

**Kingborough Community Forum  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 17 June 2023  
9.30am – 12pm  
Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

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Lara Van Raay	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Roger Walker	Bonnet Hill Community Association
Tammy Price	Bruny Island Community Association
Mike Jackson & Kate Lucas	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association
June Walker & Andrew Mollison	Howden Progress Association
Peter Laud	Kettering Community Association
Felicity Smart	Margate Hills Community Group
Carey Barlow	South Channel Ratepayers & Residents Association
Roger Kellaway	Taroona Community Association
Mike Brough	Chair
Sue Quarmbly & Nick Booth	Deputy Chair & Friends of Longley Area Group)
Council Officers:	
Gary Arnold	General Manager
Dr. Samantha Fox	Director Environment, Development and Community Services
Bianca Kleine	Communications and Engagement Support Officer
Belinda Loxley	Manager Community Resilience
Councillors:	
Cr. Amanda Midgley	
Cr. Flora Fox	
Cr. David Bain	
<u>Apologies:</u>	
Mayor Councillor Paula Wriedt; Cr. Clare Glade-Wright; Roland Painter (Kingborough Landcare Advisory Group); Rob Crosthwaite (Snug Landcare); Westwinds	

**1. Introduction and Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**

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The Chair Mike Brough welcomed all participants and acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land and acknowledged Elders – past and present.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 18 March 2023**

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The forum participants endorsed the 18 March 2023 general meeting minutes be a true record.

**3. Business / Actions from the Last Meeting**

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The forum participants acknowledged the list of actions and Council responses from the 18 March 2023 meeting.

**4. Reports from each Community Organisation**

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The forum participants noted the consolidated reports and Council responses.

## **HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (HPA)**

Refer to report.

Council officers inspected Howden Road by foot during a follow up visit. Possible strategies identified: clearing of vegetation, renewal of fading white lines, reduction of speed limit from 60km/hr to 50km/hr. Members of the association discussed virtual fencing to prevent road kill and the possibility of reducing speed limits from 50 to 60km/hr with a local resident who is a retired wildlife expert.

## **TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)**

Expressed appreciation of the Kingston Park project

Noted Council's response about insurance for community events. TCA is not in the position to cover insurance of events themselves, while the expansion of IMAS puts strain on the development and traffic in Tarooma.

## **FRIENDS OF LONGLEY (FLAG)**

Refer to report.

Awaiting Council response on illegal rocket harvesting at NW Bay River.

## **BRUNY ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BICA)**

- BICA celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> year and acknowledged the Bruny News as their main sponsor.
- The association had three ministerial visits with focus on road safety;
- Major issues for the Community: Dennis Point Main Road turnoff, concern about safety of school kids in a 90km/hr zone; also Cape Queen Elizabeth turnoff / honey shop;
- First dog poo bag dispenser has been installed, rubbish bin has been installed at Great Bay
- Main issues: Bruny is being 'loved to death' while the infrastructure can't keep up;
  - Roads: Harvey Road, Alonnah – gravel road has now been sealed; concern raised about dirt road - Ritchie Street while air B&Bs were approved in the area which then attract more tourism and increased traffic;
- Cat management presentation on UTAS study
- Community Transport, funded by Bruny news, was recognised as a valuable project to support Bruny's ageing community;
- Alonnah foreshore issue with boat club, cost of installation of steps to toilet along the foreshore went from 9K to 17K
- Maintenance of Alonnah Hall to be carried out soon.
- Emergency management plan
  - Ambulance has been removed from Bruny Island, residents are campaigning with Ambulance Tas to return an Ambulance to the Island.
  - Health Centre – Department of Health trying to take second on-call nurse off the island

## **BONNET HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BHCA)**

Road Safety on Channel Hwy Kingston towards Tarooma remains a concern – roadkill, bikers, push bikes failing to keep to the lane while buses move to the other side of the road to make space for bike riders. Group approached the police and bus companies who deny road safety risks and is now seeking information if Council is able to help with this issue.

## **BLACKMANS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BBCA)**

Refer to report.

**Dog Poo Bag bins** – response from the General Manager:

There are many financial and resourcing costs that would need to be considered before any new service could be created. If Council wanted to use compostable bags in replace of the plastic ones currently used in our public place bins, they would come at an extra cost of \$28,000 yearly and only go into landfill. To introduce collection with street bins, it would cost \$220K per annum.

In order to make the right decision a Council report will be provided to a future Council Meeting, where Councillors can consider the economics and serviceability for installing compostable dog poo bags and bins around the community in a holistic manner for the whole municipality. No ETA can be provided at this stage.

## **KETTERING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (KCA)**

Refer to report.

The association received a grant for basketball hoops to be installed. The order has been placed with a company in Queensland who require an accredited installer prior sending the material. The question was asked if Council have any accredited installers and if Council would be in a position to carry the instalment costs.

## **SOUTH CHANNEL RATE PAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Please refer to report

Noted: road safety issue – new residents moved into the area, there is no footpath between Oates Road towards the Middleton store.

## **Coningham and Snug Community Association (CALSCA)**

- Speed limits in Snug – ongoing, no response from the Department of State Growth. It was suggested to invite a representative from the Department of State Growth roads unite to the forum.
- Road safety in lower Snug and Coningham – safety committee met with Council staff
- Working on grant for bridge over rivulet for South of Snug.
- Trial of dog poo bags at Kingston Park. Request to consider installation at Little Coningham Beach. Refer to response above (BBCA).
- Group had two working bees

## **MARGATE HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (MHCA)**

Refer to report.

There are still single lane spots on Van Morey Road that cause a hazard, especially on the weekends with additional traffic of users of the Snug Tiers Reserve (4WD, trail bikes).

Concern about LCZ – current agricultural use. Some community members like to continue planting and selling small supplies. Reply: existing user rights remain

## **KINGBOROUGH LANDCARE NETWORK**

Refer to report.

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The chair thanked participants for their reports and reiterated to forward any service requests to [kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au](mailto:kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au) or call 6211 8200.

### **5. Presentation - overview of Council's Emergency Management and Community Resilience work – Belinda Loxley, Manager Community Resilience**

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Refer to PowerPoint presentation

Additional comments:

Bruny Island: the need was identified for separate emergency plan/standard operating procedure (SOP). The emergency plan for Bruny Island has been reviewed since the 2019 fire event on the island. Bruny now has an emergency response team on the island and an emergency kit bag has been placed at Alonnah Hall. 'Operation Orange', a police and emergency services training exercise on Bruny in December pressure tested plans, actions for Bruny Island specifically. BICA has not seen this report, Belinda will share this information with BICA.

