

Sheffield Community Information Evening

Meeting held Thursday 29 February 2024 at 7:00pm

Sheffield Town Hall

Notes

1 Welcome and Introduction

Meeting Opened: 7:00pm

Mayor Haberle welcomed attendees, noted apologies and requested Councillors introduce themselves.

Mayor Haberle introduced Mr David Midson, Council's new Corporate and Business Services Manager.

1.1 Attendees

Councillors	
Mayor Kate Haberle	Deputy Mayor Penny Lane
Cr Terry Hughes	Cr Linda Cassidy
Cr Phillip Richards	
Council Staff	
Gerald Monson (General Manager)	David Midson (Corporate & Business Service Manager)
Aleasha Goss (Senior Administration Officer)	
Guest Speakers	
Sally Darke (Tasmanian Community Fund)	Acting Inspector James Scicluna, Sergeant Jeremy & Constable Tim (Tasmania Police)
Community Members	
Janice Beard	Gina Harvey (Hydro Tas)
Doug Begg	Eileen Hennessy
Lesley Begg	Steve Hooper
Theresa Billingham	Trina Hole
Wayne Boucher	Ian Hyde
Des Brown	Laura Inder
Pat Brown	Kim Johnson
Julie Button	Dale Kay
Jodi Coleman	Judith Marshall
Gerald Cooper	Lindsay Parker
Leoni Read	Bronwyn Pressland (Hydro Tas)
Grace Elliott (Hydro Tas)	Tanya Scott
Lynne Ellis	Maraea Kleynendorst
Bob Read	Martin Ward
Kate Fraser	Raewyn Collison

Paul Fraser	Ursula Wood
Julie Hargreaves	Carol Wright
Shayn Harkness	Tony Wright
Michael Hatton	Rob Collison
Katrina Hatton	

1.2 Apologies

Community Members	Leonie Hiscutt MLC
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2 Tasmanian Community Fund – Presentation by Sally Darke

Background

The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) was established in 1999 from the proceeds of the sale of a community asset (Trust Bank), to make grants for worthwhile community projects throughout the State.

Its mission is to invest in and strengthen Tasmanian communities by supporting projects that contribute to vibrant Tasmanian communities that are capable and resilient in shaping their future.

The Fund's operations are governed by the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005*. The Fund's operations were previously governed by the *Trust Bank Sale Act 1999*.

Since its first funding round in 2000, the Board has provided over \$125 million to more than 3150 projects in all areas of the State. In 2021-22, the Board allocated \$5.6 million in grants to 43 projects.

The purpose of the TCF is to drive systematic change to achieve positive outcomes for all Tasmanians and to enable communities to develop, deliver and lead place-based responses to their needs.

The Funding Strategy for 2024-2030 is based on increasing community wellbeing by removing barriers to learning to enable 8–19-year-olds to stay engaged with and connected to learning.

Discussion

Ms Darke outlined the TCF had reviewed the longevity of its funding pool and as a result had changed its direction and strategic focus. A one-page strategic plan document was provided to attendees.



STRATEGIC PLAN 2022–2030



VALUES

Community focused – to connect with community and strategically respond to identified needs.

Leadership – to make strategic decisions, lead by example, innovate, influence for change, and facilitate of strong community leadership.

Collaborative – to work with others and foster partnerships to achieve wellbeing outcomes for communities.

Integrity – to be fair, reasonable, honest and accountable at all times and ensure transparency of process and probity in decision making.

Moving forward the TCF will support grant applications that deliver place-based solutions that can lead to a real change involving young people, specifically those aged 8 – 19 years.

Other changes include grants may be provided over a longer time period, up to 7 years and grant amounts have also increased up to \$1M. Ms Darke provided a range of examples of projects which have recently been successful in obtaining funding such as the Wilmot Primary School Association's Wilmot Inquiry School Program.

Successful applications to the TCF will no longer be about buildings and assets, rather about programs and people.

Question: Do the funds cover paying someone to do something?

Response: Yes. By way of example, if you needed a coordinator for a program that could easily cost \$100k. Dorset Council successfully applied for funding for a Youth Officer.

