

ST MARYS - Township Plan Report



Second update report to be provided by October 2024

Action	Who	Status update
<p>Advocating for more tourism signage and trails:</p>	<p>Council/Community/ECRTO</p>	<p>Council staff to arrange to meet with community and work through their ideas and proposals.</p> <p><u>October, 2024 Update</u> – No update at this stage but with the reforming of the Fingal valley Tourism group, Council staff will have it listed as an action for the group to address</p>
<p>1.2. Lobby for proper trail maintenance – St Patricks Head</p>	<p>Council/Community/PWS</p>	<p>This action to be discussed with PWS to see what can be done</p> <p><u>October, 2024 Update</u> –Council staff have emailed PWS and asked if maintenance of this trail can be addressed through their maintenance budget – awaiting a response.</p>

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1.3. Investigate the need for a footpath from the cemetery to the township of St Marys

Community/Council

Activity has not commenced at this stage.

October, 2024 Update – Activity has not commenced at this stage.

1.4. Work with the community to develop a trail from the Grey Mares trail to connect with Irishtown Road as well as identify other trails around the area

Council/Community

This suggested trail was not mentioned by the community during the recently completed Recreational Trails strategy consultation. The suggested trail would need consideration in the context of the principles in that Strategy.

October, 2024 Update – Council will work through the priority list identified in the Recreational Trails Strategy in the first instance. Council staff have noted the community’s request for this trail to be considered.

Investigation into community art and youth spaces:

2.1. Work community and local organisations to identify a space which could be used for a community art space

**Community/Council/
Education/NGO’s**

This action has been highlighted through a review of the current Arts & Culture Strategy. The group of volunteers are currently working through and identifying actions.

October, 2024 Update – The committee have identified that the Recreation Ground at St Marys may be a space that could be used for a community art space as it has some vacant buildings/spaces.

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2.2. Work with the community and local organisations to identify a space which could be used for a youth hub

**Community/Council/
Education/NGO's**

YCNECT currently utilise a room at the Community Space behind the St Marys Hall and the Community Space for activities for young people.

October, 2024 Update – Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House have taken out a lease on the buildings located behind the St Marys Hall – one room is currently being utilised by YCNECT

More community events:

3.1. Work with community groups eg. BODRA to look at what more events being run in the Valley eg., Winter solstice

Community/Council

This action has been highlighted through a review of the current Arts & Culture Strategy. The group of volunteers are currently working through and identifying actions.

October, 2024 Update – BODRA have run a few successful events – with some Council assistance and look to becoming annual events:

- The Summer Carnival
- Winter Lights Festival

Community Infrastructure:

4.1 Build a new Columbarium at St Marys Cemetery

Community/Council

Completed. A new Columbarium Wall including a fenced garden was constructed at the St Marys Cemetery in the winter/spring period of 2023.

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4.2. Work with the community to develop a brief for an Arts & Cultural Centre

Community/Council

Council staff are currently working with community members reviewing the Arts & Culture Strategy with a “Space” identified as one of the needs.

October, 2024 Update – this is ongoing and currently being looked at as part of the Art & Culture review that is being undertaken by a volunteer committee

4.3. Work with community to look at storage issues at the St Marys Hall

Community/Council

Council staff have worked with one community group to try and address the issues of a space that can be used for their project and storage of items. Unfortunately at the time of responding to his item, no suitable space had been identified that was suitable to the group.

October, 2024 Update –Use of the Exhibition Building is currently being looked at by Council once the gym moves out to its new facility – storage may be available within this space, but yet to be investigated.

4.4. Work with State Government agencies identifying parcels of land that may be suitable for community housing

Council/State Government

Homes Tasmania are progressing with a project to build affordable housing on land behind the St Marys Community Health Centre.

October, 2024 Update – No further update at this stage as Council has not received a Development Application

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Maintaining Streetscape:

5.1. Review tree plantings – look at more deciduous trees

Community/Council

Council is currently considering township landscape planning policy for municipal towns. Council has a Tree Planting Policy, happy to meet to discuss with community their ideas and proposals.

October, 2024 Update – No update at this stage

5.2. Undertake a parking review eg., 1 hour parking outside businesses

Community/Council

Councils Manager Infrastructure & Development services is currently working on the development of a Parking Strategy for the town, that includes consideration of timed parking, traffic flow and parking management in the town.

October, 2024 Update –

Timed parking exists in Story Street along the shop frontage and in Main Street in front of the hairdressers and the C&D IGA. Timed parking is not policed by the Council and instead relies on the good-will of drivers to comply with signposted time restrictions. Business owners in Story street and Main Street vary in opinion as to whether policing should occur. The overall preference by business owners is for more off-street parking to be developed including the higher utilisation of the existing Community Hall car park and the provision parking to cater for long vehicles than when parked extended across multiple parking bays. These matters are being considered further as

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part of the development of the St Marys Parking Strategy, noting that there are limited options available.

The loading zone in front of the Post Office is under current review as drivers are parking vehicles in the loading zone within prohibited times.