Clarification of role of Council - can raise issues such as the need for more nurses on Bruny with the relevant authorities, but Council does not have the authority over it.

16 June - a \$100 million Community Energy Upgrades Fund for local government was announced to deliver energy upgrades and bill savings.

[Helping communities save energy, save on energy bills | Prime Minister of Australia \(pm.gov.au\)](https://www.pm.gov.au/news/press-releases/2022/06/16/helping-communities-save-energy-save-on-energy-bills)

Nearby Safer Place – place of last resort - first signs to be rolled out within the next two months, the team is working closely with TFS and NEMA. TFS community plans identify NSPs. In the event of an emergency, TFS community the NSP on the day.

The chair thanked Belinda Loxley on behalf of the forum for the presentation.

### **6. Presentation – Future of Local Government review – Gary Arnold, General Manager**

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Refer to attached presentation and find below link. Participant are highly encouraged to have their say via submission: <http://www.engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/surveys>

The chair thanked Gary Arnold for the presentation.

### **7. Updates from Council – Dr Samantha Fox**

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Please refer to attachment

## 8. Other business

Speed Limit Review Guidelines to be circulated.

Meeting closed at 11.51am.

## 9. Next meeting: Saturday 9 September 2023 – 9.30am – 12pm

### List of Actions

WHAT	WHO
BHCA Road Safety on Channel Hwy Kingston towards Taroona remains a concern – roadkill, bikers, push bikes failing to keep to the lane while buses move to the other side of the road to make space for bike riders. Group approached the police and bus companies who deny road safety risks. Is Council in the position to help with this?	General Manager
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Longley Seeking response to Rock harvesting at NWB river A sign has been erected	
Contact Department of State Growth and invite speaker to Forum to talk about maintenance on State roads	Chair
Speed Limit Review Guidelines to be circulated.	Completed, sent with draft minutes
Circulate link to Future of Local Government review submission page	Completed
'Operation Orange' on Bruny in December pressure tested plans, actions for Bruny Island specifically. BICA has not seen this report, Belinda will share this information with BICA.	Belinda Loxley

### Attachments:

- PowerPoint Presentation – Overview of Council's Emergency Management and Community Resilience work
- Presentation – Future of Local Government review



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**Belinda Loxley**

Coordinator Community Resilience  
Emergency Management Coordinator

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# Overview

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- Legislation
  - Plans, strategies and frameworks
  - Kingborough risks
  - What we do
  - Evacuation Centres
  - Costs
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- ✓ **Prevent**
  - ✓ **Prepare** - helping the community be resilient
  - ✓ **Respond** - direct response function
  - ✓ **Recover** - coordinate the long journey



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# Legislative requirements

## ***Local Government Act 1993***

requires that Council's "provide for the health, safety and wellbeing of the community".

## **Emergency Management Act 2006**

"to provide for the protection of life, property and the environment in the event of an emergency, to establish the emergency management arrangements and emergency powers"

<b><i>Emergency Management Act 2006</i></b>	
Administration at State, Regional and Municipal level	
Municipal EM Committees	Emergency Management Plans
Appointment of Coordinators and Deputies	Risk identification and assessment
Functions and powers of EM and Recovery Coordinators	State of Emergency



# Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements (TEMA)

Describes roles and responsibilities for the four phases of emergency management:

- **Prevention**
- **Preparedness**
- **Response**
- **Recovery**



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## Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements

Issue 1



2016  
Tasmanian State  
Natural Disaster  
Risk Assessment

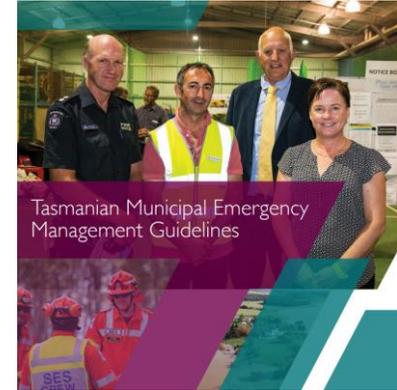


Tasmanian  
Disaster Resilience  
Strategy

2020-2025



Tasmanian Municipal Emergency  
Management Guidelines



# Plans, Strategies and Frameworks



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## Kingborough Municipal Emergency Management Plan

Plan Details:

Plan Title: Kingborough Municipal Emergency Management Plan  
Issue Date: 13 July 2021  
Review Authority: Kingborough Municipal Emergency Management Committee  
Submission Authority: Commander Anthony Cerretti  
Southern Region Emergency Management Controller

Approval:

Approval Authority: Commissioner Darren Hine  
State Emergency Management Controller

Signature:

Date: 2 August 2021

State Emergency  
Management Committee

Strategic Directions  
Framework





# All hazards approach

natural | environmental  
health | man-made  
critical infrastructure

# Emergency management

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- Prepare and update **Emergency Management Plan**
- **Disaster Risk Reduction** (understand and communicate current and emerging disaster risk and integrate into existing plans and frameworks)
- **Risk mitigation**
- **Representation** of community interests to other spheres of government and contribute to decision making
- **Incident Operation** - suite of incident operational arrangements
- **Training / exercises**



# Community resilience

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## What is it?

The sustained ability of a community to utilise available resources to respond to, withstand and recover from adverse situations.

