

Break O'Day  
COUNCIL

# Scamander Township Plan

2022 - 2025



Version 1 – November 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 Plans were developed in March, 2019.

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

To develop this plan we consulted the Scamander 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 2020-2022 Scamander 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 are slightly different with a focus on upgrading facilities at the Scamander Sports Complex and plantings throughout the township of Scamander.

Some notable achievements from the previous plan include:

- Completion of a walking trail from the Scamander township boundary to Winifred Curtis Reserve;
- New toilet facility at Wrinklers Lagoon;
- Interpretation panels located at The Esplanade, telling the story of the bridges that once crossed the Scamander River;
- New pontoon at the Scamander boat ramp.

## Scamander – 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 Scamander Community most values its connection to the natural coastal environment as well as the small community feel of their township.*

**Community Legacy:** *The community would like to see development at Scamander that would include general infrastructure like footpaths and roads as well as shared community facilities.*

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 Scamander community engagement activities was the need for maintenance works to be done on street infrastructure.

Themes include:

- Development of trails
- Upgrade facilities at the Scamander Sports Club; and
- Investigate the natural flow of the Scamander River.

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 Scamander Township Plan will focus on:

- **Community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance;**
- **Investigate the natural flow of the Scamander River; and**
- **Review plantings – streetscape and foreshore area.**

## Action List

Action	Who
<b>1. Scamander Foreshore/Esplanade</b> 1.1. Develop a planting plan to provide shade and shelter within these areas 1.2. Work with PWS to restore the natural flow of the Scamander River and rebuild the rock wall @ Scamander River	<b>Community/Council /PWS</b> <b>Community/Council /PWS</b>
<b>2. Walking Trails</b> 2.1. Work with Community to identify potential walking trails in Scamander	<b>Council/Community, /PWS</b>
<b>3. Scamander Sports Complex</b> 3.1. Work with Executive Committee of Scamander Sports Complex to identify additional facilities at the Complex	<b>Community/ Council</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 Scamander 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 Scamander 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 4 May, 2022, Council held a “drop in session” at Scamander where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Environment; and
- Other issues

Fifteen 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 – 14 of these were from Scamander.

### **Council heard from a total of 29 Scamander residents.**

According to the 2021 Census, Scamander has a population of 803 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 Scamander are:

**Community Vision:** *The Scamander Community most values its connection to the natural coastal environment as well as the small community feel of their township.*

**Community Legacy** *The community would like to see development at Scamander that would include general infrastructure like footpaths and roads as well as shared community facilities.*

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

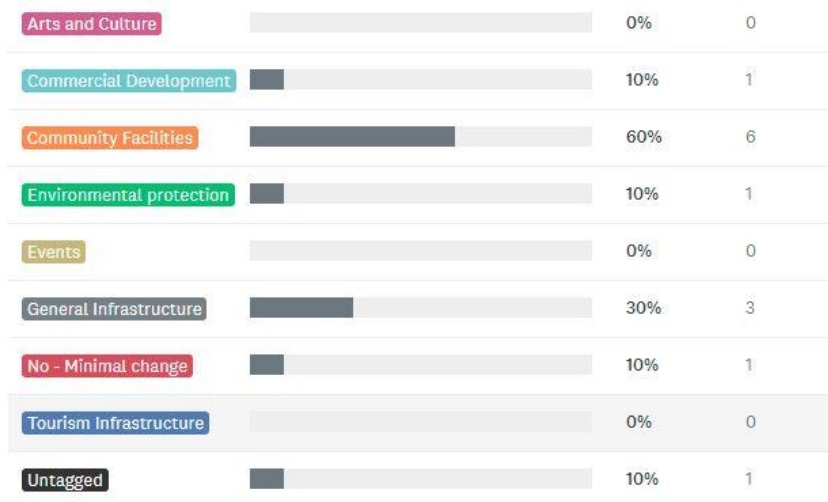
Grouped answers to Question 5.

**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"> <li>Dogs on leads – everywhere – beaches and towns not policed enough – Four Mile Creek Council &amp; PWS – more education and more enforcement</li> </ul>	Council continues to work with PWS and community representatives on implementation of the Break O'Day Council Dog Management Policy, including education and enforcement. The Policy is due for review in 2023 and Council will seek and consider input from the community, on alternative beach access and zones for dogs for example.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to seal Upper Scamander Road – up to 587 Upper Scamander Road</li> </ul>	Council receives a number of requests for road sealing - item is noted for future consideration.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The River – Jetty car park sealed</li> </ul>	Item noted – Council to consider as future capital plan activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike track – signage on the ground “shared track” – Scamander to Beaumaris</li> </ul>	Not wide enough to be a shared track – just a pathway - Council to look at appropriate signage in this context
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scamander Surf Club – reasonably low – drainage issue – rainfall – does cause flooding – 3 internal drains inside the Club back flowing up – look at shut off – valves and automatic switch over pump (Jake &amp; Stuart to investigate)</li> </ul>	Council to investigate and look at remedial works that may be undertaken

### Activities Outside Township Plan Scope

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scamander noticeboard – added to the mushroom information board</li> </ul>	The mushroom is full of tourism information and there is no spare panel for use as an information board. There is an information board located at the Post Office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAST signage – speed limits on Scamander River</li> </ul>	Forward comment to MAST for their feedback. MAST has published river speed limits on its boating website including speed limits on the Scamander River.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth officer / Youth Reference Group</li> </ul>	St Helens Neighbourhood House have engaged youth officers to work on projects throughout the municipality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mens Health / Mens Health focus</li> </ul>	Both Neighbourhood Houses run programs for both men and women which Council supports



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport – co-ordinate bus services to reach airport – currently shuttle to Launceston then bus to St Helens and vice versa</li> </ul>	<p>A private company runs the service between Launceston and St Helens – Council is not able to request a change in timetable</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scamander River – boardwalk (southern side) play park – under bridge – foreshore and boat ramp</li> </ul>	<p>Initial investigation showed that there was not enough clearance under the bridge to allow a boardwalk to be developed to connect the two areas</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break O'Day swimming pool to be located in Scamander</li> </ul>	<p>Council has funds in the budget to undertake a feasibility study</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public housing to be encouraged</li> </ul>	<p>Council is investigating what options are available throughout our municipality</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed limit between Scamander and Beaumaris inconsistent – keep @ 80 km</li> </ul>	<p>Council to talk with State Growth as to whether a speed limit change is feasible</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs on lead at Four Mile Creek beach – at whole beach at all times – change of policy please</li> </ul>	<p>Council continues to work with PWS and community representatives on implementation of the Break O'Day Council Dog Management Policy, including education and enforcement. The Policy is due for review in 2023 and Council will seek and consider input from the community, on alternative beach access and zones for dogs for example.</p>