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COUNCIL



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Municipal Offices, 85 Main Street, Kempton  
10.00 a.m.

<b>Item 4.1</b>	Draft Council Meeting Minutes (Open) – 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
<b>Item 4.2.1</b>	Minutes – Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee – 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019  Minutes – Kempton Streetscape Group – 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019.
<b>Item 14.2.2</b>	Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy 2020-2025

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# **MINUTES**

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Municipal Offices  
71 High Street, Oatlands

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# OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 71  
HIGH STREET, OATLANDS COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M

## 1. PRAYERS

Rev Dennis Cousens recited prayers.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

Mayor A Green, Deputy Mayor E Batt, Clr A Bantick, Clr A Bisdee OAM, Clr K Dudgeon, Clr D Fish, Clr R McDougall.

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager), Mr J Lyall (Manager, Infrastructure & Works), Mr D Cundall (Manager Development & Environment Services), Mrs J Tyson (Senior Planning Officer), Miss E Lang (Executive Assistant).

## 3. APOLOGIES

Nil.

## 4. MINUTES

### 4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

### DECISION

*Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019, as circulated, be confirmed.**

### CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

## 4.2 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MINUTES

### 4.2.1 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL - RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the following Special Committee of Council, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- Minutes – Heritage Hub Management Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- Minutes – Woodsdale Hall Management Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- Minutes – Woodsdale Hall Management Committee AGM – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the above Special Committees of Council be received.

### DECISION

*Moved by Cllr K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr A Bisdee OAM*

**THAT the minutes of the above Special Committees of Council be received.**

### CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Cllr A Bantick	√	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr K Dudgeon	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr R McDougall	√	

### 4.2.2 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL - ENDORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations contained within the minutes of the following Special Committee of Council are submitted for endorsement.

- Minutes – Heritage Hub Management Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- Minutes – Woodsdale Hall Management Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- Minutes – Woodsdale Hall Management Committee AGM – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the recommendations contained within the minutes of the above Special Committees of Council be endorsed.

## DECISION

*Moved by Deputy Mayor E Batt, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT the recommendations contained within the minutes of the above Special Committees of Council be endorsed.**

## CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

### 4.3 JOINT AUTHORITIES (ESTABLISHED UNDER DIVISION 4 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

#### 4.3.1 JOINT AUTHORITIES - RECEIPT OF MINUTES

## DECISION NOT REQUIRED

#### 4.3.2 JOINT AUTHORITIES - RECEIPT OF REPORTS (ANNUAL & QUARTERLY)

Reports prepared by the following Joint Authorities, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – 2018/19 Annual Report.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the above Joint Authority be received.

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr A Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr K Dudgeon*

**THAT the report from the above Joint Authority be received.**

## CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

## 5. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

Two workshops have been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

A workshop was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor A O Green, Deputy Mayor E Batt, Cllrs A Bantick, A E Bisdee OAM, K Dudgeon, D Fish and R McDougall.

Apologies: Nil

Also in Attendance: T Kirkwood, A Benson, D Cundall and W Young.

The purpose of the workshop was to consider and discuss the following items:

a) *Tourism related advertising / marketing proposal – discussion with Nova Miller*

As an outcome of this discussion, Council will contact Brand Tasmania to look at what opportunities may be available to advance advertising and marketing proposals for the municipal area.

b) *Oatlands Swimming Pool – review of Business case, including process etc.*

In terms of update, the Consultants are now advancing with the final stages of preparing specifications and technical plans which will be submitted to the Building Surveyor for final assessment and referral to the external agencies (i.e. TasWater, Tas Networks etc.).

Subject to receiving confirmation and approvals from those agencies, full tender documentation will be available in late January 2020;

Site Rehabilitation - It was confirmed that all materials (identified for removal) have been transported to Copping Disposal Site and full reconciliations provided to COVA. Final report and sign-off the Environment Protection Authority Tas. expected January 2020.

In relation to the review and update of the Business Plan, the workshop concluded that the review of the Business Plan should be undertaken 'in-house'. Initial discussions followed to assist with the commencement of this process, with the intention of capturing the detail for inclusion in forward financial modelling. Further workshops will be scheduled to work through the full process, noting that key financial components for the Business Plan can't be confirmed until post tender stage.

c) *Lake Dulverton – current water level and background detail;*

The Manager – Natural Resource Management (Maria Weeding), together with Helen Geard, presented detail regarding the current water levels and historical data and information relating to this matter. This information (plus additional detail) is included as a separate item in the November 2019 Council Meeting agenda.

As an outcome of this discussion, it was suggested that Council write to the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage, providing detail regarding the current circumstances, with the intent of seeking any assistance that may be available through government agencies (e.g. Parks or Inland Fisheries).

*d) Conduct of regular monthly workshops*

Regular workshops – agreed ‘in-principle’ with a workshop being scheduled for the second Monday in the month, commencing at 9.30 a.m. To commence in the new calendar year.

The Workshop concluded at approximately 1.00 p.m.

The second workshop was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor A O Green, Deputy Mayor E Batt, Cllrs A Bantick, A E Bisdee OAM, K Dudgeon, D Fish and R McDougall.

Apologies: Nil

Also in Attendance: T Kirkwood and A Benson.

The purpose of the workshop was to consider and discuss the following items:

*a) Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) – ‘21<sup>st</sup> Century Councils’ – Round Table Conversation*

Council considered the ‘Round Table Conversations Support Package’ prepared by the LGAT. Comments were noted in response to each of the questions raised, they being:

- *What does recent history tell us about sector reform?*
- *Are there any particular issues or concerns you feel strongly about?*
- *What strengths does Local Government need to build upon? What weaknesses should be addressed?*
- *What future outcomes should we aim for? How would we know if we have achieved them?*
- *What would make s stronger relationship between people and elected representatives?*
- *Are there particular areas of concern in the region that you feel strongly about?*

Comments and feedback will be referred to the Association for inclusion in an overall sector Discussion Paper.

*b) Roadside Stopover Area(s) – brief discussion in relation to the issue of users exceeding the nominated time limit and other operational issues. Discussion also recognised the benefits that these Stopovers provide through additional economic activity.*

A draft Notice, which will be placed on vehicles in the Stop Over area which records date of entry, was prepared for consideration and endorsed subject to minor amendment(s). Photographic evidence to be taken at the time of placement.

*c) Oatlands Swimming Pool – Review of Business case*

Continued discussion in relation to the review of the Business Plan, with a particular focus on estimated usage. This will identify sources of income for inclusion in the Business Plan.

The Workshop concluded at approximately 12.10 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the information be received.