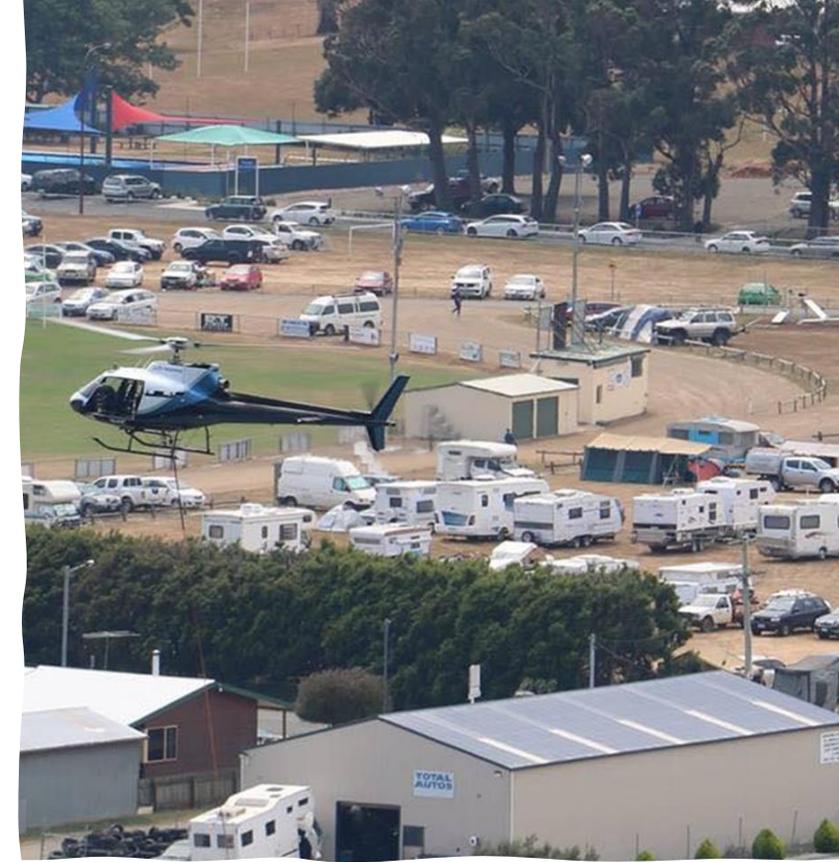
The community's ability to cope with, bounce back and learn from adversity encountered during and after disasters.



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# Evacuation Centres

- Council responsibility
- Designated building (pre-identified)
- Intended to provide a safe shelter option away from the immediate or potential effects of an emergency when people have nowhere else to go
- Emergency Trailer
- Emergency Response Team



# Recovery

- Starts during emergency response
- Recent changes - state level
- Four pillars of recovery
  - Social
  - Infrastructure
  - Environmental
  - Economic

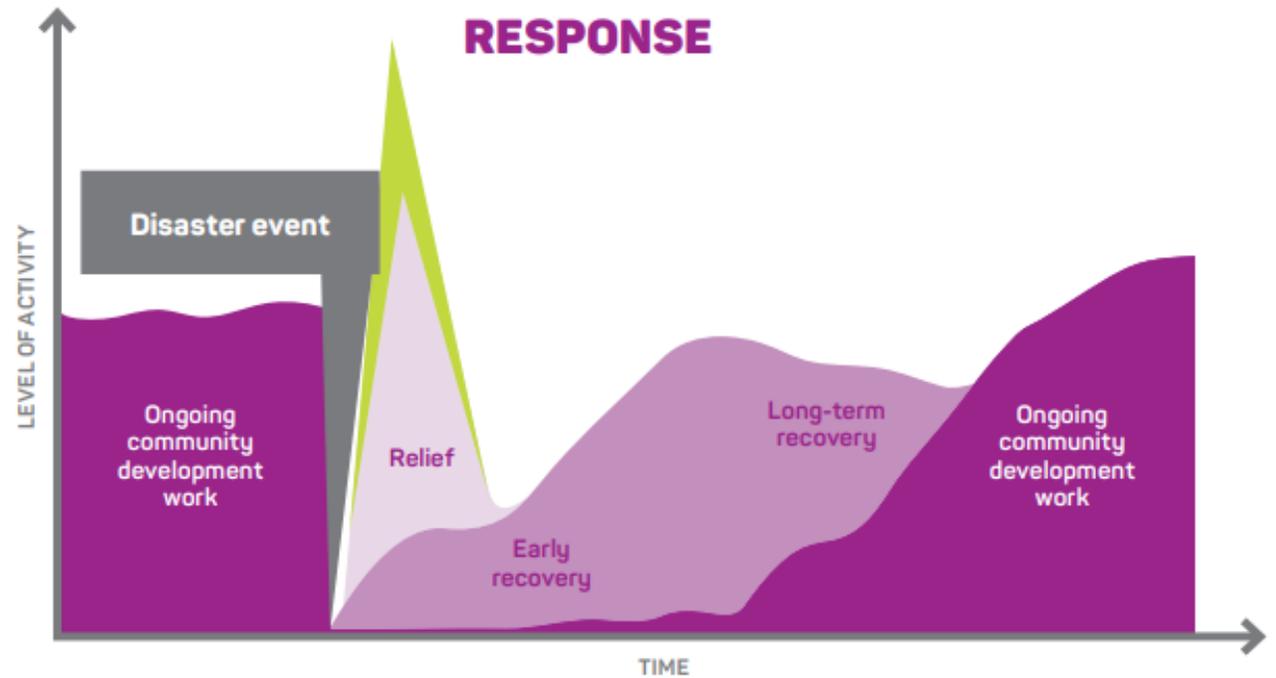
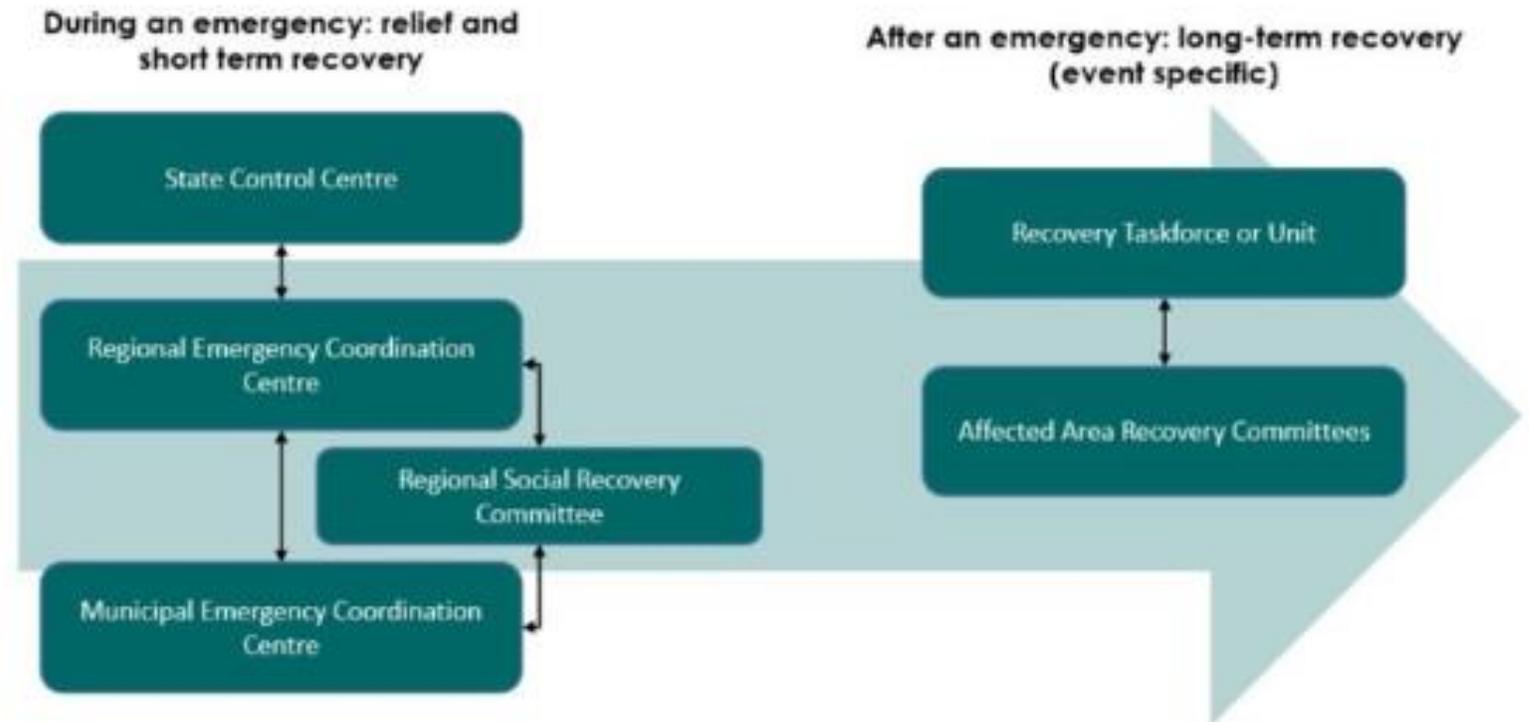


