Health Act 1997* requires that Councils offer immunisations against a number of diseases. The following table provides details of the rate of immunisations provided by Council through its school immunisation program.

MONTH	2022/2023		2021/2022	
	Persons	Vaccinations	Persons	Vaccinations
July - December	60	64	43	45
January - June	0	0	155	156
TOTAL	60	64	198	201

### Sharps Container Exchange Program as at 10 March 2023

Current Year	Previous Year
YTD 2022/2023	YTD 2021/2022
43	25

## STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

### Goal

Environment – To balance our use of the natural environment to ensure that it is available for future generations to enjoy as we do.

### Strategy

- Ensure the necessary regulations and information is in place to enable appropriate use and address inappropriate actions.
- Undertake and support activities which restore, protect and access the natural environment which enables us to care for, celebrate and enjoy it.

## LEGISLATION & POLICIES:

Not applicable.

## BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority.

ACTION	DISCUSSION/DECISION
PROPONENT	Officer
OFFICER	NRM Facilitator
FILE REFERENCE	018\023\029\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	DRAFT - Conservation Covenant Support Policy EP03 - reviewed amended - March 2023

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Conservation Covenant Support Policy (EP03) be adopted as amended: with the rate relief support increased to \$6 per hectare and the annual maximum total amount of support increased to \$15,000.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Review of Council's Conservation Covenant Support Policy (No EP03) is due and the Policy includes criteria for review. This Policy, having financial implications, should be reviewed by Council's Audit Panel prior to adoption by Council.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council reviewed the Conservation Covenant Support Policy at the March 2023 Council Workshop

**03/20.12.4.34** Moved: Clr G McGuinness / Seconded: Clr K Chapple

That Policy EP03 Conservation Covenant Support, as amended, be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Policy was adopted 25 June 2012 (Minute No 06/12.14.5.162) and reviewed and amended on 16 November 2015 (Minute No 11/15.11.5.299) and 12 December 2016 (Minute No 12/16/12.5.275).

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Council's Conservation Covenant Support Policy includes four review criteria to evaluate its effectiveness over the last three years. Council's NRM Committee reviewed the Policy criteria at its meeting in December 2022.

The review is based on information from Council's records of support provided under the Policy and advice from the Private Land Conservation Program (PLCP) of Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania. (The PLCP provides monitoring and stewardship support to assist landholders with the management of the natural values for which their covenants were registered to protect.)

## **1. Encouragement of private land conservation**

In 2022 landholders with conservation covenants received \$8,921.80 of rate relief. An additional two properties, with 120 Ha under conservation covenant, accessed Council's encouragement of private land conservation.

Ten eligible properties did not receive the rate relief support. If they had the \$10,000 annual cap in the Policy would have been exceeded and required the rate relief provided to be reduced pro-rata to maintain the \$10,000 cap.

## **2. Land under conservation covenants**

The number and extent of eligible reserves getting support from the policy increased.

In 2022 Council's Policy provided support to 68 properties with 5956 Ha of eligible nature conservation covenant land, 110 Ha more than on the 66 properties supported at May 2019.

## **3. Condition of conservation values in the Break O'Day private land conservation estate**

The PLCP has advised "all conservation covenants in the Break O'Day council are in good condition and many are largely in excellent condition." They noted three wet La Niña years have made weeds more challenging to manage and there had been financial and logistical challenges from natural disasters and COVID-19.

## **4. Management of the private reserves**

The PLCP has reported "that covenant landholders in the Break O'Day region are generally committed to maintaining the natural values on the covenant land and many manage their covenants to an excellent standard." PLCP did not consider there were any cases in the municipality of poor management of covenanted land and the conservation values present.

## **NRM Committee evaluation**

Council's NRM Committee concluded the policy has been effective in encouraging private land conservation on an extensive area and number of properties in Break O'Day and that they were in good condition and well managed by landholders.

The Committee found Council should continue to offer annual rate relief to landholders through the Policy. It also considered the adequacy of the financial recognition and support provided after a decade of operation, recommending increasing the annual rate relief of \$5.00 be increased to \$6.00 per hectare and the annual total support cap of \$10,000 be increased to \$15,000.

These increases are included in the amended Policy recommended to Council for adoption, after review by its Audit Panel. Several minor updates and corrections have been made.



## STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:

### Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027

#### Environment

##### *Goal*

To balance our use of the natural environment to ensure that it is available for future generations to enjoy as we do.

##### *Strategy*

3. Undertake and support activities which restore, protect and access the natural environment which enables us to care for, celebrate and enjoy it.

##### *Key Focus Area*

Land and Water Management - Develop and implement strategies and activities that prevent land degradation and improve water quality within our rivers, estuaries and coastal areas.

### Annual Plan 2022 – 2023

#### *Action*

3.3.1.1 Land and Water Management Activities - Secure financial and human resources for projects to repair land, water and coastal resources and safeguard their health and productivity.

## LEGISLATION & POLICIES:

Nil

## BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Modelled on eligible properties and rate relief provided in 2022, at \$6/ha the total support of private land conservation at the time would have increased from \$8,900 to about \$14,700. This increase in the per-hectare rate also aims to encourage more landholders, so over time there should also be some additional increase in the annual total. The proposed amendments cap the total at \$15,000, with a pro rata condition applied once it is reached.

With the amendments, future rate relief expected to be provided back to landholders would increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per annum.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority.

## POLICY NO EP03 CONSERVATION COVENANT SUPPORT POLICY

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Development Services
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Manager Development Services
<b>LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>	Environment: Undertake and support activities which restore, protect and access the natural environment which enables us to care for, celebrate and enjoy it.
<b>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</b>	Local Government Act 1993 Nature Conservation Act 2002
<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>	To assist the conservation of significant flora and fauna and habitat values on private land in the Break O'Day Municipality by providing recognition and support to landholders with land voluntarily protected under conservation covenants on their land through an annual rate relief scheme.
<b>POLICY INFORMATION:</b>	Adopted 25 June 2012 – Minute No 06/12.14.5.162 Amended 16 November 2015 – Minute No 11/15.11.5.299 Amended 12 December 2016 – Minute No 12/16/12.5.275 Amended 16 March 2020 – Minute No 03/20.12.4.34 Amended XX March 2023 – Minute xxxxxxxxxx.

## POLICY

### 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Corporate Services Coordinator is responsible for annual implementation of this policy, to call for applications and apply the rate relief to the eligible landholders.
- The relevant officer of the Development Services section is to provide advice to the Corporate Services Coordinator on eligible properties and review of Policy performance.
- The General Manager, as Council's delegate, is to determine landholder applications outside the Policy guidelines.

### 2. INTRODUCTION

This policy provides guidance and direction for:

1. Eligibility of conservation covenants
2. Calculating the amount of rate relief
3. Landholder application for conservation covenant support rate relief
4. Implementation of the Policy's support scheme.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY OF CONSERVATION COVENANTS

This Policy applies to private land within the Break O'Day Municipality that is the subject of conservation covenants registered under Part 5 of the Tasmanian *Nature Conservation Act 2002* (or its successor) and to the General Rate (net of any other rebate or remission).

Rate relief only applies to the area of a property under covenant and may include all or part of a title/s and is expected to be undeveloped land with limited use and in its natural state.

Council will not provide rate relief for conservation covenants created on properties to obtain some private or commercial use or development right, including as part of a planning application or permit for a development.

Only when all normal rates due to Council for the year for a property have been paid (including where an approved payment plan is in place) may conservation covenant support rate relief benefit be paid that year.

The potential exists for some covenanted properties to fall outside these criteria yet be deserving of Council's support. Submissions from landholders or Council Officers in such exceptional cases will be considered by Council or its delegate on their merits and on a case by case basis.

#### **4. CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF RATE RELIEF**

The annual amount of rate relief will be calculated from the area of eligible land under a conservation covenant. The rate relief is \$6.00 per hectare.

- No eligible property will receive conservation covenant support rate relief of less than \$50 or more than \$500 per annum.
- The amount of general rates paid each year for a property with a conservation covenant cannot be lower than the minimum rate set by Council for that year, less \$50.
- The maximum amount payable to all eligible properties, in any financial year is \$15,000 and support will be reduced on a pro-rata basis to all properties accordingly.

#### **5. APPLYING FOR CONSERVATION COVENANT SUPPORT RATE RELIEF**

Any request for relief is subject to application by the landholder to Council. Council will provide an application form for this purpose and advise eligible property owners of the conservation covenant support rate relief scheme.

The timing of the call for applications shall be so as that they will be received reasonably promptly after the due date for the final instalment. Applications may be made earlier where normal Rates due to Council for the year for a property have been paid.

Council will work in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE), responsible for registration of covenants under Part 5 of the Nature Conservation Act 2002 to assess eligibility of an application and review conservation management performance. This will include ensuring that conservation covenant areas are in good condition and are being actively managed.

Where it is considered that a property is not being managed in accordance with the requirements of a Conservation Covenant, Council, in consultation with NRE, may refuse an application for rate relief, or withdraw or vary the rate relief granted. On all such occasions, Council will inform the applicant of the decision and the reasoning for the action taken.

## 6. REVIEW OF THE POLICY'S SUPPORT SCHEME

The effectiveness of this Policy in encouraging conservation of significant flora and fauna and habitat values on private land in the Break O'Day Municipality shall be evaluated every three (3) years in line with the Council's Policy Framework or earlier in the event of major changes to legislation or related policies, procedures or if deemed necessary by the General Manager.

The evaluation shall consider the

- positive encouragement given to private land conservation
- extent of land under conservation covenants
- condition of conservation values in the private land conservation estate
- standard and consistency of management of private land under conservation covenants.

Revised Draft for Adoption



ACTION	<b>DECISION</b>
PROPONENT	Development Services Coordinator
OFFICER	Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	031\019\004\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Draft Open Space Development Guidelines

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive and adopt the Open Space Development Guidelines.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Council has recently endorsed a new Public Open Space Contributions Policy and subsequent to its adoption it was considered necessary to adopt guidelines to inform officers and the community how Councils Open Space land should be developed.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Council has recently endorsed a new Public Open Space Contributions Policy and subsequent to its adoption it was considered necessary to adopt guidelines to inform officers and the community how Councils Open Space land should be developed.

The guidelines will provide the community and Council with more certainty when receiving public requests.

The scope of the guidelines apply to Council owners land only which was received as Public Open space normally forming part of previously approved subdivisions.

The guidelines do not apply to leased or managed land which is not in the ownership of Break O Day Council.

**LEGISLATION/STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES**

Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027

*Goal*

Community Goal: To strengthen our sense of community and lifestyle through opportunities for people to connect and feel valued.

### *Strategy*

Foster a range of community facilities and programs, which strengthen the capacity, wellbeing and cultural identity of our community.

### *Goal*

Economy - To foster innovation and develop vibrant and growing local economies which offer opportunities for employment and development of businesses across a range of industry sectors

### *Strategy*

Support and encourage innovation and growth in the economy through local leadership; infrastructure provision; support services and customer focussed service delivery

### *Goal*

Infrastructure - To provide quality infrastructure which enhances the liveability and viability of our communities for residents and visitors.

### *Strategies*

- Be proactive infrastructure managers by anticipating and responding to the growing and changing needs of the community and the area.
- Work with stakeholders to ensure the community can access the infrastructure necessary to maintain their lifestyle.
- Develop and maintain infrastructure assets in line with affordable long-term strategies.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.





# Open Space Development Guidelines



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## Summary

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a framework to guide the development of public open space including the provision of facilities, design and environmentally sustainable initiatives.

## Definitions

<b>Active Open Space</b>	Public open space where sports and other organised physical activities are played or undertaken such as sporting competitions, recreation centres, exercise grounds and facilities that are typically hired for use such as tennis courts or swimming pools.
<b>Public Open Space</b>	Council owned and managed land for public recreation or public gardens or for similar purposes.
<b>Passive Use</b>	Public open space areas that are principally designed for use in an unstructured or informal way. These might include neighbourhood parks or civic parks that are used by families for BBQs or other sporadic events.
<b>Safe Walking Distance</b>	A short walk without having to cross major roads or other physical barriers such as highways or waterways.

## Scope

These Guidelines apply to Council owned land used for the purpose of public open space, covering the provision of facilities, design and environmentally sustainable initiatives.

The Guidelines are not applicable to land that is leased by Council for the purpose of public open space as these areas must consider additional factors such as the length of lease and land owner requirements, for example: Georges Bay Foreshore and St Helens Trailhead.

Where? Council owned and managed land for the purpose of public open space.	Who? Break O Day Council.	What? Provision of facilities, design and environmentally sustainable initiatives.
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## Framework

The following framework provides a structure for setting levels of service in public open space and consists of two components:

1. A hierarchy; three levels of public open space each with a clear intended purpose and function.
2. Facility provision; identifying the palette type and level of facilities which may be suitable.



## Hierarchy

There are three levels of public open space within the hierarchy; Local, Township and District/ Regional. Each has an identified catchment and intended purpose and function.

Hierarchy	Catchment	Purpose and function
<b>Local</b>	Within safe walking distance	Provides primarily for passive use. These open spaces are within safe easy walking distance of home and large enough to provide at least two activities within the one reserve. This could be an open grassed area for informal ball games and a seating area. Examples include: Fisherman's Memorial Park, Cornwall Park.
<b>Township</b>	Within a short local walk or drive	Provides for passive use and/or active use. Caters primarily to residents within safe easy walking distance of home or a short drive. These open spaces provide a range of activities that appeal to the local community and encourages a sense of community and meeting place. This could be a carpark, playground, BBQ area and drinking fountain. Examples include: Binalong Bay Foreshore, Beaumaris Playground and Kings Park.
<b>Regional</b>	Break O'Day and surrounding municipalities	Provides for passive use and/or active use. Caters primarily to residents of Break O Day but may also attract visitors from other municipalities and contains facilities to support longer stays such drinking fountains, picnic areas and public toilets i.e. St Helens & St Marys Sporting Complex(s).

## Facility Provision

The following table provides guidance for the type of facilities which may be considered for public open space based on the hierarchy. It is not intended that all facilities listed in these guidelines will be placed in each of these spaces, the purpose is to guide what may be suitable.

- ✓ Suitable
- ✗ Not Suitable
- Optional

Facility and Feature	Regional	Township	Local
Bike racks	✓	✓	✗
Drinking fountains	✓	✓	✗
Exercise/fitness facility (eg. fitness station, half court, outdoor table tennis etc)	✓	✓	✗
Sealed carpark	✓	✓	✗
Unsealed carpark	✗	○	✓
Garden bed - feature/decorative/biodiversity	✓	✓	○
Large open grassed areas for unstructured recreational use	✓	✓	✓
Lighting (e.g. key linking paths and carparks)	✓	✓	✗
Path	✓	✓	✓
Picnic/ BBQ facilities	✓	✓	✗
Playground - large	✓	✗	✗
Playground - medium	✓	✓	✗
Playground - small	✗	✓	✓
Public art and monuments	✓	✓	✗
Public toilets	✓	✓	✗
Rubbish bins	✓	✓	✓
Dog bag dispenser	✓	○	✗
Seating	✓	✓	✓
Shade sails	○	✗	✗
Shared trails	✓	✓	○
Shelter - picnic/shade/rain	✓	✓	✗
Skate/BMX/ MTB facilities	✓	○	✗
Canopy trees	✓	✓	✓
Water feature/ water play	✓	✗	✗
Water sensitive urban design feature	✓	✓	✓



## Review and Design Guidelines

When considering a renewal or improvement in public open space, the following review and design guidelines will create a consistent approach to feasibility, planning and delivery.

### Shared Trails

- Gradients on existing and proposed paths to meet the standards for access and mobility, and Austroad standards for shared trails;
- Sightlines to allow clear visibility along paths, particularly near bends without low overhanging vegetation;
- To be a minimum of 2.5 metres wide
- Surface of trail to be appropriate to the character, location and usage levels of the path
- Signage on shared trails to clearly highlight that they are shared and users need to accommodate each other
- Where dog walkers are permitted, advise that dogs need to be on lead or under effective control on shared paths including in dog off lead areas
- Have control measures for cyclists at critical points along the trail
- Education (via signage) for all shared trail users of appropriate behaviour on shared trails including cyclists, pedestrians, dog walkers, pram pushers, inline skaters and skateboarders

### Paths

- Alignment and surface design to complement and be appropriate to the parks location, usage levels and character
- To be a width suitable to the intended use, and where appropriate, meet any relevant path standards
- Meet the standards for access and mobility
- Minimise points where the paths cross vehicle entries
- Adequate pram crossings and connections to the existing footpath network to improve access from adjoining streets into the open space
- Suitable safe crossing points and junctions with adjoining streets

### Seating

- Positioned to face activity and paths, take advantage of views or features within the reserve and a variety of settings including some in groups and some alone
- Variety of locations with some in the shade and others in the sun to provide for a diversity of needs
- Variety of seat types including bench seats, seats with backs and some including armrests to improve all-ability access
- Located in open space and along shared trails and streets which are pedestrian links between open space reserves
- Located adjacent to paths or paved areas to allow for access to them

## Picnic/ BBQ Facilities

- Positioned to be near car parking and access into the reserve
- Co-located with other facilities including playgrounds and community facilities where they will be well used
- Shelters to be designed to respond to the open space character and sized to meet the anticipated regular use
- Incorporate sustainability principles into future designs including material use, water collection/runoff
- BBQ design to minimise fire risk or public nuisance
- Designed to allow all-ability access and use of the facility

## Public Toilets

- Required in selected District/ Regional and Township open spaces only, based on assessment of other facilities present and need
- Where possible integrate with other buildings in the reserve
- Utilise best practice environmentally sustainable principles in siting and design, particularly in relation to water re-use
- Location should not block prominent public views to the reserve and not create hidden or unusable areas around them
- Located with as much natural supervision as possible, preferably on a road verge and not adjacent to a car park
- Designed such that cubicles open directly to the outside and include wash facilities rather than an ante room with basins
- Adequate lighting
- Appropriately sized to meet demands and size of the open space
- Complement the character of the park
- Provide disability access in accordance with current Australian Standards

## Car Parking

- Identify the quantity of parking required to meet the existing or proposed change to the open space
- Demonstrate how the parking will be accommodated in the area without undue impact on adjoining land use or undue loss of existing open space area
- Proposed design to adhere to Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) principles and best management practice regarding safety of car park design
- Proposed size, material use and design does not compromise the desired landscape character of the reserve
- Lighting car parks in open space is generally not required, except where the open space facilities are in use outside daylight hours by a large number of park users or where there is insufficient ambient light
- Encourage, where appropriate, multiple use of the car park (i.e. surface that is available for other uses when not being used as a car park or shared parking with other nearby with facilities)
- Include areas for bicycle parking within car parks whenever appropriate

## Play spaces

- Where appropriate open space is available, Council will aim to provide at least one play space in each township
- Council's priority will be on providing additional play spaces to under provisioned areas first
- Universal design principles that optimise access to play spaces and associated park infrastructure for the whole community will underpin the planning and design of play spaces
- A focus will be on integrating play spaces with the site on which they are located
- Tree shade is always council's preference to shade sails where possible

## Lighting

- Lighting is generally only applicable in high use District/ Regional and Township open space for specific use or facilities, e.g. sporting ovals and major pedestrian links
- Lighting is generally not provided in reserves which have bushland or nature conservation values;
- Utilise existing lighting where possible, for example, sports field lighting
- Where new lighting is required select lighting that: minimises upward glare (to reduce impact on native fauna and adjoining residential amenity), is energy efficient or has a viable alternative energy source, that it is scaled to meet the specific need identified, is easily maintained and the design complements the character of the reserve

## Rubbish Bins

- Local reserves to have no bins with residents encouraged to take rubbish home with them
- Bins to be located in positions that are accessible for maintenance purposes e.g. near the entry and exits and near BBQ and picnic facilities
- Bins near BBQ/picnic areas and playgrounds to be labelled to advise that no dog waste is to be placed in these bins
- Dog waste bins are to be located near dog off-lead areas, preferably at entry/exit to these reserves and not near any BBQ/picnic areas, playgrounds or seats
- Dog bag dispensers are to be placed in high use on lead areas and designated off lead areas



## Environmentally Sustainable Initiatives

The following guidelines include environmentally sustainable initiatives for open spaces. These initiatives are relevant to the future design of open space including integrating the reduction in water use, material use in open space, protection of habitat values and water quality improvement and water reuse.

### Reducing Water Use

- Continue to use dry-season grasses to reduce irrigation needs in open space
- In open space design utilise indigenous and native species, where appropriate, to reduce water use
- In open space with heritage planting and cultural heritage values, use of drought tolerant exotic vegetation will be encouraged (where the species are not known weeds in waterway corridors and bushland reserves)

### Sustainable Material Use

- Timbers including review of sustainable harvesting and supply and potential to use alternatives e.g. radial sawn timber or recycled timbers
- Recycled materials including recycled plastics and rubber
- Integrate stormwater runoff from roofs of shelters or buildings into the open space design where practical
- Use permeable surfaces where possible to minimise urban runoff
- Investigate use of recycled materials

### Vegetation Selection for Climate Change

- Plants that minimise the need for excessive watering and are drought tolerant
- In reserves with an environmental character classification, use plants that are locally indigenous and of local provenance
- Increase presence of trees for shade and character where it is demonstrated this can complement existing and planned future use

## Funding

Cash contributions received as a requirement under Councils Open Space Contributions Policy AM02 will be set aside in a reserve account for the purpose of improving the open space network. The expenditure of funds will be in accordance with any adopted Council open space strategy or plan, or in order to meet any local public open space or recreational needs. The funds may be used for capital improvement of public open space facilities rather than for maintenance of existing infrastructure. Asset renewals and maintenance will be funded through concurrent council budgets and will be subject to funding availability.