Comment: It is very hard to know what young people want, and at times they do not know themselves.

Response: It's up to community to come up with these solutions.

Comment: What about encouraging young people to get into a career?

Response: It would be really good for you to link up with the North West Jobs Hub.

It has been found that obtaining a driver's licence has been a barrier to employment for young people. The TCF have funded driver programs to assist.

Our priorities are those aged 10 – 11 and 12 – 18 as these are the ages when young people are becoming disengaged.

The TCF run an emerging community leaders program which takes 24 young people per year. This program is literally about 'where is the next Lions Club President or Treasurer coming from'? We haven't had a lot of applications from this area, so we wanted to encourage your young people to apply.

Question: If applying for a small grant, does this still need to go through Council?

Response: No, it's not necessary to partner with Council or another service provider for grants \$5 - \$50k.

Question: Would landcare groups have any potential to be successful?

Response: Yes, as long as the project involves young people.

Ms Darke advised that funding applications could now be submitted at any time of the year. The Board meets every 6 weeks to consider applications.

Question: Our local scouts really need leaders and we are not able to source them, people just don't have the time. Could we apply for a grant to pay people?

Response: This is an interesting concept, however it would set a precedent for Scouts going forward which would be problematic. Please contact Lola at the TCF to discuss.

Ms Darke thanked the community and encouraged anyone with ideas to contact the TCF team.

3 Police Structure and Implications – Presentation by Acting Inspector James Scicluna

Discussion

Acting Inspector James Scicluna, Sergeant Jeremy and Constable Tim from Devonport Police provided an overview of the structure of the police force. Within the Western District, there are three divisions – Devonport, Burnie and Central West (covering Ulverstone to the West Coast). In the Devonport Division, only the Devonport and Latrobe Stations are manned. The police force has been centralised with all staff to start and finish from the Devonport or Latrobe Stations.

The attending police officers had seen social media activity which indicated the community felt that there was a lack of police presence in Sheffield. Sergeant James advised that the police are in town on a regular basis and cited the recent 'driveway bandits' who were caught in the district with a stolen bob-cat and that following the recent break in at the service station, the perpetrators were apprehended within 20 minutes of the crime occurring. There were also a small number of other offences recorded such as stealing at the service station, stealing of cooper wire from the NBN towers and stealing from a mechanical business. There is generally not a lot of crime in Sheffield and it is not out of control.

It was noted there are two Police Officers dedicated to the Kentish area; Constable Tim and Lloyd Goss.

Police are currently contacting all the businesses with a shopfront in Sheffield to confirm their contact details in case of an issue occurring at the premises. If you haven't had a visit from police yet, you can complete the form online.

Question: There is quite a lot of speeding and hooning in Sheffield particularly in High Street and Main Street. When speed cameras are set up in the area, someone will put a warning on social media. Are those people breaking any laws?

Response: No, there is nothing illegal about it. It's only when flashing your lights at other drivers, you could be charged with improper use.

Comment: There has been domestic rubbish dumped at Stoodley within the past few days, which is an on-going problem. Are the police prepared to look at this?

Response: Yes, we can look at rubbish dumping, however we would need to prioritise important calls. Residents can call the 131 444 number to report non-emergency issues and when police have time, they will attend to the matter. It was noted that Police prefer information to be

reported to the 131 444 number rather than crime stoppers, as they receive the information quicker.

Question: Do you think the recent crime is opportunistic rather than targeted?

Response: The business burglaries are targeted; thieves know Sheffield is a sleepy town at night. Other crimes are opportunistic such as thieves trying car doors and mailboxes. In smaller country towns, vehicles are soft targets because people do not lock their car doors. Police are currently working on an awareness campaign, technically it is illegal not to lock your car.

Comment: Regarding the rubbish dumping in the Stoodley plantation, Timberlands have been contacted and they are going to send a clean-up crew. There were also livestock carcasses dumped, which should be buried on your own property.