**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT the information be received.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

## 6. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME

### 6.1 QUESTIONS (ON NOTICE)

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions on notice. It states:

- (1) *A councillor, at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting or a council committee meeting, may give written notice to the general manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that meeting.*
- (2) *An answer to a question on notice must be in writing.*

**Clr K Dudgeon submitted the following questions on notice on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019:**

Can the General Manger provide an update on the progress of:-

- a The Tunbridge Bridge
- b the Woodsdale Cemetery
- c When will the building commence of the Callington Distillery

**General Manager's response:**

- a *The Tunbridge Bridge*

*The Manager Development and Environmental Services contacted the Department of State Growth for an update on the Tunbridge Bridge replacement project and did not receive a response at the time of finalising this meeting agenda. A verbal update may be provided at the meeting if a response is received in the meantime.*

*Update from Department of State Growth provided 25/11/19 – The Department are waiting for a completed options report and will then send it to Council for discussion / direction. Department of State Growth are looking at tendering works in the new financial year (2020/21) if their budget bid is successful.*

- b *Woodsdale Cemetery*

*The update provided to Councillors in June 2019 advised that Council is awaiting for an amendment to be made to the 'Agreement for Sale of Crown Land'. There is no change to this situation.*

*No further correspondence has been received from the Property Section (Department of Parks and Wildlife). The original agreement included a condition precedent which requires deleted prior to execution of the agreement. The condition is not relevant as it is not intended to re-lease the property to the Levendale and Woodsdale History Rooms Inc (as outlined in Condition 4, Clause 3 in the agreement) but to form a Special Committee of Council.*

*Council officers have made several attempts and requests with the Department to provide a revised Agreement but to date this has not been forthcoming. Following a further follow-up discussion with the Property Manager in mid-November 2019 it was advised that the agreement has still not been looked at and no action would be taken until at least early next month (December 2019) due to being significantly understaffed at present. Council will continue to pursue the revised agreement from Parks.*

**c When will the building commence of the Callington Distillery**

*There are plans for an official ‘turning of the sod’ subject to availability of ‘VIP’s’; however it is reported that all relevant approvals have been secured and construction will commence as soon as the Developers Contractors are available.*

*The Mayor further advised at the meeting that the ‘turning of the sod’ will take place on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 11 a.m. and all Councillors are invited to attend.*

**DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr R McDougall, seconded by Cllr K Dudgeon*

**THAT the information be received.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Cllr A Bantick	√	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr K Dudgeon	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr R McDougall	√	



## 6.2 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions without notice.

It states:

**“29. Questions without notice**

(1) *A councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice –*

- (a) of the chairperson; or*
- (b) through the chairperson, of –*
  - (i) another councillor; or*
  - (ii) the general manager.*

(2) *In putting a question without notice at a meeting, a councillor must not –*

- (a) offer an argument or opinion; or*
- (b) draw any inferences or make any imputations – except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.*

(3) *The chairperson of a meeting must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.*

(4) *The chairperson, councillor or general manager who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question.*

(5) *The chairperson of a meeting may refuse to accept a question without notice if it does not relate to the activities of the council.*

(6) *Questions without notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

(7) *The chairperson of a meeting may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.*

An opportunity was provided for Councillors to ask questions relating to Council business, previous Agenda items or issues of a general nature.

**Clr Fish** – question relating to the police property in Barrack Street and progress in relation to the proposed accommodation facility in Oatlands.

*The General Manager advised that Council are awaiting written advice from DPFEM confirming that Council can include the police property in Barrack Street as part of the Expression of Interest process. Once received, this process can be finalised and put out to market.*

**Deputy Mayor E Batt** – request for progress on the Bagdad Primary School carpark.

*The General Manager advised that the Development Application is currently pending approval, construction estimates will then be finalised with works to proceed in February 2020.*

**Clr Bisdee OAM** – question regarding speed limit on Esplanade, Oatlands towards Mahers Point and whether there was any support to reduce the speed to 40km/h?

*It was advised that Council can request the Department of State Growth to undertake an assessment.*

**Clr McDougall** – question regarding progress on the '30 minute parking' signs outside the Newsagency in Oatlands?

*The Deputy General Manager advised that the signs have been ordered and now awaiting delivery and installation.*

**Clr McDougall** – request for update on street lights outside Gay Street Hall and Tunnack Hall.

*The General Manager took the question on notice and will endeavour to receive a timeframe from TasNetworks on when these works may be completed.*

**Clr Bantick** – 'Bagdad' sign on northern approach on Midlands Highway is still missing.

*This has been referred to the Department of State Growth – to follow up.*

**Clr Bantick** – request for report at the next Council meeting detailing the number of rate-exempt properties as a result of being classified as a 'charitable organisation', and the value of rate exemptions provided.

*The General Manager advised a full listing of all rate exempted properties will be provided at the next meeting.*

**Clr Bantick** – now that the Kempton Church has been deconsecrated, are these properties still exempt from rates?

*To be investigated.*

**Clr Dudgeon** – is there any update on the Baden Hall.

*It was advised that Council involvement has now ceased with this property.*

**Mayor Green** – queried whether any action has been taken to address the potential fire hazard (i.e. overgrown vegetation and weeds) at Maher's Point, Lake Dulverton. Could this be done with some urgency?

*The General Manager advised it is yet to be addressed due to Council limitations on any activities at this site.*

## **DECISION**

*Moved by Clr R McDougall, seconded by Clr A Bisdee OAM*

**THAT the information be received.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

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## 7. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the Agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of a pecuniary interest they may have in respect to any matter on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Nil.

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## 8. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide at an ordinary meeting to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if the General Manager has reported –

- (a) the reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- (b) that the matter is urgent; and
- (c) that advice has been provided under section 65 of the Act.

Nil.

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## 9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10.22 A.M.)

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

Councillors were advised that, at the time of issuing the Agenda, no questions on notice had been received from members of the public.

There were seven (7) members of the public in attendance.

Mayor A O Green then invited questions from members of the public in attendance.

### JAYNE PATERSON - OATLANDS

Ms Paterson sought clarification as to whether any person should be entering the Church Street depot site pending clearance by the EPA.

*It was advised that authorised persons can enter the site noting that it is effectively a 'construction' site.*

It was further commented that there is overgrown vegetation and weeds at this location; and a panel of fencing has blown over. It was requested that spray not be used to address the weeds as this may impact adjoining properties.

*It was advised that these items will be addressed.*

Question regarding the Financial Report and noted another \$76,000 has been spent on the aquatic centre. What has this been expended on?

*It was advised that this amount relates to payment instalments to the various consultants engaged to prepare specifications and detailed tender documentation for the project.*

Ms Paterson also advised that she has been speaking with an external consultant who is experienced with preparing Business Plans for swimming pools. It should be noted that these projects rely on equipment from overseas and the change in value of the Australian dollar has added significantly to the cost. This, plus the associated maintenance costs, need to be factored in when considering the Business Plan.