## Appendix: Public Open Space Inventory

Hierarchy	Location	Local Name	Address
Local	Ansons Bay	Boat Ramp/Public Toilet Reserve	Baronia Street, Ansons Bay
Local	Ansons Bay	Unnamed	74 Acacia Drive, Ansons Bay
Local	Ansons Bay	Unnamed	63-69 Acacia Drive, Ansons Bay
Local	Ansons Bay	Unnamed	50-56 Acacia Drive, Ansons Bay
Local	Ansons Bay	Unnamed	111-115 Acacia Drive, Ansons Bay
Township	Beaumaris	Beaumaris Reserve	Tasman Highway
Township	Binalong Bay	Village Green	55 Main Road
Local	Binalong Bay	Unnamed	Treloggen Drive
Local	Cornwall	Cornwall Park	John Street
Local	Cornwall	Unnamed	William Street
Local	Cornwall	Unnamed	Alexander Street
Township	Falmouth	Falmouth Oval	Grant Street
Township	Fingal	Fingal Recreation Ground	Brown Street
Local	Fingal	Unnamed	7 Albert Street

Local	Fingal	Fingal Park	17A Talbot Street
Local	Four Mile Creek	Foreshore Park	29 Four Mile Creek Road
Local	Lottah	Lottah Park	Lottah Road, Lottah
Local	Mangana	Unnamed	Elizabeth Street
Local	Mathinna	Mathinna Recreation Ground	70 High Street
Township	Pyenganna	Pyengana Sport & Rec Ground	217 St Columba Falls Road
Local	Scamander	Foreshore Park	Lagoon Esplanade
Local	Scamander	Pioneer Park	
Local	Scamander	Progress Park	Scamander Avenue
Township	Scamander	Scamander Foreshore Park	Scamander Avenue
Local	Scamander	Unnamed	Wrinklers Drive
Local	Scamander	Unnamed	Oberon Place
Local	St Helens	Fisherman's Memorial Park	Medeas Cove Esplanade
Township	St Helens	Kings Park	P53 Tasman Highway
Township	St Helens	St Helens Memorial/RSL Park	Cecilia Street, St Helens
District	St Helens	St Helens Recreation Ground	Tully Street
Local	St Helens	Unnamed	21 Thompson Court
Local	St Helens	Unnamed	MacMichael Terrace



Local	St Helens	Unnamed	8 Jason Street
Local	St Helens	Unnamed	Telemon St
Local	St Helens	Unnamed	Lawry Heights
Local	St Helens	Unnamed	Cameron Street
Local	St Helens	Unnamed	Palm Court
Local	St Helens	Unnamed	Industrial Estate Street Verge & Corner Block
Township	St Marys	Library Park	Main Street
Township	St Marys	St Marys Community Space	18 Groom Street
District	St Marys	St Marys Recreation Complex	Tully Street
Local	St Marys	Unnamed	15 Main Street
Local	Stieglitz	Unnamed	Chimney Heights Road
Local	Stieglitz	Unnamed	36 Parnella Drive
Local	The Gardens/ Binalong Bay	Unnamed	186 Gardens Road, Binalong Bay

#### 03/23.16.4 Amendment to Sealed Plan Process and Review of Applicable Fees and Charges

ACTION	DECISION
PROPONENT	Development Services Coordinator
OFFICER	Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	018\017\004\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council amend the current 2022/2023 Fees & Charges as set out below

#### Plan – Examination & Sealing

Petition to amend a Sealed Plan (all parties signed petition)	<del>\$650.00*</del> \$1500.00*
Additional Fee - Where a petition is required to progress to a hearing	\$1500.00* + Councils Legal Fees at cost
<del>Petition to amend a Sealed Plan (if all parties to the Plan have signed the petition)</del>	<del>\$330.00*</del>

#### INTRODUCTION:

Council has recently received several applications to amend sealed plans, as a result it considered prudent to review the fees and charges schedule that more accurately reflects the resources required for assessment.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

02/22.16.3 Policy Review – AM02 – Public Open Space Contributions Policy

#### OFFICER'S REPORT:

##### ***Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (LGBMP Act)***

A final plan relating to a lot(s) may attach a schedule of easements describing covenants that benefit or burden parties and therefore apply to the land. The restrictive covenants contained within the schedule of easements, take effect when sealed by the Recorder of Titles. Council has now adopted a standard condition contained on planning permits for newly approved subdivisions which prevents any covenant proposing to restrict or prohibit a development which contradicts any requirements of a planning scheme.

##### Section 103 LGBMP Act

Section 103 of the LGBMP Act enables a party to amend a plan that has taken effect and this can be initiated by any person having an interest in land subject to or affected by the plan. The provision to amend a sealed plan is provided for in *Section 103* of the LGBMP Act. Section 103(1)

enables Council to instigate the amendment or as mentioned above, to accept an application to amend the sealed plan.

Section 103(3)(b) of the LGBMP Act requires a petitioner to “serve a copy of the petition on all persons appearing by the registers under the Land Titles Act 1980 and the Registration of Deeds Act 1935 to have an estate or interest at law affected by the proposed amendment”.

Serving a copy of the petition on affected persons requires the petition to be delivered:

- Personally;
- By leaving it at or sending it by post to the person’s residential or postal address;
- In the case of any other entity, by leaving it at, or posting it to the entities principal or registered office or place of business.

The responsibility to serve affected persons is the responsibility of the petitioner. The petitioner often engages the services of a consultancy to serve the petition and make application to Council to amend the sealed plan.

Recommendation 1: To avoid unnecessary burden on Council it is proposed to remove the provision within Councils schedule of fees and charges to accept an application where all parties affected by the amendments have not been properly petitioned as set out above.

#### Section 104 LGBMP Act

Council is unable to decide the request to amend the sealed plan, until the end of twenty-eight (28) days after the last notice is served. Upon receipt of an application to amend a sealed plan, Council officers will routinely check to ensure all parties with an interest in land have been effectively served notice. Tracing the devolution of historic titles is often time consuming and complex. In some instances legal confirmation may be required to ensure the petition has been correctly served and represents an additional cost.

Section 104 LGBMP Act also provides for a person to request to be heard. In the instance that a Hearing is to be conducted, Council has a Hearing Guide to ensure procedural fairness and satisfaction of the legislation. Hearings are resource intensive and require a Committee to be established (including councillors) with staff support. Additionally legal representation is present to ensure proceedings occur in line with legislation. At such time all parties are able to be heard and additionally the issue of Compensation is considered. At the completion of the Hearing, the Committee is to make recommendation to Council as to whether or not the sealed plan should be amended.

In deciding whether or not to agree to the petition to amend the sealed plan, the LGBMP Act does not provide guidance. Legal advice has been sought and a non-exhaustive list of matters the Council may consider, has been provided and is utilised by Council staff.

If Council Officers or Council Committee makes recommendation to amend the sealed plan, it is expected that there is more evidence favouring / in support of the amendment than against the amendment.

Recommendation 2: Consideration has been given the resources and whilst some amendments can be processed in an efficient and effective manner, others can be more complicated. It is the officer’s recommendation that a fee for service is considered which represents cost recovery. An additional fee is proposed where the application is required to progress to a hearing which is

representative of Council officer time and provides Council with the ability to recoup legal costs which are outside of Councils control.

## **LEGISLATION/STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES**

Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027

Goal:

Services - To have access to quality services that are responsive to the changing needs of the community and lead to improved health, education and employment outcomes. |

Strategies:

Ensure Council services support the betterment of the community while balancing statutory requirements with community and customer needs.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

### 03/23.16.5 Georges Bay Activation Strategy

ACTION	DECISION
PROPONENT	Development Services Coordinator
OFFICER	Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	004\007\003\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Summary of Engagement Draft Georges Bay Activation Strategy

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and adopt recommended actions contained with the Georges Bay Activation Strategy

#### INTRODUCTION:

This project was funded by Council and report prepared by Councils Casual Planning Officer.

The Strategy scope was to:

1. Provide an overall Vision for Georges Bay and the role it plays in our community;
2. Identify and consider the range of uses and users which currently use Georges Bay or may potentially do so in the future;
3. Examine the level of demand associated with current uses and potential future demand;
4. Identify and create marine recreational nodes having regard to the various users; their needs; and the logical location for activity;
5. Create an Infrastructure framework having regard to the uses and shore and marine based infrastructure required;
6. Develop an indicative priority structure and order of costs.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Budget decision only.

#### OFFICER'S REPORT:

The objective of this strategy is to deliver to Break O'Day Council a document which provides a strategic framework and action plan for Georges Bay into the future.

The report has achieved the following objectives:

- Review existing documents and Strategies which impact on the study area
- Identify and assess existing infrastructure including outlining the nature of its current use.
- Identify existing gaps and future needs, having regard to changes in the socio demographic nature of our community and recreation participation trends;
- Have regard to competing uses and identify the best locations for these to occur;
- Identify opportunities and constraints to enhance recreational usages including safety and amenity;
- Identify land use facilities such as car parks, BBQ's, toilets, event space required to meet the needs of users whilst having regard to how they work with the existing Port facilities;
- Identify the type of signage and whether there is a need for increased signage within this area;
- Identify any commercial opportunities within the defined area;
- Identify priorities for the project area and in conjunction with Council officers develop cost estimates and prepare a schedule of implementation.

Targeted consultation has been completed with key users including a broader community consultation phase.

The strategy contains various recommended key actions and outputs that will be reviewed annually to assess our progress against the report outcomes.

## LEGISLATION/STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES

### Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027

#### *Goal*

Community Goal: To strengthen our sense of community and lifestyle through opportunities for people to connect and feel valued.

#### *Strategy*

Foster a range of community facilities and programs, which strengthen the capacity, wellbeing and cultural identity of our community.

#### *Goal*

Economy - To foster innovation and develop vibrant and growing local economies which offer opportunities for employment and development of businesses across a range of industry sectors

#### *Strategy*

Support and encourage innovation and growth in the economy through local leadership; infrastructure provision; support services and customer focussed service delivery

#### *Goal*

Infrastructure - To provide quality infrastructure which enhances the liveability and viability of our communities for residents and visitors.



### *Strategies*

- Be proactive infrastructure managers by anticipating and responding to the growing and changing needs of the community and the area.
- Work with stakeholders to ensure the community can access the infrastructure necessary to maintain their lifestyle.
- Develop and maintain infrastructure assets in line with affordable long-term strategies.

### **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This project has been completed within the budget allocated however further actions proposed within the report will be proposed within future capital works programs.

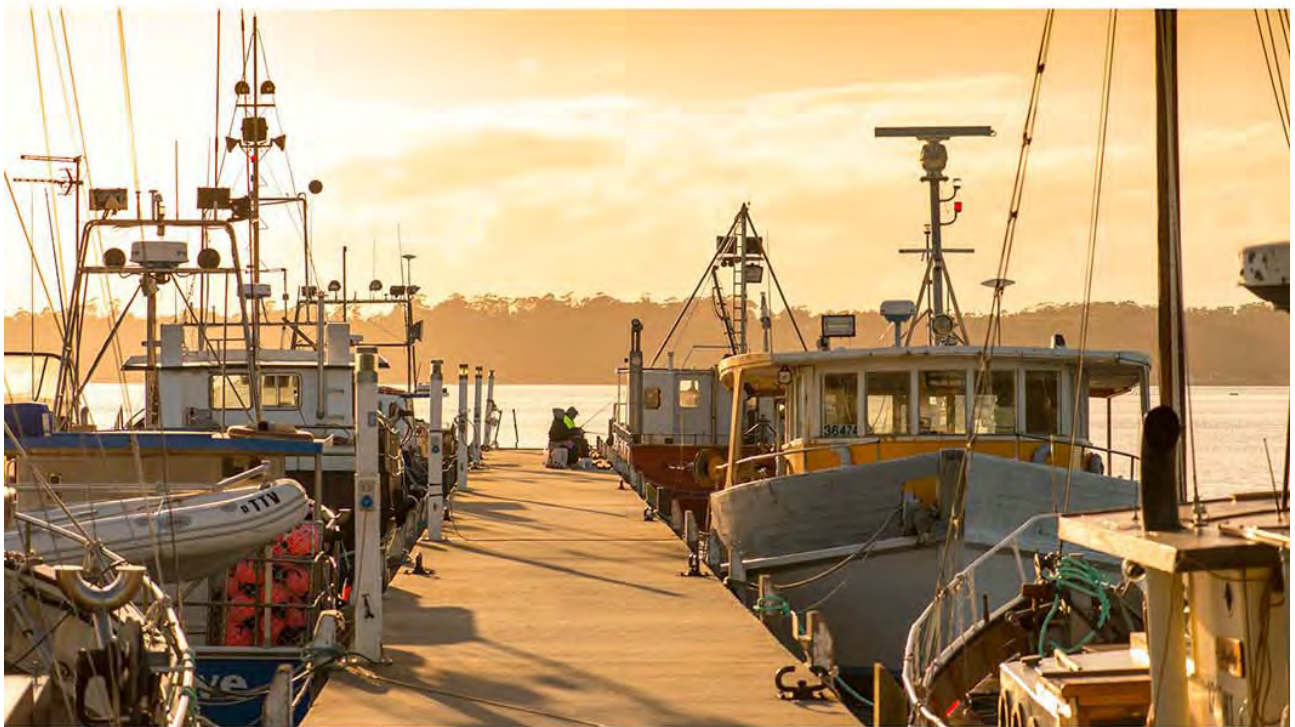
### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.



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## What is the Georges Bay Activation Strategy?

Where?	Who?	What?
<p>Key public foreshore areas around Georges Bay including:</p> <p>Moulting Bay, St Helens Foreshore, Medeas Cove, Beauty Bay, Kirwins Beach, Lions Park, O'Connors Beach and Steiglitz Foreshore.</p>	<p>Break O Day Council</p>	<p>Foreshore and bay recreation activities and the infrastructure to support them.</p>

The Georges Bay Activation Strategy will guide the way our community and visitors utilise key public foreshore spaces and access Georges Bay in the future. It will cover a wide range of recreational facilities to support community recreation at the following locations: Moulting Bay, St Helens Foreshore, Medeas Cove, Beauty Bay, Kirwans Beach, Lions Park, O'Connor's Beach and Stieglitz Foreshore.

The strategy is being developed in two phases. In phase one, we are gathering information to better understand how people use the bay and foreshore areas, the potential demand for facilities in the future, and the wider values our community place on these spaces. In phase two, the Georges Bay Activation Strategy will be developed. A final Strategy is expected for completion in early 2023.

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## Timeline

### Phase One

#### February to May 2022

- Review of planning and asset information
- Key stakeholder engagement

#### June to July 2022

- Community survey

#### August to November 2022

- Summary of engagement

### Phase Two

#### November 2022 to March 2023

- Georges Bay Activation Strategy developed

## How we communicated

We asked for community feedback via an online survey between 13 June and 27 July 2022 and received 161 responses.

We promoted participation in the survey through social media, Councils website, distribution through community groups and stakeholders as well as site signage with QR links at the key foreshore locations around Georges Bay.

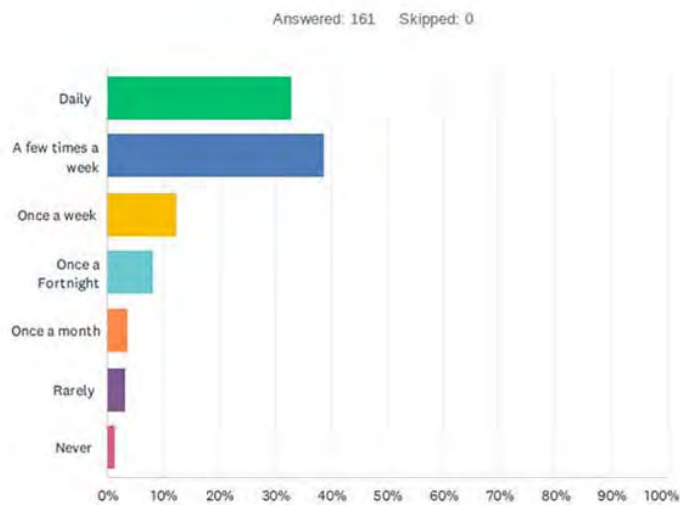
In addition, 16 key stakeholder groups were interviewed and feedback provided.

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## What We Heard

### General Use Questions

How often do you visit the Georges Bay Foreshore Area in summer (any site)?

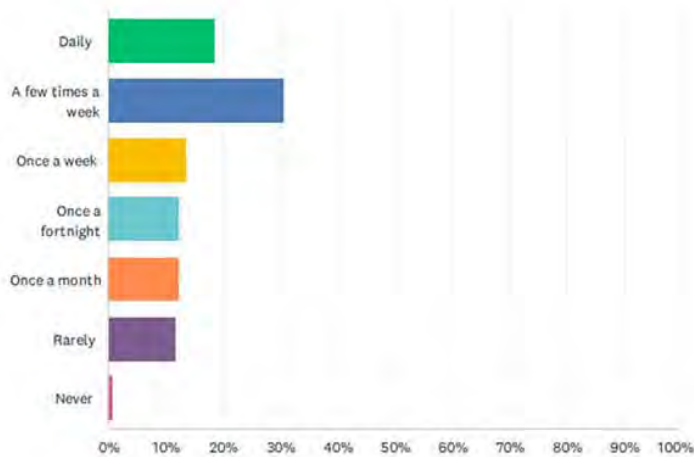


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### How often do you visit the Georges Bay Foreshore Area in winter (any site)?

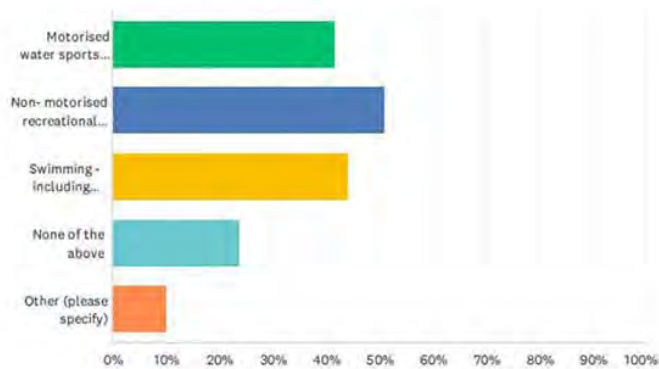
Answered: 161 Skipped: 0



- Overall use around the foreshore is significantly less frequent in winter compared to summer.

### What water based activities have you taken part in over the past 12 months?

Answered: 161 Skipped: 0

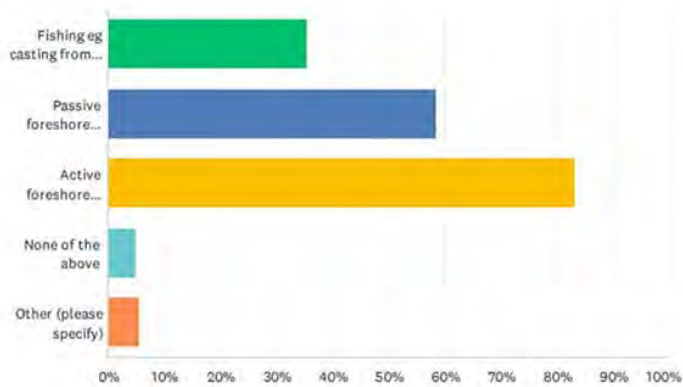


- Non-motorized recreational boating (Eg kayaks, individual sailing vessels, wind surfing, canoes and surf skis) is the most popular activity in the bay.
- Swimming (Eg Swimming, wadding from shore) is an important activity in Georges Bay ranking second.

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### What foreshore-based activities have you taken part in over the past 12 months?

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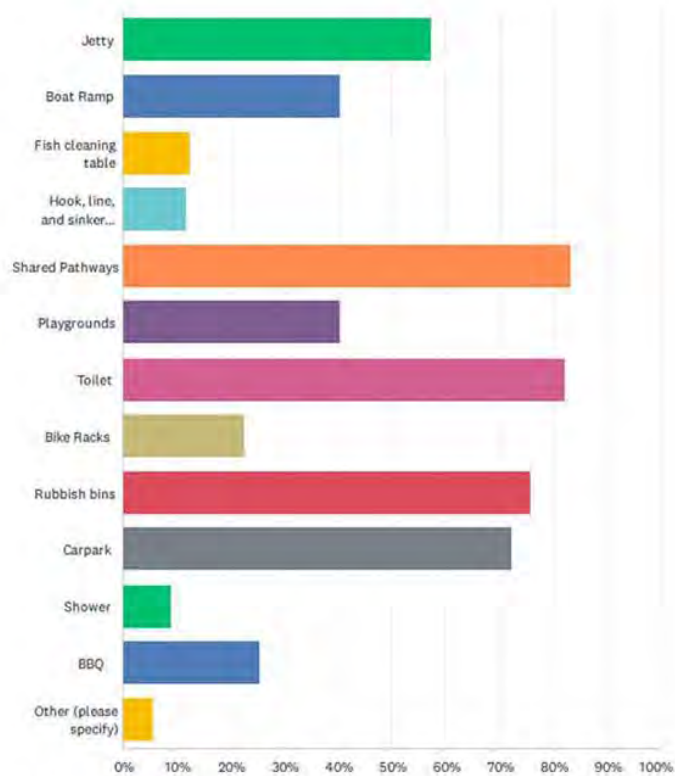


- Active Foreshore Activity (Eg walking, jogging and cycling) is the most popular foreshore activity with over 80% participation.
- Passive Foreshore Activity (Eg picnic, playground, toilet etc) is the second most popular followed by fishing (Eg casting from beach, jetty or pier. Not from boats).

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### What facilities have you used in the past 12 months?

Answered: 161 Skipped: 0



- Shared pathways are the most utilised facility around the foreshore with over 80% participation.
- Toilets, rubbish bins and car parks all have over 70% participation.
- Showers have the lowest level of use with less than 10% participation.

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## Site Specific Questions

### Moulting Bay

12 respondents provided feedback specifically on Moulting Bay. 54% (6) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 41% (5) usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space. 50% (6) usually drive to it. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Motorized Recreational Boating (5). The most common secondary uses suggested were Non-Motorized Recreational Boating (4) and Passive and Active Foreshore Activity (3 each). Most respondents are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (4) or dissatisfied (4) with this space. Users tend to like the natural values of the site and dislike the lack of facilities, particularly boating facilities and management of weeds and seaweed.

#### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	2
A few times a week	6
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	1
Once a month	1
Rarely	0
Never	1

\*1 skipped

How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	2
30 mins - 1 hour	5
1-3hrs	1
More than 3 hours	4

#### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	6
Walk	3
Run	0
Cycle	1
Other (please specify)	2

#### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	5
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Swimming	2
Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	0
Active Foreshore Activity	1
Other	3

#### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	4
Swimming	2
Fishing	2
Passive Foreshore Activity	3
Active Foreshore Activity	3
Other	1

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

#### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	1
Satisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4
Dissatisfied	4
Very dissatisfied	1

#### What do you like about this space?

1	Lovely view looking across the bay	Natural Values (9)
2	Open area	
3	Remoteness	
4	Quiet and peaceful	
5	Its freely available with a great ocean aspect	
6	Peaceful	
7	Serenity	
8	It's beautiful	
9	Close to home	Accessibility (1)
10	Very scenic public space is very accessible by residents and visitors good parking and parking area is easily accessible by vehicles towing e.g. boats or motorhomes etc.	Parking (1)

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#### What don't you like about this space?