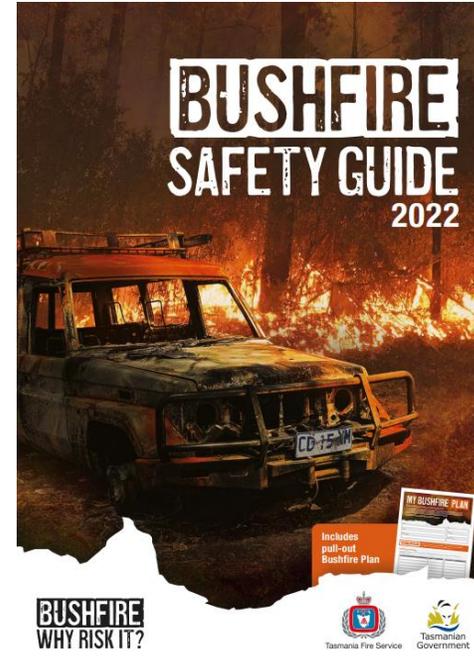
Figure 5 Effect of disaster on ongoing community development and interface with relief and recovery  
Source: Sally McKay



# Recovery

- Community-led recovery
- Recovery Centres
- Support for communities
- Support for other services (TFS, Red Cross etc)





Helping our community  
be resilient

- Source of truth - where to get information about emergencies
- Risk – understanding your risk
- Preparation – preparing yourself and your family (emergency plans, pet kits)
- Community – supporting each other eg – community initiatives, connectedness
- During an event – what to do and where to go
- Recovery – where to get help, how to help recover

## Recent events / initiatives

- BFRN Margate Forums, Property Assessments and demonstrations, support for the creation of phone tree networks, Fire Resistant Garden project
- Giddy Up get Ready Huntingfield Pony Club
- Sparking Conversations Igniting Action
- Grab and Go -Digital Documents with Libraries Tasmania



# Upcoming Programs Initiatives

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Nearby Safer Places Signage and education

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Preparing Pets (in association with Dog Walking groups etc)

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Carers Program

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SAFR Storm and Flood Ready Programme (SES)

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Horse Video and brochure

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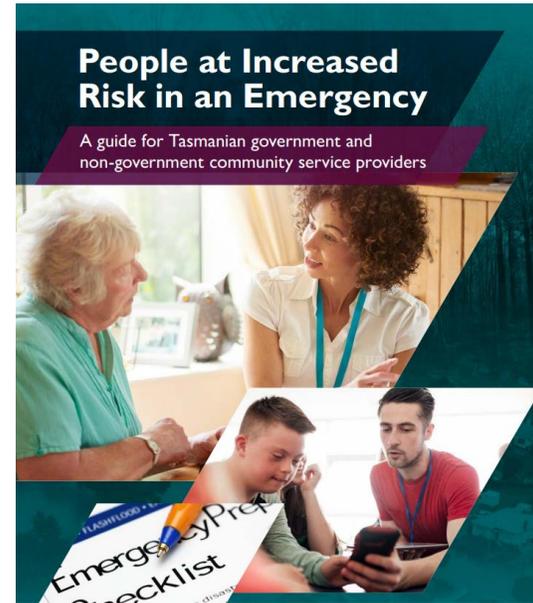
Forums with the SICA Project in assoc with TFS

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New TFS project – Community Bushfire Challenge

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Community Resilience Kits – grant application





## Further information

**Belinda Loxley**

Coordinator Community Resilience  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
6211 8146

**Aby McGuire**

Community Resilience Officer  
Recovery Coordinator  
6211 8208



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# Bushfire risk treatment

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- Fuel reduction burns
- Strategic mitigation for high-risk areas
- Maintenance of fuel breaks on Council land
- Community Protection Plans
- Education initiatives



# Costs & funding arrangements

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## Costs

- Whole of Council response
- Essential services v non-essential services
- Loss of revenue
- Expenditure can be difficult to manage
- Damage assessment
- Cost recovery
- Staff - may be impacted personally

## Funding

- Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (National)
- Tasmanian Relief and Recovery Arrangements (State)