*It was advised that Council will be undertaking a complete review of entire financials for this project.*

### CHRIS CHARLES – OATLANDS

Question regarding the review of the KPMG Business Plan that is now 10 years old. Recognising that Council has made a decision to review it 'in-house', will this be done by the administration?

*The General Manager advised that the Business Plan review process will be a combined exercise involving both Councillors and administration. Once prepared, the financials will be reviewed by Council's independent external auditor(s).*

A key component of any Business Plan is market demand for the product – has this occurred? Has a survey of families in the community occurred and how often they would use the facility?

*It was advised that ‘usage’ and ‘anticipated income’ was the focus of the second Council workshop held recently. Council, with its knowledge of the community, has broadly assessed likely attendances (i.e. casual users), and where possible, validation of other user groups will be sought. Council is conscious that the pricing will affect usage.*

Could components of this project be stopped dependant on the tender response?

*It was advised that the project is dependent on tender prices – may be a simple yes or no to proceed.*

After the tender stage will the review of the Business Plan be available to the public indicating how much ratepayers will pay extra in rates and for how many years?

*It was advised that once the Business Plan is finalised, the resultant figures will be incorporated into Council’s Long-term Financial Management Strategy, which will then provide indications in terms of impact on rates etc. over a minimum 10-year period. This will be a key factor in the decision making process.*

## **DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr R McDougall, seconded by Cllr K Dudgeon*

**THAT the information be received.**

## **CARRIED**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Cllr A Bantick	√	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr K Dudgeon	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr R McDougall	√	

## 9.1 Permission to Address Council

Permission was granted for the following person(s) to address Council:

- Mr Chris Harman was granted permission to address Council at 10.36 a.m. regarding “Chauncy Vale as an educational resource”.

Mr Chris Harman circulated a document to Councillors for information and referral during the presentation.

At the conclusion of the address, the following key points were noted and confirmed:

1. Suggested a greater focus on the environmental and educational opportunities associated with the management of Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary;
2. Greater recognition and potential involvement of the indigenous community;
3. Need to promote and improve the broader community’s knowledge of the Sanctuary; and
4. Recognition that there is a significant number of landowners who have placed environmental covenants on their private property and seek to involve them to a greater degree.

*The Mayor thanked Mr Harman for his presentation.*



**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr A Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr D Fish*

**THAT the meeting be adjourned for morning tea at 10.52 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr McDougall*

**THAT the meeting be reconvened at 11.05 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

**10. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER  
REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING  
PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015**

Nil.

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## **11. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 AND COUNCIL'S STATUTORY LAND USE PLANNING SCHEME**

*Session of Council sitting as a Planning Authority pursuant to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and Council's statutory land use planning schemes.*

### **11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

#### **11.1.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (DA 2019/78) FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION – FIRING RANGE AT 770 WOODSDALE ROAD, RUNNYMEDE, OWNED BY SPORTS SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (TASMANIA)**

*File Ref: T 1661046*

**Author:** SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER (JACQUI TYSON)

**Date:** 20 NOVEMBER 2019

**Attachments:**

*Development Application documents  
Representation*

### **PROPOSAL**

The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) Tasmania, have applied to the Southern Midlands Council for a Permit under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* ("the Act") to establish a shot gun firing range at 770 Woodsdale Road, Runnymede.

In September 2018 Council approved a Development Application (DA2018/59) for a multi-discipline firing range on the neighbouring property, 714 Woodsdale Road. The SSAA have since acquired 770 Woodsdale Road and wish to alter the original plan so that the shotgun range and associated infrastructure is moved to this site. As a different property is involved, this has necessitated a new Development Application rather than a modification to the existing approval. If this Development Application is approved DA2018/59 will be modified to exclude the shotgun facility on 714 Woodsdale Road, with the pistol and rifle ranges to still be developed on that site.

The site is currently developed with a dwelling and associated improvements. Under this proposal the site will be developed with a shotgun range and associated infrastructure including a clubhouse, storage building, access and car park for 60 vehicles. The proposed development will require some vegetation removal and earthworks to clear and level the firing range. The range, club room and car park will be sited to the east of the existing dwelling.

The proposed club room will have a floor area of approximately 280m<sup>2</sup>. This building will contain bathrooms, storage room, kitchen and large communal area and covered outdoor area. This building will serve as the main club room for the combined site.

The proposed storage building is 12.2m x 10.9m and is to be located to the north of the existing dwelling.

Access to the site is via the existing driveway from Woodsdale Road. The internal driveway will be widened and expanded to access the new car park. A revised Traffic Impact Assessment has been provided with the Development Application.

The proposed hours of operation are the same as those approved in DA2018/59, which is 9am-5pm four days a week (Friday to Monday) for normal operations and 8am to 8pm on competition days, which are limited to no more than 20 days per year.

The proposed range is designed so that firing is directed away from the adjoining residences to the north and the elevation of the range is as low as practicable to assist in minimising noise. Acoustic attenuation will also be provided by sound reduction fencing, the positioning of the club building between the range and adjoining dwellings and establishment of a dense vegetation barrier.

The application has been lodged under the *Southern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015* (“the Planning Scheme”).

The land is zoned Rural Resource. Under the Planning Scheme the proposal is defined as use and development for “Sports and recreation”. A permit for this type of development is considered at the discretion of Council.

The Council gave notice of the application for public comment for 14 days. During the notification period one (1) representation was received.

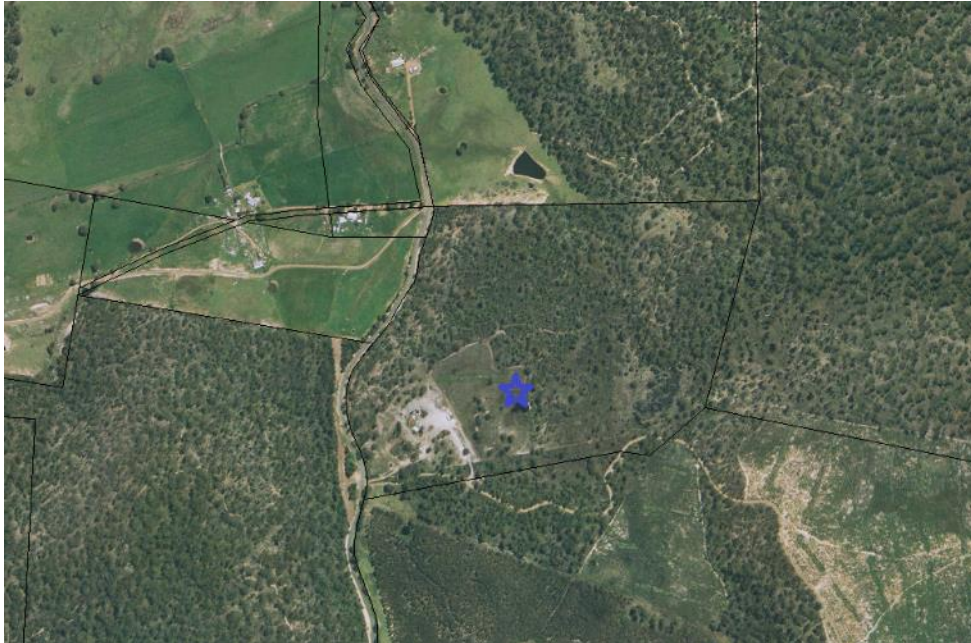
This report will assess the proposal against the relevant provisions of the Act and the Scheme. It is recommended that Council approve the proposal.