1	No boat ramp	Facilities (6)
2	Lack of facilities	
3	Needs boating access	
4	Facilities	
5	Lack of safe walking/biking trails	
6	Lack of foreshore facilities	
7	The weed in the water!	Management (4)
8	The foreshore is eroding back to the road and there are many non-endemic plants including blackberry vines along the shore.	
9	Seagrass	
10	It can be mosquito infested; parts of the area of the Park we most frequently use are more comfortable (less hollows, gum nuts, better spongier grass); no lighting in the darker months (we have to improvise)	

#### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	A pontoon for swimmers in the bay and more seating areas.	Facilities (14)
2	The old jetty that was removed should be replaced in the same location as many water users frequent and launch their various small craft at this location. It is an ideal spot for people to kayak, paddle board and sail in safety whilst enjoying Moulting Bay Lagoon. Many tourists pull up here to photograph and enjoy the area including launching their small self-propelled craft. Unfortunately the beach area is narrow with oysters and rocks in the mud. A jetty would allow full use of this magnificent area whilst avoiding the foreshore mud. We believe this would complement the existing foreshore amenities around the Bay	
3	Toilets, better car parking, graded road, interpretative signage	
4	Get a boat ramp	
5	Jetty would be good for yachts staying at moorings.	
6	Add a ramp	
7	Bike track extension	
8	Create a safe multi user trail	
9	Replace jetty please. Install some seats / park benches to sit and look at the water maybe install toilets near aquaculture creek	
10	New boat ramp at southern end. Dredge and build a floating pontoon. Will assist St Helens boat ramp with capacity in the future	
11	Don't reinstate old jetty, was never the right spot for one.	
12	Bird watching area with seating, shelter also screening from birds and wildlife (like at Windsor Park) bike racks Roadside trail needs some work.	
13	Investigate feasibility of small boat ramp and kayak launch with carpark at the manmade inlet.	
14	Provide a means of lighting the space at 05:00-06:00 in the darker months (there is an existing plinth with a weak light that, for some reason, is sometimes on and sometimes not) -maybe on a timer or with a code I could push but would need to be free. Fog the culvert for mosquitoes that would also benefit the adjacent children's playground.	
15	Clear seagrass beds	Management (2)
16	Weeding. Investigate a boardwalk, signage. MAINLY SIGNAGE WOULD BE USEFUL	

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## St Helens Foreshore

59 respondents provided feedback specifically on St Helens Foreshore. 40% (16) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 40% (24) usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space. 66% (39) usually drive to it. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (20), Motorised Recreational Boating (14) was also a popular response. The most common secondary use suggested was Fishing (14). 30% (18) of respondents were satisfied and 30% (18) were dissatisfied with this space. Users tend to like the diversity in facilities and dislike the lack of seating options, general condition of the site and parking issues.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	9
A few times a week	16
Once a week	8
Once a fortnight	4
Once a month	2
Rarely	1
Never	0

\*19 skipped

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	1
15-30 minutes	15
30 mins - 1 hour	24
1-3hrs	12
More than 3 hours	7

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	39
Walk	18
Run	0
Cycle	2
Other (please specify)	0

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#### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	14
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Swimming	3
Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	16
Active Foreshore Activity	20
Other	5

#### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	9
Swimming	4
Fishing	14
Passive Foreshore Activity	24
Active Foreshore Activity	23
Other	4

\*Multiple responses accepted

#### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	5
Satisfied	18
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	16
Dissatisfied	18
Very dissatisfied	2

#### What do you like about this space?

1	It could have better car parking, more gym equipment, bigger play ground	Facilities (18)
2	It retains the fishing port atmosphere; undercover bbq area facility is well maintained; skate park is well used; secure play area for younger children; safe play equipment.	
3	Easy access and user-friendly. Good facilities, nearby eateries, pubs etc overlooking, feels tranquil but also alive and active.	
4	I like the new track around the bay. I like the existing playground. I like the boat ramp/jetty.	
5	It is a pleasant, clean area and there is plenty of room to park and play and lovely scenery. There are food sources and the biggest attraction are the fishing boats and watching people fish. There are toilets and exercise equipment.	
6	Good sized playground	
7	It is fluid and services many various users both commercial and recreational	
8	Playground, picnic area	
9	I like the playground and walking tracks	
10	Walking trails	
11	Fantastic port facilities and great boat launching and retrieval facility	

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12	Grassed areas	
13	the pathway along the edge of the beach	
14	Good ramp and landing	
15	Footpath the trees	
16	Open grass area	
17	Clean, great walking track & bike riding. Toilets provided that are clean.	
18	Good area for walking dog off lead	
19	Great view, open space	
20	The views	
21	I like it being open and the flat grass area - good for fitness classes (weather permitting though)	Natural Values (8)
22	The uniqueness and the potential to do something much better with it than what we have	
23	The beautiful views to the mountains in the west, the Birdlife, the sunsets	
24	Quiet and peaceful	
25	Landscape	
26	Looking over Georges Bay, seaside views	
27	Plenty of room to park and room to walk around and explore.	
28	Clean open easy access	
29	Off the road	Accessibility (8)
30	It is central to St Helens and should be a major feature.	
31	View, proximity to town	
32	Close to town	
33	Ease of use	
34	The location to the town center	
35	Accessibility from home. Fishing mostly good.	
36	Proximity to my home	
37	Grassed area, walking tracks, playground, food services.	Mixed Use (5)
38	Proximity to town. Can pick up lunch and wander down. Also the convenience of multi use: Ability for kids to use playground, skate park, exercise equipment, the grassed area or the beach to play.	
39	various uses	
40	Distinct areas for different activities and a large uncluttered green area with potential for events.	
41	The mix of uses, Skippers, takeaway, kids playground and skate park	
42	Food	Food (3)
43	Community. Sea food	
44	Access and views of water. Pathways and restaurants	Parking (3)
45	Easy parking. Lots of room. But not a lot of activities, some nature play and shade would be great. And toilets are so far away from the playground.	
46	Plenty of room to park and room to walk around and explore.	
47	I like theirs plenty of parking	

#### What don't you like about this space?

1	There are only a few places to sit down. Over the summer there are hundreds of tourists and about ten seats maximum.	Facilities (26)
2	How underdeveloped it is	
3	The concrete bollards that block the access to fishing boats and make it hard to get past when the wharf is full	
4	Ugly, old facilities, not functional	
5	Wasted space	
6	Non appealing	
7	No garbage bins outside skippers (fail) not enough seating areas.	

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8	The handicap female toilet is set up incorrectly so it is very hard to sit over the bowl. People often miss and go on the floor. The doors of the toilets are often broken	
9	Lack of sheltered rest areas on waters side edge. The ugly "temporary" concrete blocks	
10	Lack of shade, not being able to let dogs off leash in enclosed space anywhere. Dogs on houseboat harassing dogs on leashes	
11	The steep edges in places on the walking track aren't safe, particularly for children. The foreshore could really be improved in a number of ways- my mind goes straight to Ulverstone as an example (more children friendly areas, a foreshore coffee shop).	
12	No clean, public toilet near the playground. If one of my kids needs to go, it's easier to go home. Also not a lot of shade. On a hot or high UV day, we can't spend very long there.	
13	The skate park is used by lots of kids, but is very basic and needs an upgrade and maintenance	
14	The playground is very cold in winter and when the westerly winds blow.	
15	The playground has growth of mold, the soft matting is fallen apart	
16	The old, rusty, moldy playground	
17	No toilet near playground - very hard for small children. Crossing through traffic eg between playground/skate park	
18	Space underutilized and a bit of an asphalt jungle. Current design is not in keeping with the area.	
19	Nowhere to sit nothing there. Skate Park boring. Kids play area old	
20	no seating	
21	Skate park is a joke compared to others in Tasmania	
22	not enough picnic tables	
23	Lack of facilities	
24	Needs additional poo bag dispensers AND most importantly at least one bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas!	
25	Parts of the walkway behind the beach gets waterlogged after heavy rain.	
26	No proper walking paths for all abilities is wheelchairs, prams, walkers. I get wet shoes walking in the early morning on the grass getting to work	
27	The gaps in retaining wall - by tidying this up there would be more possibility of a grassed area close to the water	
28	The way cars park & the no give way with more traffic near the wharfs	Parking (9)
29	Too many cars and vehicles on the grassed areas	
30	Lacks streetscape and doesn't open onto the main street. The carpark to the south is quite ugly - not landscaping done. It's also not user friendly if you're walking either over to Skippers or continuing along the bay walk. Lack of path towards Skippers and then the path around the skate park is odd (not to mention poor streetscape - could do with a few trees and not just plain natives dispersed).	
31	Car parking needs to be formalized especially near the Bayside Inn.	
32	Traffic sometimes can be congested in the summer months	
33	The parking and traffic management - lack of signage and tourists park anywhere - probably not enough designated and clearly marked parking, particularly around the boat ramp area - boat trailer parking needs to be clearly identified as tourists and other cars just park where ever and go away for walks and leave their vehicles in ridiculous places blocking access to things for many others	
34	Minimal parking for boat trailers	
35	Access road	Management (7)
36	Limited walking tracks, no loop track	
37	Limited parking - poor water access	
38	Glass all on the wharf and sting rays when u swim	
	No toilets for kids next to playground	

39	big ugly smelly rubbish bins	
40	Can get crowded.	
41	The silt build up that's very quickly progressing from Panorama westwards and reclaiming the foreshore. This will eventually preclude commercial fishing boats reaching the port if not addressed in the immediate future.	
42	Reclamation in this area destroyed an important marine habitat	
43	Buildup of silt in the area in front of Panorama	
44	Lack of use of foreshore/view	Natural Values (1)
45	It's an important part of St. Helens and I'm sure most visitors completely miss it. It's not being shown off the best it could	Other (1)

**Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?**

1	Nice seating, preferably shaded my mature trees. The waterfront area was created for use by the people, but there isn't any real areas that can be used by many people for extended periods of time.	Facilities (44)
2	Relocate BBQ area and resize to more appropriately. Relocate the memorial mast pole. Path network around mast pole needs to be reconsidered. Widening the road in front of wharf restaurant would allow for additional car parking. Potential for pier with commercial businesses at tidal waters end.	
3	Investigate a boardwalk, signage.	
4	I would love to see a Pump track and sand dumped at shore. A grassed entertaining area with a stage and a larger playground for the children that also incorporates a fenced toddler playground within it. Some nice landscaping with some trees (like Norfolk Island pines) edging around the path in front of the bayside.	
5	Retaining walls along foreshore could be tidied up	
6	Consider extending foreshore and square off with new retaining wall (approx. 5m out). No impact on restaurants or boat access along MAST piers.	
7	Investigate feasibility of further land reclamation at the northern end of the foreshore	
8	Pump Track for riders, suitable for tots	
9	More interactive activities for all ages	
10	Improved toilets and consideration on more seating	
11	More BBQ facilities, tables, seating out in front of the hotel.	
12	Landscape of native plants shared use paths	
13	Improve the skate park, more shops on waterfront to draw people there	
14	More trees	
15	Bikewash is hidden behind toilets, gets more use by cars than bikes.	
16	The space should be all weather with shelter from rain and NW winds in colder months.	
17	Green space is very important to foreshore.	
18	As above, more children friendly areas/seating/ bbqs	
19	Public toilets beside the playground is a must. And they need to be close enough for parents/carers to observe both the toilet block and the playground at the same time.	
20	More shade, either trees or built shade. More accessible toilets. Nature play. Something outdoors for older girls - seats, swings, balance beams. Girls can use the skate park too, but an area that doesn't require equipment (like a bike or skateboard) but also encourage activity would be good.	
21	More features like an open air chess area ..hope scotch etc	
22	Landscaping and considering how pedestrians use it so it can become more pedestrian friendly. Location of car park - is this the best place for it?	
23	Music shell/ events space at tidal waters end of park	

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24	Some sort of wind break for playground or new playground in a more protected area from the wind.	
25	Remove of playground upgrade desperately needed. Waterplay Park which is used from recirculation from the Bay so initial cost would be the only thing although endless of hours of fun throughout the year especially for kids that cannot swim	
26	New play equipment	
27	Boat owners or council need to clean up the rubbish left by commercial n other boaties along the wharf area. Especially have rules about ropes trimming etc before all the bits fall into the water n other muck off the boats after off-loading	
28	A MTB pump track to replace the skate park - or to complement a revised skate park. St Helens is selling it's self as a MTB destination - it needs something like this to further this aim as all the MTBing is hidden.	
29	It is not utilised enough. Take for example the exercise equipment, there is not enough and it is facing the wrong way. So much more could be done in this area. Some picnic tables and shade in the grassed area.	
30	The availability of wash down facilities on the wharf area would greatly assist recreational fishers.	
31	Separate uses into specific areas and upgrade	
32	Have a look at Bridport's foreshores	
33	Well organised and safe area.	
34	Toilets for kids should be next to playground	
35	Upgrading the grass/lawn. Another bbq.	
36	Additional poo bag dispensers and AT LEAST one rubbish bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas.	
37	Improvements to drainage along walkway behind beach.	
38	Continuous smooth footpaths / cycleways around cove	
39	Currently being improved	
40	More seating more planting create smaller spaces. Interactive space like riverbend in Launceston artwork sculptures	
41	Swimming pool	
42	Maybe more structure around parking, separating pedestrians and vehicles	
43	Skate park and pump track, permanent stage area	
44	Toilets, better carparking, graded road, interpretative signage	
45	toilet facilities need updating	
46	A delegated fishing area. Parking and freeing up zones for accessing boats, bait trucks etc.	Parking (9)
47	Carpark should be along main road and open space along foreshore, it's currently back to front.	
48	Open fluid parking/hard surface should remain fluid with consideration for the Rescue and Port accessibility. Alfresco sheltered seating rest areas along the foreshore including for recreational fishing families.	
49	Consider additional formalized trailer parking in the grassed area between boat ramp and private pier.	
50	Clearly signed traffic management and parking arrangements - possible seal the grassed area next to the Marina car park to make more boat/trailer parking as people park there anyway. With regards to traffic management a clear delineation of the road way passing through the boat parking area from the Blue Shed towards to Bayside car park/skate park and playground	
51	Trucks use the large sealed area at the wharf end for logistics, turning.	
52	Larger car park , full length floating pontoon along foreshore near the ramp	
53	Re design to highlight natural beauty. Redesigning car parking areas and road and create more recreational space.	
54	Widen road to allow multi use	

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54	Increased Marked parking - extend the current jetty via floating pontoon - safety increased by adding a red light for night	
55	Return to natural condition by removal of all fill	Natural Values (4)
56	Would love to see a post graduate study on the varying rates of siltation around George's Bay complete with recommendations.	
57	Weed area (Acacia Salinga, blackberries etc) can replant with appropriate natives.	
58	Minor landscaping works to improve aesthetics and function of site.	
59	Investigate a boardwalk, signage.	
60	There needs to be so much more in this area. More businesses and use it as a draw card. At the minute businesses are open limited times (or not open). This is confusing to tourists and not beneficial for the area. St. Helens now needs to go from being a sleepy old town and move it into a progressive sea side town with 'REAL' amenities!	Commercial (2)
61	Additional commercial business, possibly near current planted out/ conservation area.	
62	Consider closing the esplanade to increase open space and development potential of Bayside. Removes Binalong Bay shortcut through esplanade	Accessibility (2)
63	Crossing the street with large groups can be an issue and cause safety concerns. Particularly with the number of intersections in that area close to the skate park/ weigh in station.	
64	Undertake a risk assessment at boat ramp	Safety (1)

**Do you have any BIG ideas for the St Helens Foreshore that you would like to share with us?**

1	Needs better skate park that is bigger and suits older children.
2	I think a pool could perhaps be considered in the future. Half on land, the other half extending out into the bay. This could include a cafe and facilities of course. I know the cost of a pool is prohibitive, but with an aging population, the benefits of regular swimming would be very beneficial to many older residents, plus a great facility for tourists who flock here in greater numbers every year. Most of the smallest of country towns have a pool, eg Bransholme, Wainuiomata, Campbelltown etc.
3	Plant more trees and shrubs to enhance the grass area and create more shade for picnickers!
4	Locate the tourist information centre somewhere close to the foreshore. Splash park for kids. Baby's soft play park separate to bigger kids park. Maritime interactive centre looking out onto the water.
5	The foreshore is dominated by a carpark, greatly decreasing green space in this area. Better biking facilities (think Derby), more family friendly food options and recreational spaces would be nice. Somewhere you can sit and take in the environment that is not dominated by concrete would be nice.
6	Continued expansion of the bike path. Creating opportunities for longer non-MTB rides (on mostly flat paths) to destinations without having to ride on roads. You could create some great day long outings for cyclists that don't want to go on MTB trails to tour around the Foreshore area and maybe even out to the light at the end of the channel. At the same time connecting more areas to the existing trail network would enable keen cyclists to get to the MTB trails safely without needing to travel by car.
7	Don't reinvent the wheel..... look at other foreshore successes and then develop one that is truly unique to St. Helens. The town is suffering. There are no proper functional facilities in the area (e.g) medical, shopping, grocery, public transport and recreational activities. No wonder people get to their shacks, bring their own supplies from outer town and don't leave. Even the local tavern doesn't open late.
8	Reclaim the area in front of Panorama as an extension of the existing foreshore. Reclaim the space from the boat ramp to Skippers by about 3-4 mtr to 'square up' that section of foreshore. Formal management of the old slipway to restore it as a greater benefit to the community

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9	get those rotting environmental disasters out of the space or there will be no point in all this hard work developing the space for continued recreational interactions
10	Let's build a sound shell.
11	Absolutely. Other than previous comments, the capacity to have a pop up hard shelter on grassed areas to accommodate an actual market/event/gigs/food stalls etc. Square up the space between the Piers and create a sheltered area with hard shelter from the NW and sun shelter for summer with tactful green space included. Most tourist and locals are drawn to the water's edge and port viewing. Need to allow vessel operators access amongst it though. And much more
12	I see the grassed area is maybe under-utilized. A bike training /education area could be very beneficial for youngsters. A sound shell/stage area for maybe some live music performances.
13	I just hate that visitors first see a cheap shop, bws and petrol station when entering St. Helens. It has so much more than that and people often miss the amazing foreshore
14	not really, maybe a public pool area would be nice with picnic tables etc.
15	if possible please keep it as natural as possible. (I'm no longer a boating person so can't comment about fasciitis's like wharf and jetty, which need to be kept up to standard.
16	Requires a better range of services -cafes, kayak hire, there is a lot of car park for not many things to do
17	Pool. We're at the beach with no pool and swimming training for our community. Ridiculous seeing as st Mary's does and they don't have a beach.
18	Maybe something to encourage people to volunteer with marine rescue.
19	More jetties for recreational fishing - they can get quite crowded at times.
20	St Helens (and the whole east coast) is really behind and at a huge disadvantage by not having a public pool. I know we have beaches, but they are not always ideal for young kids or learning to swim, and it's harder to swim in winter. I think St Helens focusing only on MTB is narrow thinking. We need to celebrate ALL that our region has to offer, and a water park like the new one in Scottsdale would be a huge drawcard for our area and something I know the community is longing for. If it had a heated pool for swimming lessons or aged care/rehabilitation too, it would benefit all, and create so many jobs!
21	As already shared re: safe enclosed area for dogs
22	Maybe I'll get a mooring
23	No "big" ideas but the greatest natural attraction we have in St Helens is Georges Bay itself and yet it could be considered the most under utilised asset we have. The investments we have made into the MTB attractions has been a great success story but I am not sure we are making the most of the "seaside / fishing" aspects of our town.
24	The big grass patch would make a wonderful nature play area or even a mini gravel bike park for little ones to hone their skills.
25	It would be great if the Sea Scout building at the end of O'Connors beach could get a coat of paint and maybe in summer someone could lease it and sell ice creams and coffee of a weekend over summer
26	Walkway to Stieglitz
27	Yes, I would like the walkway extended out to Akaroa. It used to go once, but after a landslip it was never rebuilt
28	Would love to see the wharf area landscapes eg what they did in Esperance WA
29	Netted swimming areas
30	I like the idea of a farmers market hall / concert area. New Norfolk is a good example of farmers market. The weather is pretty sketchy so having a space on the water that is inside is a real bonus
31	The toilets are too far from the playground especially when you have young children. Make a playground that is suitable for young children in a more sheltered area of the foreshore.
32	I love what you are doing extending the walking path around Parkside. I would just like to see more indigenous plants planted to complement the great walking tracks
33	Pump track. Multi user trail to Binalong bay
34	A major wharf structure, say 100 metres long and say 20 metres wide that provided spaces along the way for BBQ etc and with a major recreation or multi-eatery space that you could sit at and enjoy the bay from the "off-shore" perspective. (there's one like this in Geelong) This would be a "draw-card" for visitors from far and wide, as well as accommodating pleasure craft etc. Maybe even a man-made island at the end of the walk-way.

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35	I would like to see a hub designed to be used by all the groups involved in water activities on the bay. This would include sufficient storage for water craft and the equipment used. It would also need showers, toilet and change facility. This could provide a venue to host other groups and clubs for competition. Something like this would really promote the various water activities such as the yacht squadron, dragon boating, swimming, the kayak club and possibly more.
36	just google some pictures of "amazing foreshore development" and let your mind be blown! (and budget probably... but maybe not!). Infinity heated swimming pool and water play area(heated with solar). pump track for kids. event space and sound shell with grass and seating. facilities for some larger markets and food truck/ music mini festival. easy parking for RV and trailers. some commercial spaces for eg kayak hire.
37	Waterplay Park
38	Take the shared walkway all the way around to Beer Barrel. Improve the non existent walk way and steps at Beer barrel, like you have at Binalong. Put a wooden walkway around / across the Medea Cove water way.
39	Swimming area with floatable pontoon and shark net
40	A new, better skatepark is desperately needed for our kids. Also, a pump track.
41	Pump track!!
42	Floating restaurant cruises.
43	Another boat ramp around Parkside area
44	There needs to be a safe road crossing to the foreshore for pedestrians especially older folk with walkers And the track along the grass area near the water needs to be a surface that walkers go on. Older people come to SH to live by the water yet there are few places they walk from a residence in town to be near the water.
45	MTB Pump track!! To share the space.
46	The Regatta is a great example of what can happen there. Events!! Take a look at other towns similar area, ours really doesn't have much going for it. Very disjointed with no real flow.
47	Control the silt before it controls the foreshore.
48	Upgrade sailing squadron area for use for all non-motorised water sports
49	Multi Purpose Play Space
50	See above. Maybe a few more lights on the walking tracks & jetty's at night time would romanticise the area a little & perhaps improve safety.
51	Look at Bridport
52	Stylish aesthetic Upgrade
53	A food van style Saturday market
54	There's a cool climate palm tree that is used to good effect in places like Pambula, Batemans Bay and Lakes Entrance (a council planting in Tassie can be seen along High Street in Launceston near St George's Square). They have a very welcoming 'tropical' aesthetic. Plantings of these along the foreshore, Kirwans, Lions Park, Connors and Stieglitz beaches would give some much needed shade in summer. More importantly, the common rows of palms would create a common theme, with the beach, George's Bay, and palm trees unifying the different areas into a 'St Helens feel', rather than the very distinct areas they are currently. This would leave visitors with a better impression of St Helens as a whole and make it more distinct in comparison to other east coast towns.
55	Extend a substantial area in front of Panorama for open space allowing for more functional use of existing space. Only if deemed the absolute best location through a feasibility study establishing a swimming pool facility may be a good fit.
56	Pump track. Outdoor cinema capability. Outdoor music venue
57	Comment swimming pool
58	Bay of fires Bike trail. Georges bay boat ramp to Binalong Bay
59	Just revamp it it looks tired and uninviting

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#### Do you have any other comments about the St Helens Foreshore Area?

