

LATROBE / TARLETON COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

**Meeting to be held at 7:00 pm, 18 April 2024,
Latrobe Memorial Hall – Supper Room**

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 Gerrad Wicks	Cr Graeme Brown
Cr Jacki Martin	Cr Sommer Metske
Cr Garry Sims	
Council	
Gerald Monson – General Manager	Michael Mouat – Manager Operations
Amanda Knott – Minute Taker	
Guest Speaker	
Ms Melissa Pearce – Business Service Manager, Dulverton Waste Management will present on Food Organics, Garden Organics Collection (FOGO)	
Community Members	

3 APOLOGIES

Councillors	Council
Cr Claudia Baldock	David Midson – Manager Corporate & Business Services
Cr David Fidler	
Community Members	

4 NOTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Notes from the Previous Latrobe/Tarleton Community Information evening held on 18 May 2023 are available on the Council Website.

5 FOOD ORGANICS, GARDEN ORGANICS COLLECTION – FOGO

Ms Melissa Pearce – Business Service Manager, Dulverton Waste Management will present on Food Organics, Garden Organics Collection (FOGO)

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 initiative to divert waste from landfill. These factors have encouraged Latrobe Council to reconsider the benefits of a Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) collection.

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group, with Latrobe 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 Council area.

While reduced compared to previous costings, there will be a fee for this service. Latrobe Council 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 latrobe.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 undertaken 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.

They had 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 LATROBE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Background

The partnership between BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd and Latrobe Council in the ambitious Flood Mitigation Project is yielding significant progress, bringing the community one step closer to enhanced flood protection and safety.

This project aims to fortify the town of Latrobe against the devastating impact of floods, safeguarding lives, properties, and livelihoods.

Station Square carpark, the laneway between Subway and the Newsagents, and Kobie Lane have all been sealed and reopened. These improvements not only enhance the aesthetics of the area but also alleviate traffic congestion and provide a more convenient experience for businesses and visitors.

The completion of the diversion culvert and inlet works is a substantial achievement in the project. These installations are designed to regulate water flow during heavy rainfall, minimising the risk of flooding in vulnerable areas and channeling excess water away from residential and commercial zones.

While several milestones have been accomplished, work is continuing on the Kings Creek Levee.

With this component of the flood mitigation project still under construction, walking tracks in its vicinity remains closed to the public for safety reasons. Once finished, the Kings Creek Levee will bolster the town's resilience against floods, providing additional protection to nearby areas.

The River Road earth levee works have been successfully completed, with concreting, sealing, and final finishing works are scheduled to be finalised in October, subject to weather conditions.

Another crucial achievement is the completion of the Atkinson Park levee. While the levee is complete, final touches and adjustments are still underway.

Presently, BridgePro Engineering is constructing the pump station and levee wall in the parkland between the pigeon club and Miles Ford Bridge. The ongoing works in this area have necessitated its temporary closure to the public. These efforts are slated for completion towards the end of this month.

As the project advances, the collaboration between BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd and Latrobe Council continues to demonstrate a commitment to the welfare and safety of the community and the town of Latrobe moving closer to a future that is better prepared to face the challenges posed by natural disasters.

Update

The project has reached a stage of practical completion and elements of the flood levees project have been commissioned. Some non-critical matters have been identified for rectification and will be addressed during the 12-month maintenance period.

An operation and maintenance manual is being developed and Council's operational staff and volunteers from the Mersey unit of the State Emergency Service will soon participate in a familiarisation exercise. This will form a summary of how the system will be developed and made available to those within the mitigated area.

It needs to be reiterated that this is a flood mitigation project, and it is not a flood proofing project as the infrastructure is designed to cater for a similar event as to that which occurred in 2016. The main outcome is to provide additional warning and safe evacuation time for residents located within the footprint of the mitigated area. Protection of properties from damaging inundation is important but is secondary to the safety of people.

8 REIMAGINING THE LATROBE TOWN CENTRE

Background

The Latrobe Council, in collaboration with businesses and the local community, is embarking on an ambitious endeavour to revamp the Latrobe town centre, bounded by Cotton Street, Victor Street, Hicks Lane, and Hamilton Street. The town has experienced significant growth, leading to a bustling town centre that requires a comprehensive review of its operations.

Latrobe township, with the town centre stretching linearly away from the residential area, presents both challenges and opportunities for future development. The retail spaces are nearly at capacity, but a strategic plan for further commercial growth is lacking. Moreover, the town faces a shortage of visitor accommodation, limiting its potential as a tourism hub.

To address these issues, the Council aims to reassess the core centre's design and attractiveness to residents and visitors.

Key objectives include investigating opportunities for additional commercial development and tourist accommodations, evaluating traffic flow and pedestrian accessibility along Gilbert Street, and proposing effective traffic management solutions.