## THE SITE

Maps 1 and 2 below shows the location and zoning of the property and surrounding area.



Map 1\_ The subject land and surrounding properties are in the Rural Resource Zone (cream). The location of the site is marked with a blue star.



Map 2 \_ Aerial image of the subject land and surrounding area.

The property is located at 770 Woodsdale Road, Runnymede, on the eastern side of the road. The property has an area of 25.49ha and is described in CT113487/1.

The land is currently developed with a dwelling and outbuildings. Much of the site is covered with native bush.

The properties surrounding the site are generally characterised as a mix of farmland, native bush and forestry plantations. The site has an existing access from Woodsdale Road.

The two nearest dwellings are located to the north of the site, around 400-600m of the proposed range.

## THE APPLICATION

The Applicant has submitted a planning assessment and Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) to accompany the Development Application and plans

The TIA is an updated version of the one completed for DA2018/59. The TIA assesses the suitability of the access, internal roads and car parking as well as the expected traffic volumes to be generated by the proposal. The TIA does not identify any issues or specific recommendations.

## USE/DEVELOPMENT DEFINITION

The proposed use and development is defined, under the Planning Scheme, as 'Sports and recreation':

### ***Sports and recreation***

*use of land for organised or competitive recreation or sporting purposes including associated clubrooms. Examples include a bowling alley, fitness centre, firing range, golf course or driving range, gymnasium, outdoor recreation facility, public swimming pool, race course and sports ground.*

## Use/Development Status under the Planning Scheme

Under the Scheme, a Development Application for use and development relating to 'Sports and recreation' in the Rural Resource Zone must be considered at the discretion of Council.

As a discretionary development, the application was advertised in accordance with Section 57 of the Act. Accordingly Council has the discretion to grant a permit or refuse to grant a permit.

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND REPRESENTATIONS

The application was advertised on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for fourteen (14) days. During this period Council received one (1) representation. The applicant has provided some responses to the matters raised in the representation.

The issues raised in the representation and responses are detailed in the table below.

Representation 1	Applicant Response	Council Officer Comment
<p>I wish to oppose the proposed firing range at 770 Woodsdale Road.</p> <p>I reside on an adjoining property.</p> <p>I did object to the original proposed firing range unsuccessfully. My reason for objecting to this latest proposal is the proposal to move the shotgun range from the original application to the new site will actually bring this range a lot closer to my residence and is right on my southern boundary.</p>	<p><i>From information provided in the representation it is evident that the objection relates to a property located on the northern boundary of the site of the proposed development at 770 Woodsdale Road.</i></p> <p><i>The reason provided for the objection is that "the proposal to move the shotgun range from the original application to the new site will actually bring this range a lot closer to my residence and is right on our southern boundary".</i></p> <p><i>While the proposed location of the shotgun firing range is closer than the range approved under DA2018/59 at 714 Woodsdale Road, the firing line is some 279 metres from the southern boundary of the adjoining property and a total of 560 metres from the residence located there. A natural timbered ridgeline separates the location of the firing line from the property boundary.</i></p>	<p>The current approved position is adjacent to the northern boundary of 714 Woodsdale Road. The proposal will bring the shotgun range around 300-400m closer to the representors property, with the shared boundary located 280m from the clubhouse and around 300m from the range itself.</p> <p>Topographically, the proposed site is lower and is separated from the neighbouring property by a small hill. It is understood that this will assist in attenuating noise.</p>

<p>Earlier this year the SSAA held a shoot at the proposed new shotgun range site without any notification to myself or other adjoining land owners. This commenced at around 9:00am and went right through until approx. 1700 hours with very little let up of shooting. Whilst this was taking place I rang both Mayor Alex Green and Cllr Tony Bisdee who could hear the noise over the phone. It did appear that they knew nothing about the shooting taking place. During the shooting my wife was approached by a gentleman conducting noise level testing and asked if we could keep any dogs from making noises. This was very loud and quite frankly very wording if this is what will happen if this gets approved.</p>	<p><i>The representation refers to a single demonstration shoot conducted at 770 Woodsdale Road in May 2019, following the provision of approval from Firearms Services for the event.</i></p> <p><i>It was understood by SSAA(Tas) that a single event of this nature did not require any additional approvals.</i></p> <p><i>SSAA(Tas) in developing and operating the sports shooting complex on the sites at Woodsdale road seeks to enjoin with the local community and regrets this apparent oversight in not adequately notifying adjoining parties in advance of the single event.</i></p>	<p>A one off demonstration shooting event was held on the site in May 2019.</p> <p>Council officers were aware of the event and it was authorised/monitored by Tasmania Police. No Council approval was required for a one-off event.</p> <p>Sound testing was conducted during this event and the design and location of the range was adjusted to minimise sound levels to adjoining properties.</p>
<p>Since this shoot was conducted I have spoken with Mr Don Riddell who is associated/member of the SSAA and he advised me that on the day of the shoot they had fired some 6000 12 gauge shots approximately and were testing noise levels during the day. Don did advise me that the noise levels were high and possible not satisfactory. Don did also tell me that they were going to put this application in regardless but will alter the direction in which they shoot. I find this totally unacceptable and am not happy if it proceeds.</p>	<p><i>Sound levels taken at the residences to the north and west of the site during the event were less than a normal conversation conducted between two people at a nominal distance of 1.0 metre.</i></p> <p><i>While the sound levels recorded were at the lower end of the scale, individual perception of sound may vary from person to person based on their expectations. Some will not be discomforted by exposing themselves to high levels of sound such as a rock concert or machinery operation, for enjoyment or work as the case may be; while others may adapt to high levels of background noise experienced in urban environments, sports and hobbies.</i></p>	<p>See response above.</p>

