

Port Sorell Community Information Evening

Meeting to be held at 7:00 pm

11 April 2024, Meeting Rooms A and B

Banksia Centre, Port Sorell

Agenda

1 Welcome and Introduction

The Mayor will provide a welcome.

Please ensure that you have signed in at the entrance.

2 Invitees

Councillors	
Mayor Peter Freshney	Deputy Mayor Vonette Mead
Cr Garry Sims	Cr Graeme Brown
Cr David Fidler	Cr Sommer Metske
Cr Gerrad Wicks	Cr Jacki Martin
Council	
Gerald Monson (General Manager)	Jonathan Magor (Manager Infrastructure & Assets)
Shane Eastwood (Team Leader Customer Support)	Michael Mouat (Manager Operations)
Amanda Knott (Minute Taker)	
Guest Speaker	
Ms Veronica Schilling – CEO, Dulverton Waste Management will present on Food Organics, Garden Organics Collection (FOGO)	
Community Members	

3 Apologies

Councillors	Council
Cr Jacki Martin	David Midson (Manager Corporate & Business Services)
Cr Claudia Baldock	
Community Members	
Ralph Brinkmann	

4 Notes from the previous meeting

The Notes from the previous Port Sorell Community Information Evening held on 21 September 2023 are available on the Council website.

5 Food Organics, Garden Organics Collection – FOGO

Ms Veronica Schilling – CEO, Dulverton Waste Management will present on Food Organics, Garden Organics Collection (FOGO)

Background

Tasmania's waste management is undergoing a significant transformation with the construction of the state's largest composting facility by Dulverton Waste Management. This facility will allow for more efficient and cost-effective disposal of organic waste, including food and garden waste from residential areas, and assists with extending the landfill lifespan. Additionally, the composted product serves as a valuable resource for gardens and agriculture. To encourage better waste management practices throughout Tasmania, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) implemented a landfill waste levy in 2022-23. This is an incentive to divert waste from landfill. These factors have encouraged Latrobe and Kentish Councils to reconsider the benefits of a Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) collection.

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group, with Latrobe and Kentish Council as a member, has facilitated the tender process for a FOGO service to assist northwest councils in making an informed decision.

Consequently, a FOGO service is set to be implemented on 1 July 2024 for all tenements currently receiving a kerbside waste service (garbage and recycling) throughout the Latrobe and Kentish Council area.

While reduced compared to previous costings, there will be a fee for this service. Latrobe and Kentish Councils will also collaborate with other Northwest Councils and the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group to maximize education opportunities and streamline the implementation process.

Overall, Tasmania's push towards the FOGO service represents a significant step forward in sustainable waste management practices. By diverting organic waste from landfills and promoting composting, the state aims to reduce its environmental impact and create a greener future for all residents.

Update

A new food and garden recycling service is coming to our Council. Households which already have a recycling bin will receive an additional bin between mid-May and mid-June. The new 240 litre Food Organic and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin will be delivered to the front of your property, together with an information kit on how to use it.

From July 2024, residents will be able to recycle food scraps along with grass, leaves and branches through the FOGO bin. This includes fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, dairy, grains and cooked leftovers.

Why are we making this improvement?

We understand that introducing a new bin might be challenging at first, but the benefits for our waste system, our finances, our environment and our community will be significant and continue to grow over time. The immediate benefits are:

- Food waste that currently rots in landfill produces potent methane and contaminated water that must be managed.
- Diverting food and garden waste from landfill is the single biggest thing we can do as a community to help combat climate change.
- It is estimated that each year, there is around 47,400 tonnes of food and organic waste in the kerbside bins that could be composted in Tasmania. Our service will increase the number of councils reducing landfilling of food from 9 to 13 when the four NW councils kick off this service in July 2024.

Bin collections

From July 2024, the FOGO bins will be collected fortnightly. The new service will recycle Food Organics and Garden Organics into compost, to be used as a fertiliser for farmers. It's a small change that will make a big difference.

What will you need to do?

Be a FOGO Hero and separate your food scraps and put them into your green-lid FOGO recycling bin, with any plant material from around the yard for collection fortnightly. Your general waste bin will also be collected fortnightly, as your yellow bin is now, so using the 3 bins correctly will make sure you get the best use of your bin space.

We are here to help.

For more information or to discuss any assistance you need to undertake this change please visit kentish.tas.gov.au or call Dulverton Waste Management on (03) 6424 7344.