Question: There is a large, elderly community in Sheffield, and my concern is the response time in case of a home invasion. The local police stations should be manned from at least dusk til dawn. It's unrealistic for police to drive from Devonport to Sheffield. Residents do not have a sense of safety. We deserve to feel safe at night-time. Personally, I have so many locks and security lights at my home.

Response: We agree that everyone should feel safe. However, a decision was made to centralise the office quite some time ago. In terms of statistics, the division received 2077 requests and less than 150 were for the Sheffield and Railton areas. Police have limited staff and we need to concentrate our staff in the areas with the most work. Since covid, the sector has struggled to retain staff. We are currently recruiting at the highest level I have seen.

Question: What is the 1800 333 000 phone number?

Response: That is the crime stoppers number for providing information. The 131 444 number would be a better number to call as it is manned 24/7 and is answered by the Police Radio Room. Normally, a Police Officer will take your call and the response is triaged.

Question: What if you hear a noise or someone is trying to get into your home?

Response: You should call 000.

Comment: I concur with the lady who said residents have a right to feel safe. I also wanted to acknowledge and thank the police for the work they do, putting themselves at risk every day.

Comment: There are apps you can download on your phone such as the Emergency Plus app which assists you with location details in the event of a 000 call.

Question: Has the recent work on the towers assisted with communications?

Response: Yes, it would be the best investment I have seen in my time with police. We now have ability to speak directly with other emergency service

providers ie ambulance, rescue.

Question: There is a neighbourhood watch in Latrobe, is one planned for Sheffield?

Comment: Mr Ward advised he is currently working on setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in Sheffield. At this stage, you can visit the Neighbourhood Watch website for further information.

Comment: The Police provided statistics earlier in the meeting which indicates there is not a lot of crime in Sheffield. However, there is a lot of crime that is not reported. Residents tend to let things slide. I have phoned the 131 444 number and no one attended or called back.

Response: Police will follow up when they have the available resources.

Question: At the intersection of Nook and Sheffield Road, there is a lot of hooning behaviour. If we see hooning, what can we do about it?

Response: Police would need evidence to take matters further, this ideally would be a video or a statutory declaration. We have the ability to seize the car or issue fines up to \$1500. Hooning happens everywhere, not just in Sheffield.

Comment: We are aware it's a staffing issue, but could an officer be stationed in Sheffield over the Saturday night/Sunday morning period, there is a lot of hooning in the area.

Response: The Traffic Division comes from Ulverstone. If you are aware that a vehicle hoons at particular times, you can report this to 131 444 and we can send a patrol to the known location at that time.

Mayor Haberle thanked the Police for their attendance at the community meeting.

4 Update from Previous Meeting

Mayor Haberle advised that written responses from the previous meeting were available with the agenda.

5 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.

There are several ways you can have your say. You can make a submission by mail to Local Government Reform, GPO Box 123, Hobart, 7001, by email to lq.consultation@dpac.tas.gov.au or online.

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 Latrobe 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/>

Discussion

With the State Government election called for 23rd March, there is now uncertainty about the continuation of local government reform in Tasmania. The future path will be dependent on the party elected. Regardless, Kentish and Latrobe have lodged their last submission recently based on retaining shared services and if not, then an amalgamation of Kentish and Latrobe Councils.

Comment: The General Manager has proved that resource-sharing works.

Question: Whilst happy with the resource-sharing, I would be very disappointed if

the Councils merge and we lost our individual representation. In a merged circumstance, by the second election, we would lose our representation in Kentish. Kentish is unique with its own personality and representation needs to stay local. Community benefits would be taken from Sheffield.

Response: There will be community consultation before any decisions are made about amalgamation. You will be given opportunity to have your say.

Comment: I recently attended the wonderful Australia Day Celebrations in Kentish and it would be devastating to lose this. There are so many excellent volunteers here.

Question: I agree with previous comments. Will the opportunity for input change with the election?

Response: This depends upon which party is elected. Our recent submission re-enforced the need for an elector poll for communities to have their say.