	<p><i>Since the holding of the single event, SSAA(Tas) has re-designed the orientation of the proposed firing line to be south-southeast such that all shotgun discharge is pointed as directly away from the northern residence as practicable. The level of the proposed firing line has been aligned with site contours and benched down to lower the elevation of the</i></p> <p><i>line to enhance the sound reduction available from the 24 metre long clubrooms and natural treed ridgeline to the north.</i></p> <p><i>It is considered that these measures will further assist in addressing the concerns raised in the representation.</i></p> <p><i>It is understood that the representor was made aware, in subsequent discussions with</i></p> <p><i>SSAA(Tas) Senior Vice President - Mr. Donald Riddell, that the single event (held in May, 2019) was equivalent to a national or major competition which would be held irregularly. It is understood that as part of this discussion, Mr. Riddell noted that the shooting during the event was constant, but did not make any suggestion as to whether the sound levels were satisfactory or otherwise. It was clear from the discussions that the final application was not being submitted without regard to the concerns expressed by the representor, but was to be lodged following significant design changes to ensure minimal disturbance to neighbouring property owners.</i></p>	
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<p>I am asking the question why they couldn't relocate the pistol range to where they are proposing the shotgun range for and move the shotgun range to pistol range. This would then minimise the noise levels that are closest to the residences around me.</p>	<p><i>In respect of the representors suggestion concerning the potential relocation of the Handgun range from 714 Woodsdale Road to 770 Woodsdale Road, it was explained that the firearms services template requirements of the Handgun range could not be physically accommodated on land at 770 Woodsdale Road without overlapping the Rifle range on 714 Woodsdale Road, making the concurrent use of these ranges impossible.</i></p>	<p>Council must assess the application before it.</p> <p>It is noted that the pistol range has a much larger 'shotfall' range area, it is better suited to the larger site at 714 Woodsdale Road.</p>
<p>In closing I hope the Council takes this objection in to consideration and thinks it through thoroughly unlike the last application which unfortunately I was told by some what they thought but went against it when voting time came. I am more than happy to meet any of you onsite to discuss further. Please consider the ramification these noise levels will have on surrounding residences.</p>	<p></p>	<p>The applicant has engaged a noise specialist to assist in the design of the proposed range and includes several noise attenuation measures, including positioning, orientation, acoustic fencing, landscaping and position of the club house building to lower noise levels for adjoining properties to the north of the site.</p> <p>Further, the proposed conditions include a requirement that noise emissions from the facility are controlled sufficiently to avoid causing an environmental nuisance to surrounding properties in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994.</p>

## ASSESSMENT - THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS INTERIM PLANNING SCHEME

### Rural Resource Zone

The subject site is in the Rural Resource Zone. The proposal must satisfy the requirements of the following relevant use and development standards of this zone:

<b>Use Standard</b> <b>26.3.3 Discretionary Use</b> To ensure that discretionary non-agricultural uses do not unreasonably confine or restrain the agricultural use of agricultural land.		
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria	OFFICER COMMENT
A1 No acceptable solution.	P1 A discretionary non-agricultural use must not conflict with or fetter agricultural use on the site or adjoining land having regard to all of the following:  (a) the characteristics of the proposed non-agricultural use;  (b) the characteristics of the existing or likely agricultural use;  (c) setback to site boundaries and separation distance between the proposed non-agricultural use and existing or likely agricultural use;  (d) any characteristics of the site and adjoining land that would buffer the proposed non-agricultural use from the adverse impacts on amenity from existing or likely agricultural use.	<p><i>The site is not currently used for agriculture and has not been in the recent past.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed firing range facility does not involve a sensitive-use activity and will not restrict future agricultural use on adjoining land.</i></p> <p><i>The range and associated club facilities are setback over 270m from the northern side boundary and over 200m from the front boundary. This provides sufficient separation distance between this and any agricultural use on adjoining land.</i></p> <p><i>The native vegetation and topography of the site assess to buffer/screen the site from the road and surrounding land.</i></p>

<b>Development Standard</b> <b>26.4.1 Building Height</b> To ensure that building height contributes positively to the rural landscape and does not result in unreasonable impact on residential amenity of land.		
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria	OFFICER COMMENT
A1 Building height must be no more than:  9 m if for a residential use.	P1 Building height must satisfy all of the following:  (a)	<p><i>The maximum building height proposed is 4.77 m, complying with the requirements of A1.</i></p>

<p>10 m otherwise.</p>	<p>be consistent with any Desired Future Character Statements provided for the area;</p> <p>(b) be sufficient to prevent unreasonable adverse impacts on residential amenity on adjoining lots by overlooking and loss of privacy;</p> <p>(c) if for a non-residential use, the height is necessary for that use.</p>	
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**Development Standard**

**26.4.2 Setback**

To minimise land use conflict and fettering of use of rural land from residential use, maintain desirable characteristics of the rural landscape and protect environmental values in adjoining land zoned Environmental Management.

<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p>A1                      Building setback from frontage must be no less than:                       20 m.</p>	<p>P1                      Building setback from frontages must maintain the desirable characteristics of the surrounding landscape and protect the amenity of adjoining lots, having regard to all of the following:</p> <p>(a) the topography of the site;</p> <p>(b) the size and shape of the site;</p> <p>(c) the prevailing setbacks of existing buildings on nearby lots;</p> <p>(d) the location of existing buildings on the site;</p> <p>(e) the proposed colours and external materials of the building;</p> <p>(f) the visual impact of the building when viewed from an adjoining road;</p> <p>(g) retention of vegetation.</p>	<p><i>The storage building will sited around 115m and the clubroom is sited around 200m from the frontage to Woodsdale Road, complying with A1.</i></p>

<p>A2 Building setback from side and rear boundaries must be no less than:  40 m.</p>	<p>P2 Building setback from side and rear boundaries must maintain the character of the surrounding rural landscape, having regard to all of the following:</p> <p>(a) the topography of the site;</p> <p>(b) the size and shape of the site;</p> <p>(c) the location of existing buildings on the site;</p> <p>(d) the proposed colours and external materials of the building;</p> <p>(e) visual impact on skylines and prominent ridgelines;</p> <p>(f) impact on native vegetation.</p>	<p><i>All buildings are setback more than 40 m from the side and rear boundaries, consistent with A2</i></p>
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<p><b>Development Standard</b> <b>26.4.3 Design</b> To ensure that the location and appearance of buildings and works minimises adverse impact on the rural landscape.</p>		
<p><b>Acceptable Solutions</b></p>	<p><b>Performance Criteria</b></p>	<p><b>OFFICER COMMENT</b></p>
<p>A1 The location of buildings and works must comply with any of the following:</p> <p>(a) be located within a building area, if provided on the title;</p> <p>(b) be an addition or alteration to an existing building;</p> <p>(c) be located in an area not requiring the clearing of native vegetation and not on a skyline or ridgeline.</p>	<p>P1 The location of buildings and works must satisfy all of the following:</p> <p>(a) be located on a skyline or ridgeline only if:</p> <p>(i) there are no sites clear of native vegetation and clear of other significant site constraints such as access difficulties or excessive slope, or the location is necessary for the functional requirements of infrastructure;</p>	<p><i>The proposed structures are not on a skyline or ridgeline in compliance with A1 (a).</i></p> <p><i>Clearing of a small amount of native vegetation is required for the construction of the clubroom and range. The storage building is located in an existing cleared area.</i></p> <p><i>Assessment against the performance criteria is therefore required.</i></p> <p><i>(a) the development is not located on a skyline or ridgeline.</i></p> <p><i>(b) There are no Desired Future Character Statements.</i></p>