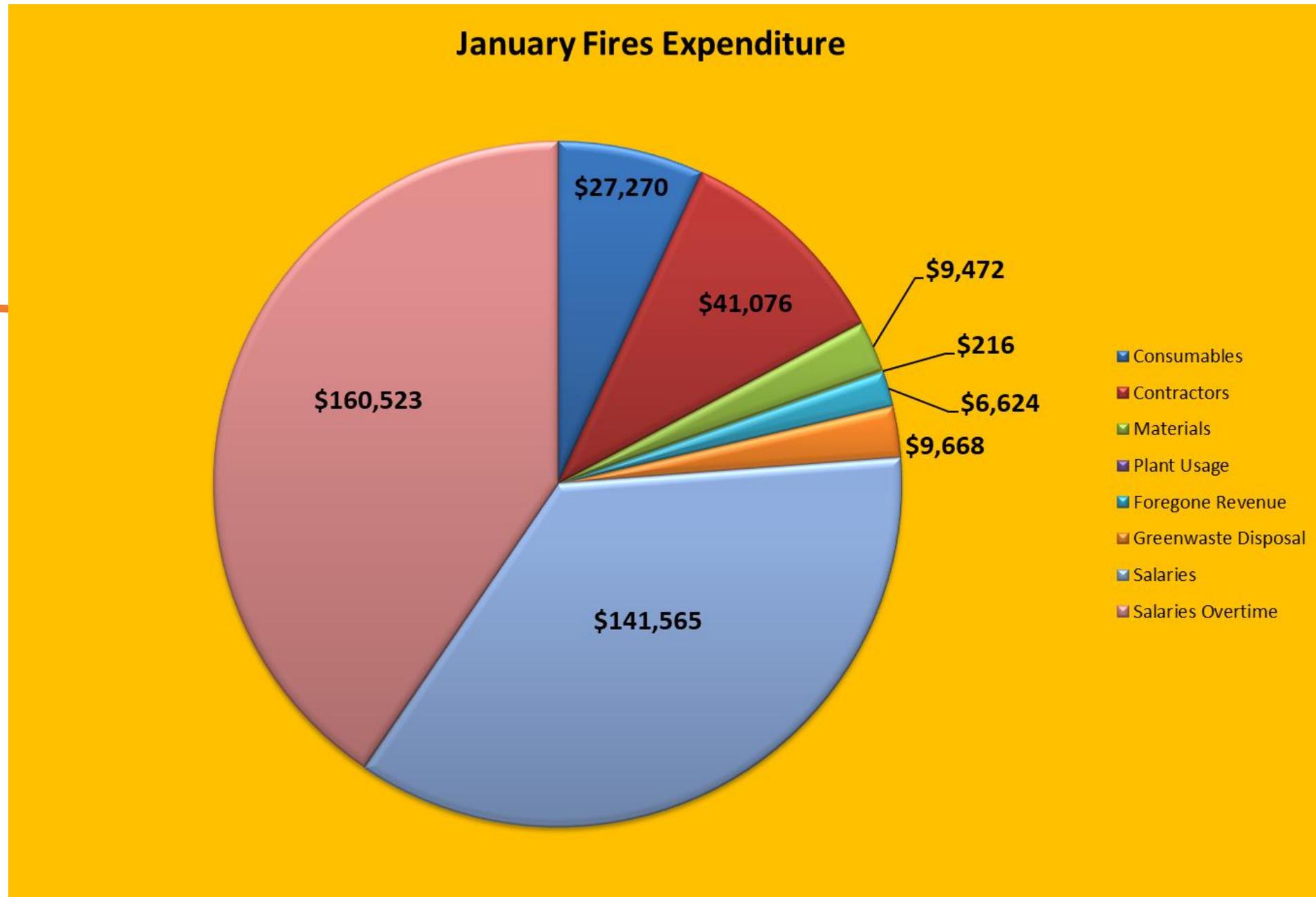
## Internal arrangements

- Maintain detailed records to ensure swift lodgement of claims and detailed acquittal
- A financial structure that allows cash flow for the emergency but also gathers information accurately and in line with relief arrangements
- Understanding that maximum that can be claimed is **70%**



# Huon Valley Example

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# What's next?

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- Review of Emergency Management plan (includes review and update of risk register)
- Recovery Plan / Recovery Committee
- Recovery reform
- Greater Hobart Resilience Project – Sparking Conversations Igniting Action
- Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods - Margate
- Successful Grant application - Nearby Safer Places
- Community Resilience Strategy and Plan
- Training and exercise schedule
- Legislation review (LG Act, EM Act, Fire Service Reform, DFES reform)
- Storm and Flood Ready Programme – Kingston Beach
- Funding opportunities
- Spontaneous Volunteer Management Plan