6 Tasmanian Planning Scheme

Councils are required under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act), to publicly exhibit their draft LPS for 60 days. The Act provides that any person can make a representation (submission) on the draft LPS within that 60-day time period. Council must then consider the representations received and provide a report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) on those representations.

The TPC will undertake a statutory assessment of the draft LPS, the representations on the draft LPS together with other matters it is required to consider by the Act.

Council received direction from the Tasmanian Planning Commission to advertise and seek submissions in relation to the Kentish Local Provisions Schedule (LPS).

The period for lodging submissions closed on 7 July 2023. A total of 64 submissions were received. The submissions have been lodged with the Planning Commission. Council's strategic planner has reviewed the submissions and prepared a summary of the issues raised. They are currently being workshopped with Councillors and a report will be prepared for November Council meeting. Council will then lodge with the Planning Commission, its report on the submissions received.

A series of hearings for those property owners who have made representation will then be scheduled and they will have the opportunity to speak to the Commission regarding the content of their representation.

Update

At its meeting on 19 December 2023, Council as a Planning Authority endorsed its Section 35F report. The Section 35F report contained a copy of each

representation received, a statement of Council Planning Authority opinion as to the merit of each representation as to;

- whether the draft LPS should be modified; and
 - if recommended to be modified, the effect on the draft LPS as a whole;
- a statement as to whether the planning authority is satisfied that the draft LPS meets the LPS criteria; and
- The recommendation of the planning authority in relation to the draft LPS.

The report was forwarded to the Tasmanian Planning Commission and on 27th January 2024 the Commission advised that the report meets the requirements of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1994*.

The Commission have now set hearing dates of 16 – 19 April at the Kentish Council Chambers. Property owners who submitted a representation will be sent advice of the hearings and further detail regarding the process should they wish to address the Commission on their representation.

7 High Street/Main Street Roundabout

Kentish Council as part of its Capital Works Program included a roundabout at the High St / Main St intersection in Sheffield, a first for the town.

The project is being part funded by the Australian Government's Black Spot Program and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) grant monies. The Black Spot Program funds the treatment of roads and sites which have a proven crash history or have been identified as an 'accident waiting to happen' by a road safety audit. The aim of the program is to reduce the risk of crashes, and such treatments include the installation of traffic signals and roundabouts. A roundabout also slows approaching traffic and allows pedestrians to cross the road in two stages.



Site constraints and the associated inability to create an ideal layout under design guidelines has resulted in significantly more consultation with representatives from the Department of State Growth as the owners of Main Street, than would normally be necessary.

Council's internal design resources and ability to complete the drawings and tender documents in a timely manner has resulted in the work being given to a consultant in July 2023. Good progress has since been made and it is expected that a tender for construction will be advertised in late 2023, with a view to completing the works in the current financial year.

The General Manager advised the round-about design is based on those constructed in the main street of Latrobe. Initially, portions of the Latrobe community were opposed to the roundabouts, but since installation most would agree they do improve safety for traffic and pedestrians. The design allows for larger vehicle wheels to traverse parts of the round-about to allow passage.

Update

Consultation with our infrastructure and operations teams in late 2023 identified that the previously developed concept had not allowed adequate space for landings, outstands and central refuges for pedestrians.

However, when these were added, it created extremely tight pathway corridors at the footpath corners (particularly the northern corner at the bakery). Further design iterations were completed, and the design team have achieved a best fit solution which optimises the roundabout layout to improve vehicle flow and pedestrian safety.

During the most recent design iterations, the following was noted:

- There were discrepancies with some of the levels provided in the topographical survey. Our staff have conducted further survey in-house to confirm levels.
- Adjustment to finished levels to minimise pavement reconstruction work to the widened areas, and tie into existing levels.
- Final turn paths have been completed, which indicate good serviceability up to 12.5m for rigid vehicles in all directions, and tight constraints for 9m semi- trucks.

The design is effectively at the point where the Department of State Growth Traffic Safety Branch can have final input at a point, and then the design, specification and contact documentation completed, and the tender advertised.

Image A: Initial Concept Design. No allowance for pedestrian crossings.