	<p>(ii) significant impacts on the rural landscape are minimised through the height of the structure, landscaping and use of colours with a light reflectance value not greater than 40 percent for all exterior building surfaces;</p> <p>(b) be consistent with any Desired Future Character Statements provided for the area;</p> <p>(c) be located in and area requiring the clearing of native vegetation only if:</p> <p>(i) there are no sites clear of native vegetation and clear of other significant site constraints such as access difficulties or excessive slope, or the location is necessary for the functional requirements of infrastructure;</p> <p>(ii) the extent of clearing is the minimum necessary to provide for buildings, associated works and associated bushfire protection measures;</p>	<p>(c) <i>The proposed clearing is minimal and limited to the clubroom and range area. The extent of clearing is the minimum necessary for the proposal and avoids Biodiversity Protection Areas.</i></p>
<p>A2  Exterior building surfaces must be coloured using colours with a light reflectance value not greater than 40 percent.</p>	<p>P2  The appearance of external finishes of buildings must not be incompatible with the rural landscape.</p>	<p><i>The proposed buildings will be finished in Colorbond, and will have similar appearance to an agricultural building.</i></p> <p><i>A condition is included to require a colour schedule with light reflectance values no greater than 40%, consistent with A2.</i></p>
<p>A3  The depth of any fill or excavation must be no more than 2 m from natural ground level, except where required for building foundations.</p>	<p>P3  The depth of any fill or excavation must be kept to a minimum so that the development satisfies all of the following:</p> <p>(a) does not have significant impact on the rural landscape of the area;</p>	<p><i>Some earthworks are required to level and lower the firing range area. This includes minor benching works along the north western side to accommodate the clubhouse building and car parking area.</i></p> <p><i>There will be no landscape, privacy or stability impacts to neighbouring properties.</i></p>

	<p>(b) does not unreasonably impact upon the privacy of adjoining properties;</p> <p>(c) does not affect land stability on the lot or adjoining areas.</p>	
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**Road and Railway Assets Code**

The proposal must satisfy the requirements of the following relevant development standards of this Code:

<b>Use Standard</b>		
<b>E5.5.1 Existing road accesses and junctions</b>		
To ensure that the safety and efficiency of roads is not reduced by increased use of existing accesses and junctions.		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p>A2</p> <p>The annual average daily traffic (AADT) of vehicle movements, to and from a site, using an existing access or junction, in an area subject to a speed limit of more than 60km/h, must not increase by more than 10% or 10 vehicle movements per day, whichever is the greater.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>Any increase in vehicle traffic at an existing access or junction in an area subject to a speed limit of more than 60km/h must be safe and not unreasonably impact on the efficiency of the road, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the increase in traffic caused by the use;</p> <p>(b) the nature of the traffic generated by the use;</p> <p>(c) the nature and efficiency of the access or the junction;</p> <p>(d) the nature and category of the road;</p> <p>(e) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road;</p> <p>(f) any alternative access to a road;</p> <p>(g) the need for the use;</p> <p>(h) any traffic impact assessment; and</p> <p>(i) any written advice received from the road authority.</p>	<p><i>The speed limit on Woodsdale Road is 100km/h along the frontage of the site.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed use as a firing range will increase traffic movements by more than 10%, so assessment against the Performance Criteria is required.</i></p> <p><i>The Traffic Impact Assessment demonstrates that the expected volumes of traffic (40 vehicle movements per day at normal times, 120 at competition weekends) can be accommodated safely by the access points and surrounding road network.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal complies with P2.</i></p>

<b>Development Standard</b>		
<b>E5.6.2 Existing road accesses and junctions</b>		
To ensure that the safety and efficiency of roads is not reduced by the creation of new accesses and junctions.		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p>A2</p> <p>No more than one access providing both entry and exit, or two accesses providing separate entry and exit, to roads in an area subject to a speed limit of 60km/h or less.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>For roads in an area subject to a speed limit of 60km/h or less, accesses and junctions must be safe and not unreasonably impact on the efficiency of the road, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the nature and frequency of the traffic generated by the use;</p> <p>(b) the nature of the road;</p> <p>(c) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road;</p> <p>(d) any alternative access to a road;</p> <p>(e) the need for the access or junction;</p> <p>(f) any traffic impact assessment; and</p> <p>(g) any written advice received from the road authority.</p>	<p><i>The proposal will use the single existing access to Woodsdale Road, complying with A2.</i></p>

<b>Development Standard</b>		
<b>E5.6.4 Sight distances at accesses, junctions and level crossings</b>		
To ensure that accesses, junctions and level crossings provide sufficient sight distance between vehicles and between vehicles and trains to enable safe movement of traffic.		
<b>Acceptable Solutions</b>	<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>OFFICER COMMENT</b>
<p>A1</p> <p>Sight distances at:</p> <p>(a) an access or junction must comply with the Safe Intersection Sight Distance shown in Table E5.1; and</p> <p>(b) rail level crossings must comply with AS1742.7 Manual of uniform traffic control devices - Railway crossings, Standards Association of Australia.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>The design, layout and location of an access, junction or rail level crossing must provide adequate sight distances to ensure the safe movement of vehicles, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the nature and frequency of the traffic generated by the use;</p> <p>(b) the frequency of use of the road or rail network;</p> <p>(c) any alternative access;</p>	<p><i>The TIA finds the sight distance at the access exceeds the Safe Intersection Sight Distance in both directions, complying with A1.</i></p>

	(d) the need for the access, junction or level crossing; (e) any traffic impact assessment; (f) any measures to improve or maintain sight distance; and (g) any written advice received from the road or rail authority.	
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### **Parking and Access Code**

This Code applies to all use and development.

The Scheme does not specify a particular requirement for car parking spaces for the Sports and recreation (firing range) use class. The proposal includes 60 car spaces in a gravel car parks for the proposed range. The TIA has found the number of parking spaces to be more than sufficient for the proposed use.

In regard to the design and construction of the access and car parking, the TIA has provided an assessment against the relevant standards and demonstrates compliance with the Scheme in regard to these matters. A condition is also included to require a Parking Plan to be submitted prior to first use of the development.

### **Stormwater Management Code**

Stormwater from the proposed buildings, accesses and car parks can be collected and managed onsite in accordance with the requirements of this Code.

### **Biodiversity Code**

Parts of the land are located within a Biodiversity Protection Area as identified on the Scheme maps. As there are no buildings or works occurring within these areas further assessment against the standards of this Code is not required.