The project will also address the town's parking situation, seeking to develop feasible solutions for future car parking while enhancing urban amenities. Public spaces like Station Square and Kings Park will be reviewed for potential improvements and better connectivity to the coastal pathway along River Road and the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike trailhead at Warrawee.

The project seeks to enhance overall connectivity within the town centre and will develop a proposed strategic plan to guide future growth and development effectively. Notably, a new site for a market space will be identified to bolster local business and create a vibrant community gathering spot.

Council's ownership of the property containing the former Glee Club and land behind Moses' Butchery presents a unique opportunity for their future integration into a cohesive master plan.

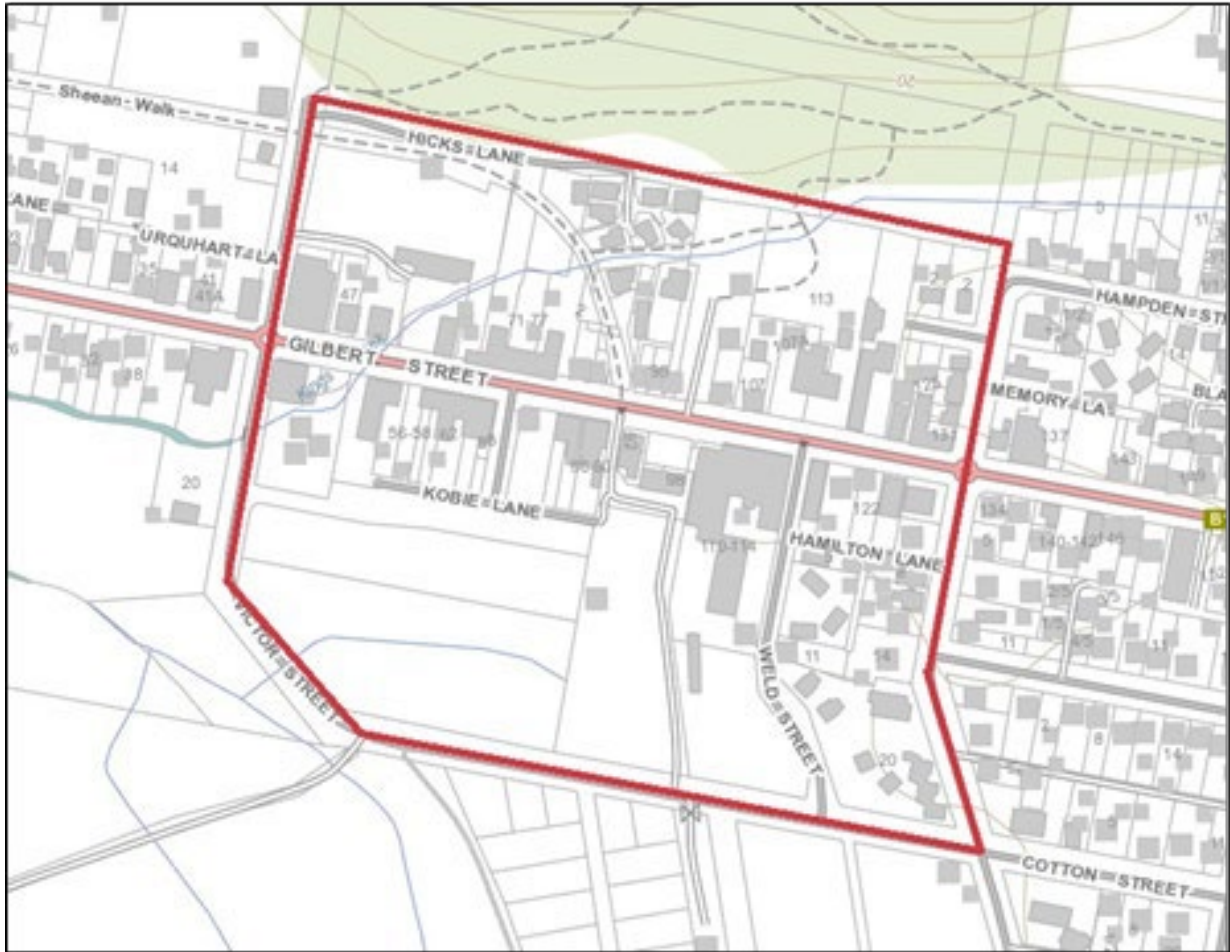
The project will be executed in three stages: a major community engagement process in November 2023, a round of public engagement after the draft Outcomes Presentation/Report and briefing in January 2024, and the final Outcomes Presentation/Report expected by April 2024.

For the first stage Urban design firm, Studio GL, were in Latrobe on 16 and 17 November 2023. A community drop-in session was also conducted on 16 November 2023 in Station Square.

There were two stakeholder workshop sessions at the Latrobe Memorial Hall– 16 November 2023 and 17 November 2023.