1	I do have some concerns about the dual access on the walkway by walkers and bikes. Some safety concerns and maybe a speed limit for bikes might help.
2	More trees please and more seating - so necessary.
3	Don't ruin the naturalness
4	The boats at the marina make the scene idyllic
5	It's a nice area to walk
6	Undervalued
7	Video surveillance
8	Not keen on the idea of a floating sauna, waste of money and the area is not sheltered enough. Would like to see Moulting Bay have better access although the tidal issues makes it tricky
9	Keep it accessible to all including locals & visitors,
10	I love this space, it's my home, it's multi user, busy, fluid and full of life it could really pop with some smallish but major changes. I watch many visitors pull in, get out and stretch, look around to get their bearings - often the first port of call in town.
11	It is a very multi used area that could certainly do with some defining and improving to make it enjoyable and to give it a sense of pride.
12	More events should be held there. a pity there is no public pool.
13	This is a wonderful area. I think events can be comfortably staged there, but no more permanent commercial places, except boat hire if feasible.
14	I love it. There are activity areas for local and visitors to enjoy and if you keep an eye on your little ones I think it is safe for families. I love that there are places to sit and eat and use toilet facilities too. To have fish and chips to buy is great.
15	More amenities and shelter is needed. Often when organising birthday parties or group activities, bad weather can cripple plans because we don't have enough sheltered spaces.
16	Ask all local takeaway outlets to contribute to litter picking in the area, as most of the litter we collect in this area comes from these cafes/takeaways (not just the fish and chip shops)
17	It'd be great to have a bike/foot path down St Helens point road from Aerodrome Rd to the boat ramp. This would make it easier for Stieglitz residents to use the fabulous waterfront facilities
18	It's great I look forward to using it more
19	Just love the walking/cycle track that is now in the process of being completed from St Helens to Stieglitz Beach. Great to see the Kirwans Jetty rebuilt, it would be great to have a jetty and or pontoon on the walking track from O'Connors Beach to Stieglitz
20	It's easily accessible, with great parking, just under utilised.
21	The council risks over developing the St Helens foreshore. The reason that visitors come to visit is because it is a small working fishing port and the unspoilt foreshore. Visitors don't want to see an overdeveloped foreshore that they can see on the mainland. The foreshore risks becoming sterile and bland. Our children and their partners and friends love coming to St Helens from the mainland because it is unspoilt, relaxing and not over engineered.
22	Walkway from wharf area through to grassed area is not a clear integrated pathway, many curbs, gutters, changes in surfaces, which could be improved to result in a homogeneous trail.
23	Good place
24	Lovely space
25	Great. To see the walking track being extended around the bay
26	Any development will only ever be good if its considered part of the wharf area. Access across the car parking (maybe there is too much glass land in front of the blue shed that could be turned into parking?
27	Well done on the work so far! It would be great if visitors could hire a kayak or stand up paddle board.
28	It needs to be showcased. It is very under utilised
29	Block the road on the foreshore side of the Bayside Pub and encourage food and beverage buildings, in the style of "seaside" to be placed strategically in or adjacent to the current green space.
30	I love the provision of art such as the sculpture trail. Development needs to be of an aesthetic nature.
31	please keep the open area for public space. A long term plan could really enhance this space, for residents and tourists. it would be amazing if this is the place tourists pull up and have a positive experience - rather than the IGA carpark... (which you can still walk over to).

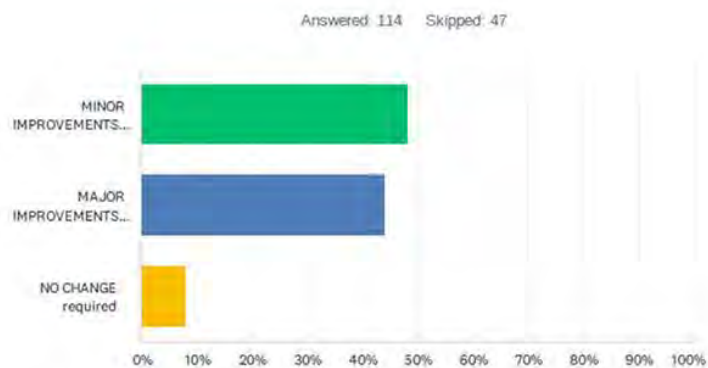
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32	Upgrade of playground
33	Thank you for all that has been done so far.
34	The Bayside carpark is wasted space in one of our prettiest foreshore areas. They can organise their own parking. The direct could be utilised for pump track it skatepark, keeping it in the same area as the kids playground.
35	The wharf /town foreshore area is unique for many reasons including it is close to the town center. Please support commercial and recreational boating in this area. Please ensure sufficient boat trailer parking that others do not park in. May need additional infrastructure to separate boating, commercial and recreational, from waterfront diners and day trippers. The cycle way is an excellent improvement, as we age it is this type of cycle way that we use, not mountain bike tracks. Don't forget the northern side of the bay for some improvements please. However we DO NOT want street lights. It is great not having the light pollution on the bay.
36	Increased car and pedestrian traffic makes backing a boat risky at times.
37	I don't like that the exercise equipment is facing the town instead of the bay - could do with an update.
38	Shade and toilet at other end!
39	The walking/cycle tracks are fantastic
40	Upgraded walking track from St Helens foreshore to Moulting Bay
41	Needs an upgrade
42	When you come off the bike bridge coming into town in pop into the jetty area it is a little unclear where you go from there which may be confusing for visitors to the area.
43	See Bridport
44	Beautiful location
45	It has definitely been gradually improved over time and now needs maintaining to continue to be space that caters for a variety of different users. It is not a single use area and as such the competing requirements of different user groups requires a very balanced approach to its maintenance over time.
46	The wide green spaces in front of the Bayside are nice, and getting rarer in coastal communities.
47	This is quite a special space and therefore any future development needs to be well considered however a visionary futures oriented plan needs to be developed and commercial activity and opportunity should be incorporated into this planning.
48	Perfect for a pool
49	Fantastic area. Love it
50	The bay suffers in term's of presentation. While the sea grass is a natural thing, it cannot be denied that run off and other introduced nutrients has added to its proliferation. The Dead Sea grass needs to be raked on a regular basis so the foreshore presents at its best encouraging families to use at all times. Council could rake and bale the Dead Sea grass and sell as commercial enterprise creating a steady sustainable income stream.

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Please indicate which of the following statements best reflects your opinion on improvements to the St Helens Foreshore and wharf area?



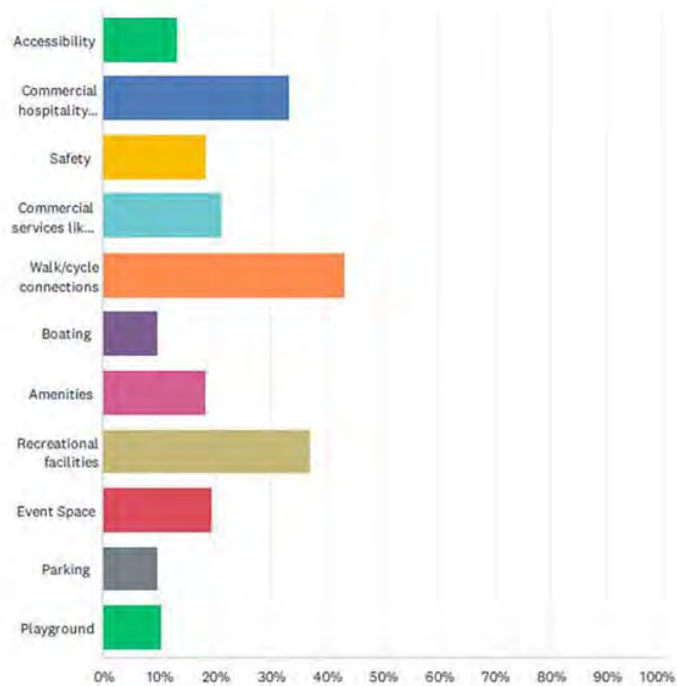
- Over 90% of respondents want to see change at St Helens Foreshore.
- 48.25% (55) think MINOR IMPROVEMENTS are required to maintain the functionality of St Helens waterfront. (eg renewing existing facilities, minor upgrades etc).
- 43.86% (50) think MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS are required to enhance the functionality of spaces along St Helens waterfront. (eg. reconsidering locations of existing infrastructure, upgrading infrastructure and facilities, addressing safety and accessibility.)
- 7.89% think NO CHANGE is required.

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### In your opinion, what are the priority areas for improvement to the St Helens foreshore Area?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 47



- Responses suggest key focus of upgrades should be on:
  - Walk/ cycle connections (42.98%)
  - Recreational facilities (36.84%)
  - Commercial/ hospitality style businesses - like food trucks, bars etc (33.33%)

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## Medeas Cove

7 respondents provided feedback specifically on Medeas Cove. 57% of respondents (4) use this space daily. 28% usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space (2) and 28% spend 1-3 hours (2). 57% (4) usually walk to it. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (9). The most common secondary uses suggested were Non-Motorised Recreational Boating (3) and Fishing (3). 28% (2) of respondents are satisfied with this space, 28% (2) are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 28% (2) are dissatisfied. Users tended to like the natural values of the site and dislike the lack of safe pedestrian access.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	4
A few times a week	2
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	0
Once a month	1
Rarely	0
Never	0

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	1
30 mins - 1 hour	2
1-3hrs	2
More than 3 hours	1

\*1 skipped

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	3
Walk	4
Run	0
Cycle	0
Other (please specify)	0

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Swimming	0

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Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	0
Active Foreshore Activity	6
Other	1

**What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?**

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	0
Fishing	3
Passive Foreshore Activity	1
Active Foreshore Activity	1
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

**How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?**

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	1
Satisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	0

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What do you like about this space?

1	Landscape	Natural Values (5)
2	Beautiful quiet scenic area	
3	The beautiful views to the mountains in the west, the Birdlife, the sunsets	
4	Natural area	
5	Remoteness	

What don't you like about this space?

1	Access road	Accessibility (4)
2	Narrow winding road with no space for footpath. Can be dangerous for walkers, dog walkers, bike riders and cars all using the same space.	
3	No proper walking paths for all abilities is wheelchairs, prams, walkers. I get wet shoes walking in the early morning on the grass getting to work	
4	Limited walking tracks, no loop track	
5	Lack of sheltered rest areas on waters side edge. The ugly "temporary" concrete blocks	Facilities (1)

Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	Widen road to allow multi use	Accessibility (5)
2	Boardwalk around foreshore	
3	Continuous smooth footpaths / cycle ways around cove	
4	Loop track to walk around the entire Cove	
5	A jetty style walking track like at Boggy Creek would be a possibility.	
6	Conservation best use for site at the moment.	Natural Values (2)
7	High conservation values Eucalyptus Viminalis and Malaleuca Ericfolia forest. Needs a lot of weed management.	



## Beauty Bay

28 respondents provided feedback specifically on Beauty Bay. 38% (8) of respondents use this space daily and 38% (8) use it a few times a week. 57% (12) usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space and 47% (10) spend 1-3 hours. 66% (14) usually walk to it and 52% (11) drive. The most common primary uses suggested at the site were Active Foreshore Recreation (10) and Swimming (7). The most common secondary uses suggested were Passive Foreshore Activity (9) and Fishing (9). 60% (17) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the range of facilities at the site and dislike safety issues for swimmers.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	8
A few times a week	8
Once a week	1
Once a fortnight	2
Once a month	2
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*8 skipped

How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	6
30 mins - 1 hour	12
1-3hrs	10
More than 3 hours	0

\*1 skipped

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	11
Walk	14
Run	0
Cycle	1
Other	1

\*1 skipped

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	4
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Swimming	7
Fishing	0

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Passive Foreshore Activity	4
Active Foreshore Activity	10
Other	3

What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	6
Swimming	8
Fishing	9
Passive Foreshore Activity	9
Active Foreshore Activity	9
Other	3

\*Multiple responses accepted

How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	5
Satisfied	17
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	1

What do you like about this space?

1	Easy access to a near natural environment	Facilities (13)
2	BBQ area, shower and toilet block facilities	
3	perfect safe sheltered access for swimming and kayaking activities, coupled with shower, toilets and BBQ	
4	Its natural beauty, ease of getting in to swim.	
5	Reasonably private, good facilities ....bbq shelter, shower, toilets.	
6	it has a beautiful quiet ambiance. with enough green space for the dogs , walkers and bikers.	
7	Sheltered, shady, bbq, toilet, shower, seating, rubbish collection, jetty, safe access to water,	
8	Great family space, wonderful swimming, SAFE Each for children, except when some motorised boats, jet ski come in. I have seen near accidents.). SHELTERED FROM MANY WINDS. The best swimming spot in St.Helens. natural bbeauty, beauty, SHOWER, FAIRLY PRIVATE, BARBECUE, people can bring strollers and picnic on grass or at the tables.	
9	Toilets and seating and picnic tables	
10	Sheltered from the wind. Toilets, bbq, walking track, gorgeous view.	
11	I like the bbq and the jetty	
12	shelter from weather and easily access to the beach with toilet facility.	
13	Good amenities	
14	Quiet, pretty spot with his facilities	Accessibility (5)
15	Safe to walk animals and very friendly people are always on the walk	
16	the path	
	Close to town	

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17	A safe walking place.	Natural Values (2)
18	Easy access to a near natural environment	
19	Open space with easy access at many spots. Great spot for walks both on and behind the beach. It's natural beauty - best spot ever for watching spectacular sunsets and for seeing marine life in the shallows.	
20	Less feral oysters than other foreshore areas.	
21	It is safe	Safety (1)

#### What don't you like about this space?

1	that sunken fishing vessel	Safety (7)
2	Dog poo not picked up by owners! And in summer when speed boats and jet skis use the bay and beach.	
3	Occasional summer use by jet skis making swimming for kids unsafe.	
4	At very low tide wading in over the mud and sea grass is unpleasant. Some people do not pick up dog droppings, and at times dogs can be a problem. Some jet skis come in carefully, at other times they are VERY DANGEROUS	
5	Wish there was a netted swimming area for children away from the jetty, a lot of fishing is done on this jetty and I notice there are a quite a few altercations with people swimming near peoples lines etc. I've been swimming at beauty bay since I was in primary school and a lot of other kids have been too so I think a restricted area to swim with netting would help	
6	Hooks and fishing lines being left tangled in the water. Rubbish - cans and bottles left on the walking track and on the beach. Overgrown weeds in Summer	
7	In summer, lots of jet skis and some boats. Have almost been hit by a jet ski when swimming. Needs to be a no motorised area.	
8	Bbq not hot enough.	Facilities (4)
10	There are only a few places to sit down. Over the summer there are hundreds of tourists and about ten seats maximum.	
11	Not enough indigenous plants	
12	It needs to go further around the bay.	
13	The weed in the water!	Management (1)
14	The car park needs work. lots of pot holes and muck when it rains.	Carparking (1)
15	too many people	Other (1)

#### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	A simple shelter screen area for quickly changing out of bathers etc instead of using the toilets. A towel rack or hook near the shower to put your towel on whilst rinsing off. Would love to see a pontoon positioned out in the bay for people to swim to, doesn't have to be out too far, just enough to give children, in particular, a place to swim to. I think it would help with water safety and confidence. Would also like Beauty Bay to remain a noncommercial site.	Facilities (12)
2	Needs a change area for swimmers, potentially an 'L' shaped screen of toilet	
3	A pontoon for swimmers in the bay and more seating areas.	
4	Consider a pontoon or safe swimming area	
5	better foot paths	
6	Investigate "L" shaped pontoon for swimmers.	

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7	A tap where the bbq is would be good	
8	A change screen with a towel rack would improve the foreshore	
9	Hot water shower would be great but not essential	
10	A second shower head would be handy	
11	A pontoon to encourage swimming, would give people a reference to swim towards. Around the yellow marker.	
12	Make retaining wall more visually appealing	
13	Would love that vessel to be removed. Can often smell diesel and other nasties when swimming near the designated area. In place of this sunken hazard in probably the most utilized and loved area of Georges bay I would like to see a floating pontoon which could be used for recreational purposes.	Safety (5)
14	Ban boats and jetskiis from Beauty Bay in summer	
15	Jet skiis should not be allowed for safety reasons	
16	Advocate to MAST for 5km limit.	
17	Just banning motorised water vehicles in beauty bay area. It's not a good spot for it and it's dangerous as the area is used for swimming a lot. So many near misses. It also ruins the area for others.	
20	Perhaps seal the car park	Carparking (4)
21	a layer of cracker dust on the parking areas would do.	
22	Upgrading the grass/lawn. Another bbq.	
23	A pontoon would be a great improvement, providing a challenge for small children Learning to swim. The pontoon need not be far out. I feel motorised boats, jet ski should be prohibited in this Lovely family friendly space. It is also accessible for people in wheel chairs, and even with Council permission and help, disabled can be driven in. I was most grateful once, to be able to take my frail husband by car for a special celebration into this area he loved.	
24	Plants some low native shrubs to beautify the area (the lower roadside)	Maintenance (2)
25	Cut down some overhang branches so the track is safe after the wide weather	
	Plant an indigenous garden	Natural Values (1)
	Keep it quiet and peaceful. No further developments	

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## Kirwans Beach

14 respondents provided feedback specifically on Kirwans Beach. 72% (8) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 28% (4) usually spend 15-30 minutes, 28% (4) spend 30 mins to 1 hour and 28% (4) spend 1-3 hours at this space. 50% (6) usually drive and 41% (5) walk. The most common primary uses suggested at the site were Fishing (4) and Active Foreshore Activity (4). The most common secondary use suggested was Swimming (6). 64% (9) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the range of facilities particularly the jetty and dislike the condition of some assets such as the BBQ and defunct jetty and the lack of shade.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	2
A few times a week	8
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	1
Once a month	0
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*1 skipped

How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	1
15-30 minutes	4
30 mins - 1 hour	4
1-3hrs	4
More than 3 hours	1

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	6
Walk	5
Run	0
Cycle	1
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	1
Fishing	4
Passive Foreshore Activity	0
Active Foreshore Activity	4
Other	1

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#### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Swimming	6
Fishing	5
Passive Foreshore Activity	5
Active Foreshore Activity	3
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

#### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	3
Satisfied	9
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2
Dissatisfied	0
Very dissatisfied	0

#### What do you like about this space?

1	Ease of entry to water	Facilities (5)
2	Access to amenities - parking, jetty, pathway and bbq.	
3	Accessibility from home. Fishing mostly good.	
4	Progress - Track around to Parkside	
5	Jetty	
6	It's peaceful	Natural Values (2)
7	It is safe	
8	Close to home	Accessibility (2)
9	Safe to walk animals and very friendly people are always on the walk	

#### What don't you like about this space?

1	I don't think the bbq area is very inviting	Facilities (3)
2	The broken jetty and sometimes clogged drain.	
3	Picnic area	
4	The wind	Natural Values (1)

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Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	Fix or remove second jetty and clear the drainage tunnel.	Facilities (8)
2	A multiuse pontoon at the site of the small jetty in disrepair would be good.	
3	Investigate general use pontoon for kayaks at the site of the old jetty	
4	Yes a undercover area for bbq.	
5	Would like to see area where St Helens Sailing Squad is currently located developed into an area that would be a multiuser Community space.	
6	More trees as wind breaks and summer shade?	
7	Shade trees like Allocasurina Verticillata	
8	Remove old jetty (jack buttons), has become an eyesore.	
9	Perhaps seal the car park	Carparking (1)

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## Lions Park

14 respondents provided feedback specifically on Lions Park. 63% (7) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 30% (4) usually spend 30 mins to 1 hour and 30% (4) spend 1-3 hours at this space. 50% (6) usually drive and 41% walk (5). The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (6). The most common secondary use suggested was Passive Foreshore Recreation (6). 50% (7) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the facilities such as toilet and playground and dislike the cleanliness of the playground and toilets.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	0
A few times a week	7
Once a week	2
Once a fortnight	1
Once a month	0
Rarely	1
Never	0

**\*1 skipped**

How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	2
15-30 minutes	3
30 mins - 1 hour	4
1-3hrs	4
More than 3 hours	1

**\*1 skipped**

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	6
Walk	5
Run	0
Cycle	2
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Swimming	0
Fishing	1
Passive Foreshore Activity	4

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Active Foreshore Activity	6
Other	0

What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	2
Fishing	2
Passive Foreshore Activity	6
Active Foreshore Activity	7
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	2
Satisfied	7
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	0

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**What do you like about this space?**

1	Open and airy. A starting point for walks, biking. Has parking, toilet, picnic and playground and a jetty for fishing and swimming.	Facilities (11)
2	Potential	
3	Convenience of access, toilets	
4	Toilet block, playground, seats, bbq, art sculpture	
5	As a regular visitor to St Helens (every summer for most of the last 50 years), I've been pleasantly surprised and impressed by the way the shared path has improved access along the foreshore.	
6	Quality of footpath.	
7	It is great, please keep maintenance up.	
8	Lions Park and toilets are fantastic	
9	Sheltered, safe water	
10	Upgrade of the playground	
11	Ease of use	

**What don't you like about this space?**

1	Walking access from Stieglitz	Accessibility (2)
2	Getting from O'Connor Beach to Lions Park around the road.	Maintenance (2)
3	Public toilet near the playground not clean. If one of my kids needs to go, it's easier to go home. Also not a lot of shade. On a hot or high UV day, we can't spend very long there.	
4	The old, rusty, mouldy playground	
5	The slip yards/sailing squadron are a mess, underutilised and an eyesore	Other (2)
6	Under-utilised	
7	Fenced along the main road for dog/children	Safety (1)
8	Huge amount of sea grass on beach	Management (1)
9	cant park with a trailer or long vehicle	Carparking (1)

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Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	Put in some small kids fun cycle structures like little rolling ramps etc.	Facilities (5)
2	Provide tree shade and additional plantings.	
3	That the sailing squadron and other non motorised water sports be able to use the facility	
4	Public toilets beside the playground is a must. And they need to be close enough for parents/carers to observe both the toilet block and the playground at the same time.	
5	New play equipment	
6	Clean seaweed from shore, it's the first area we all see coming in tourist visit	Management (3)
7	Whole Bay needs to have a sea grass reduction? Related to oyster and mussel farms	
8	Better management	
9	Fence	Safety (1)
10	Footpath beside St Helens Point Rd down the hill.	Accessibility (1)

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## O'Connors Beach

17 respondents provided feedback specifically on O'Connors Beach. 38% (5) of respondents use this space daily. 47% (8) usually spend 1-3 hours at this space. 58% (10) usually walk to this space. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (7). The most common secondary uses suggested were Swimming (8) and Non-Motorised Recreational Boating (5). 35% (6) of respondents are satisfied with this space and 35% (6) are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Users tended to like the range of facilities and the openness of the site and dislike the management of seagrass and lack of shade.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	5
A few times a week	2
Once a week	1
Once a fortnight	2
Once a month	3
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*4 skipped

How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	1
15-30 minutes	4
30 mins - 1 hour	4
1-3hrs	8
More than 3 hours	0

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	4
Walk	10
Run	0
Cycle	2
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	4
Fishing	0

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Passive Foreshore Activity	1
Active Foreshore Activity	7
Other	2

**What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?**

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	5
Swimming	8
Fishing	5
Passive Foreshore Activity	6
Active Foreshore Activity	3
Other	1

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

**How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?**

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	1
Satisfied	6
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	6
Dissatisfied	3
Very dissatisfied	1

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What do you like about this space?

1	New shared pathway, toilets, picnic area.	Facilities (7)
2	Best spot for jet skis which are most prevalent peak summer.	
3	Sea scout club could be expanded to include sailing clubs	
4	I like how people gather in summer and kayak and swim off the shore. There are always people walking along the beach and walking their dogs. The beach is very accessible for everybody	
5	Toilet, rotunda, good place to windsurf	
6	Shelter from weather and easily access to the beach with toilet facility.	
7	Maintained well and improvements / extension of the walking track	
8	It's peaceful	Natural Values (6)
9	The openness	
10	Not over-developed. Still retains coastal atmosphere.	
11	The openness	
12	Open, user friendly	
13	Sheltered, safe water	
14	Proximity to home and St Helens	Accessibility (4)
15	Convenient location, generally not too crowded.	
16	Progress - Track around to Parkside	
17	It's close to home, easy to park in. Dog loves it. Poop bags appreciated. Looking forward to the new bike track though to lions park.	

