



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

City Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Wednesday, 24 July 2019

at 4:00 pm

Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

10. WASTE STRATEGY SOUTH - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
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The General Manager reports:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, these supplementary matters are submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

Pursuant to Regulation 8(6), I report that:

- (a) information in relation to the matter was provided subsequent to the distribution of the agenda;
- (b) the matter is regarded as urgent; and
- (c) advice is provided pursuant to Section 65 of the Act.”

10 Waste Strategy South - Minutes of meeting held 9 July 2019
File Ref: F19/98769

Memorandum of the Director City Amenity of 22 July 2019 and attachment.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: CITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Waste Strategy South - Minutes of meeting held 9 July 2019

Attached for information are the Minutes of the latest meeting of Waste Strategy South (WSS), held on 9 July 2019

This group was recently in recess whilst the future of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) was determined.

With 9 of the 12 southern Councils now committing to the STCA, it was agreed that Waste Strategy South would reconvene.

It is noted that Kingborough, Glenorchy and Clarence Councils, whilst not STCA members, have subsequently decided to opt-in as members of Waste Strategy South.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting of Waste Strategy South, held on 9 July 2019, as attached to the report, be received and noted.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Glenn Doyle
DIRECTOR CITY AMENITY

Date: 22 July 2019
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Attachment A: Minutes of Waste Strategy South meeting of 9 July 2019.

**WASTE STRATEGY SOUTH****MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of Waste Strategy South (WSS) held on Tuesday 9 July 2019
commencing at 11:00 am in the Elizabeth Street Conference Room, Hobart City Council,
Macquarie Street, Hobart

Present:

Brighton Council - Councillor Leigh Gray and Heath Macpherson
Clarence City Council - Alderman Beth Warren and Ross Graham
Derwent Valley Council - Councillor Julie Triffett and David Bradford
Glenorchy City Council - Ted Ross
Hobart City Council - Alderman Tanya Denison and Glenn Doyle
Huon Valley Council - Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle, Amanda Blakney and Martin Conlan
Tasman Council - Councillor Jan Barwick
Sorell Council - Mayor Kerry Vincent and Russell Fox
Southern Midlands Council - Mayor Alex Green (Chair) and Graham Green

Guests:

Garage Sale Trail - Darryl Nichols

Observers:

Hobart City Council - David Beard

Apologies:

Central Highlands Council - Deputy Mayor Jim Allwright
Glamorgan Spring Bay Council - Melanie Kelly and Tony Pollard
Kingborough Council - Stuart Baldwin and David Reeve
Southern Midlands Council - David Cundall

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chair, Mayor Green, welcomed all attendees to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 11.05 am. As this was the first meeting of Waste Strategy South (WSS) since the October 2018 Local Government Elections, the Chair invited members to introduce themselves to the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted (as listed above).

3. Guest Speaker - Darryl Nichols, Co-founder of the Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail (GST) provides councils and waste groups with a platform to achieve their strategic policy objectives relating to waste education; waste minimisation; reuse; illegal dumping and community engagement.

The GST debuted in 2013 via a strategic partnership with the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management, Waste Strategy South and the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

Participation rates since 2013 have continued to grow with 212 garage sales held in 2013 compared with 888 garage sales held in 2018.

In terms of data collected in 2018, there were 13,945 sellers and shoppers who participated in the Trail with 90 per cent of sellers saying they were more conscious about waste and understanding their role in reducing it. 72 per cent of sellers would not have otherwise held a garage sale in the last 12 months with 53 per cent of items sold being homewares. Over 80 per cent of participants intended to donate their unsold items to charity with another 45 per cent intending to hold another garage sale.

The 2019 GST will be held on 19 and 20 October with the theme being Secondhand First Choice. Councils are encouraged to promote the program locally through council channels using the ready-made campaign materials provided and generate local media using the media templates and other GST resources.

The Garage Sale Trail 'Blazer' can be booked this year via councilmanager@garagesaletrail.com.au

Key timings for this year's GST are:

- May - Program commitment from councils
- July - council on-boarding sessions
- 10 August - campaign launch
- August through to October - activation of media and council channels
- 19 and 20 October - Garage Sale Trail weekend
- November - delivery of local and regional impact report
- February/March 2020 - group debrief

Into the future, the GST would like to see Tasmanian communities continue to embrace the Program as we have the highest rates of participation and reuse per sale in the country. The GST is also keen to establish a national community partnership and expand to the Mens Shed.

