

St Helens Township Plan

2020-2022



During the development of Council's Strategic Plan Council advised townships that we would come back and talk to our communities about what they saw as important for the future and how Council could work with them to develop these ideas.

On the 7th February, and 6 March, 2019, Council held "drop in sessions" at St Helens where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Georges Bay – Specific Uses
- Infrastructure
- Kings Park
- Environmental Issues
- Commercial Development
- Other issues

From the information that was collected at the community conversations, Council will develop a Marine Facilities Master Plan – Georges Bay using the data collected as background for the successful consultant. The data collected on the issue of Kings Park will be used by our Works Department in any future capital works programs.

This Township Plan will take into account St Helens’ future addressing issues around community needs.

Results and emerging issues from the drop in session:

Common themes that arose from this session were the need for extra parking and additional footpaths.

Other themes that arose were:

- To review traffic movement around Cecilia, Quail and Circassian Streets and Tasman Highway (within township centre);
- Weed management; and
- Additional infrastructure to support events

The township plan will address:

- Protecting and enhancing the environmental values of St Helens;
- Ensuring there are enough community facilities to service St Helens’ future needs;
- Transport and movement related issues including trails and pedestrian safety; and
- Supporting tourism.

Action List

Action	Who
1. Car Parking Review 1.1. Council to look at a solution regarding increased parking – better utilisation of space and identify additional land for potential car parking	Council
2. To review future uses of Kings Park 2.1. Identify issues raised through community conversations that can be actioned for the area including any infrastructure requirements	Council/ Community
3. Improved Signage 3.1. Undertake audit of appropriate signage to identify gaps 3.2. Look at appropriate signage and consistency of messages	Council
4. Traffic movement review 4.1. Future options to be discussed with State Government	Council
5. Marine Facilities Strategy	



<p>5.1 To engage a consultant to undertake a Marine Facilities Strategy – Georges Bay</p>	<p>Council</p>
<p>6. Increased footpaths</p>	
<p>6.1 Council officers to review footpath requests and advise the Council of priority need that is aligned with Councils LTFP, Four Year Capital Plan and in annual budget preparation cycles. Ongoing Review process.</p>	<p>Council</p>
<p>7. Foreshore – management of weeds</p>	
<p>7.1. Community form working bees and work with Council in conjunction with PWS to manage weed control on our Foreshore areas</p>	<p>Council/community /PWS</p>

Reporting back to the Community:

Council will provide a quarterly newsletter and arrange community meetings which will advise of progress of actions listed above and any additional items that have been listed for comment/action.

Any correspondence to Council in relation to these plans to be forwarded to admin@bodc.tas.gov.au

The St Helens Township Plan has a term of two (2) years – after this period, the action list will be reviewed.

Adopted by Council February, 2020