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#### What don't you like about this space?

1	Weed on the beach, lack of trees and shrub along the foreshore, dangerous access coming from Stieglitz along St Helens Point Rd ( no footpath, no lighting on the hill past the Scout Hall ) you are forced to walk on what has become a very busy road.	Management (11)
2	Would like to see the seaweed cleaned up from s sandy beach areas and oysters from beauty bay	
3	Seaweed	
4	Weedy when the tides out, oysters, not safe for swimming/ bathing	
5	Frequent stingray sightings, risk to swimmers	
6	Sea grass build up resources the beaches aesthetics and can make it difficult to get the sailboat into the water.	
7	Huge amount of sea grass on beach	
8	Too much seaweed sometimes which makes the foreshore look dirty. A clean-up once a month would do wonders & you could just make the excess seaweed collected available at the tip or something for the gardeners. The sea scout building has heaps of potential but seems to sit empty a lot. Would be a great little spot for a coffee etc. Toilet block could do with a re-vamp. Fresh paint in modern colours (grey, black, white, natural Timbers) & new toilets would be good.	
9	The beach has dead trees laying on the sand that have been there for years which the parks dept have never attempted to remove. It's not inviting anymore , and it's a place we would love to use , as we live along the track. It also requires some yearly maintenance to keep it looking beautiful .	
10	Hooks and fishing lines being left tangled in the water. Rubbish - cans and bottles left on the walking track and on the beach. Overgrown weeds in Summer	
11	Lack of trees etc.	
12	The wind :(	Natural Values (2)
13	Lack of trees etc.	
14	Getting from O'Connor Beach to Lions Park around the road.	Accessibility (1)
15	The beach is losing its natural appearance with the concrete retaining blocks that have been used. Whilst I know understand the need for them I believe a more natural look could have been used. The bollards that have been placed make the area look less welcoming. The whole appeal of O'Connors Beach was the natural look of the foreshore. The dramatic increase in sea grass makes the beach unusable at times. The sea grass has been increasing dramatically since the introduction and expansion of the oyster farms. A friend has been keeping records and photos of the changes of the George's bay foreshore and increase in sea grass since oyster farms have started. The change is dramatic and not for the good. The bridges that have been placed over the little streams at the western end of the beach look totally out of place and would look better in an English village..	Other (1)

#### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	Desperate need of an electric BBQ in the O'Connor Beach Rotunda. Toilets need an upgrade.	Facilities (12)
2	Floating pontoon attached to boat ramp, new toilet and shower block.	
3	Kayak tours often stop at O'Connors to use toilets. Floating pontoons would be great at Kirwans and O'Connors.	

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4	Investigate inundation hazards with existing sea scout building. Investigate general use pontoon for kayaks	
5	Boat ramp should be upgraded with a floating pontoon. May need to reconsider location and extend further as shallow part of bay. Good spot to launch jetski	
6	Multi user trail through to Stieglitz foreshore	
7	O'Connors Beach needs a table with bench seats	
8	More trees as wind breaks and summer shade?	
9	Completion of the shared pathway from O'Connors to Stieglitz beaches, more trees and shrubs on the foreshore.	
10	Desperate need of an electric BBQ in the O'Connor Beach Rotunda. Toilets need an upgrade.	
11	Provide a shower. Good sport for jet skis	
12	Pathway/walkway along water	
13	Yes plenty! Remove the dead trees on beach. Remove the dead branches from the tress as we have seen them dropping onto the road and narrowly missing passing cars lately	Maintenance (5)
14	A routine raking of the sand	
15	Limit/reduce extent of oyster farms in bay to reverse sea grass takeover.	
16	Whole Bay needs to have a sea grass reduction? Related to oyster and mussel farms	
17	Toilets are old and don't reflect the neater and cleaner image of other council infrastructure.	Natural Values (4)
18	Any more changes to O'Connors beach should be made with natural aesthetics in mind. We are a small coastal town not a big mainland tourist town	
19	Shade trees	
20	Plants some low native shrubs to beautify the area (the lower roadside). Cut down some overhang branches so the track is safe after the wide weather	
21	Shade trees	

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## Stieglitz Foreshore

24 respondents provided feedback specifically on Stieglitz Foreshore. 38% (5) of respondents use this space daily 30% (4) use this space a few times a week. 54% (13) usually spend 30 mins to 1 hour at this space. 75% (18) usually walk to this space. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (12). The most common secondary uses suggested were Swimming (10), Non-Motorised Recreational Boating (9) and Motorised Recreational Boating (7). 58% (14) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the openness of the site and the diversity in facilities and dislike puddling, management of seagrass, access to water and management of dog off lead.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	5
A few times a week	4
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	0
Once a month	4
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*9 skipped

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	3
30 mins - 1 hour	13
1-3hrs	7
More than 3 hours	1

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	5
Walk	18
Run	0
Cycle	0
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Swimming	3

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Fishing	1
Passive Foreshore Activity	3
Active Foreshore Activity	12
Other	2

**What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?**

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	7
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	9
Swimming	10
Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	8
Active Foreshore Activity	10
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

**How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?**

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	0
Satisfied	14
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	0

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What do you like about this space?

1	The grassy area with trees	Natural Values (9)
2	Enhance native shrub plantings along foreshore allowing for intermittent gaps to access beach.	
3	Openness	
4	Not over-developed. Still retains coastal atmosphere.	
5	Being by the water	
6	A lovely place to walk with both beach and grassed areas.	
7	Open, user friendly	
8	Open space with easy access at many spots. Great spot for walks both on and behind the beach. It's natural beauty - best spot ever for watching spectacular sunsets and for seeing marine life in the shallows.	
9	Its native bird life and remaining coastal vegetation. It has Pelicans, Swans, Wrens, etc. It has a sense of sanctity about it and is a place where people can go and connect to the natural values and enhance their well-being.	
10	Proximity, nice parklands	Accessibility (7)
11	Scenic and accessible	
12	Beautiful natural and accessible	
13	Access	
14	Convenient location, generally not too crowded.	
15	Proximity to my home	
16	Quiet and very clean	
17	Good area for walking dog off lead	Facilities (6)
18	Lawns are mown, toilets and bbq area clean and playground safe. Beautiful scenic and tranquil area.	
19	New shared pathway, toilets, picnic area.	
20	Jetty	
21	Lovely walking tracked and good boat ramps	
22	Various uses	

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What don't you like about this space?

1	The impacts of 4wd tracks and illegal veg clearing by property owners adjacent to reserve	Management (9)
2	Dog owners who are not responsible for their dogs especially keeping their dogs under control and away from other beach goers and who do not clean up after their dogs. Not everybody is a dog lover. The lack of trail maintenance of the behind beach walking trail that can be a sodden mess after heavy rains.	
3	Over the years it has been (and continues to be) illegally cleared, removing boobialla, native grasses, small trees etc. This has continued despite recent disciplinary action taken regarding the illegal removal of a large Gum. In peak times, Jet skies, motorbikes etc often ride close dispersing local wildlife.	
4	The sea grass is making it very difficult to walk along the beach or to find a clear spot to swim.	
5	Excessive sea grass weed on beach due to the long term changes to the Georges Bay marine ecosystem caused by too many oyster farms in the sensitive environment.	
6	At times there is so much sea grass it is very difficult to walk on sections of the beach.	
7	Seaweed on foreshore needs to be removed regularly	
8	Lots of seaweed	
9	Sea grass build up reduces the beaches aesthetics and can make it difficult to get the sailboat into the water.	
10	Not enough picnic tables	Facilities (5)
11	Needs additional poo bag dispensers AND most importantly at least one bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas! Parts of the walkway behind the beach gets waterlogged after heavy rain.	
12	Picnic area	
13	Consider a pontoon at the jetty	
14	Potential location for a new boat ramp at northern end where waters are deeper. Always issues with sand banks, boat ramps need to extend quite far.	
15	Maybe more access	Accessibility (3)
16	Lack of proper walking tracks and after rain you can't get through the dirt road	
17	Limited parking - poor water access	
18	Residents with houses next to beach that are treating public space as extensions of their yard and are grumpy towards people using this space.	Other (1)

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Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

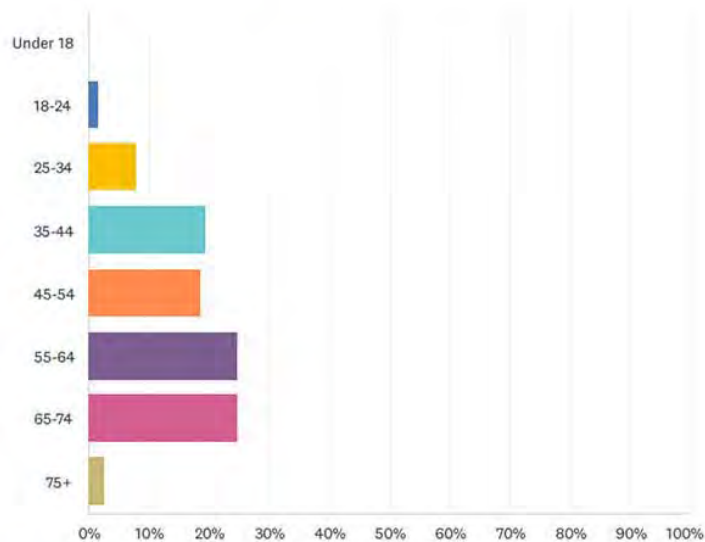
1	Extension of the shared use path so that you can readily ride from St Helens or the St Helens MTB park all the way to Stieglitz Beach would be fantastic.	Facilities (13)
2	More shade	
3	Couple of obvious rest stops for riders	
4	Additional poo bag dispensers and AT LEAST one rubbish bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas.	
4	Improvements to drainage along walkway behind beach.	
5	Walking tracks right through to St. Helens and better upkeep of existing tracks	
6	Pathway/walkway along water	
7	Level the part of the walking path that gets wet and muddy. This section is bounded by bushes so awkward to avoid.	
8	Needs a walkway/cycleway	
9	Completion of the shared pathway from O'Connors to Stieglitz beaches, more trees and shrubs on the foreshore.	
10	Yes an undercover area for bbq.	
11	Investigate half court/ rebound wall and whether play equipment is appropriate for age demographic of local kids.	
12	Investigate feasibility of deep water boat ramp site to the east of reserve.	
13	Toilets are old and don't reflect the neater and cleaner image of other council infrastructure.	Signage (4)
14	Letterbox drop & education about people's property boundaries. Interpretation signage about the area and also activities allowed	
15	More information signs about environmental features	
16	Better signage and information about dog use areas and dog owner responsibilities - not vague online maps that are hard to decipher. A sea grass collection service that turns the dead washed up sea grass into something useable by the council - it seems to be an under utilised resource that keeps coming onto the beach - is it a useable resource? Care taken of the behind beach trail so that is useable in all seasons rather than flooded out during heavy rainfall times.	
17	Yes. Tie this area back to the Aboriginal community who used to frequent the area. For example, establish educational signage about the clan that used the area, and re-establish endemic vegetation patches in a way that would not significantly impact the view of local residents. Accompany this with ecological information signage. Make this area a cultural/ecological experience where people can informally walk through patches of native vegetation, and learn about how the first nation's people used to use this area. For example, plants they used for foods and medicinal purposes.	Management (3)
18	Sea grass removed from beach. Walking track from O'Connors Beach to Stieglitz completed (which I noticed had just commenced)	
19	Limit/reduce extent of oyster farms in bay to reverse sea grass takeover.	
	Consider options to for managing illegal dog off lead use.	Food (1)
20	commercial use of crown land in terms of cafe/food	
21	Increased Marked parking - extend the current jetty via floating pontoon - safety increased by adding a red light for night	Parking (1)
22	Move the sewage treatment plant	Other (1)

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## Who we heard from

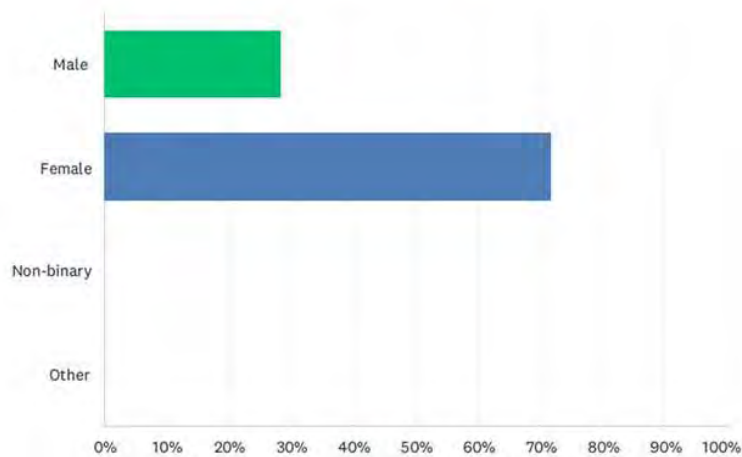
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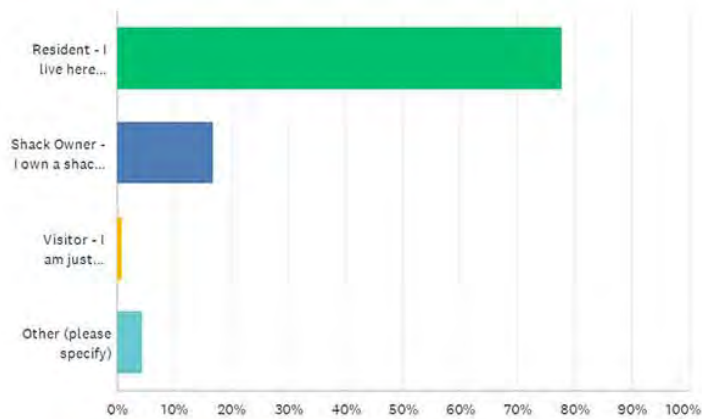


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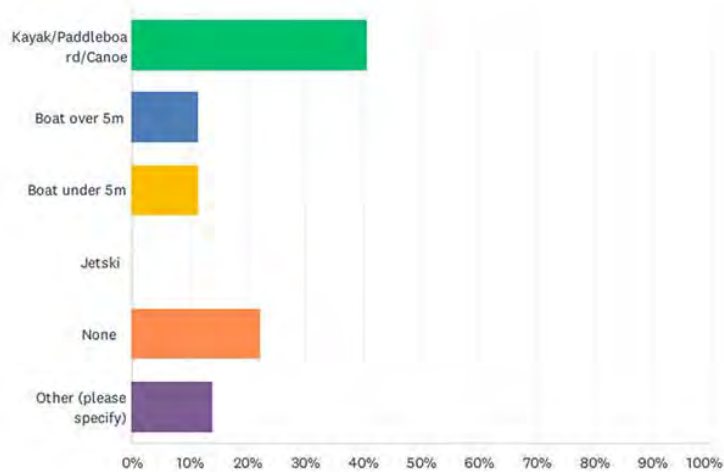
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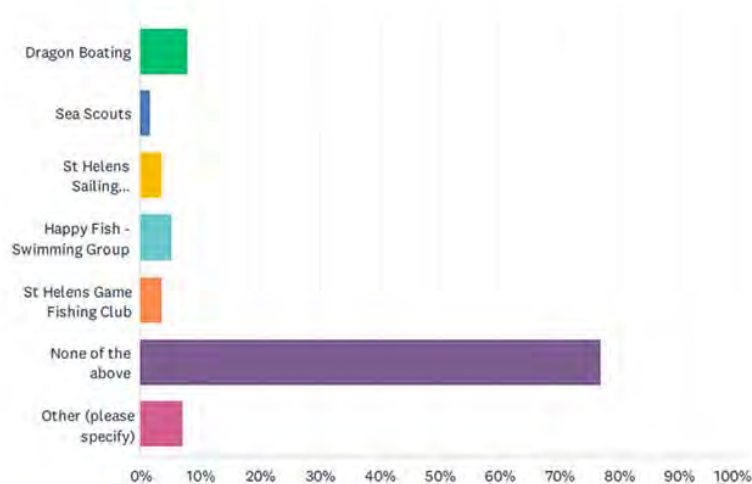
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### Are you a member of a local club?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 48



## What we do with this information

This information helps us to better understand how you use our Foreshore areas and Bay now and are likely to use them in the future, and the issues and opportunities that the strategy needs to respond to.

Phase Two is when the Georges Bay Activation Strategy will be developed. You will have another opportunity to have your say on the draft strategy in early 2023.

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# Georges Bay Activation Strategy



## Acknowledgement of Country

Break O' Day Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to ancestors and to Elders, past, present, and emerging. We honour their culture and knowledge as vital to the self-determination, wellbeing, and resilience of their communities. We stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and history.

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## Overview

The objective of this strategy is to create an accessible, diverse, and flexible network of public foreshore spaces along the Georges Bay foreshore for the enjoyment and benefit of our residents and visitors. It covers eight public spaces connected by the Georges Bay trail including Moulting Bay, the Bird Viewing Platform, St Helens Foreshore, Beauty Bay, Kirwan's Beach, Lions Park, O'Connor's Beach, and Stieglitz Foreshore. Popular activities around the foreshore include boating, paddling, fishing, walking, cycling, markets, food trucks and events. Individually, each site is unique and has its own characteristics and key activities. Collectively, these spaces form a connected network of public spaces that cater to the wider community's needs.

### Our vision

Our vision is aspirational, describing what we envisage our public foreshore spaces around Georges Bay will be like in the years to come.

*'We envisage a network of public foreshore spaces connected by the Georges Bay Trail that are accessible to all, are well provisioned with diverse recreation facilities and are flexible in supporting new opportunities and responding to challenges.'*

### Our principles

The following principles will guide our approach to planning and improvement in public spaces around the foreshore.

#### Accessible

Our foreshore is connected, easy to navigate, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

#### Diverse

Our foreshore supports diverse use for an active, vibrant, and connected community.

#### Flexible

Our foreshore is flexible, supporting new opportunities and responding to challenges.

### What is covered?

The strategy covers eight key public foreshore spaces connected by the Georges Bay Trail. It applies to lands and structures under the management of Break O' Day Council.

Where?	Who?	What?
The Georges Bay Foreshore including the Georges Bay Trail, Moulting Bay, Bird Viewing Platform, St Helens Foreshore, Beauty Bay, Kirwan's Beach, Lions Park, O'Connor's Beach, and Steiglitz Foreshore.	Break O Day Council in partnership with public landowners including Crown Land Services and Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania.	Public foreshore spaces and the infrastructure to support community use.



### Where does it fit?

The strategy builds on and integrates information and actions from several local and regional strategies and plans including:

Local	Regional
Break O'Day Land Use Development Strategy	East Coast Marine Infrastructure Strategy
Break O'Day Coastal Plan	Planning for Sustainable Tourism on Tasmania's East Coast
Break O'Day Recreation & Open Space Strategy	
Break O'Day Economic Development Strategy	
Break O'Day Responding to Climate Change	
Break O'Day Georges Bay Foreshore Recreational Precinct Plan	
Break O'Day St Helens Township Plan	
Break O'Day Disability Action Plan	

## Evidence for action

### Impacts of COVID-19

Around twice as many Australians are now working remotely (either at home or away from their regular office) than was the case before the pandemic. Increased ability to work remotely, combined with affordability and lifestyle factors, has seen more people relocate to regions such as Break O' Day. The rate of population growth outside Greater Hobart has been increasing in recent years, overtaking the state's capital in 2020.<sup>1</sup> In 2021, 6936 residents called Break O' Day home, a 13% increase on 2016 figures.<sup>2</sup> Upgrading our public spaces along the Georges Bay foreshore will improve the lifestyle of our current and future residents and consolidate our place as an attractive destination to live and holiday.

### Importance of health and wellbeing

The benefits of being active are well documented and important for the health and wellbeing of our community. Tasmania has the highest median age of all Australian states at 42 years of age and Break O' Day has one of the highest in Tasmania at 56 years of age. As a result, we report more health conditions associated with an ageing population including arthritis, heart disease and mental health conditions. Improving access to quality open spaces can have significant physical, social, financial and mental benefits. Mental health in particular has become a common and growing driver of participation in recreation. From 2020-21 to 2021-2022 there has been a significant increase in mental health as a participation motive across all age groups in Australia including young adults, people living with a disability and older Australians aged 55+. By upgrading our recreational and community infrastructure around the Georges Bay foreshore, we will support our community to be happier, healthier and have high quality of life.

### Climate change and sea level rise

Many of Tasmania's coastal areas will be at risk from sea level rise and more severe storm surges associated with climate change, with impacts including increased coastal erosion and recession of erodible shorelines, inundation and flooding of low-lying areas, and coastal infrastructure. Infrastructure and facilities in high-risk locations is likely to incur damage or require redesign or relocation. Further, rising average temperatures particularly in summer will that shade is more important than ever for foreshore users to stay cool. To protect our foreshore spaces, we need to plan ahead to ensure they are resilient and adaptable to climate change and sea level rise.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> UTAS COVID 19 and the future of work in Tasmania Report

<sup>2</sup> Census 2021 Break O Day Quick Stats

<sup>3</sup> Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania Tasmanian Coastal Works Manual



## Community Snapshot

Between the 13<sup>th</sup> of June and 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2022 we asked for community participation in an online survey and received 161 responses. The survey asked how frequently people visited foreshore spaces, what activities they took part in and what suggestions they had for improvement. We promoted participation of the survey through social media, Councils website, distribution through community groups as well as site signage with QR links at public foreshore spaces. In addition, 16 key stakeholder groups were interviewed, and feedback provided.

We learnt that we are an active community with high participation in recreation activities on both land and water. On land, active use had the highest level of participation with 83%, followed by passive use and fishing. On water, sail/paddle which includes kayaks, individual sailing vessels, wind surfing, canoes and surf skis had the highest level of participation with 51% followed by swimming and boating.

Top 3 land-based activities	Top 3 water-based activities
83% Active Use	51% Sail/ Paddle
58% Passive Use	44% Swimming
35% Fishing	42% Boating

We also learnt that we visit our foreshores less in the winter months, likely attributed to the shorter days and colder weather.

Visitation in Summer	Visitation in Winter
39% A few times a week	30% A few times a week
33% Daily	19% Daily
12% Once a week	14% Once a week
8% Once a fortnight	12% Once a fortnight
4% Once a month	12% Once a month
3% Rarely	12% Rarely

We asked what level of change you would like to see at St Helens Foreshore and we learnt that is needed but that it needs to be sympathetic and considered, a balance between major and minor improvement.

48%	Want to see minor improvements (eg renewing existing facilities, minor upgrades etc)
44%	Want to see major improvements (eg. reconsidering locations of existing infrastructure, upgrading infrastructure and facilities)

We also asked where our priorities for improvements at St Helens Foreshore should be. The top 3 responses were:

43%	Improvements to walk/ cycle connections
37%	Improvements to recreational facilities
37%	Improvements to commercial/ hospitality style businesses

## Framework

The framework provides a structure for planning and improvement of public foreshore spaces. It consists of two components:

- 1) A hierarchy; three levels of foreshore space each with a clear intended purpose and function.
- 2) Key activities; identifying the key activities to be supported within each space.