Mr Nicholls advised WSS members that in order for their individual councils to engage with GST they should make direct contact with GST.

Council secondhand reuse shops can be listed on the GST website as participants in the October weekend - Mr Nicholls indicated that there were over 400 'tip shops' listed across the country.

Mr Nicholls suggested that there are good Elected Member media opportunities which can sell the GST message.

It was agreed that Mr Nicholls would present again to the group in January 2020 with the outcomes of the 2019 GST.

4. Container Refund Scheme and Draft Waste Action Plan

WSS members discussed the State Government's announcement to introduce a container deposit refund scheme and the recently announced draft Waste Action Plan. The draft Waste Action Plan provides a framework for discussion with Local Government, business and the community on the best way to address the waste and resource recovery challenges that face Tasmania. The Action Plan identifies the actions the Tasmanian Government will take to tackle waste and recycling problems, in particular the Government's commitment to replace the current voluntary regional council waste levies with a legislated statewide waste levy and to introduce a Container Refund Scheme (CRS).

Based on the discussion around this topic, it was agreed that a small group of members would be convened to identify high level principles that could form the basis of a submission to the State Government (noting that submissions are due by COB on 7 October).

The working group is Mayor Green (Chair); Glenn Doyle (Hobart City Council); Ross Graham (Clarence City Council); Ted Ross (Glenorchy City Council) and Amanda Blakney (Huon Valley Council). It was noted that any submission would need to be consistent with an LGAT submission and that it would be worthwhile to see what the other Waste Groups are including in their submissions.

5. Feasibility Study into Statewide Waste Management Arrangement

The group noted that Part A of the Feasibility Study has been completed and that Part B is now almost complete, however, there may need to be some changes given the release of the draft Waste Action Plan.

6. Statewide MOU - Joint Communication May Activities and Updated Communications Plan

WSS members noted that updated Communications Plan and May activities. The group were reminded that the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) has committed \$30,000 during 2019/20 to support the Statewide MOU on Communications.

7. Waste Synergies Draft Paper February 2019

Mr Doyle provided an introduction to the Waste Synergies Draft Paper which has been completed by Resonance Consulting. Mr Doyle advised that Resonance Consulting were engaged to undertake work in relation to Household Hazardous Waste and the development of a Strategic Plan for the Southern region. As a result of WSS going into a short term hiatus (October Council elections; STCA membership discussions), Resonance Consulting were asked to review existing council waste strategies which could be developed into a strategic plan. WSS noted the paper and agreed that it will be able to provide guidance to the group.

The group discussed waste issues which require addressing - Household Hazardous Waste and Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) and the opportunities there may be for councils to contribute to projects in line with their budget cycles.

It was noted that having a person driving activities, such as the consultant Resonance Consulting, meant that projects were progressed.

It was agreed that the Resonance Consulting draft paper on Household Hazardous Waste be circulated to the group, noting that it is a work in progress.

8. Next Steps

It was acknowledged that the fate of WSS is somewhat tied to the future of the STCA and where the State Government is heading in terms of waste as an issue. A number of options were raised including seed funding from the STCA or voluntary funds from council to support WSS and its projects.

9. Other Business

Mr Graham advised that the Clarence City Council has received a Notice of Motion from an Elected Member in relation to **Illegal Dumping Squads** (teams that specialise in combatting and preventing illegal dumping). Mr Graham advised that Clarence will formally write to WSS in relation to this matter. It was agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

David Beard, the City of Hobart's Manager Cleansing and Solid Waste, addressed the meeting to provide an update on SKM and upcoming court action in relation to unpaid accounts. Mr Doyle advised that he would provide information to the group on where recycling materials go after they leave the Lutana facility.

Mr Ross raised the matter of FOGO in order to explore if there is interest amongst other councils in a regional facility.

10. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **Tuesday 20 August 2019** at 11am in the Elizabeth Street Conference Room, Town Hall, Hobart.