

St Marys Township Plan

2019-2021



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 Wednesday 21 November, 2018 we held a "drop in session" at St Marys where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Infrastructure;
- Services; and
- Other issues

This Township Plan will take into account St Mary's future addressing issues around community needs.

Results and emerging issues from the drop in session:

A common theme that arose from this session was the need for improved tourism infrastructure and signage

Other themes that arose were:

- Walking/cycle trail along the old railway line – St Marys to Fingal; and
- More services for St Marys

The township plan will address:

- Protecting and enhancing the environmental values of St Marys;
- Township maintenance; and
- Supporting tourism.

Action List

Action	Who
1. Township Beautification	
1.1 Planter boxes outside businesses – Council to develop a planter box guideline including responsibility for maintenance and care	Council/ Landowners
1.2 Public art/sculpture project developed in Main Street, include review of People Poles concept	Community/Council
1.3 Recycle bins in Main Street – look at feasibility	Council
1.4 Review Town Entry portals concept from St Marys Streetscape Project	Council/Community
1.5 Arboretum project – examine an overall approach for St Marys including potential locations and species	Community
2. River Works	
2.1. Clean out the river at St Marys - investigate as an NRM project (removal of gorse and wattles)	Council/Community
2.2. Landscape St Marys Rivulet with endemic natives – investigate as an NRM project.	Community/Council
2.3. Resurrect and maintain the Wombat Walk along the St Marys Rivulet	Community/Council
3. Walking track – St Marys to Fingal	
3.1. Council to work with Crown Land Services in relation to progressing this project	Council
3.2. Seek external funding to develop this trail subject to lease and environmental issues that may arise	Council/Community

4. Tourism

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| 4.1. Information/history plaques to be located around St Marys | Community/
Valley Tourism
Council |
| 4.2. RV Parking spaces – Main Street, St Marys – under review as part of the St Marys Parking Strategy Development | |
| 4.3. Improved access to St Patricks Head, Meadstone Falls, South Sister | State Government |
| 4.4. Improved tourism signage | Valley Tourism/Council |

5. Events & Celebrations

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| 5.1. Community to explore and develop concepts for further consideration by the community and Council including:
Annual/bi-annual music festival
Clean up Australia Day
Christmas Decorations
The Passes Bike Race (St Marys & Elephant) | Community/Council |
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6. Additional Services for St Marys

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| 6.1. Counselling services, more trauma orientated, youth mental health and elderly mental health and more allied services for the hospital – Council to work with external services and map what services are presently servicing St Marys | Council/
Health Services |
| 6.2. Work with Hub4Health to promote the services they offer in St Marys including gym membership | Council/
Hub4Health |

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

Adopted by Council July, 2019