

Second update report to be provided by October 2024

Action	Who	Status update
Footpaths and Walking Trails:		
1.1. Re-establish and extend footpath Grant Street to toilet block and then through to the Recreation Ground	Council/Community/PWS	Completed. Works were funded under the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Phase 3 and undertaken over the period August to October 2023, utilising Council’s Works team and a local contractor.
1.2. Council to work with the community to further investigate the Foreshore trail proposal to identify if the project is supported by the majority of the Falmouth community	Council/Community/PWS	Community members who were involved with this project were advised by PWS that the works they had undertaken were illegal and needed to be sorted with Crown Land Services and that further options need to be presented regarding the location of the access track. No information from the community has been received by the relevant Department. PWS have advised that this will need to occur prior to any future works occurring. <u>October, 2024 Update -</u> No further update
Infrastructure:		
2.1. Work with Community to identify potential sites for community seating and fitness	Community/Council/	Arrange a meeting with community to look at potential sites and what their requirements are.

<p>equipment - Fitness equipment will require external funding</p>	<p><u>October, 2024 Update -</u> No further update</p>
<p>2.2. Council to advise when Falmouth public toilet is due for renewal and look at all options when designing the replacement facility</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Very high level scoping of project has commenced. It has been identified that the current site presents significant environmental challenges. Broader public consultation will occur once design options and concepts are finalised for feedback.</p> <p><u>October, 2024 Update -</u> A budget allocation in the 2024/2025 financial year to complete design and consultation has been approved by Council. Very high level scoping of project has commenced. It has been identified that the current site presents significant environmental challenges. Broader public consultation will occur in conjunction with Councils design consultant. The timeframe for this will be determined upon appointment of the design consultant.</p>
<p>2.3. Council to review speed limits in Falmouth taking into consideration all users of the road infrastructure not just vehicle movements</p>	<p>Community/Council</p> <p>Completed: The Tasmanian Transport Commissioner approved new speed limit changes for Falmouth in 2022. New lower speed limits have been signposted with a 40km/hr Area being declared within the township area and 60km/hr on Falmouth Road between the Tasman Highway and the town boundary. Speed limits are enforceable under law.</p>
<p>Weed Control/Tree Plantings:</p>	<p>Council/Community/PWS</p> <p>Council currently undertakes weed control in Falmouth on Council properties however extensive areas of reserves managed by PWS are also involved.</p>
<p>3.1. Work with community to develop a project proposal to</p>	<p>Council/Community/PWS</p> <p>Council currently undertakes weed control in Falmouth on Council properties however extensive areas of reserves managed by PWS are also involved.</p>

remove gorse from areas such as Devils Creek identifying cost, resources and land ownership

3.2. Work with community and PWS to develop a weed management plan identifying what the issues are and prioritising same and how as a volunteer community group works can be undertaken to address the growing weed issues in consultation with PWS and Council. Also look at run off from agricultural land in waterways and what measures can be implemented to filter the run off.

**Council/Community/
PWS**

Council can consider specific weed control projects and/or locations that community members have in mind, to coordinate community volunteer and grant funded projects with Council weed control and PWS participation.

October, 2024 Update - No further update

Council has a Weed Action Plan of high level principles and priorities at a municipal scale (available on Council's website). The Tasmanian Biosecurity Act provides further context for a local community weed plan. The community (landowners and volunteers) are best placed to determine the local weed issues and priorities and in particular where they will be able to impact them. Council could help facilitate such a discussion if community members wish to. (Weed project proposals (3.1 above) should be founded in such a local weed plan.)
Run off from agricultural land is another issue altogether. Farm management to filter runoff is a matter for the farming enterprise. Few or no useful regulatory tools may be available and a community collaboration approach is more likely.

October, 2024 Update - Council will contact the PWS on developing a Community Weed Plan for Falmouth with the local volunteer weeding group.

3.3. Community to work with Council to look at developing a planting program for roadside and Council land planting

Community/Council

Council is currently considering township landscape planning across the municipality. Council also has a Tree Planting Policy and happy to meet with the community to discuss what they are proposing.

October, 2024 Update - Council also has a Tree Planting Policy that provides guidance for street planting. Council officers are happy to meet with the community to discuss any planting proposal.

Fire Hazards:

4.1. Council to work with TFS and community to identify fire hazard areas within Four Mile Creek and to look at an education program that can be run by TFS

Community/Council/TFS

TFS are currently running education sessions. Further discussions to be had with relevant TFS officers as to fire hazards.

October, 2024 Update - TFS will prior to an upcoming fire season run community education sessions and Council is currently supporting the Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire Ready Challenge and is encouraging everyone to participate to be prepared

Dog Control:

5.1 Council to work with PWS to develop educational material re respectful dog management

Community/PWS/Council

Council has 'responsible dog ownership' education activities and communication materials, for example information inserted with dog registration renewals and messages on social media. This occurs in conjunction with PWS and others, including through a focus on dog

and investigate the need for community workshops

management by a Break O'Day Shorebird Working Group and the idea of community workshops will be raised in that forum. Review of Council's Dog Management Policy during 2024 will provide an opportunity for community engagement and input on responsible dog ownership

October, 2024 Update - The review of Council's Dog Management Policy during 2024 provided an opportunity for community engagement and input on responsible dog ownership. Community events, such as 'dogs breakfasts', have been considered in the Shorebird Working Group as one education tool.