The future of  
local  
government  
review

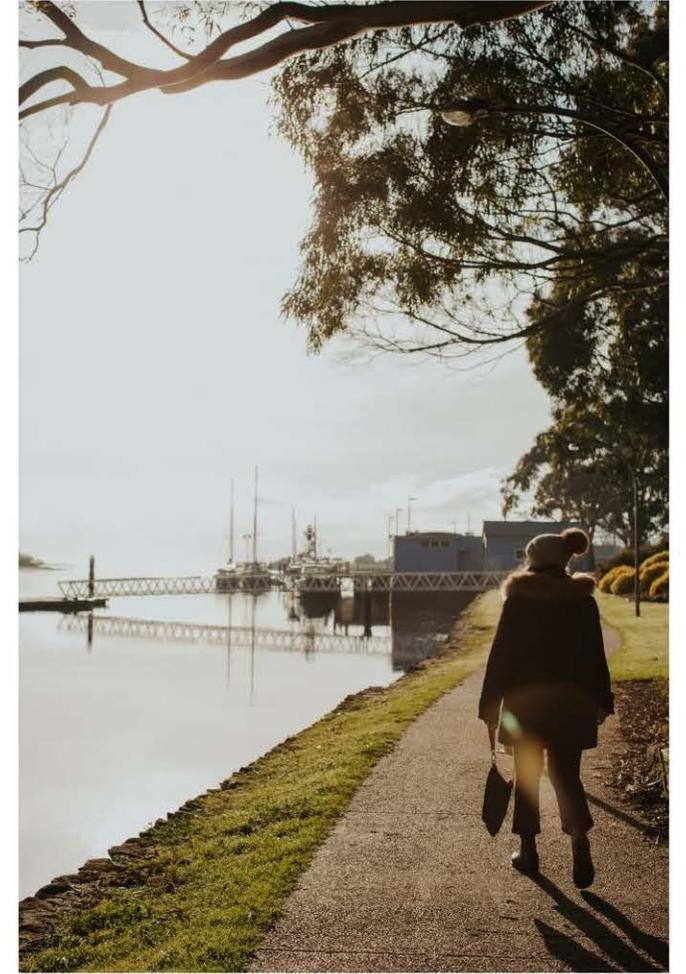
# Release of the Stage 2 Interim Report

April 2023



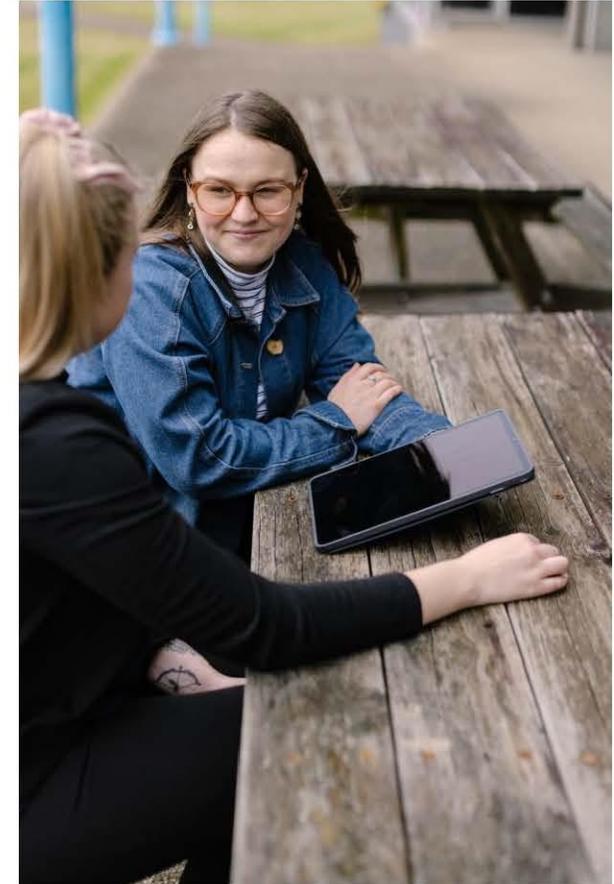
# Response to Options Paper: structural options

- Broad consensus on:
  - Status quo not optimal or sustainable, given growing demands, complexity and sustainability challenges.
  - Some form of consolidation necessary to deliver greater economies of scale and scope, at least for some services.
  - Consolidation needed to deliver significantly better services will not occur on a purely voluntary basis.
- Public support for either fewer, larger councils or the ‘hybrid’ model.
- Council support generally for the ‘hybrid’ model.
- Areas of public concern that major structural change will reduce local services and local voice, especially in rural areas.



# Sentiment survey

- Key findings of the University of Newcastle sentiment survey:
  - **If there is no major change, only 14 per cent feel things will get better; almost half believe they will get worse.**
  - Almost 60 per cent of Tasmanians think we have too many councils.
  - One third think council numbers are about right.
  - Over 80 per cent also support councils sharing more services across regions or state-wide.
  - 80 per cent don't mind which level of govt delivers local services, as long as they are delivered well.



# Why consider fewer, larger councils?

**Larger councils *typically* provide more, higher quality services than smaller councils.**

(SGS Strategic Capability Review)

- Larger councils are more likely to fulfill their regulatory responsibilities, like food safety inspections, than smaller councils (Options Paper – CBOS, DoH).
- Larger councils are more likely to strategically plan for, and maintain critical assets and infrastructure (J. Howard Report).

**Smaller councils *typically* charge higher rates.**

- Small rural councils raise twice the value of rates per resident compared to very large rural councils, after grants/transfers are considered (Review analysis).

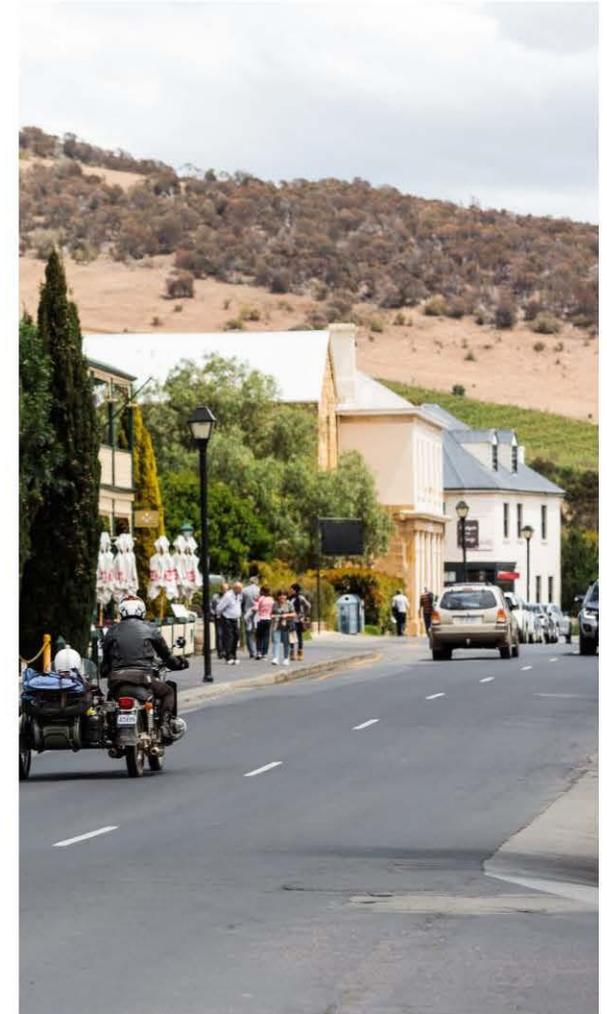
**Residents of smaller councils are *typically* less satisfied with the services they are getting.**

- People in small rural and remote councils rated the performance of their council lower than those in major urban cities (Uni of Newcastle survey).

**Most Tasmanians believe there should be fewer councils.**

- 57% of survey respondents think we have too many councils (Uni of Newcastle survey).
- Council submissions informing Options Paper acknowledged the benefits of increased scale.

*The Board acknowledges that council performance varies across the state.*



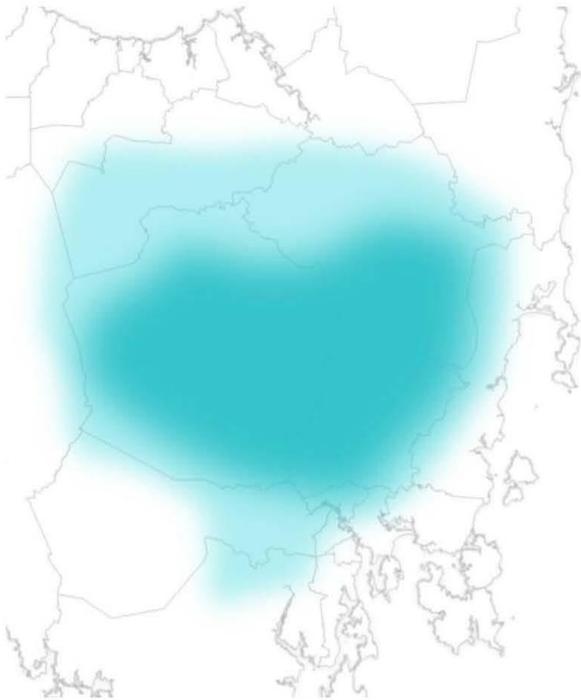
# Next steps – exploring new councils

- The Board will consult on how new, larger councils might be created.
- The Report includes nine ‘community catchment’ maps - areas of inherent connectedness of Tasmanian communities that transcend existing council boundaries.
- ‘Community catchment’ maps based on data and insights about how Tasmanians live, work, shop, travel and play.
- ***These do not represent final, or even preliminary, boundary recommendations.***
- Mechanism to identify consultation groupings of councils to discuss structural reform options that will best serve that catchment.