### Hierarchy

There are three levels of foreshore space including Destination, District and Local. Each has a clear intended purpose and function within the greater foreshore.

Hierarchy	Purpose and Function
Destination	Large, flexible public spaces with diverse facilities that cater to a wide range of users. Can support more than 3 key activities.  Example: St Helens Foreshore
District	Distinctive spaces that support the uses that are most suited to the site. Can support up to 3 key activities.  Examples: Beauty Bay and Stieglitz Foreshore.
Local	Low-key spaces that support 1-2 key activities. While generally not destinations themselves, these spaces play an important role as quiet spaces and provide respite along the Georges Bay Trail. Natural values should be prioritized at these sites.  Example: Moulting Bay and Bird Viewing Platform.



### Key activities

This component of the framework identifies which key activities are most appropriate for the site. Key activities will be supported in the action plan. The aim is to create an appropriate and sustainable level of use at each site, reducing the risk of crowding, user conflict and land and infrastructure degradation from overuse.

Activity	Example
Boating	Power boating and fishing, jet skiing and motorised water sports such as water-skiing, wake boarding etc.
Sail/ Paddle	Kayaks, individual sailing vessels, wind surfing, canoes and surf skis etc.
Swimming	Swimming, wadding from shore etc.
Fishing	Casting from beach, jetty or pier. Not from boats etc.
Passive use	Relaxing, picnic, playground etc.
Active use	Walking, jogging, cycling etc.
Commercial/ Hospitality	Café, takeaway etc.

## Development Guidelines

These development guidelines are intended to support implementation of the action plan, ensuring consistent and quality outcomes in all additional, renewed and upgrades facilities around the Georges Bay foreshore. They may also be referenced when considering future community requests.

### Bike racks

The Georges Bay Trail is a popular with cyclists and the provision of bike racks makes it easier and more attractive for cyclists to access other facilities around the bay. Bike racks are located at St Helens Foreshore and Beauty Bay and additional bike racks are proposed at Lions Park, O'Connor's Beach and Stieglitz Foreshore.

- Bike racks are to be installed to relevant Australian standards.
- Bike racks should not interfere with pedestrians and cyclists the Georges Bay Trail and should be set back slightly and close by to other facilities.

### Bins

Bins are required to ensure we sustainably and responsibly manage landfill, recycling waste and dog waste in our public spaces. It is important to carefully consider location, provision and frequency of collection to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

- Landfill bins are provided at Destination and District Foreshores.
- Recycling bins are only provided at Destination foreshores.
- Dog waste bins with dispensers are provided based on an assessment of other facilities present and need.
- All bins to be located in positions that are accessible for maintenance purposes e.g. near the entry and exits and near BBQ and picnic facilities.
- Dog waste bins are to be located at entry/exit to these reserves and not near any BBQ/picnic areas, playgrounds or seats.

### Boat Ramps

Boat ramps are where we launch our boats and watercraft using trailers and tow vehicles. Ideal Fishing and boating conditions can vary with wind and weather, therefore access at different locations is required. Boat ramps are located around the bay at St Helens Foreshore and Stieglitz Foreshore and further investigation is required for an additional boat ramp at Moulting Bay.

- Boat ramp improvements are in collaboration with MAST.
- Boat ramps and associated facilities must consider projected sea level rise and coastal erosion.
- Off street carparking with trailer provisions are required at all boat ramps.

### Car Parking

Car parking ensures our public spaces are equitable and accessible to all and ensures our residents and visitors who are not within walking or cycling distance can access facilities.

- Off street carparking is required at all destination and district spaces. On street carparking is adequate at local spaces.
- Quantity of parking required to meet the existing or proposed change to the area.
- Carparks should not have undue impact on adjoining land use or create unreasonable loss of existing open space.

- Proposed design to adhere to Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) principles and best management practice regarding safety of car park design.
- Proposed size, material use and design does not compromise the desired landscape character.
- Lighting is not required, except where there is insufficient ambient light.
- Encourage, where appropriate, multiple use of the car park (i.e. surface that is available for other uses when not being used as a car park).

### Drinking water

Drinking water is a vital component to keeping people hydrated and healthy during recreational activities. To promote and encourage people to drink more water, drinking water should be accessible, appealing and readily available. Water refill station upgrades are proposed at St Helens Foreshore, Beauty Bay, Lions Park, O'Connor's Beach and Steiglitz Foreshore.

- Water refill stations with fountains, downward bottle tap and dog bowls are the preferred way of accessing water over standalone drinking fountains or taps.
- Location of refill stations to consider projected sea level and coastal erosion.
- Refill stations to be located along the Georges Bay Trail and nearby to other facilities such as playgrounds, toilets, and picnic areas.
- Flow meter gauges can be installed to monitor usage.

### Exercise equipment

Informal exercise in has increased in popularity across the country creating demand for more free-to-use, unstructured physical activity opportunities. Provision of outdoor exercise equipment supports active lifestyles and community connection with a focus on health prevention. Exercise equipment is located at St Helens Foreshore with additional facilities proposed for Steiglitz Foreshore.

- Exercise equipment should take in views of the bay and pedestrian activity.
- Consideration for additional equipment only in high use areas close to residential areas.
- Provision of equipment should contain a mixture of dynamic and static facilities.

### Jetties

Jetties are structures extending from the shore giving access to deeper water for fishing and swimming. They also provide destinations for walks and places for quiet contemplation. Jetties are located at Beauty Bay, Kirwans Beach, Lions Park and O'Connor's Beach.

- Off street carparking should be provided near jetties where possible.
- Upgrading of existing jetties will be prioritised over construction of new jetties.
- Jetties should include lighting and fish cleaning tables and hook bins to supporting fishing use.
- All new and upgraded jetties should comply with DDA legislation.

### Lighting

Lighting along the foreshore can help to improve safety and amenity, integrate sustainability, and enhance the foreshores lifestyle and character. Good lighting design complements the environment, improving the quality of public spaces, and is crucial aspect of supporting use outside of daylight hours. Lighting improvements are proposed for St Helens Foreshore, Beauty Bay and Kirwans Beach and Georges Bay Trail paths between them.



- Utilise existing lighting where possible, for example, street lighting.
- Lighting alone does not improve safety; safety also requires good passive surveillance from people.
- Where new lighting is required select lighting that: minimises upward glare (to reduce impact on native fauna and adjoining residential amenity), is energy efficient or has a viable alternative energy source, that it is scaled to meet the specific need identified, is easily maintained.
- The design of all lighting upgrades should be considered wherever possible and complement the character of the bay.
- Use a consistent approach to lighting infrastructure design and finishes.

### Picnic/ BBQ Facilities

Picnic and BBQ facilities provide our community with places to cook, eat and socialise. They are equitable and available for use by everyone. Picnic/ BBQ facilities are located at destination and district foreshore spaces around the bay.

- Location to consider projected sea level and coastal erosion.
- Positioned to be near car parking wherever possible.
- Co-located to be near other facilities including playgrounds and toilet facilities where they will be well used.
- Shelters to be designed to respond to the local character and sized to meet the anticipated regular use.
- Designed to allow all-ability access and use of the facility.
- Picnic shelters to be fitted with lighting and USB charging ports wherever feasible.
- Lighting is not required, except where there is insufficient ambient light.

### Play spaces

Access to play spaces provide a safe space for children to become active, engage with others, adapt and learn skills. There are many physical, social, cognitive and emotional benefits that accrue from play. Play spaces are located at St Helens Foreshore, Lions Park and Stieglitz Foreshore.

- Location to consider projected sea level and coastal erosion.
- Universal design principles that optimise access to play spaces and associated park infrastructure for the whole community will underpin the planning and design.
- A focus will be on integrating nature play spaces with the site on which they are located that fits into and complements the landscape is prioritised.
- Tree shade is preferred to shade sails.

### Pontoons

Pontoons are floating structures that support access to tidal waters. They can be located close to shore to support boat and kayak launching or slightly off shore to support swimming. A network of pontoons will support use between sites at Beauty Bay, Kirwans Beach and O'Connor's Beach. Further investigation for an additional pontoon is required at Moulting Bay.

- Off street carparking should be provided near pontoons where possible.
- Universal design principles that optimise access to pontoons and associated infrastructure for the whole community will underpin the planning and design.

## Public Toilets

Public toilets are important community assets that contribute to the vitality and accessibility of public spaces and allow for much longer stays. Public toilets are provided at St Helens Foreshore, Beauty Bay, Lions Park, O'Connor's Beach and Stieglitz Foreshore.

- Location to consider projected sea level and coastal erosion.
- Where possible integrate with other buildings in the reserve.
- Utilise best practice environmentally sustainable principles in siting and design, particularly in relation to water re-use.
- Location should have least possible impact on prominent public views and not create hidden or unusable areas around them.
- Located with as much natural supervision as possible, preferably on a road verge and not adjacent to a car park.
- Designed such that cubicles open directly to the outside and include wash facilities rather than an ante room with basins.
- Adequate lighting.
- Appropriately sized to meet demands and size of the foreshore area.
- Complement the character of the area.
- Provide disability access in accordance with current Australian Standards.

## Seating

Seating that is accessible, comfortable, well-maintained, and located in the right places is vital to creating interesting, vibrant and safe spaces.

- Location to consider projected sea level and coastal erosion.
- Locations for seating are places where there are people, especially in areas where people can watch other people, views or features.
- Consider a variety of settings including some in groups and some alone.
- Consider a variety of locations with some in the shade and others in the sun to provide for a diversity of needs.
- Variety of seat types including bench seats, seats with backs and some including armrests to improve all-ability access.
- Located adjacent to paths or paved areas to allow for access to them.

## Shared paths

Shared paths support uses such as walking, jogging and cycling. These spaces are for everyone to share and enjoy the benefits of being active. The Georges Bay Trail connects seven of our public spaces around the bay, with additional connections proposed between Moulting Bay and Binalong Bay, and O'Connor's Beach and Stieglitz Foreshore.

- Alignment and construction to consider projected sea level and coastal erosion.
- Gradients on existing and proposed paths to meet the standards for access and mobility, and Austroad standards for shared trails.
- Sightlines to allow clear visibility along paths, particularly near bends without low overhanging vegetation.
- To be a minimum of 2.5 metres wide.
- Surface of trail to be appropriate to the character, location and usage levels of the path.
- Have control measures for cyclists at critical points along the trail.



- Minimise points where shared trails cross vehicle entries and boat ramps.

### Signage

Signage and other visual, tactile, sound, colour and light cues can either assist or hinder how people get around, find their way from one point to another. When a space or pathway is well-considered and well-signed, it can help everyone feel more confident and safer, and can be essential for people with disability. Updated signage design guidelines and new signage is recommended for all sites.

- Identification, directional, distance, informational and regulatory signage should be integrated and simplified wherever possible to reduce visual clutter.
- Signage design should be consistent and use clear graphics.
- Identification signage should include place names in English and Palawa kani language.
- Informational signage should include a balance of indigenous and post settlement perspectives.
- Signage on the Georges Bay Trail to clearly highlight that trail is shared and users need to accommodate each other including cyclists, pedestrians, and dog on lead walkers.
- At local spaces, signage should remind visitors to take rubbish home with them if bins are not provided.

## Facility Provision

These facility provision guidelines indicate what type of facilities may be suitable for a foreshore space based on hierarchy. Destination foreshores should be very well provisioned with diverse facilities, district foreshores should have facilities that support key activities and local foreshores should have basic facilities.

- ✓ Suitable
- ✗ Not suitable
- Optional if support a key use

Facility	Destination	District	Local
Barbeques	✓	○	✗
Bike racks	✓	✓	○
Bins – landfill	✓	✓	✗
Bins - recycling	✓	✗	✗
Bins – dog waste with bag dispenser	✓	○	✗
Boat ramps	✓	○	✗
Carpark – off street	✓	✓	✗
Carpark – on street	✓	✓	✓
Community facilities (including club rooms)	✓	✓	✗
Drinking station (fountain/bottle/dog bowl)	✓	✓	✗
Exercise/fitness facility (eg. fitness station, half court, outdoor table tennis etc)	✓	○	✗
Fish cleaning facilities	✓	✓	✗
Jetty	✓	○	✗
Large open grassed areas for unstructured recreational use	✓	✓	○
Lighting (e.g. key linking paths and carparks)	✓	✓	✗
Path - shared	✓	✓	✓
Playground - large	✓	✗	✗
Playground - medium	✓	✓	✗
Playground - small	✓	✓	✗
Pontoon	✓	✓	✗
Public toilets	✓	○	✗
Seating	✓	✓	✓
Signage – identification/ directional/ informational/ regulatory/ braille and tactile	✓	✓	✓
Skate/BMX/ MTB facilities	✓	○	✗
Water feature/ Water play	✓	✗	✗

## Project Prioritisation

We will prioritise our efforts by considering existing asset conditions, feedback on user satisfaction and funding availability. We will also do our best to undertake works together to limit disruption to users.

### Existing Asset Condition

The following condition grades will aid prioritization of renewals/ upgrades/ disposals of existing foreshore facilities. Assets in most need of renewal will be prioritised first.

Condition	Description
1 Very Good Condition	Only normal maintenance required
2 Minor Defects Only	Minor maintenance required
3 Maintenance Required to Return to Accepted Level of Service	Significant maintenance required
4 Requires Renewal	Significant renewal/upgrade required
5 Asset Unserviceable	No longer functional

### User Satisfaction

The following user satisfaction scores will be used to benchmark progress during the life of the strategy. Baseline user satisfaction scores were recorded during consultation for this project. Sites with the lowest user satisfaction will be prioritise first.

Satisfaction
1 Very dissatisfied
2 Dissatisfied
3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4 Satisfied
5 Very satisfied

### Funding

Projects able to be funded through operational budgets will be prioritise to deliver earlier in the program while feasibility for capital improvements and major works is undertaken.

Funding	Description
O Operational	Able to be undertaken within annual Council operational budgets
C Capital	Subject to funding in Councils future capital works program
M Major	Require funding contributions/ partnership from external sources such as MAST, State and Federal Government

Actions have been prioritised over a 10 year period. Implementation often requires allocation of appropriate funding and staff resources by Council on an annual basis. If opportunities arise to undertake these with external funding or as part of other projects, they may be pursued earlier.

Priority	Timeframe
High	1 to 3 years
Medium	4 to 7 years
Low	8 to 10 years

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## Strategic Actions

The following strategic actions are recommended to support the implementation of this strategy.

### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
SA1	Develop guidelines for commercial activation of public land	Develop a guideline and process for reviewing proposals for commercial activation of public land in order to regulate such activities in order to balance them with the needs and expectations of community	C	High
SA2	Develop a Mobile Food Van policy	Develop a food truck policy to guide food truck activations at foreshore spaces (where permitted in lease agreements)	C	High
SA3	Update signage design guidelines	Develop a consistent signage design guideline for the Georges Bay Foreshore	C	High
SA4	Benchmarking user satisfaction program	Prepare an online survey to benchmark user satisfaction during life of the strategy. Baseline satisfaction was captured during consultation. Provide link on Council website and via QR code on updated park signage.	C	High
SA5	Review Weeding/Planting Programs	Review weeding and planting program to enhance the natural values of public spaces around the foreshore	C	High

### Projects Requiring Further Investigation

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
SA6	Investigate bay health monitoring program	Investigate reinstating a bay health monitoring program to better inform decisions around environmental management	C	Medium



## Capital Works

### Moulting Bay

Hierarchy	Key Activity
Local	Passive Use

#### Summary

Moulting Bay is a local foreshore space, supporting passive use. Previously there was a jetty at this location however it was demolished and not reinstated. Currently there are no facilities present. Moulting Bay is underutilised and has potential for use by kayaks and small fishing boats, particularly when the other side of bay is exposed to NE winds. If investigations for an additional boat ramp/pontoon proceed, this space should be considered for upgrade to a district foreshore space and additional facilities provided. Feedback on user satisfaction at Moulting Bay had a median score of 3 'Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied'. Suggestions for improvement included a boat ramp, further extension of the Georges Bay Trail and additional seating.

#### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
MB1	Additional Seating	Add seating that takes in the views of the bay	O	High
MB2	Upgrade Signage	Upgrade signage as part of wider program	C	Medium
MB3	Upgrade On Street Parking	Upgrade car parking to improve safety, amenity, functionality	C	Medium

#### Projects Requiring Further Investigation

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
MB4	Moulting Bay Boat Ramp/ Pontoon	Investigate the feasibility of boat ramp and pontoon at the sheltered cut. This land is currently under private ownership.	C/M	Medium
MB5	Shared trail connection between Moulting Bay and Binalong Bay	Investigate alignment for extending the Georges Bay Trail out to Binalong Bay improving access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists	C/M	High

## Bird Viewing Platform

Hierarchy	Key Activity
Local	Passive Use

### Summary

The Bird Viewing Platform is a local foreshore space, supporting passive use. Currently there are no facilities. This space looks out over significant area of saltmarsh habitat and is one of the best locations around Georges Bay for bird watching. These salt marshes are of significant ecological value, should be protected and their values enhanced. Suggestions for improvement included landscaping improvements, seating and a lookout.

### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
BP1	Upgrade Signage	Upgrade signage as part of wider program	C	Medium
BP2	Additional Seating	Add seating to take in views of the saltmarsh and bay	O	Medium
BP3	Lookout upgrade	Upgrade the lookout including a lookout deck over the saltmarsh and landscaping improvements in the surrounds	C	Low

## St Helens Foreshore

Hierarchy	Key Activity
Destination	Boating, Passive Use, Active Use, Commercial/ Hospitality, Community facilities

### Summary

St Helens Foreshore is a destination foreshore space, supporting a diversity of uses including boating, passive use, active use, commercial/ hospitality and community facilities. The space is well provisioned including a recently upgrade boat ramp, a large play space, toilets, and off street carparking. Other than the boat ramp, many of these facilities are in average to poor condition. The foreshore was created by a land reclamation project undertaken during the late 70's and early 80's. The first commercial/ hospitality business opened at the site in 1994. Over the years, facilities have been added to the foreshore in an ad hoc manner. In order to consolidate and connect buildings, open space and facilities on the site in a holistic manner, it is proposed that a masterplan be developed to guide future development of the site. Community feedback highlighted that 48% want to see minor improvements at the site (eg renewing existing facilities, minor upgrades etc) and 44% want to see major improvements (eg. reconsidering locations of existing infrastructure, upgrading infrastructure and facilities). Top responses for priority areas to improve were: 43% walk/ cycle connections, 37% recreational facilities and 37% more commercial/ hospitality businesses. Feedback on user satisfaction at St Helens Foreshore had a median score of 3 'Neither satisfied nor

dissatisfied'. Suggestions for improvement included upgrading the wharf, upgrading the place space, a pump track, lighting improvements, upgrade retaining walls along esplanade and better places to sit and eat.

#### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
SH1	St Helens Foreshore Master Plan	Prepare a masterplan to guide development of St Helens Foreshore. The masterplan will consolidate and connect buildings, open space and facilities on the site prioritising walking/ cycle connections, recreational facilities and commercial/ hospitality businesses. The community will have further opportunities to provide comment on the draft masterplan.	C	High

#### Projects Requiring Further Investigation

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
SH2	St Helens Wharf Upgrade	Replace St Helens Wharf and include floating marina berths for recreational boats as long as these don't impact on commercial boating facilities	M	High
SH3	Information Centre/ Community Hub	Investigate inclusion of an Information Centre/ Community Hub with resources such as internet access and meeting rooms.	C/M	High
SH4	Saltmarsh Boardwalk	Investigate feasibility of a saltmarsh boardwalk from the northern end of the foreshore across the salt marsh to the bird viewing platform.	C/M	Low

#### Beauty Bay

Hierarchy	Key Activity
District	Swimming, Fishing, Passive Use

#### Summary

Beauty Bay is a district foreshore space. It is protected from winds making it popular destination for swimming, fishing, and passive use. Existing facilities include an off-street carpark, landfill bins, picnic tables, BBQ shelter, toilet block with shower, dog bag dispenser, jetty with ladder and fish



cleaning table. Generally, these facilities are in very good to good condition. Beauty Bay is particularly busy in summer months which can create issues between swimmers and boats crowding in the calm protected waters of the bay. Consultation feedback on user satisfaction at Beauty Bay had a median score of 4 which is 'satisfied'. Feedback on user satisfaction at Beauty Bay had a median score of 4 'Satisfied'. Suggestions for improvement included a pontoon, shower screen and drinking water.

#### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
BB1	Privacy screens for showers	Provide privacy screens at existing shower	O	High
BB2	Floating pontoon	Additional floating pontoon for swimmers located approx. 50m from the beach. If successful, consider an additional smaller pontoon closer to the shore	C	High
BB3	Address safety issues between swimmers and boats	Advocate to MAST to undertake a risk assessment and provide appropriate safety measures to reduce risk to swimmers from boats	O	High
BB4	Drinking refill station	Water refill stations with fountains, downward bottle tap and dog bowls	C	Medium
BB5	Upgrade Signage	Upgrade signage as part of wider program	C	Medium
BB6	Carpark upgrade	Upgrade car parking to improve amenity and functionality	C	Low
BB7	Lighting improvements	Provide lighting improvements at Beauty Bay and along the Georges Bay Trail between Beauty Bay and St Helens Foreshore	O	Low

#### Projects Requiring Further Investigation

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
BB8	Remove sunken vessel	Investigate options for removing sunken vessel in beauty bay	C	High
BB9	Seawall extension to protect swimming area	Investigate options for extending a seawall at the northern point of Beauty Bay to protect the swimming area from wind and surface waves.	C/M	Low

#### Kirwans Beach

Hierarchy	Key Activities
District	Fishing, Sail/ Paddle, Passive Use

#### Summary

Kirwans Beach is a district foreshore space, supporting fishing, sail/ paddle and passive use. The site has a newly upgraded jetty, off street carparking, BBQ and some picnic tables. There is also a private jetty in disrepair which is a safety issue and impacts the sites visual amenity. Feedback on user satisfaction at Kirwans Beach had a median score of 4 'satisfied'. Suggestions for improvement included a floating pontoon, removal of the old jetty, shade trees and a shelter.

#### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
KB1	Picnic table and shelter	Remove existing BBQ and replace with a sheltered picnic table	C	High
KB2	Additional bench seats	Replace existing seats and provide additional seating to take in views of the bay	O	High
KB3	Shade tree plantings	Tree plantings along foreshore to provide shade in summer	O	High
KB4	Floating pontoon	Provide a floating pontoon off the beach for swimming and kayaks launching	C	High
KB5	Upgrade Signage	Upgrade signage as part of wider program	C	Medium
KB6	Carpark upgrade	Upgrade car parking to improve amenity and functionality	C	Low
KB7	Lighting improvements	Provide lighting improves at Kirwans Beach and along the Georges Bay Trail between Kirwans Beach and Beauty Bay	O	Low



### Projects Requiring Further Investigation

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
KB8	Private jetty	Open discussions about options for removal or reinstatement of jetty in disrepair (under private lease Crown)	C	High

### Lions Park

Hierarchy	Key Activities
District	Fishing

### Summary

Lions Park is a district foreshore space, supporting fishing, active and passive use. It is popular with walkers and cyclists accessing the Boggy Creek trail and for fishing from the recently constructed jetty opposite Talbot Street. The site also contains off street carparking, toilet facilities, a BBQ shelter and play space. Feedback on user satisfaction at Lions Park had a median score of 4 'satisfied'. Suggestions for improvement included additional tree shade, a MTB washdown facility and additional play equipment.

### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
LP1	Fish gutting table	Additional fish gutting table at Cunningham jetty	O	High
LP2	Additional plantings	Enhance the native vegetation barrier along the inter tidal zone	O	High
LP3	Drinking refill station	Water refill stations with fountains, downward bottle tap and dog bowls	C	Medium
LP4	Additional bike racks	Provide additional bike racks close to facilities	O	Medium
LP5	Upgrade Signage	Upgrade signage as part of wider program	C	Medium
LP6	All abilities play equipment	Additional all abilities feature at play space i.e basket swing	C	Low

LP7	MTB Wash Down	Additional MTB wash down facility	C	Low
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### O'Connor's Beach

Hierarchy	Key Activities
District	Fishing, Sail/ Paddle, Passive Use

#### Summary

O'Connor's Beach is a district foreshore space, supporting fishing, sail/ paddle and passive use. The site has a newly upgraded jetty opposite Cunningham's Street which is a popular fishing destination. The sea scouts hall is in poor condition and is subject to sea level rise and inundation. Other facilities include a boat ramp, two off street carparks, a picnic shelter and toilet block which are generally in poor condition. The site is very popular in summer and an ideal place for launching jet skis and kayaks from the beach. Feedback on user satisfaction at O'Connor's beach had a median score of 3 'Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied'. Suggestions for improvement included a floating pontoon, upgraded toilets and shower block and shade trees.

#### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
OC1	Shade tree plantings	Additional shade tree plantings along foreshore	C	High
OC2	Melaleuca regeneration area	Continue weed and manage the Melaleuca regeneration area	C	High
OC3	Additional bike racks	Provide additional bike racks close to facilities	O	High
OC4	Drinking refill station	Water refill stations with fountains, downward bottle tap and dog bowls	C	Medium
OC5	Floating pontoon	Provide a floating pontoon off the beach for kayak and jet ski launching	C	Medium
OC6	Upgrade carpark	Upgrade carpark to support unloading of kayaks and jetskis to the pontoon.	C	Medium
OC7	Picnic Area Upgrade	Upgrade picnic/ BBQ area	C	Medium

OC8	Toilet Upgrade	Upgrade toilet block with outdoor shower	C	Medium
OC9	Upgrade Signage	Upgrade signage as part of wider program	C	Medium

#### Projects Requiring Further Investigation

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
OC10	Community Boating Club Facility Renewal	Investigate need for a new community boating facility to replace the Scout Club building. Any new development should include a commercial/ hospitality activation.	C/M	Low

#### Steiglitz Foreshore

Hierarchy	Key Activities
District	Boating, Passive Use, Active Use

#### Summary

Steiglitz Foreshore is a district foreshore space, supporting boating, passive use and active use. This stretch of the bay has issues with sand banks forming and shifting making boat launching difficult. The existing boat ramp is quite shallow and a hump can form where boats take off creating issues particularly for visitors unfamiliar with the ramp. The space contains a play space in average condition, a dog off lead area and recently upgraded toilet, shelter and BBQ area. It is currently not connected by the Georges Bay Trail however a new path alignment has been identified around Treloggens Track. There has been issues with illegal clearing of native vegetation along the foreshore which needs to be monitored and managed. Consultation feedback on user satisfaction at Steiglitz Foreshore had a median score of 2 'satisfied'. Suggestions for improvement included boat ramp upgrade, additional plantings, better management of dog off lead and a shared trail connection to the Georges Bay Trail at O'Connor's Beach.

#### Key Moves

Project		Description	Funding	Priority
SF1	Internal Path Upgrades	Upgrade path network between carpark, playground, toilets and picnic area to be DDA compliant	O	High
SF2	Fish Gutting Table	Upgrade fish gutting table	O	High



SF3	Dog off lead improvements	Additional fence with gate to delineate dog off lead area. Include dog poo bin, bag dispenser and regulatory signage	O	High
SF4	BBQ Upgrade	Upgrade BBQ with shelter	O	High
SF5	Additional plantings	Enhance native shrub plantings along foreshore allowing for intermittent gaps to access beach.	C	High
SF6	Drinking refill station	Water refill stations with fountains, downward bottle tap and dog bowls	C	Medium
SF7	Additional bike racks	Provide additional bike racks close to facilities	O	Medium
SF8	Play space upgrade	Upgrade play space	C	Medium
SF9	Upgrade signage	Upgrade signage as part of wider program	C	Medium
SF10	Additional outdoor exercise equipment	Provide a mix of static and dynamic outdoor exercise equipment that takes in views of the bay.	C	Medium

#### Projects Requiring Further Investigation

Projects Requiring Further Investigation				
Project		Description	Funding	Priority
SF11	Shared trail connection between O'Connor's Beach to Stieglitz Foreshore	Investigate alignment for extending the Georges Bay Trail between O'Connor's Beach and Stieglitz Foreshore improving access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists	C/M	High
SF12	Investigate options to upgrade boat ramp	Upgrade boat ramp to allow boats to launch in deeper water. Consider option to relocate the boat ramp to the deeper waters at the northern end of Steiglitz foreshore	C/M	Medium

## Monitoring and Evaluation

We will monitor and evaluate this strategy during its life to ensure its progress is tracked and it remains relevant in achieving its vision and objectives. The Strategy will be published on Council's website and further consultation will be undertaken in the future during the concept and detailed design stages on specific projects as they commence.

- We will benchmark user satisfaction through the life of this strategy through an online survey to be promoted on the Council website and by QR codes on signage. Baseline satisfaction scores were recorded during consultation for this project. Our aim is to see improvement across all sites.
- We will provide regular updates on the progress of implementation showing what has been achieved.
- The strategy will be reviewed every 5 years or as required considering updated ABS data, demographic analysis, revisions to local and state policy and lease agreements.



ACTION	INFORMATION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	John Brown, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	002\012\001\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Nil

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the General Manager's report be received.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of various issues which are being dealt with by the General Manager and with other Council Officers where required.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Provided as a monthly report – Council consideration at previous meetings.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:****Meeting and Events attended by the Acting General Manager:**

20.02.2023	St Helens	– Council Meeting
20.02.2023	St Helens	– Meeting with Senator Wendy Askew
21.02.2023	Launceston	– Meeting with Minister Jaensch

**Meeting and Events attended:**

03.03.2023	MS Teams	– Tasmanian Audit Office - Annual Stakeholder Meeting which is a general discussion about what has been happening with Council, key projects and directions. The TAO also discuss their key activities for the year ahead.
09.03.2023	St Helens	– State Grants Commission – the Business Service Manager and General Manager met with the SGC as part of their annual discussions with Councils to gain an understanding of the challenges we face and to discuss matters relating to the formulas they use to calculate the distribution of Financial Assistance Grants annually with Councils to discuss their deliberations. Overall quite a positive meeting.
10.03.2023	St Helens	– Bendigo Community Bank, meeting with Chairperson Andrew MacGregor to discuss sponsorship of community activities, performance of the Branch and future directions.
11.03.2023	Cape Portland	– Tebrakunna Ranger Workforce Development Training Program, official launch of the program which was held on country.

## Meetings & Events Not Yet Attended:

15.03.2022	St Helens	– East Coast Tasmania Tourism (ECTT) meeting with CEO Grace Keath
15.03.2022	St Helens	– Mountain Bike Trails Framework Project Meeting
17.03.2022	Launceston	– Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting
18.03.2022	St Helens	– Dragon Trail Mountain Bike Race
18.03.2022	Launceston	– Spirit Super Business Excellence Awards
20.03.2022	St Helens	– Council Meeting

General – The General Manager held regular meetings with Departmental Managers and individual staff when required addressing operational issues and project development. Meetings with community members and stakeholders included Chris Adekunle (Southern Waste Solutions).

## Brief Updates:

### Tasmanian Audit Office Stakeholder Discussion

During the meeting the Auditor General, Rob Whitehead, outlined the key activities that the Tasmanian Audit Office would be focussing on over the next 12-18 months:

- Strategic Procurement, the TAO is working with three of the larger Councils to shine a light on the benefits which can be secured through a focus on this approach. They did note the work undertaken by northern region Councils in relation to legal services.
- Management of landfills, not a lot of detail on this one because it is focussed on operational landfills though it may extend to former landfill site.
- Fees for the Local Government sector have been lower than what it is actually costing to deliver the service so we can expect an increase in costs being charged. This will be partially offset by changes to how travel and accommodation costs are being charged.

### COVID Emergency Declaration

The Premier has declared 30 April as the 'emergency cessation day' in accordance with the COVID Act. This means that any notices issued under that Act (i.e. remote meetings) are automatically revoked on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

However, the specific notice that provides for councils to undertake remote meetings expires at the end of March. Each notice under the COVID Act has different end dates.

## Communications Report

TOPIC	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS
<b>GENERAL COMMS</b>	BODC Newsletter	Sent out end of last month. Included stories on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteering meet and greet event</li> <li>Water refilling Stations for Break O'Day</li> <li>Pumptrack update</li> <li>Draft Township Plans ready for your feedback... and more</li> </ul>
<b>Social Media</b>	Community Events	When asked to promote and material is supplied as well as when we see community events – they are shared to our Facebook page including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Women's Day event in Fingal</li> <li>Questacon Science Circus</li> <li>Author Chat at the St Helens Library</li> </ul> <b>Community discussion on NDIS in Fingal</b>
	Government Events and Activities	Govt. Activities promoted including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roads Tas updates</li> <li>Tas Alerts for wind event</li> <li>Biosecurity information on Bees</li> <li>Fuel Reduction burns</li> </ul>
	Most engaged with post	Pumptrack Survey Reach 11,545 and engagement 5312 as of 10/3/2023.
	Promotion of Council Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer event</li> <li>Newsletter</li> <li>Works projects</li> <li>Lost dogs etc</li> </ul>
<b>Marketing</b>	East Coast Promotion	Working with East Coast Tourism to develop a winter campaign for the Off-season Tourism Tasmania Promotion
<b>EMAIL DATABASES</b>	Developing	Continuing to grow the EDMs through the new resident survey, Facebook and newsletter promotion as well as engagement activities.
<b>Community Engagement</b>	<b>Pumptrack</b>	Both working groups have meet. Consultation in progress for the St Helens pumptrack. Development of a brief and associated tender documents in development for Flagstaff
	St Marys Pedestrian Crossing	Now closed. Collated feedback provided to the Infrastructure Manager.
	Township Plans	Promotion of Draft Plans available for community feedback via EDM, facebook and the newsletter
	Mangana Telecommunications and Fire Tanks	Developed letter to go out to Mangana residents inviting them to meet with staff onsite to discuss the installation of a small cell tower and fire tanks. A poster was also prepared and sent to St Marys businesses and the FVNHH.
<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>General</b>	Working with Managers on outgoing correspondence to ensure it is in accordance with our Style and Communication Guides.

### Actions Approved under Delegation:

NAME/DETAILS	DESCRIPTION OF USE OF DELEGATION	DESCRIPTION	DELEGATION NO / ACT
7-11 Freshwater Street, Beaumaris 2 Lot Subdivision	Affixing Common Seal	Final Plan of Survey	Number 21 – Miscellaneous Powers and Functions to the General Manager
2 Annie Street, St Helens	Affixing Common Seal	Agreement for Acquisition	Number 21 – Miscellaneous Powers and Functions to the General Manager
100 Grant Street, Falmouth 2 Lot Subdivision	Affixing Common Seal	Final Plan of Survey	Number 21 – Miscellaneous Powers and Functions to the General Manager
89 Upper Scamander Road, Scamander 2 Lot Boundary Adjustment	Affixing Common Seal	Final Plan of Survey	Number 21 – Miscellaneous Powers and Functions to the General Manager

### General Manager's Signature Used Under Delegation for Development Services:

DATE	DOCUMENT	ADDRESS	PID OR DA
02.02.2023	337 Certificate	833 Lottah Road, Lottah	7484925
03.02.2023	337 Certificate	3 Sunrise Court, Scamander	3091104
07.02.2023	337 Certificate	15 Cannell Place, Akaroa	3154793
07.02.2023	337 Certificate	25 Gray Street, Fingal (CT51204-1)	6411193
08.02.2023	337 Certificate	38 Cameron Street, St Marys	7657566
08.02.2023	337 Certificate	2 Boobyalla Drive, Ansons Bay	6810194
13.02.2023	337 Certificate	13 Argyle Street, Mangana	1973015
13.02.2023	337 Certificate	3 Stieglitz Street, Falmouth	6400726
15.02.2023	337 Certificate	Legge Street, Fingal (CT18919-2)	6411513
16.02.2023	337 Certificate	1 Story Street, St Marys	6405236
17.02.2023	337 Certificate	16-18 George Street, Scamander	7371103
20.02.2023	337 Certificate	11 Stewart Court, St Helens	2997860
21.02.2023	337 Certificate	Emu Flat Road, Weldborough (CT120520/1)	3179317
21.02.2023	337 Certificate	47 Parnella Drive, Stieglitz	7390902
21.02.2023	337 Certificate	1-5 Albert Street (CT184212/1), Fingal	6410369
24.02.2023	337 Certificate	Unit 1, 2 Doric Grove, St Helens	6811971
27.02.2023	337 Certificate	21 Beaumaris Avenue, Beaumaris	6787334
27.02.2023	337 Certificate	18 Bedgegood Place, Seymour	2134432
27.02.2023	337 Certificate	18 Bayvista Rise, St Helens	3546236
27.02.2023	337 Certificate	34 Winifred Drive, Scamander	3059120
28.02.2023	337 Certificate	20 Peron Street, Stieglitz	6785419

### Tenders and Contracts Awarded:

Tender Closing Date	Description of Tender	Awarded to
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Monday 5 December 2022	Bridge 2293 Replacement – Design and Construct Contract - 030\001\141\	Tasmarine Construction (TMC)
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## LEGISLATION / STRATEGIC PLAN & POLICIES:

Strategic Plan 2017-2027

### *Goal*

Services - To have access to quality services that are responsive to the changing needs of the community and lead to improved health, education and employment outcomes.

### *Strategies*

- Work collaboratively to ensure services and service providers are coordinated and meeting the actual and changing needs of the community.
- Ensure Council services support the betterment of the community while balancing statutory requirements with community and customer needs.

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority.



ACTION	DECISION
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	John Brown, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	039\011\003\
ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Quarterly Report of the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC)

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the quarterly report of the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) for the period Oct-Dec 2022.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) has been formed as an enterprise under the Local Government Act. Accordingly, NTDC provides quarterly reports to its shareholders including Break O'Day Council.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Reports from NTDC are provided to, and considered by Council, quarterly.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) has been formed as an enterprise under the Local Government Act.

Section 21 (5) of the Local Government Act requires Council's General Manager to report to Council at least every three (3) months on the performance of any activities of such an enterprise.

Accordingly, NTDC provides quarterly reports to its shareholders including Break O'Day Council in a format to comply with this requirement.

**STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027 (updated March 2022)*Goal*

Economy - To foster innovation and develop vibrant and growing local economies which offer opportunities for employment and development of businesses across a range of industry sectors.

*Strategy*

- Create a positive brand which draws on the attractiveness of the area and lifestyle to entice people and businesses' to live and work in BOD.

- Support and encourage innovation and growth in the economy through local leadership; infrastructure provision; support services and customer focussed service delivery.

## 2022-23 Break O'Day Council Annual Plan

### *Corporate Goal – Stakeholder Management*

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) - Participate in NTDC activities focused on developing the regional economy.

## **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

Section 21 Enterprise Powers - Local Government Act 1993.

### 21. Enterprise powers

(5) The general manager is to report to the council –

- (a) at least once every three (3) months in respect of the performance of any activities carried out pursuant to subsection (1) and any strategic issues related to those activities; and
- (b) any adverse developments that significantly affect or are likely to significantly affect the financial viability, the operating viability or any other aspect of any of those activities.

## **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

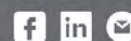
## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation LTD

# Quarterly Report

QUARTER TWO | OCT - DEC 2022



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

NTDC acknowledges the palawa community of Northern lutriwita/Tasmania, the custodians of our country. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Cover Page:

Spring on the Deloraine River Bank, Meander Valley Council  
kooparooka niara/Great Western Tiers

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# FINDING TRUE NORTH

*Navigating a sustainable future in Northern Tasmania*



## OUR VISION

**Northern Tasmania is where people, ideas, business and industry thrive**

## OUR PURPOSE

We grow Northern Tasmania by:

- Working together to implement REDS
- Championing regional leadership and local governance
- Leading regional collaboration
- Achieving regional outcomes and strategies
- Understanding that our community benefits from sustainable economic development

## OUR VALUES



**Collaborative**



**Clear**



**Creative**



**Curious**



**Connected to  
Country**

## OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

### Economic Development

Guide regional economic development in Northern Tasmania by implementing and actioning REDS.

### Regional Collaboration

Work together to agree on and achieve regional outcomes and advance regional priorities, strategies and policies.

### Organisational Strength

Develop a robust organisation that achieves a sustainable financial position, values and develops our team, and creates value for members, industry and community.

**METRICS TBC**

## Introduction

Welcome to our new look Quarterly Report and welcome to our Member Councillors elected during this quarter.

We aim to act on Members' feedback and provide more communication on the work planned, what has been delivered, any challenges and opportunities that occur along the way, and how we are using our resources to help Northern Tasmania thrive. In presenting clear and engaging reports, we are also true to our values: collaborative, clear, creative, curious and connected to Country.

Although our Strategic Plan is still to be finalised with the proposed Committee of Members' Representatives, since the strategy workshop in July 2022, NTDC has used the revised draft to guide our work. Therefore, we have included it in this report.

Quarter Two saw a large amount of internal work for NTDC, focusing on:

- Governance,
- Recruitment and HR, and
- The systems and reporting we need to build organisational strength.

This work will set our organisation up for the first half of 2023 as we:

- Adopt a new constitution,
- Renew our membership agreements, and
- Continue to advocate for strategic projects and policies that benefit Northern Tasmanians.

During this time, we have continued to deliver regional projects. We will finalise these in the second half of the financial year while using our increased resourcing to renew our focus on implementing the Regional Economic Development Strategy.

As we commence another busy year in 2023, we must remind ourselves of our vision for the region: to make Northern Tasmania where people, ideas, businesses and industries thrive.

Excitingly, we already see tangible outcomes from regional collaboration in Northern Tasmania. For example, the October census release shows that we met two of the ten-year targets for NTDC in 2016.



Dr Allison Anderson  
Chair



Karina Damberg  
CEO

## Northern Tasmania Benefiting from Regional Approach



### NTDC ACHIEVES TWO OF THREE OF OUR KEY TARGETS

Two of the three economic growth targets the Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation set have been met just halfway into the 10-year plan.

The census data released in October 2022 confirmed that the region had already surpassed the target set in 2016 to create **8,000** jobs and increase average weekly wages by more than **\$100** a week by 2026.

This is excellent news and strongly reinforces the benefits of collaboration between the member municipalities to improve prosperity in Northern Tasmania.

In 2023, a key focus for NTDC is to lift exports from the region and encourage the use of local products (instead of imports) to help achieve the regional growth target.

Read more at: <https://bit.ly/ntdctargets2022>

## Annual Workplan Update

	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	REGIONAL COLLABORATION	ORGANISATIONAL STRENGTH
<b>Tasks Completed OCT - DEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch GLP Community Survey</li> <li>Basslink Regulatory Review</li> <li>Media release on Project Marinus announcement</li> <li>id Informed Decisions workshops</li> <li>Tracking and media release on NTDC's Key Targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in Future of Local Government Review</li> <li>Meeting with Senator Polley</li> <li>Attended LGAT Conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise Audit &amp; Financials</li> <li>Hold AGM</li> <li>Letter of Expectations</li> <li>Constitutional review</li> <li>Draft Membership Agreement</li> <li>Board Recruitment</li> <li>Appoint Regional Economic Development Manager</li> <li>Appoint Admin &amp; Comms Officer</li> <li>2023 Board Calendar</li> <li>2023 Business Calendar</li> <li>Workplan for Policy Updates</li> </ul>
<b>Tasks Planned JAN - MAR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REDS Implementation</li> <li>Review Population Program</li> <li>Circular Economy Mapping</li> <li>Complete GLP Community Survey</li> <li>Economic development online training workshop</li> <li>Follow up on Regional Planning coordinator recruitment</li> <li>Updated timelines for projects (see Project Updates)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Collaboration Forum</li> <li>Advocacy with Tasmanian and Federal Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold SGM</li> <li>Establish Quarterly Reporting</li> <li>Draft Budget</li> <li>Draft Annual Plan</li> <li>Present to all Members</li> <li>Launch new website</li> <li>Implement CRM</li> <li>Review and upgrade cybersecurity measures</li> <li>Board Strategic Planning Workshop</li> <li>Appoint new Board Director</li> <li>Policy Updates</li> </ul>
<b>Tasks Missed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Regional Planning Coordinator Recruitment</b></li> </ul>		

### Notes

NTDC is committed to providing succinct and transparent updates on the work we plan to do and what has been delivered. A three-year strategic plan, annual work plan and proposed budget will be presented to members for comment by 31 March.

Through this work, in July 2023, we will update our quarterly reports to reflect the work, milestones, and targets agreed to through these documents. Until this point, NTDC will discuss the quarterly work plan with members and provide updates through the Quarterly Reports, the GMs Meetings, and other channels as appropriate.

For feedback on this planning and reporting, please get in touch with CEO Karina Dambergs at [karina@ntdc.org.au](mailto:karina@ntdc.org.au) or 0417660452.

## Project Updates

NTDCs current project work includes:

- REDS Implementation
- Regional Priority Projects (RPP)
- Residential Demand and Supply Study (RDSS)
- Sports Facility Plan
- Greater Launceston Plan Review

From October to December 2022, much of the project work was delayed due to the Local Government Elections.

### **REDS Implementation**

In November, NTDC welcomed Craig Perkins to the team in the newly created Regional Economic Development Manager role. Craig's extensive regional development experience and networks have enabled NTDC to renew the focus on implementing and actioning REDS. In Quarter Three, NTDC will meet with key stakeholders, including members and hold another Regional Collaboration Forum to progress this work.

### **Regional Priority Projects**

This work is on budget and on time (2020 - 2026) timeline.

In Quarter Three, NTDC will review and update this work as part of the Regional Collaboration Forum.

### **Residential Demand and Supply Study**

The project is on budget but at risk of pushing into a new financial year. To address this risk, a new timeline has been developed to split the project into three clear milestones: Demand Study, Supply Study and the GMEF.

In Quarter Three, the draft Demand Study will be reviewed and finalised, and a draft Supply Study will be received.

### **Sports Facility Plan**

On budget, and the timeline has been amended.

The project control group has received the draft report. In Quarter Three, this will go through further consultation to be finalised.

### **Greater Launceston Plan Review**

The GLP is on budget, and the Project Control Group has agreed to a new timeline. In December, the Community Survey was launched, and will be open until Monday, 20 February 2023.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Guide regional  
economic development  
in Northern Tasmania  
by implements and  
actioning REDS.*

### Economy ID Update

In December, the NTDC Team met with Glenn Capuano from the id Informed Decisions Team for an update on the regional data following the October census release and for training on using the Northern Tasmania id toolkit. NTDC also arranged updates to interested member councils.