### **Landslide Hazard Code**

Parts of the land are located within Landslide Hazard Areas identified on the Scheme maps. As there are no buildings or works occurring within these areas further assessment against the standards of this Code is not required.

## **CONCLUSION**

The report has assessed a Development Application for proposed Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) Tasmania shotgun firing range at 770 Woodsdale Road, Runnymede.

One (1) representation was made to Council, mainly concerned with noise amenity, addressed in the report above.

The proposal has been found to comply with all the relevant standards of the Rural Resource Zone and the applicable Codes.

It is recommended that the Application be approved and a Permit issued with conditions and advice.





### **Noise**

- 8) Noise emitted from the facility must not cause an environmental nuisance to surrounding properties in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

### **External finishes**

- 9) Before any work commences a schedule specifying the finish and colours of all external surfaces and samples must be submitted to and approved by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services. The schedule must provide for finished colours that blend in with the natural rural landscape and have a light reflectance value not exceeding 40%. The schedule shall form part of this permit when approved.

### **Site remediation plan**

- 10) Before the use commences a site remediation plan must be submitted to and approved by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services. The plan must detail how the site will be remediated if the use ceases to allow for it to be suitable for use for agricultural use and to remediate any environmental impact from ammunition or other contaminants.

### **Access and parking**

- 11) At least sixty (60) parking spaces must be provided on the land at all times for the use of the occupiers in accordance with Standards Australia (2004): Australian Standard AS 2890.1 - 2004 – Parking Facilities Part 1: Off Street Car Parking; Standards Australia, Sydney.
- 12) The vehicle access from the carriageway of the road onto the subject land must be located and finished gravel pavement in accordance with the construction and sight distance standards shown on standard drawings SD 1012 and SD 1009 prepared by the IPWE Aust. (Tasmania Division) (attached) and to the satisfaction of Council's Manager of Works and Technical Services.
- 13) A parking plan prepared and certified by a qualified civil engineer or other person approved by Council's Development Assessment Committee must be submitted to Council prior to or in conjunction with lodgement of a Building Application. The parking plan is to include:
  - a. pavement details,
  - b. design surface levels and drainage,
  - c. turning paths,
  - d. dimensions
  - e. and shall form part of the permit when approved.
  - f. All parking and associated access must be constructed in accordance with the approved parking plan.
- 14) All areas set-aside for parking and access must be completed before the use commences or the building is occupied and must continue to be maintained to the satisfaction of the Council's Development Assessment Committee.
- 15) All works required by a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) in respect of access to the land must be completed to the satisfaction of Council's Development Assessment Committee before the use commences.

- 16) The Applicant must provide not less than 48 hours written notice to Council's Manager of Works and Technical Services (Jack Lyall 6254 5008) before commencing works within a council roadway.

**Services**

- 17) The developer must pay the cost of any alterations and/or reinstatement to existing services, Council infrastructure or private property incurred as a result of the development. Any work required is to be specified or undertaken by the authority concerned.

**Stormwater**

- 18) Drainage from the proposed development must drain to a legal discharge point to the satisfaction of Councils Manager Development & Environmental Services.
- 19) The access driveways must be drained to minimise surface runoff to the adjoining road in accordance with the requirements of the Manager Works & Technical Services.

**Protection of Water Quality**

- 20) Before any work commences a soil and water management plan (SWMP) prepared in accordance with the guidelines Soil and Water Management on Building and Construction Sites, by the Derwent Estuary Programme and NRM South, must be approved by Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services before development of the land commences (refer to advice below). The SWMP shall form part of this permit when approved.

**Construction Amenity**

- 21) The development must only be carried out between the following hours unless otherwise approved by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services:

Monday to Friday	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday and State-wide public holidays	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- 22) All works associated with the development of the land shall be carried out in such a manner so as not to unreasonably cause injury to, or prejudice or affect the amenity, function and safety of any adjoining or adjacent land, and of any person therein or in the vicinity thereof, by reason of:
- Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or otherwise.
  - The transportation of materials, goods and commodities to and from the land.
  - Obstruction of any public footway or highway.
  - Appearance of any building, works or materials.
  - Any accumulation of vegetation, building debris or other unwanted material must be disposed of by removal from the site in an approved manner. No burning of such materials on site will be permitted unless approved in writing by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services.
- 23) Public roadways or footpaths must not be used for the storage of any construction materials or wastes, for the loading/unloading of any vehicle or equipment; or for the carrying out of any work, process or tasks associated with the project during the construction period.

- 24) The developer must make good and/or clean any footpath, road surface or other element damaged or soiled by the development to the satisfaction of the Council's Manger of Works and Technical Services.

**The following advice applies to this permit:**

- A. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other legislation has been granted.
- B. This Planning Permit is in addition to the requirements of the Building Act 2016. Approval in accordance with the Building Act 2016 may be required prior to works commencing.
- C. A separate permit is required for any signs unless otherwise exempt under Council's planning scheme.

**DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Deputy Mayor E Batt*

**THAT, in accordance with the provisions of the *Southern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015* and section 57 of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*, Council APPROVE the Development Application (DA 2019/78) for Sports and Recreation – Firing Range at 770 Woodsdale Road, Runnymede, owned by Sports Shooters Association of Australia (Tasmania) and that a permit be issued with the following conditions:**

**CONDITIONS**

***General***

- 1) The use or development must be carried out substantially in accordance with the application for planning approval, the endorsed drawings and with the conditions of this permit and must not be altered or extended without the further written approval of Council.
- 2) This permit shall not take effect and must not be acted on until 15 days after the date of receipt of this letter or the date of the last letter to any representor, which ever is later, in accordance with section 53 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.
- 3) Prior to commencement of works it is a requirement that DA 2018/15 must be amended to remove the shotgun facility from that permit.

***Approved Use***

- 4) The site and is to be used for the purposes detailed within the approved documents only, that is; Sports and recreation (firing range). It must not to be used for any other purpose without the prior written consent of Council.
- 5) The use must not commence until the range had been licensed by Tasmania Police. A copy of the licence documentation is to be provided to Council prior to first use.
- 6) Prior to the use commencing signage must be placed at regular intervals on all property boundaries identifying the use of the site and prohibiting entry.

### **Hours of Operation**

- 7) The regular use or development must only operate between the following hours (other than during competitions, as specified in Condition 5) unless otherwise approved by Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services:

Friday - Monday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 8) Competition days are limited to no more than 20 days per year. Council and residential neighbours within 500m of the property boundary must be notified of competition dates in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of any competition.

During competitions the use or development must only operate between the following hours unless otherwise approved by Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services:

7 days

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Noise**

- 9) Noise emitted from the facility must not cause an environmental nuisance to surrounding properties in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

### **External finishes**

- 10) Before any work commences a schedule specifying the finish and colours of all external surfaces and samples must be submitted to and approved by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services. The schedule must provide for finished colours that blend in with the natural rural landscape and have a light reflectance value not exceeding 40%. The schedule shall form part of this permit when approved.

