



Falmouth Township Plan

2022 – 2025



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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 Plans were developed in March, 2019.

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

To develop this plan we consulted the Falmouth 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 2019-2021 Falmouth 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 raising concerns around weed management as well as the development of a coastal walk.

Some notable achievements from the previous plan include:

- Replacement of Playground Equipment
- Scheduled, regular maintenance of Stormwater drains
- Roll out of new Dog Zone signage
- Toilet Block upgrade – scheduled and budgeted in the 2023-2024 year
- Council support in securing a grant to resurface the tennis court

Falmouth – 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 Falmouth Community most values the quiet lifestyle their town offers with its strong connection to the environment and community.*

Community Legacy: *The community would like similar to now. Houses built to be sustainable, acknowledge wind and climate and reflect the character of the place.*

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 Falmouth community engagement activities was to look after the environment and look at some infrastructure that would better serve their community.

Themes include:

- Development of trails and re-establishing and extending footpaths;
- Look at additional infrastructure or improve existing infrastructure; and
- Identify ways that as a community weeds can be managed.

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 Falmouth Township Plan will focus on:

- **Footpaths and walking trails;**
- **Infrastructure;**
- **Weed control;**
- **Fire Hazards and**
- **Dog Control**

Action List

Action	Who
<p>1. Footpaths and walking trails</p> <p>1.1. Re-establish and extend footpath Grant Street to toilet block and then through to the Recreation Ground</p> <p>1.2. Council to work with the community to further investigate the Foreshore trail proposal to identify if the project is supported by the majority of the Falmouth community</p>	<p>Community/Council/PWS</p> <p>Community/Council/PWS</p>
<p>2. Infrastructure</p> <p>2.1. Work with Community to identify potential sites for community seating and fitness equipment - Fitness equipment will require external funding</p> <p>2.2. Council to advise when Falmouth public toilet is due for renewal and look at all options when designing the replacement facility</p> <p>2.3. Council to review speed limits in Falmouth taking into consideration all users of the road infrastructure not just vehicle movements</p>	<p>Council/Community/</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Council/Community</p>
<p>3. Weed Control/Tree Plantings</p> <p>3.1. Work with community to develop a project proposal to remove gorse from areas such as Devils Creek identifying cost, resources and land ownership</p> <p>3.2. Work with community and PWS to develop a weed management plan identifying what the issues are and prioritising same and how as a volunteer community group works can be undertaken to address the growing weed issues in consultation with PWS and Council. Also look at run off from agricultural land in waterways and what measures can be implemented to filter the run off.</p> <p>3.3. Community to work with Council to look at developing a planting program for roadside and Council land planting</p>	<p>Community/PWS/Council</p> <p>Community/PWS/Council</p> <p>Council/Community</p>
<p>4. Fire Hazards</p> <p>4.1. Council to work with TFS and community to identify fire hazard areas within Four Mile Creek and to look at an education program that can be run by TFS</p>	<p>Community/TFS/Council</p>
<p>5. Dog Control</p> <p>5.1 Council to work with PWS to develop educational material re respectful dog management and investigate the need for community workshops</p>	<p>Community/PWS/Council</p>

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 Falmouth Township Email Database. (If you would like to join this database, please email, admin@bodc.tas.gov.au.)

Any feedback on these plans can be sent to admin@bodc.tas.gov.au

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

Adopted by Council on 17 April, 2023

Appendix 1

Community Engagement

On Wednesday 18 May, 2022, Council held a “drop in session” at Falmouth where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Infrastructure;
- Environment; and
- Other issues

Nine 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 – 45 of these were from Falmouth.

Council heard from a total of 54 Falmouth residents.

According to the 2021 Census, Falmouth has a population of 139 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 Falmouth are:

Community Vision: *The Falmouth Community would like ssimilar to now. Houses built to be sustainable, acknowledge wind and climate and reflect the character of the place.*

Community Legacy *The community would like similar to now. Houses built to be sustainable, acknowledge wind and climate and reflect the character of the place.*