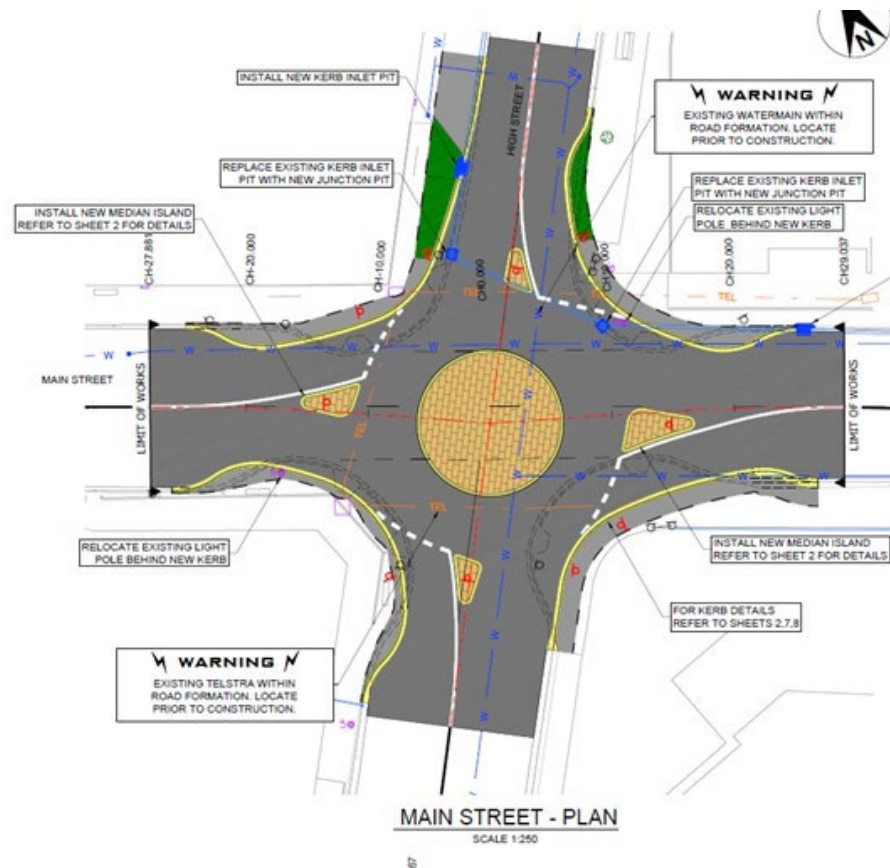


Image B: Final Design Proposal – as issued to DSG for final comment



Discussion

Council is awaiting approval from the State Government before progressing with this project.

Comment: Round-about discussions first occurred in 1999. At that time, a Councillor was not supportive, and the project did not proceed.

Response: The project is going ahead this time.

Comment: Is the roundabout flat?

Response: Yes, it is similar in design to the ones at Latrobe.

Comment: In the past, there have been no vehicle accidents at this site.

Question: Will Council consider dedicated crossings for pedestrians?

Response: Pedestrian crossings are not allowed to be installed in Main Street.

Question: How much are we contributing to this project?

Response: The project is being funded by the Black Spot Program, with Council making a \$150,000 contribution.

Comment: There needs to be sufficient space for not just trucks, but large motorhomes as well.

Response: All these issues have been taken into consideration during the design stage.

8 Capital Works

Operations Update:

- Resealing works in the Kentish area were completed on 8 February 2024.
- Line marking is booked with anticipated completion by the end of February 2024.
- Roadside mowing and spraying are currently underway.
- Drainage crews have been working throughout the area clearing culverts and drains.
- Gravel road maintenance is currently ongoing throughout the Kentish area.
- Works completed for a failed stormwater road crossing pipe and culverts at Lockwoods Road.
- The dog park shelter was installed on 31/01/24 after delays with materials.
- Waiting on approval from the landowner for works at the historic watering site.
- Council received the replacement CAT 432 Backhoe tractor and a new John Deere 620GP grader.

Upcoming Capital works:

- Main Street High Street Roundabout – Under final design and tendering process. (Refer to item 6).