Thank you for being a part of our community's contribution to protecting our environment for future generations.

6 Local Government Reform

Background

The Tasmanian Government has commissioned the Local Government Board (the Board) to undertake a broad review into the future of local government in Tasmania.

The Board has identified seven (7) key areas for the Review based on the services that local government currently delivers:

- Community wellbeing.
- Economic development and local promotion.
- Environment.
- Finance and administration.
- Governance, accountability, and representation.
- Infrastructure provision and management.
- Land use planning and other regulatory services.

Update

The Local Government Board's final report into the future of Local Government throughout Tasmania is now very much in the hands of councils and their communities as the Tasmanian Government has invited public comment and submissions until 29 February 2024.

The Board has been diligent in undertaking a review of Local Government and has proposed an integrated package of 37 reform options as well as practical pathways and timelines for the implementation of those reforms.

At the heart of all the proposed changes is the overriding objective of working with communities to ensure councils are in the best possible position to support the future well-being, sustainability, and prosperity of the communities they serve.

Our Council's alliance with the Kentish Council has stood the test of time and has been nation-leading in what it has achieved and set out to deliver.

One administration and operational structure supporting two discreet Local Government Areas (LGA's) is unique but despite all that has been achieved, despite the efforts of management and staff, and despite the foresight and support of successive elected memberships, more needs to be done to meet the future needs of our communities.

The proposal to merge our two councils has been supported by the Board (Recommendation 4) and we will need to work with our respective communities to provide information that affords you the opportunity to make informed decisions and to determine your support or otherwise for the merging of our two councils.

The Local Government Board's Final Report can be accessed at <https://engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/>

The submission of the Board's Final Report to the Minister ends the substantive Review process under the Act.

The Report and the Board's recommendations are now matters for the Minister to consider.

Should the Government agree to the Board's recommendations, it is anticipated successful implementation of both the Phase 1 voluntary amalgamation process, shared services, and all supporting specific reforms would need to occur over approximately a two-year period.

7 Tasmanian Planning Scheme

Background

The Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Latrobe, became effective from 10th May 2023.

Council has received notification from the Tasmanian Planning Commission to publicly advertise a series of substantial modifications to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Latrobe. Not all property owners in the Municipality are affected by the modifications, therefore Council individually notified affected owners in conjunction with the statutory requirement to publicly advertise. The submission period closed on 18th September 2023 and Council will consider any representations received and prepare a further report to submit to the Tasmanian Planning Commission. Further information is available on the Tasmanian Planning Commission or Council's website.

Update

At the conclusion of the exhibition period for the proposed substantial modifications, 12 representations had been received. The matters raised in the representations were addressed in a report prepared under Section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, which Council endorsed at its December 2023 meeting. The endorsed report was then submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

The Commission held hearings on 21 February 2024 and property owners who submitted representations had an opportunity to speak to their representation.

Several of the amendments have now been finalised and approved by the Commission, however there are three that the Commission requested further

information and a decision is yet to be made. Further information can be found at the following link.

[Current assessments and hearings – Tasmanian Planning Commission Website](#)

8 Port Sorell Stormwater Plan

Background

A substantial residential subdivision has been proposed for the vacant land to the west of the current Burgess Industrial Area.

Stormwater runoff from the development is planned to pass through a detention basin to reduce peak flow rates before entering the underground pipe network and then discharge to Poyston Creek.

Council has engaged a stormwater modelling consultant, Hydrodynamica, to model the catchment and overland flow paths. The Stage 1 report for the detailed stormwater catchment assessment of Poyston Creek at Port Sorell has been received from Hydrodynamica. Stage 2 has commenced.

This assessment will provide Council with information to better understand the current and future performance of the Poyston Creek Catchment which forms part of Council's stormwater system in the urban area. Changing rainfall patterns and ongoing development has driven this review.

The stormwater catchment report is a priority for these main reasons:

1. OneCare is looking to further expand its facilities relatively close to the overland flow path near the southwestern corner of their property fronting Burgess Drive.
2. Certainty on the flood potential both pre and post upstream development is required. The nearby Council land may hold some greater purpose to assist in managing stormwater directly or indirectly;
3. The proposed subdivision west of OneCare and Burgess Drive is part of this catchment and a validation of the likely impacts of the development and conceptual stormwater detention system is required; and
4. The loss of play time on the Port Sorell Golf Course after heavy rain in relation to the drain through the site and outfall, noting that sand and high tides reduce the capacity of the outfall considerably. Climate change predictions are that this area will be subject to rising sea levels in the future and has potential to become less and less playable irrespective of stormwater flows.