Update

Studio GL have now drafted a structure plan which is currently out for community consultation, and we are seeking your input. A copy of the plan is available on Council's website, or you may obtain a hard copy from the Council office. The submission period closes on 29th April 2024.



9 COUNCIL WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

Project	Status
Port Sorell Waste Transfer Station	Entrance and parking improvements. Continuing side entry pit and culvert pipe repairs/replacement.
Elderly Persons Unit refurbishments	Ongoing.
Scheduled gravel road maintenance	Nearing completion.
Roadside spraying	Ongoing.
Parks, mowing, mulching, and spraying	Ongoing.

10 PIPING OF THE PERCIVAL STREET DRAIN

Council has budgeted this financial year to enclose 120m of open stormwater drain that runs across Percival Street between the intersections of Alberta Street and Fenton Street as indicated below and which could be extended in the future:





The existing road crossing will be upsized at the same time. A contract for the works has been awarded to AJR Construct Pty Ltd. Their detailed design work has commenced and a construction period from mid-January until early April 2024 has been identified during which time the road will be closed to traffic.

Update

Works are approximately 50% complete and are continuing. Completion timing is still reliant of good weather conditions and only two working days have been lost so far since starting on site.

Gilbert and Percival Street Roundabout

The construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Gilbert Street and Percival Street was put to tender in March 2024. Tenders closed on 10 April and council officers are working on awarding a contract and commencing works.

Hamilton Street Kerb and Channel

The installation of kerb and channel and road widening to replace the low failing retaining wall on the eastern side of Hamilton Street is underway. A subsequent stage extending further south is being considered for the 2024/25 financial year.

11 WARRAWEE SUSPENSION BRIDGE UPDATE

The northern access to the bridge has now been completed and the bridge is in use.

A minor design revision in relation to a cut off drain above the northern abutment is being assessed by Council's geotechnical engineering consultant and a report being prepared for Park Wildlife Service prior to requesting their final endorsement.

12 OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PLANNING

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.

Update

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 livable 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.

The Council encourages residents to register their contact details via email at council@latrobe.tas.gov.au with the subject line "Open Space Plan Consultation" to receive updates on the draft's release and stay involved in the process.

13 LATROBE RECREATION GROUND

Background

Scoping and design plans for the redevelopment of the Latrobe Recreation Ground in Gilbert Street, Latrobe are underway for the construction of:

1. Expanded and modernised change room and toilet amenities to provide for greater use and accessibility for all.
2. A redeveloped Latrobe Federal Band room to allow for new senior and junior rehearsal rooms along with new public amenities, and;
3. Upgraded grandstand seating.

A new caretakers shed has been constructed at the Latrobe Recreational grounds enabling redevelopment works to commence. Upgrades to the tennis courts were recently completed.

Update

Oliver Kelly Group reported to site at the Latrobe Recreation Ground on 3 March 2024 to start work on the changeroom and Band Room redevelopment.

Works will continue for the majority of 2024 and are being completed in two stages, as to always allow for two functioning changerooms for cricket and football seasons. Other facilities including Fresh Fitness, Latrobe Tennis Club, the Junior Sporting Oval and both Latrobe Football and Cricket clubrooms will still be accessible, with the construction site security fenced off.

The project will deliver an upgraded home for the Latrobe Federal Band including a senior and junior band room, new seating on the southern grandstand, two unisex umpire changerooms, four unisex sporting changerooms, and upgraded unisex public amenities.

We look forward to seeing this project take shape and what additional benefit it will bring to the clubs and wider community.

14 BELLS PARADE COASTAL PATHWAY WORKS UPDATE

Work is continuing on the coastal pathway from Ambleside to Bells Parade, specifically sealing the pathway from the weir at Latrobe into the Bells Parade carpark.

The section from the weir into Bells Parade has now been completed.

While the works have been underway, pedestrians and cyclists have been temporarily detoured around the work area. Council thanks you for your cooperation.

Work will soon progress on the final section to the carpark within Bells Parade.

Council continues to safeguard the environment, ensuring that everyday users and group activities, such as Bells Parade parkrun, are still able to be held, albeit with some variation to their original route.



15 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/Volunteer-Recognition-Nomination-Form-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.

16 ISSUE RAISED BY A COMMUNITY MEMBER

Council received the following from a community member:

The emergency fire points in Henslowe Street are not visible. One of them is about half a meter under the entrance driveway at 58 Henslowe St. Late last year, I contacted the local fire brigade and spoke to a very helpful gent (Stewart Geard) who, as a volunteer told me that TasWater are now responsible for these points. Since TasWater took over the maintenance of these points, they have been neglected. He was going to try and follow up, but I haven't seen any action.

Can Council intervene in this maintenance/safety issue?

ISSUES RAISED FROM THE FLOOR

Meeting Close.