# Community catchments

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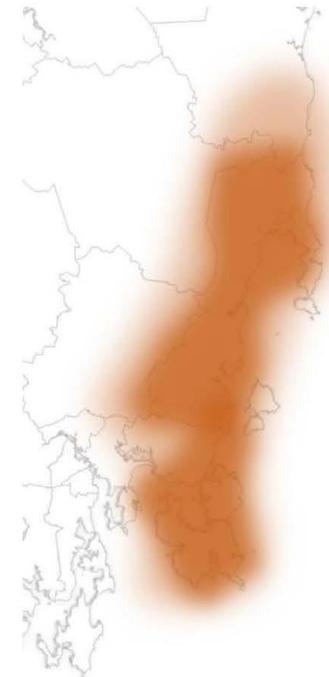
## Central and Midlands

Central Highlands, Northern Midlands,  
Southern Midlands; Meander Valley,  
Derwent Valley, Brighton



## North-East

Dorset, Break O' Day, Flinders,  
George Town, Glamorgan-Spring Bay

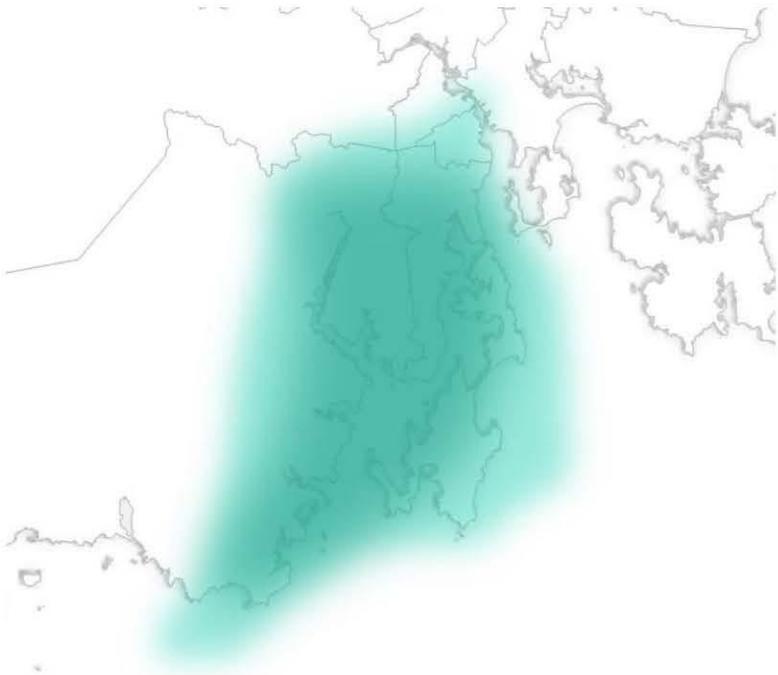


## South-East

Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Tasman, Sorell

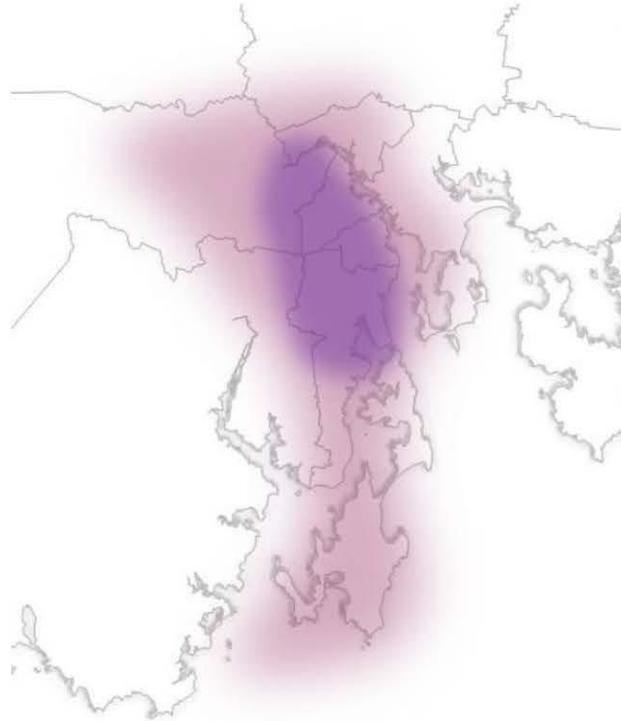
# Community catchments

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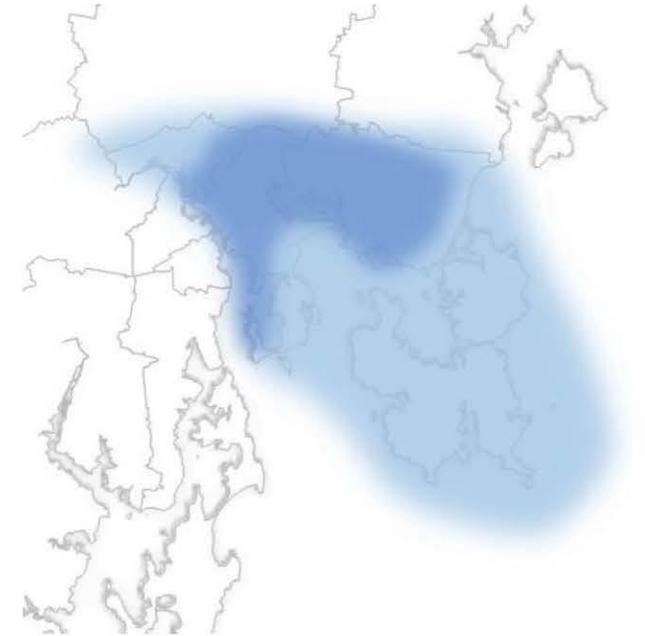
## Southern Shore

Kingborough, Huon Valley, Hobart



## Western Shore

Hobart, Glenorchy, Brighton,  
Kingborough, Derwent Valley



## Eastern Shore

Clarence, Brighton, Sorell, Tasman



Questions



## Council updates to Kingborough Community Forum

*June 2023*

### Key Council decisions – April 2023 to June 2023

#### 20 March 2023

- The Planning Authority resolved that the development application for mixed use **commercial building** (offices, retail and cafe) and associated road works (footpath and stairs) at '**Kingston Park**', 7 Goshawk Way, Kingston) for Traders In Purple Pty Ltd subject to conditions.