At the 11 September 2023 meeting, Council unanimously endorsed the Stage 1 Report prepared by Hydrodynamica for the detailed Stormwater Catchment

Assessment of Poyston Creek at Port Sorell. The Report is available on the Council website and includes the following summary:

The lower catchment which includes the Port Sorell Golf Course is caught between climate change impacts, which affect it from below, and increased runoff which affects it from above.

The Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Pathways Project clearly shows the forecast risks to the lower catchment, for which adaptation may be appropriate rather than solely relying on engineering solutions.

Present-day tides, the flatness of the lower catchment, downstream development, and natural sand deposition present constraints which limit Council's ability to reliably increase outflows through the Port Sorell Golf Course. It is clear, however, that while Council has a responsibility to ensure additional development upstream does not incrementally increase flooding in the area. This responsibility also provides opportunities to reduce current-day downstream impacts.

Subject to community interest there is the potential to hold drop-in sessions for more detailed discussions after Stage 2 is complete.

Update

Council and Hydrodynamica have been working on Stage 2 investigations and modelling. These being:

- The potential sites for, and provision of, detention basins above Alexander Street and the effect on lower catchment flooding;
- Overland flow path linkages from the upper catchment to the lower catchment;
- Lower catchment (below Alexander Street) volumes and the effect of an eastern diversion to additional detention facility on Camp Banksia land including a new outfall to Freers Beach;
- Reprofiling of the drainage line through the golf course to provide additional storage, when the outfall is restricted by a high tide (assumes Tideflex or similar check valve installed); and
- A combination of upper and lower catchment interventions described above.

Liaison with the engineers for the proposed subdivision has occurred and further modelling scenarios have been identified and requested of the developer before Council is able to fully assess their proposal.

9 Hawley Esplanade Foreshore Pathway

Background

Latrobe Council appreciates the interest and input from the community on the Hawley Pathway development application.

Submissions closed on 16 November 2023.

All submissions were assessed by an independent planner prior to consideration by the Council at its 11 December 2023 meeting.

This meeting was live streamed. <https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/notice-board/latest-news/latrobe-council-meeting-live-streaming-link>

The General Manager explained that even if approved, the community still had 14 days to appeal the decision, and a fee is applicable.

Update

Planning approval has been granted and Council officers are now working through the Parks and Wildlife Service requirements to gain a works permit.

The approved drawings will be developed into design drawings, and once specifications and tender documents are complete the works will be tendered out and assessed by Council.

Works would ideally be undertaken in one commissioning and during the non-peak season. Given the activities still required, construction may not commence until autumn next year.

10 Banksia Facilities – Online Booking Platform

In a bid to enhance community access to its facilities, Latrobe and Kentish Councils have joined forces to adopt an online booking platform, reflecting a forward-thinking approach to community engagement and resource management.

The platform went live on 15 January 2024, offering a wide range of community spaces, including the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Hamilton Hub, Bells Parade Bark Hut and Rotunda, Camp Banksia and all Banksia Centre facilities.

This digital initiative aims to streamline the booking process, allowing residents and event managers a user-friendly and efficient platform to secure their desired spaces, promising to eliminate challenges of traditional booking methods.

The newly launched platform comes equipped with features designed to simplify the booking experience for users.

Residents can now access real-time availability for various community facilities, allowing them to conveniently plan and secure their preferred venues for events, meetings, or gatherings.

Datascape Online Booking System can be accessed via the Council website [Facilities | Latrobe Council](#)

11 Port Sorell Tip Shop Recycling Facility

Background

The DA for the Tip Shop was approved at the October 2022 Council meeting, and a minor amendment to the permit approved at the September 2023 meeting. Site preparation commenced in October 2023. The first container was scheduled for delivery on 22 November 2023, with the remaining two containers due shortly after that. Building works have commenced.



Update

The Port Sorell Tip Shop is practically complete with some minor lighting still to be installed. The Lease Agreement containing requested alterations have been handed to the Lions Club; once the signed document is received by Council, they may take occupation.

12 Open Space / Recreation Study

Background

Latrobe Council is in the final stages of developing a draft strategy to guide the planning and management of the municipality's open space network for the next decade.