Discussion:

Question: Is there a grading schedule that can be put on Council's website?

Response: We will raise this with the Manager Operations.

Question: On North Pole Road, the gravel washes away and the Council does not return for another 12 months to fix the road.

Response: Please contact Council directly for those types of issues.

Question: At the Historic Watering Site, has there been provision for access and parking?

Response: Yes, our engineers have recommended works to improve access and parking.

8 Food Organics, Garden Organics (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. As an added incentive, they will also waive the fee for any waste diverted from landfill.

These factors have encouraged Kentish Council to reconsider the benefits of a Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) collection.

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group, with 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 nominally implemented on 1 July 2024 for all tenements currently receiving a kerbside waste service (garbage and recycling) throughout the Kentish Council area.

While reduced compared to previous costings, there will be a fee for this service. Kentish 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

The rollout of the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service is progressing and on track for commencement in July 2024.

Councils along the NW coast are working with The Bravery (public relations firm) to develop materials to assist households navigate the regional FOGO rollout. A public announcement will be made in March 2024 (date to be confirmed) to kick off the rollout of an awareness and education campaign.

Eligible households (those with an existing wheelie bin service) will be notified and provided with specific information about the FOGO service once details are finalised. It is expected that the bins will start to be delivered from May 2024, with the first collection planned for the first week of July.

This first collection of the new financial year will also align with the commencement of a fortnightly collection service for all bin types. Bin collections days will be advised once confirmed with the contractor.

In the interim, updates and resources will be shared on Council's website and Facebook page as they become available.

Discussion:

Comment: Council needs to improve communications with the community about FOGO.

Response: There is an awareness and education campaign which will begin shortly. All the Councils are currently working together to implement FOGO except Central Coast who has already implemented it. It is expected to result in a small increase in rates because the garbage collection service will reduce from weekly to fortnightly. Latrobe municipality has had fortnightly rubbish collection for some time, and people manage. The idea of FOGO is to keep materials which can be composted out of landfill.

Question: How does this affect you if you don't have a kerbside collection?

Response: You will continue to use the waste transfer station as normal. It should be noted that from 1st July, Council is required by law to track every load that comes into the waste transfer station. We will be implementing a new system at the gate in order to meet this requirement.

Question: With all the renovations occurring in Kentish, is there concern about asbestos?

Response: Council had a case last year of dumped asbestos at the waste transfer station. The chance of this occurring should reduce in the future with two operators to check loads properly.

All compost made at Dulverton is tested prior to departure.

Question: Where does the contents of the FOGO bins end up?

Response: It goes to Dulverton to make compost. Please do the right thing with

your FOGO bins otherwise the whole load will end up in landfill.

Question: Does the \$20per tonne waste charge not apply to FOGO?

Response: No, the charge does not apply to FOGO.

Question: I understand weeds can be put in FOGO, and as part of the process, the weeds are heated up, is that right?

Response: Yes, as part of the compost making process, the materials are heated and any weed seeds are sterilised.

Comment: I have used the free mulch at the tip recently, however there is a lot of plastic in it.

Response: The new machinery at Dulverton, has the ability to separate food from plastics.

Question: What has happened with the refund scheme for bottles and cans?

Response: This is a State Government initiative and they have been very slow to roll out this program.

Tanya Shaw is the contact person at Council for any FOGO related queries.

9 Operational Changes at Sheffield Transfer Station

The State Government introduced the Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022 for the purpose of encouraging the diversion of waste from landfill, increasing the recovery of resources from waste and to impose a levy on waste received at a landfill facility. It further provides for standards and guidelines to be made for landfill and resource recovery facilities across the State. There are significant fines if Council does not comply with the Act.

From 1 July 2024 it is mandatory for Council to keep daily records of the volume and type of material being deposited at the Sheffield Transfer station. To facilitate compliance with the data recording requirements the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group and Council successfully secured grant funding to install specialized waste management software.