#### 3 April 2023

- Council resolves to notify the Kingborough public about the upcoming statutory public exhibition period of the draft **Local Provisions Schedule** by:
  - Undertaking the Statutory notice requirements;
  - Undertaking additional non-statutory notification and supporting information sessions;
  - Including a notification in the June/July Council rates notices about public exhibition;
  - If the option outlined in c) above is not available at the time of the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) announcement, then direct mail will be sent to all owners.
- Council supported in principle the Minister for Planning's proposal to change the mapped boundary of the **Urban Growth Boundary**, and to amend policy SRD 2.12 of Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy. Council recommended some changes to the proposed boundary (e.g. at Margate and Snug) and changes to the text.
- Council allocated \$179,000 towards the **upgrade of Mt Royal Park** from the proceeds of sale of 41 Hiern Road, with the balance funds being placed in the Public Open Space account.

#### 17 April 2023

- That Council agrees to the donation of ~4,500m<sup>2</sup> of land in Gormley Drive Kingston to the **Hobart Women's Shelter** subject to the following: the land being successfully subdivided from the Kingborough Sports Precinct title; a legally binding agreement requiring that the land revert to Council ownership if it is not developed or used for the specific purpose of providing long term housing for women and children; Costs associated with the subdivision and transfer being met by the Hobart Women's Shelter; and Full rates to apply to all homes constructed on the land as a condition of the land transfer.

#### 1 May 2023

- Council approved providing access to **children's toilet facilities**, such as junior toilets and hand basins, by: upgrading existing toilet facilities with high-use by small children (e.g Kingston Park) with consideration of cost-effective solutions; reviewing current public toilet projects to ensure children's toilet facilities are provided where appropriate; and amending its Public Toilet Strategy to include the consideration of children's toilet facilities as a desirable internal design feature.

#### 15 May 2023

- Council approved the request from the **Kingborough Little Athletics Centre** to reallocate \$100,000 in capital funds from its 2022/23 budget towards the development of a master plan

for Gormley Park, including the preparation of architectural plans for new clubrooms at an alternate location, with the balance of funds to be used for infrastructure development at the site.

- Council adopted the updated the **Sports Ground User Policy**.

#### 5 June 2023

- Appointed Councillor Wriedt as Chair of the **Multicultural Advisory Group** and Councillors Antolli and Dean appointed as the Deputy Chairs to the Multicultural Advisory Group.
- Council approved a one-time **compensation payment** of \$5,000 to be directly provided to the **business owners along the Channel Hwy**, upon submission of independently verified turnover information, demonstrating a 15% or more downturn in revenue for the period of 1 March 2023 to 31 May 2023. The compensation payment is based on the approximate average annual rates amount across the premises identified by the Council for compensation.

#### 13 June 2023

- Council approved the 2023/24 **Budget** and the Long Term Financial Management Plan.

### **2023/24 Council Budget**

The 2023-24 budget is based on a 4.5% residential general rate increase and a 7.0% commercial and industrial rate increase. Budget highlights include:

- \$716,400 allocated for upgrades to the Kingborough Sports Centre, improving access into the building and toilet amenities.
- \$105,000 to improve the netball courts and road access at Kingston View Drive
- \$21,000 for beach accessibility matting for Kingston Beach
- \$129,000 for Snug cricket net replacement and tennis court refurbishment.

Snug:

- \$250,000 for foreshore public toilet replacement
- \$250,000 for community hall upgrade

Woodbridge:

- \$200,000 for an oval upgrade
- \$155,000 for Llantwit Road resheeting

Kaoota:

- \$635,000 for Pelverata Road rehabilitation

Sandfly:

- \$320,000 for Pelverata Road slip repair

Pelverata:

- \$233,000 for Halls Track Road resheeting

Bruny Island:

- \$257,000 for Cloudy Bay Road resealing
- \$10,200 for Kellaway Park clubrooms electrical upgrade

Blackmans Bay:

- \$1.3M for Blowhole Road reconstruction

Taroona:

- \$30,000 for the bowls and tennis club car park design
- \$250,000 for bike lane upgrades

Kingston:

- \$1 million for Browns Road upgrade

- \$250,000 for Kingston Beach precinct traffic management project
- \$210,000 Maranoa Road Black Spot project.

Council is also investing over \$1.5 million in protecting Kingborough's environment, as well as funding a Climate Adaptation Officer to help with climate mitigation and adaptation projects within the municipality. A Business Improvement Officer will also be employed to provide a dedicated resource to focus on continuing to improve Council processes.

### **Tasmanian Planning Scheme**

- Discussions with the Tasmanian Planning Commission are ongoing in reviewing the draft Local Provisions Schedule, submitted by Kingborough Council in 2019.
- In late February 2023, Council convened two information sessions that enabled around 50 residents to discuss proposed Landscape Conservation Zoning and the implications for their property with Council planners.
- Council is still awaiting advice from the Tasmanian Planning Commission to commence public exhibition of the Local Provisions Schedule. It is hoped that this will be received in the coming weeks.
- In the meantime, Council's communication and community engagement team are developing a comprehensive community consultation plan that includes traditional, social and digital media, information sessions and information sheets on how to make a representation.

### **Transform Kingston**

- Council is upgrading the main street of Kingston, Channel Highway, to create a more attractive and inviting city centre, and improve the retail and commercial experiences for residents and visitors.
- Construction will take approximately 10 months to complete in total and started on Tuesday 14 February 2023.
- To speed up overall construction and save costs on the street upgrade, a small section of the Channel Highway, from John Street to Hutchins Street was closed to traffic on Tuesday 28 February, and partially opened from Tuesday 30 May.
- Construction of footpaths and the road are scheduled to be completed in August 2023, with street furniture, landscaping and artworks to be completed in September and October 2023.

### **Upcoming events**

- Living in Between – a special refugee week event. A fun and relaxed presentation by resilient and inspiring young people who talk about their migration experiences and settling in to Tasmania. June 22 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at Kingborough Community Hub
- Celebrating Pride Month – Film Festival – 23-25 June at Kingborough Community Hub
- Night of Lights – 21 July at Kingston Park