Waratah Community Board
We had plenty of plans and good intentions

**Mining Heritage Strategy 2006-09**
- Mining and nature tours
- Interpretation in Waratah
- Develop a mining precinct
- More arts in interpretation
- Management of assets such as signage
- Encourage commercial operators

**Tarkine Projects Report 2009**
- Waratah Falls Walk: $1.6M
- Mt Bischoff Walk: $88k
- Power House Walk: $812k
- Magnet Walks: $2.4M
- Huskissons River Mt Bike Track: $655k
- Collateral eg advertising: $49k

**Tarkine Tourism Strategy 2008**
- Develop mining tourism product, 4WD and walkways.
- Waratah Falls lookout walk
- Town centre to Mt Bischoff walk

**Waratah-Wynyard Tourism Plan 2011-2020**
“The Tarkine has the potential to become a significant attraction for the region. There has been significant investment in attractions in Waratah in recent years that are not achieving the visitation it warrants.”

- Development of walking and cycling tracks
Plenty of ideas and money invested in the community

Community ideas
- Waterfall walk
- Mining heritage
- Wishing wells
- Waratahs
- Hanging plants
- Water race
- Mushrooms
- Pepper Berries
- Snow

Council investment
- White Hills lookout
- Philosophers Falls
- Athenaeum Hall & Interpretation Centre
- Museum
- Stamper Mill
- Caravan Park
No one was happy

- Council was not happy
  - Providing significant tourism and community services
  - Very low rate base
  - Higher level of service at Waratah than other areas
  - High level of complaints

- Community not happy
  - Expectation that Council will provide everything
  - Want to maintain un-utilised buildings and services
  - Have a belief that their community misses out
David Hammond role was to identify the key tourism project for Waratah

What he actually told us was to do was to:

- Develop the Waratah Community Board
- The Waratah Community Board scope, functions and powers be resolved by Council prior to seeking public expressions of interest for Board members.
- A Waratah Community Plan be developed to guide future priorities, investment and articulate the community outcomes.
- A hold be put on further significant capital expenditure by Council until the Waratah Community Plan is developed.
- Council take a lead in forming a Waratah Tourism Promotions group and provide ongoing support to ensure their success.
- A Waratah Promotions Plan be developed.
Waratah Community Plan – The BIG 3

Project 1: Waratah Falls

Project 2: Community Facilitator and Community Social Services

Project 3: Railway Bridge Restoration
Purpose

• The achievement of Waratah Community Plan 2018-21
• Developing and delivering on community priorities
• Local and representative leadership for the Waratah community
• Effective engagement with the local community and organisations
• Liaison with and advice to Council and other relevant authorities.
The Community Board in action
And then..........................

A DAM big problem arrived

Friends of the Waratah Reservoir plans protest against the potential loss of local dam

TasWater extends deadline for Waratah Dam hunt as residents call for council support
Project 1: Waratah Falls

- Crown Lease over Waterfall secured
- Budget to update the walking track plan for the Waterfall
- Working on a WFTD program to rehabilitate the vegetation in the waterfall valley
Project 2: Community Facilitator and Community Social Services

Playgroup operating Proposal for ADRA programs
Working on securing funds from sale of state assets
Project 3: Railway Bridge Restoration

- Onsite meeting with engineer
- All reports completed on bridge
- Budget to conduct extensive review of potential restoration or replacement
SAM MAC IS VISITING WARATAH, TASMANIA
FRIDAY 31 MAY
5:30am - 8:30am