This also means a change to the current way the transfer station operates. You will no longer be able to simply “drive through” and deposit your waste and recycling. All vehicles must stop to enable the load to be inspected so that the transfer station operator can record the approx. volume and type of material being deposited.

Coupled with the above changes is an increase in the landfill levy. Council currently pays \$20 per tonne for waste to landfill and from 1 July 2024 this will increase to \$42.72 per tonne and a further increase by the same amount in two years’ time.

Council is currently working on a communications plan, reviewing operating procedures at the transfer station and the charging methodology to incentivise a reduction in material going to landfill.

Discussion:

Council is now asking all users of the waste transfer stations to provide identification on arrival to prove Kentish residency. The waste transfer stations are really for Kentish residents, not people from other areas.

Question: Instead of showing ID, can we get a sticker for our car?

Response: Showing ID is better, and you already need to carry it with you when you are driving.

Comment: We used to have tip tickets a few years ago.

Response: Tip tickets have not been issued in Kentish for quite some time.

Comment: When I was at the transfer station the other day, the new lady was waving at me and I thought she was very friendly. I didn't realise she wanted me to stop to check my ID!

10 Issues Raised by the Community

The General Manager noted the Stoodley rubbish dumping would most likely be in The Advocate in the next few days. Rubbish dumping is usually reported to the EPA, who investigate the rubbish for identification.

Question: Who long does it take the EPA to respond?

Response: Unsure, but the EPA have been notified about the Stoodley dumping.

11 Meeting Close

Mayor Haberle thanked all for their attendance and noted this would be the General Manager's last Sheffield Community Meeting.

Mayor Haberle declared the meeting closed at 8:46pm.

Action Items - Sheffield Community Information Evening

19 October 2023

Sheffield Traffic Calming Installations along High Street, Sheffield

- Question: Mayor Haberle asked if High Street residents had noticed a difference in driver behaviour following the recent traffic calming works?
- Response: We are unable to advise as our house has double glazing which buffers the traffic sound. Could you put the traffic counter out to obtain this data?
- Response: We will discuss the road counter as a Council at our next meeting.
- Action Taken: Traffic counter installed, and data collected shows a positive outcome.
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Link road between Victoria Street and Main Street, Sheffield

- Comment: It is disappointing that the link road between Victoria Street and Main Street was never developed, even though it was identified in the Sheffield Refresh.
- Response: The Mayor noted this comment and will respond directly to the individual.
- Action Taken: Mayor Haberle addressed this issue with the member directly.
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Kentish Museum

- Comment: Approval has been gained from the neighbouring property owner to lift a shipping container over the fence to help store the collection during the upgrade.
- Response: Please check with Council Planning Officers prior to installing the shipping container.
- Action Taken: A core group of 6 volunteers have been working with a Roving Curator from Arts Tasmania to review the collection of items at the Kentish Museum and the way the collection could be presented in the future. The last Roving Curator meeting was held on Wednesday 14 February. An initial proposal to place a shipping container in the rear of the property to temporarily store items from the shed (at the back) has been rejected as it was considered too difficult to place a container on site even

with adjoining property owner assistance. It is hoped that a temporary display will be opened in the museum as a prelude to a more complete reopening, or other considerations to remove items from the museum. The volunteer group has been working on the conservation and cleaning of numerous items and are confident that the review of the collection will result in a more contemporary display of items. More volunteers interested in the museum are always welcome.

Container Deposit Scheme

Question: Has the Container Deposit Scheme been established?

Response: The scheme has not yet commenced. We will seek an update from the State Government and share this with the community once received.

Action Taken: The Minister for Planning has made an amendment (effective) 24/1/2024 to the State Planning Provisions which introduces exemptions and special provisions for use and development associated with the container refund scheme

Kentish Scouts

Comment: The Kentish Scouts are seeking Joey and Scout Leaders. If you or anyone you know can assist, it would be very appreciated. The Kentish Scouts cannot continue without leaders.

Action Taken: The new Kentish Scout Group/Troop was shared on 2nd February on Council's Facebook page and other FB pages such as Wilmot Notice Board and Sheffield Tasmania Noticeboard.