The Open Space, Sport, and Recreation Plan aims to enhance the maintenance and sustainability of grounds and facilities while ensuring their equitable distribution and accessibility to the community, promoting a vibrant and liveable environment.

The plan is also focused on identifying suitable locations for shared pathways, promoting active transportation and connectivity throughout the area, and designing a suite of park furniture to enhance comfort.

Council values the importance of public engagement in shaping the Open Space, Sport, and Recreation Plan, fostering a sense of ownership and alignment with the community's needs.

Council will seek to further engage on the draft strategy in coming months, ensuring that a dynamic and sustainable open space network enriching the lives of all residents for years to come is developed as the final report is considered by the Council.

Update

Otium Planning Group are finalising the master plans for sites across the Latrobe Municipality and refining the document.

Once received the next stage will be to discuss with elected members the recommendations and master plans prior to finalising the draft. Once this has occurred a report will be submitted to Council seeking to release the draft report for public consultation.

13 New Waste Transfer Station Technology

Councils are required to adopt new reporting measures for landfill data across the state. In a significant step towards modernising waste management practices at the Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station, new technology has been installed to allow mandatory reporting to the Environmental Protection Authority. This new system allows for electronic invoicing, payments and receipting and will be a significant change for staff and the public.

One of the key features of the new system is its ability to capture comprehensive data on the types and volumes of waste being deposited at the transfer station.

This data will serve as a valuable resource for the government, enabling better-informed decision-making and the implementation of targeted waste reduction strategies.

14 Volunteer Recognition Program

People of all ages and backgrounds give their time, talents, gifts and hearts to improve the quality of community life and build a stronger and more cohesive community through volunteering. Latrobe Council seeks to celebrate the contribution made by volunteers to our community through a self-nomination process.

Eligibility To Nominate

Not-for-profit organisations and groups that provide community-based services **within the Latrobe Council area** are invited to nominate their organisation for annual recognition.

Additionally, the organisation is invited to nominate **up to** five (5) individuals that have achieved specific hours or milestone years of cumulative volunteer service with the nominating organisation as at 1 May, specifically -

- 500 hours of service;
- 1,000 hours of service;
- 2,000 hours of service; or
- Special service
 - - 10 years continuous service
 - - 20 years continuous service
 - - 30 years continuous service
 - - 40+ years continuous service

** Paid roles in an organisation, by definition, are excluded from nomination as a volunteer.*

To ensure compliance with Council's obligations under the Personal Information Protection Act 2004, nominees must agree to their nomination.

Nominations will be accepted up until 1 May annually via completion of the Volunteer Recognition Program form available online at [Volunteer Recognition Nomination Form-Application.pdf \(latrobe.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.latrobe.tas.gov.au/Portals/0/Volunteer%20Recognition%20Nomination%20Form-Application.pdf)

Alternatively, forms may be obtained by telephoning 6426 4444; or by emailing council@latrobe.tas.gov.au

Nominations received after 1 May will be held over to the following year.

Presentation Event

Latrobe Council will celebrate the contribution of volunteers to our Council area at a Volunteer Recognition Reception in May, during National Volunteer Week.

Latrobe Council will publicly acknowledge all Volunteer Recognition Program recipients on its website and social media after the event..

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Council's Community Development Officer on 6426 4444 or email council@latrobe.tas.gov.au

15 DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

Background

At their meeting held 12 March 2024, Council endorsed a recommendation from the Port Sorell Advisory Committee (PSAC) that a review be undertaken of the Dog Management Policy. In particular, PSAC asked that Council review the following relating to dog management in the Port Sorell area:

- The time period dogs are allowed on the beach and it being reduced to increase the time non-dog owners can enjoy the beach;
- More frequent patrols be undertaken by the Animal Control officer; and
- Where appropriate, fines be issued for non-compliance with the Dog Management Policy.

Council also endorsed a recommendation from the Port Sorell Caravan Park Committee that the Dog Management Policy be amended to allow camping with dogs throughout the whole of the Port Sorell Caravan Park subject to compliance with established Terms and Conditions.

Update

The proposed changes to the Dog Management Policy will be advertised on 20 April 2024 and will be open for comment for a 6-week period (closing 6 June 2024). Submissions will then be duly considered and a further report by Council's Compliance Officer provided to Council.

16 ISSUES RAISED FROM THE FLOOR

Meeting close.