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

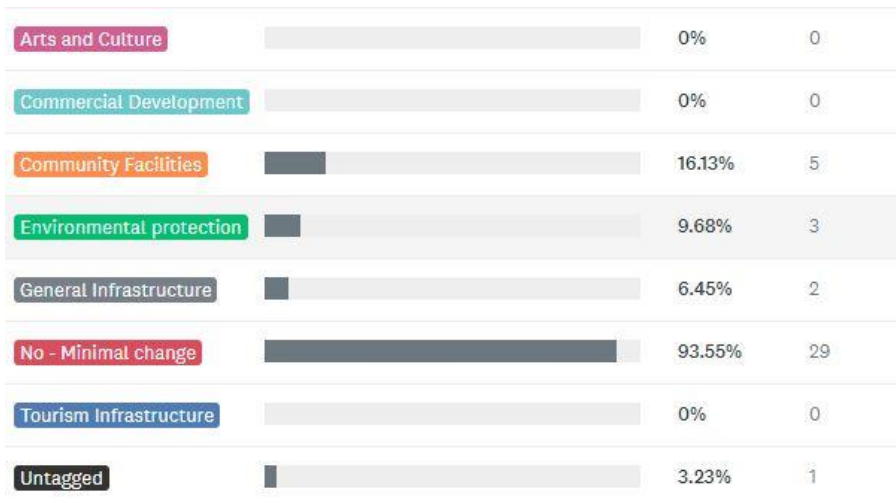
Grouped answers to Question 5.

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?



“Lots of things for teens / young adults to do. Family friendly. Supportive, not divided on community issues - respectful of each other.” 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"> Pot holes fixed – eg. Grant Street (edge) 	Road seal recently maintained and potholes filled and sealed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Street (ocean end) – please remove shrubs in turning circle – water truck, rubbish truck has so much difficulty turning around 	Council staff have attended to this request
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Street – extra sign “Residents Only” or a square “No Through Road” 	Council to implement

Activities Outside Township Plan Scope

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stieglitz Street (no. 9) flooded – look at drainage – water channelled into home – please look at – owner maintaining gutters Drainage and stormwater – fix issues Remove rock drains 	Review all draining issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stieglitz Street – look at surface on the road – would like it sealed – current surfacing impacting on properties No more roads sealed 	Comment noted. There are currently no plans to seal any additional roads in Falmouth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine proximity of road to property on left hand side – gravel & 1.8 metre wide (extend to Frank Street) min 	Unclear – seek more information from the landowner if landowner known.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No commercial development in Falmouth and surrounding area 	Comments noted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave roads as they are currently with no more sealing as the main loop has been completed 	Comment noted. There are currently no plans to seal any additional roads in Falmouth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lyne Court and Davis Gully Road – pedestrian safety – no footpaths tar sealing – surfer and tourist traffic 	Davis Gully Road – no footpath to be constructed – advisory road signage has been erected in accordance with report from independent traffic engineer

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyne Court and Lower Davis Gully Road sealed & speed limited 	No requirement to reduce speed limit – driver behaviour issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify dog no lead areas – away from high risk environmental areas • Identify dog off leash areas • Reduce the number of dogs roaming off leash 	Dog Management Policy and Declared Areas is in place and does this – community can provide input at next review in 2023. Dogs owners behaviour and ‘Responsible Dog Ownership’ are the focus.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of boat, mattresses, bikes off roadside – Stieglitz Street from nature strip – looks like a tip shop 	Matter being addressed with owner of the vessel.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and future planning to manage and protect against increased day use areas – Beach, Lagoon Wetlands, so it preserves these areas for all to enjoy • Involve community in access to beach tracks 	Coastal reserves are managed by the PWS according to objectives set in legislation and an evidence base. Community should maintain an on-going dialogue with PWS reserve management issues concerning people, and invite Council to participate. Council can raise the idea with PWS, but the community must represent its concerns and explain the issues it sees.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More professional decision making – specifically elected members making evidence based decision and adherence to legal statutes and State Planning Policies 	Councillors undertake training sessions during their time as Councillors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intersections of Legge and James and Legge and Steiglitz sts to be widened to accommodate turning on these junctions, and where possible spoon v drains to replace rock drains which are dangerous and unsightly due to the difficulty of mowing or general maintenance. Legge St is very narrow, there is room on the southern side for widening and v drains. 	Insufficient room for this to occur
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines underground 	This is a TasNetwork issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap the number of Airbnb’s and short term rentals 	Comment noted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tourism development outside of St Helens 	The Interim Planning Scheme determines where tourism development can occur.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly rubbish collection 	Previously considered and cost prohibitive

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't create a large staff involved in social services and issues – keep rates low 	<p>Comment noted</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at street signage to ensure relevancy and advise of safety issues if any 	<p>Undertaken as part of the speed reduction assessment</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halt logging in BODC area 	<p>This issue is not something that Council has control over.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate tree care • Replace trees that have reached the end of their life 	<p>Tree management policy addresses tree care and replacement.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts of increased population and numbers due to tourist and itinerant use of beach areas etc 	<p>This concern will be forwarded to Parks & Wildlife for their information – noted by Cocouncil</p>