An online event will be organised for 16 February 2023 to share this knowledge with local government and economic developers in the region.

Register for the event at: <https://events.humanitix.com/northern-tasmanian-census-update>

### Basslink Regulatory Reference Group

NTDC is participating in the Basslink Regulatory Reference Group as the new owner APA transitions Basslink from a merchant to a regulatory model. This involvement is an opportunity for NTDC to advocate for energy supply and costs for Northern Tasmania while connecting us to discussions and stakeholders in the energy and renewables sectors, which are crucial for achieving the regions aspirational GRP targets.

### ABARES Hobart Regional Outlook



In November, NTDC attended the ABARES Hobart Regional Outlook Conference for an update on the economic role of agribusiness in Tasmania, critical data and trends in the sector, and an update on emerging opportunities. Food & Agribusiness is one of the six Northern Tasmanian specialisations identified in the REDS. Northern Tasmania continues to be a crucial region for Tasmania to achieve its aspirational agriculture targets.

Read more at:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7011873853131960320>

## GREATER LAUNCESTON PLAN SURVEY

NTDC has continued to work on the Greater Launceston Plan Review with the project team from the City of Launceston and consultants from the University of Newcastle. In December, a community survey was launched for this work. The survey is open to people over 18 who live or work in George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar. The survey closes on 20 February 2023.

Complete the survey at:

<https://uninewcastle.questionpro.com.au/GLPcommunitysurvey>

## MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL POLITICIANS



NTDC met with **Senator Helen Polley** as part of our ongoing advocacy for members and regional issues. We discussed the feedback from the Launceston Jobs & Skills Summit NTDC co-hosted on 30 August 2022, as well as key regional issues and the work of NTDC.

NTDC also met with **Prime Minister Anthony Albanese** and the **Meander Valley Council** when he visited Tasmania to discuss the flooding that occurred in October 2022.

NTDC will continue to advocate on behalf of Northern Tasmanians in 2023, so please update us regularly on your position and regional priorities.

## REGIONAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK

The NTDC Team began planning for a second Regional Collaboration Forum event to be held in March 2023 (date to be confirmed). This event will be an opportunity to celebrate the results from the Regional Priority Projects advocacy, discuss the opportunities for building on this work, and align it to the key regional themes and priorities. This event will form the start of a work plan for the REDS implementation to be agreed to with members as part of the 2023/4 Annual Work Plan.

Please subscribe to the NTDC news and updates to receive updates on this and other events.

Subscribe at: <https://bit.ly/NTDCupdates>

## REGIONAL COLLABORATION

*Work together to achieve regional outcomes and advance regional priorities, strategies and policies.*



## ORGANISATIONAL STRENGTH

*Develop a robust organisation that achieves a sustainable financial position, values and develops our team, and creates value for our members, industry and community.*

## GOVERNANCE

NTDC held an online AGM and presented our 2021/2 audited financials on 29 November 2022. During Quarter Two, extensive work was completed reviewing and updating our Constitution and Members Agreement, especially by Company Secretary Dwayne Baraka.

Our scheduled Members Meeting was delayed until 1 February and will be held in a conjunction with a Special General Meeting to discuss the proposed Constitution and draft Members Agreement.

In December, NTDC advertised for an additional Board Director, as recommended in the 2022 Board Review. The Selection Committee aims to appoint a suitable candidate by March 2023.

During this work, NTDC reviewed the Board Skills Matrix, identified professional development for the Board, and developed a Compliance Checklist and 2023 Board Calendar.

## TEAM

In November, NTDC welcomed Craig Perkins to the team, as mentioned above in the project updates. Craig brings extensive experience and networks. Currently, he is enthusiastically implementing our REDS.

In December, NTDC farewelled our Admin and Comms Officer, Clerita Mendonca, who returned to Melbourne. Although she was only with us for a short time, we appreciate all the work she completed in her six months in Launceston.

We were thrilled to welcome Kamal Pokhrel to this role with time to complete a handover with Clerita. Kamal has recently completed a Masters of IT at UTAS and is already helping us improve our systems and communications tools.

Meet the team at: [northerntasmania.org.au](https://northerntasmania.org.au)



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ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS	Australian Local Government Association Discussion Paper – 2023 National General Assembly Call for Motions

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council submit Motions to the ALGA 2023 National General Assembly on the following matters:

1. Extended Producer Responsibility for soft plastics
2. Creation of a new version of the Green Army Program to support environmental protection and conservation

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Call for Motions has been advertised for the National General Assembly (NGA) which will be held in June 2023.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council Workshops, February and March 2023.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

This is an opportunity for Council to submit a notice of motion to be debated at the NGA in Canberra in June 2023. Any notice of motion submitted for this year's NGA should meet one of the following criteria:

- Focus on practical and deliverable programs and policies that the Australian Government can support and work directly with the local government sector to build our communities; or
- New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver national objectives.

The theme for the 2023 NGA is "Our Communities, Our Future" and the attached discussion paper outlines the eight (8) priority areas which have been identified as the focus for this year's call for motions.



## Key Priority Areas:

- Productivity
- Local Government Infrastructure
- Community Wellbeing
- Local Government Workforce
- Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy
- Natural Disasters
- Housing

The following information was received from ALGA calling for motions for the 2023 NGA:

*We're excited to let you know that in preparation for our 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), your Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is now calling for councils to submit motions.*

*The theme of our 2023 NGA will be "Our Communities, Our Future", and it will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra next June. We are seeking your motions to guide ALGA's Board, in particular, where they identify opportunities for reforming and creating new Federal Government programs and policies that will support councils to build stronger communities into the future.*

*We heard and responded to your feedback and, as a result, the ALGA Board has ensured we will allocate additional time for debate on motions in 2023 and made improvements to the criteria to support more focused discussion.*

*We have also heard from some of you that you prefer presentations and panels to debate on motions, so we will be running concurrent sessions as another option for non-voting delegates during these sessions. The attached discussion paper will help you prepare your council's motions, which can be submitted online at [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au) until Friday 24 March.*

During previous discussions the General Manager has suggested the concept of extended producer responsibility be put forward in relation to soft plastics, this is currently gaining momentum in many places. It is a policy shift about recycling costs and putting the responsibility for some of those costs back to the producers of those materials instead of Council and community. Soft plastics are incredibly difficult to deal with because of the sorting requirements.

An EPR policy for soft plastics would align with the government's commitment to reducing plastic pollution and promoting a more circular economy. It would encourage producers to take responsibility for the environmental impact of their products, incentivise innovation and investment in sustainable business models, and create economic and social benefits for communities.

Councillor Drummond has suggested that Council should again pursue the Federal Government to establish a program similar to the Green Army program which operated. The

General Manager notes that Council has previously moved a similar motion and that it would be timely to do so again with the change in Federal Government.

The Federal Government created the Green Army Program in 2014 as a part of its commitment to environmental protection and conservation. The program was designed to provide opportunities for young Australians aged between 17 and 24 to participate in environmental projects, develop skills, and gain practical experience in the conservation sector. The program was funded with \$525 million over four years, and it was managed by the Department of the Environment and Energy. The Green Army Program supported a range of environmental projects, including habitat restoration, coastal conservation, weed and pest control, and heritage restoration.

The Green Army Program was implemented in partnership with state and territory governments, local councils, and community groups. The program provided funding for the projects, while the partner organizations identified the projects and provided the necessary resources and support for the Green Army teams. However, in 2016, the Australian Government announced that the Green Army Program would be discontinued after its funding ran out.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN & ANNUAL PLAN:**

### **Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027 (Updated March 2022)**

#### Achieving the Vision

Leadership/ Ownership We will be visionary and accountable leaders who advocate and represent the views of our community in a transparent way. ...make decisions for the greater good of Break O'Day by being accessible and listening to our community

#### **2022-2023 Annual Plan**

#### Stakeholder Management

Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) - Participate actively at the State and National level in Local Government matters including policy development.

## **LEGISLATION & POLICIES:**

Nil.

## **BUDGET; FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There would be no financial implications for Council.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority.



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# 2023 NGA

**OUR COMMUNITIES**  
OUR FUTURE ▶▶▶

**DISCUSSION PAPER**  
Call for Motions

## JUNE 2023

NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE  
CANBERRA









The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 29<sup>th</sup> National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra mid June 2023.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2023 NGA.

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend this event familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper.

## Key Dates

December 2022	24 March 2023	June 2023 *	June 2023 *
Opening of Call for Motions	Acceptance of Motions	Regional Cooperation & Development Forum	National General Assembly

\* Dates are subject to change depending on timing of Australian Council of Local Government

**To submit your motion,  
visit: [alga.com.au](https://alga.com.au)**



## Background to ALGA and the NGA

ALGA was established in 1947, and its structure is a federation of member state and territory local government associations.

Its mission is to champion and strengthen Australian councils by representing the agreed position of ALGA members, the seven local government associations from around Australia, who represent 537 Australian councils.

In 1994, the ALGA Board, in consultation with its member associations, established the NGA as a unique forum to engage with councils directly at the national level.

The purpose of the NGA was to build the profile of local government on the national stage and demonstrate to the Australian Government the strength and value of working with local government nationally.

As part of the NGA, debate on motions was introduced as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas, and solutions to the challenges facing Australia's councils and communities.

Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) could then be used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their own advocacy to the Federal Government and Federal MPs.

At the same time, they assist ALGA, and its member state and territory associations to gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and gauge the level of need and support for emerging policy and program initiatives and advocacy.

## Changes for 2023

The ALGA Board has undertaken a comprehensive review of the motions process.

As a result, ALGA has allocated additional time for debate on motions at the 2023 NGA and amended the criteria with a view to improving the quality and relevance of motions included in the Business Papers.

The updated criteria for motions is listed on page 6.

ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be informed by motions and determined by the ALGA Board and based on the positions of its member associations.

ALGA's Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA, and those that will take the time to submit motions for debate at this event.





## Submitting Motions

### **The theme of the 2023 NGA: Our Communities, Our Future.**

This theme conveys the critical importance of our communities, how they are the focus of our attention, and how they are at the centre of all our work.

Our communities are the reason that local governments exist, and it is the health and wellbeing of our communities that will shape Australia's future.

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2023 NGA, to be held in Canberra mid June 2023.

A notice of motion to this year's NGA should either:

- Focus on practical and deliverable programs and policies that the Australian Government can support and work directly with the local government sector to build our communities; or
- New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver national objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and able to be implemented.

They must also meet the guidelines for motions outlined in this paper.

You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s should address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form available at [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au) and be received no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023.

All notices of motions will be reviewed by the NGA Subcommittee to ensure that they meet the criteria included in this paper.

The Subcommittee reserves the right to select, edit or amend notices of motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate on motions at the NGA.

All NGA resolutions will be published on [www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au](http://www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au).

As the convener of the NGA, the ALGA Board will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on this website.

If your council does submit a motion, there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the NGA to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2023 NGA.



## Criteria for motions

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording:

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ...*





## Other things to consider

Please note that it is important to complete the background section on the form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the proposal.

The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion.

Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed, relatively simple and capable of being implemented to ensure that relevant Australian Government Ministers provide considered, thoughtful and timely responses.

Multi-point motions that require cross portfolio coordination have not historically received meaningful responses from the Government.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the NGA Subcommittee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

When reviewing motions, the Subcommittee will consider the motions criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the Subcommittee will group motions together under an overarching strategic motion.

The strategic motions will have either been drafted by ALGA or will be based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter.

Debate will occur in accordance with the rules for debate on motions published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions.

Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au).

All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council.

> **Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023.**



## Setting the scene

*'Through a devastating pandemic, through a succession of dangerous and damaging natural disasters, through global uncertainty and painful price rises – The Australian people have demonstrated the best of our national character. Resolute and resilient in hard times. Practical and pragmatic about the challenges we confront. Optimistic and confident in a better future. And ready to work together to build it.'*

*The Hon Jim Chalmer MP, Federal Treasurer Budget Speech 2022-23*

The opening statement of the Federal Treasurer's first Budget Speech describes the backdrop against which the 2023 NGA will be held.

The 2022 NGA was held just weeks after the change in the Federal Government on 21 May 2022. On 25 October 2022, the new Government handed down its first Budget which updated the economic outlook, realigned priorities and outlined how the Government was to meet its election promises.

The Budget update foreshadows deteriorating economic conditions, citing global challenges, slowing growth, high inflation and higher interest rates, and acknowledges the mounting cost of living pressures on individuals, families and communities.

Key updates include:

- The economy is expected to grow solidly this financial year, by 3 ½ percent – before slowing to 1 ½ percent growth for 2023/24, a full percentage point lower than what was forecast in March;
- That slowing growth will have an effect on employment, but jobs will continue to be created, and unemployment is expected to stay low by historical standards – at 4 ½ percent in 2023/24 and 2024/25;
- Inflation is expected to peak at 7 ½ percent late in 2022, before moderating over time to 3 ½ percent through 2023/24, and returning to the Reserve Bank's target range in 2024/25; and that
- When that inflation moderates, real wages are expected to start growing again in 2024.





The Government is also committed to repairing the Budget in a ‘measured and responsible’ manner consistent with the objective of maintaining full employment and the delivery of essential services. It foreshadows that this will be achieved through spending restraint, with new spending focused on high-quality and targeted investments and building on the capability of the Australian people, expanding the productive capacity of the economy, and supporting action on climate change.

The Budget also included a focus on measuring and improving community wellbeing.

By the time of the 2023 NGA, the Government will have delivered its second Budget, which will provide further updates to the economic outlook and also refine its economic strategy going forward.

The 2023 NGA provides you – the elected representatives of Australia’s local councils and communities – with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers.

Further, it is your opportunity to advocate for new or extended programs and policy initiatives that could strengthen local governments’ capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to communities across the nation.

This year’s call for motions focusses on eight priority areas:

- Productivity;
- Local Government Infrastructure;
- Community Wellbeing;
- Local Government Workforce;
- Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security;
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy;
- Natural Disasters; and
- Housing.



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# 1. Productivity

In February 2022, the then Federal Treasurer asked the Productivity Commission to undertake an inquiry into Australia's productivity performance and provide recommendations on productivity enhancing reform.

This inquiry was the second of a regular series, undertaken at five-yearly intervals, and recognises that productivity growth is vital for Australia's future. Drawing on the Intergenerational Report the Treasurer notes that '... future growth in income and living standards will be driven from productivity growth as the participation effects of young migration are offset by an ageing population.'

ALGA engaged SGS Economics and Planning to undertake research to support its submissions to this inquiry.

SGS Principal and Partner Dr Marcus Spiller presented on some of the findings of this research at the 2022 NGA. In his presentation he identified that local governments generate local economic activity through employment, payment of wages and expenditure on goods and services in the local economy. In addition, SGS identified nine ways local government supports the productive capacity of the broader economy.

Figure 1 – Nine ways local governments contribute to the productive capacity of the broader economy:



Sources: Adapted from SGS Research for ALGA's Submission to Productivity Commission (2022)

*Are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to improve local government's capacity to support productivity growth?*

*Are there programs that could support one, or all of the identified ways local government contributes to productivity in the broader economy?*



## 2. Local Government Infrastructure

The 2021 National State of the Assets Report (NSoA) shone a spotlight on local government infrastructure assets. While the technical report shows that local government assets such as roads, bridges, buildings, parks and recreation, stormwater, water and wastewater and airports and aerodromes are generally in good to very good condition, around 10 percent are not fit for purpose, and around 20 – 25 percent are only fair and over time will need attention.

Over the past 12 months this situation has further deteriorated as a result of natural disasters, and particularly flooding across the eastern seaboard.

The technical report shows that in 2019/20 non-financial infrastructure assets were valued at \$342 billion and were depreciating at \$7.7 billion per year. Replacement costs of these infrastructure assets were in the order of \$533 billion.

While 86 percent of councils have adopted long term financial plans, one third of councils do not have asset management plans for their major assets, or if they do, they are out-of-date. Of the councils that do have asset management plans only 66 percent included financial projections in their financial plan.

Asset management and long-term financial planning are essential tools for councils to manage community assets now and into the future.

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of council's infrastructure?*

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?*





### 3. Community Wellbeing

While the NSoA focuses attention on physical assets, local governments also provide a wide range of important community services that improve local wellbeing. These services are provided at the discretion of councils based on local characteristics, needs, priorities and resources of the local community.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows that local government annual expenditure in 2020/21 was \$43 billion. It is important to note that nationally local government is 83 percent self-sufficient. That is, the vast majority of local government services and infrastructure are funded at the local level either through rates, fees and charges, sale of goods and services, and interest, and only 17 percent comes from grants and subsidies from other levels of government. Unfortunately, many of these grants and subsidies are tied, and often require matching funding which restricts the ability to address local priorities in the way the council and community might like.

Local government community services are broadly defined and may include but not limited to:

- environmental health including food safety;
- childcare, early childhood education;
- aged care, senior citizens;
- services to the disabled;
- programs to address disadvantage, to reduce poverty and homelessness;
- sporting and recreational programs;
- arts and cultural activities, program and festivals;
- tourism and economic development activities; and
- library services.

Councils also play a key role making places that are attractive and liveable for current and future workers, and closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

ALGA's research shows that almost one in four councils are heavily reliant on federal Financial Assistance Grants, which make up at least 20 percent of their annual operating revenue. Financial sustainability of local governments remains an ongoing issue which threatens local service provision and community wellbeing.

*Noting the funding arrangements for the provision of local government community services in your area and across the country, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to improve the delivery of these services?*

*Are there changes to existing programs, including to administrative arrangements, that would significantly improve local government human service planning and provision of services and infrastructure across Australia?*

*Are there new programs the Australian Government could develop that would support councils to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians?*

*What are the actions the Australian Government could take to support councils to improve their ongoing financial sustainability, and their capacity to deliver the services their communities need?*



## 4. Local Government Workforce

Local government is a major employer in Australia providing employment, career advancement and training opportunities for more than 190,800 Australians, across an estimated 400 occupations. In many communities, the council is one of the largest employers.

There are 537 local councils in Australia. Importantly, they are geographically dispersed and provide essential public administration to every corner of the nation.

According to the 2022 National Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey, more than 90 percent of local governments are experiencing skills shortages, resulting in around two thirds of councils having their projects impacted or delayed.

Skills shortages occur for a variety of reasons including an inability to compete against the private sector, worker accommodation, support services for families, ageing of the workforce and geographic isolation. The attrition rate (or rate of turnover) of local government staff is estimated to be between 15 – 20 percent per annum.

The most cited skills shortages include engineers, urban planners, building surveyors, environmental officers and human resources professionals.

ALGA's submission to the Productivity Commission's Productivity Inquiry called on all levels of government to work together to improve training pathways and address skills and labour shortages for the benefit of councils, communities, and businesses right across Australia.

While local government must face its immediate workforce challenges, it must also anticipate the changing nature of work, and future skills needed to meet the changing needs of our communities.

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?*

*Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?*

*Are there other initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?*



## 5. Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital for innovation, economic growth and social equity. However, it is potentially even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available – including education, health, economic and social.

Innovative technology is becoming more broadly available and has the ability to boost productivity and economic growth.

Councils around Australia continue to embrace new technologies to improve their service delivery standards and broaden consultation and engagement with their local communities. However, many councils lack basic technological infrastructure and have a shortage of necessary skills and resources.

In October 2022, cyber-attacks on major Australian corporate organisations including Optus and Medibank Private highlighted the critical importance of cyber security. It is a timely reminder as digital information, services and products become an increasing feature of modern business operation including in local government.

Like all risks, local government must manage the risk of cyber-attack and address cyber security. At a national level, there is a poor understanding of local government's vulnerability to cyber-attacks and a lack or inadequacy of risk management strategies and business continuity planning within the sector. While this is primarily a responsibility of the sector itself, governments at all levels must work together to ensure that the public have confidence in government information management systems and its security.

*Drawing upon your own council experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state, or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure and/or to improve cyber security within the sector?*



## 6. Climate Change and Renewable Energy

Local governments are playing an important leadership role in addressing climate change, supporting a wide range of programs to lower the carbon footprint of their own business operations and in their local communities.

As a sector, local government is leading the debate for lowering carbon emissions, sourcing renewable energy, responding creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and facilitating the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Councils also have a role to play supporting communities in transition, moving away from fossil fuels to new industries.

Pragmatically, local government has been at the forefront of addressing the impacts of climate change and adapting to reduce its environmental footprint. These impacts include an increased number of days with high temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets and natural ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management.

At the 2022 NGA, there were five Strategic Motions and 15 associated motions debated concerning this issue. Councils are encouraged to review these motions on ALGA's website prior to developing new motions for debate at the 2023 NGA.

*Noting the Government's commitment to reducing emissions, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could develop to assist councils in their work to address climate change and reduce emissions?*





## 7. Natural Disasters

Over the past five years, Australian communities have experienced unprecedented natural disasters. At the time of writing, almost every community in Australia, particularly those on the East Coast, had been adversely affected by wet weather conditions associated with the La Nina weather pattern.

Councils in Western Australia are still recovering from a cyclone in 2021, and the Black Summer bushfires in 2019/20 burned approximately 250,000 square kilometres across the country.

The impacts of heavy rainfall, record breaking floods and associated social disruption and damage to infrastructure have exposed weaknesses as well as the strength of current emergency management systems.

There have been numerous NGA motions in the past regarding natural disasters. This year, councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to managing emergencies.

Please note, however, that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Commonwealth Government could assist.

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?*







## 8. Housing

A lack of affordable housing remains one of the biggest issues for Australian councils and communities.

There is less social and affordable housing stock available than there was a decade ago, and more low-income Australians are experiencing housing stress.

The shortage and rising costs of rental properties and affordable home ownership are having significant social and economic impacts in cities and towns across Australia, including rural and regional communities.

This is due to a range of factors including changes to recent migration patterns, cheap finance and labour and material shortages in the construction sector.

While the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, councils often facilitate affordable housing within their communities, operating within state/territory planning, financial and other legislation requirements.

Some councils are going further, addressing thin markets and developing land and housing themselves, delivering local solutions to meet the needs of their communities.

Local government also plays an important role addressing some of the causes of homelessness, including social inclusion programs that can assist mental health and family violence issues, as well as providing support for people currently experiencing homelessness.

*What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?*

*How can the Australian Government work with councils to address the causes and impacts of homelessness?*



## Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government.

### A FINAL REMINDER:

- » Motions should be lodged electronically at [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au) and received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 24 March 2023.
- » Motions must meet the criteria published in this paper.
- » Motions should commence with the following wording: 'This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...'
- » Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued
- » Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- » It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- » Motions must not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- » When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the 2023 National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2023 National General Assembly in Canberra.









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# IN CONFIDENCE

**03/23.18.0**      **CLOSED COUNCIL**

**03/23.18.1**      **Confirmation of Closed Council Minutes – Council Meeting 20 February 2023**

**03/23.18.2**      **Outstanding Actions List for Closed Council**

**03/23.18.3**      **Tasmania Police Properties - Closed Council Item Pursuant to Section 15(2)F of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015**

**03/23.18.4**      **Purchase of Second Hand Light Rigid Truck - Closed Council Item Pursuant to Section 15(2)C of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015**

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