### **Site remediation plan**

- 11) Before the use commences a site remediation plan must be submitted to and approved by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services. The plan must detail how the site will be remediated if the use ceases to allow for it to be suitable for use for agricultural use and to remediate any environmental impact from ammunition or other contaminants.

### **Access and parking**

- 12) At least sixty (60) parking spaces must be provided on the land at all times for the use of the occupiers in accordance with Standards Australia (2004): Australian Standard AS 2890.1 - 2004 – Parking Facilities Part 1: Off Street Car Parking; Standards Australia, Sydney.
- 13) The vehicle access from the carriageway of the road onto the subject land must be located and finished gravel pavement in accordance with the construction and sight distance standards shown on standard drawings SD 1012 and SD 1009 prepared by the IPWE Aust. (Tasmania Division) (attached) and to the satisfaction of Council's Manager of Works and Technical Services.
- 14) A parking plan prepared and certified by a qualified civil engineer or other person approved by Council's Development Assessment Committee must be submitted to Council prior to or in conjunction with lodgement of a Building Application. The parking plan is to include:

g. pavement details,

- h. design surface levels and drainage,
- i. turning paths,
- j. dimensions
- k. and shall form part of the permit when approved.
- l. All parking and associated access must be constructed in accordance with the approved parking plan.

- 15) All areas set-aside for parking and access must be completed before the use commences or the building is occupied and must continue to be maintained to the satisfaction of the Council's Development Assessment Committee.
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- g. The transportation of materials, goods and commodities to and from the land.
- h. Obstruction of any public footway or highway.
- i. Appearance of any building, works or materials.
- j. Any accumulation of vegetation, building debris or other unwanted material must be disposed of by removal from the site in an approved manner. No burning of such materials on site will be permitted unless approved in writing by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services.

- 24) Public roadways or footpaths must not be used for the storage of any construction materials or wastes, for the loading/unloading of any vehicle or equipment; or for the carrying out of any work, process or tasks associated with the project during the construction period.
- 25) The developer must make good and/or clean any footpath, road surface or other element damaged or soiled by the development to the satisfaction of the Council's Manger of Works and Technical Services.

**The following advice applies to this permit:**

- D. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other legislation has been granted.
- E. This Planning Permit is in addition to the requirements of the Building Act 2016. Approval in accordance with the Building Act 2016 may be required prior to works commencing.
- F. A separate permit is required for any signs unless otherwise exempt under Council's planning scheme.

**MOTION LOST**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green		√
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick		√
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		√
Clr K Dudgeon		√
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr A Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr A Bantick*

**THAT**, in accordance with the provisions of the *Southern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015* and section 57 of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*, Council refuse to grant a Permit for the Development Application (DA 2019/78) for Sports and Recreation – Firing Range at 770 Woodsdale Road, Runnymede, owned by Sports Shooters Association of Australia (Tasmania) for the following reasons:-

- A. The proposed location of the shotgun range will bring the activity unacceptably close to the nearby residential dwellings and likely cause a negative impact on the amenity of those occupants and users of the land. The proposal is not therefore considered to be a fair and orderly use of land and contrary to the Schedule 1 Objectives considered under Section 51 (2) (a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.
- B. Council per Section 51 (2) (c) *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* must take into consideration matters set out in representations made by nearby persons. These matters primarily relate to health, well-being and dissatisfaction with the planning system and involvement with the Applicant. The proposed location of the shotgun range has not factored in the concerns for the health and well-being of other persons on adjoining land despite awareness of matters raised in previous representations made by nearby residents in the previously approved Application in September 2018 (Reference DA 2018/59).
- C. A permit cannot be granted for the proposed use and development as the development is contingent on the Permit Authority amending the previously approved Permit (Reference DA 2018/59) under Section 56 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* to remove the shotgun range from the plan.

## CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish		√
Clr R McDougall	√	



**11.2 SUBDIVISIONS**

Nil.

**11.3 MUNICIPAL SEAL (Planning Authority)**

Nil.

**11.4 PLANNING (OTHER)**

Nil.

**[THIS CONCLUDES THE SESSION OF COUNCIL ACTING AS A  
PLANNING AUTHORITY]**

*Mr D Cundall (Manager Development and Environment Services) and Mrs J Tyson (Senior Planning Officer) left the meeting at 11.37 a.m.*

*Clr Fish left the meeting at 11.38 a.m.*

*Clr Fish returned to the meeting at 11.40 a.m.*

## 12. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

### 12.1 Roads

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.1.1**

*Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of roads in the municipal area.*

Nil.

### 12.2 Bridges

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.2.1**

*Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of bridges in the municipality.*

Nil.

### 12.3 Walkways, Cycle ways and Trails

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.3.1**

*Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of walkways, cycle ways and pedestrian areas to provide consistent accessibility.*

Nil.

### 12.4 Lighting

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.4.1a & 1.4.1b**

*Ensure adequate lighting based on demonstrated need / Contestability of energy supply.*

Nil.

### 12.5 Buildings

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.5.1**

*Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of public buildings in the municipality.*

Nil.

### 12.6 Sewers / Water

**Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6.1 & 1.6.2**

*Increase the capacity of access to reticulated sewerage services / Increase the capacity and ability to access water to satisfy development and Community to have access to reticulated water.*

Nil.

### 12.7 Drainage

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.7.1**

*Maintenance and improvement of the town storm-water drainage systems.*

Nil.

## 12.8 Waste

### Strategic Plan Reference 1.8.1

*Maintenance and improvement of the provision of waste management services to the Community.*

## 12.8.1 REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT – SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (DRAFT)

**Author:** GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

**Date:** 15 NOVEMBER 2019

**Enclosure(s):**

*Memorandum of Understanding (Draft)*

### ISSUE

Council to consider participation in a regional waste management arrangement which will enable all Southern Tasmanian Councils to work cooperatively on waste management and resource recovery issues and projects for the southern Tasmanian region.

This is to be established through entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern Tasmanian Councils (refer enclosed draft).

### BACKGROUND

Councillors would be fully aware of the previous regional waste managements which included the Southern Waste Strategy Authority, a Joint Authority established under the *Local Government Act 1993* (and since abolished), and more recently through a Committee of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA), noting that the latter does not include the Clarence, Glenorchy and Kingborough Councils as they are not members of the STCA.

In particular, recent waste management developments have clearly highlighted and indicated the need for a regional waste management arrangement that includes representation from all Southern Tasmanian Councils. These developments include but are not limited to the release of the draft Waste Action Plan by the Tasmanian Government; SKM Recycling Group going into administration as a major local issue; and recent announcements relating to waste management and recycling made on the federal scene which suggests that funding opportunities may be forthcoming from the Australian Government at some stage in the immediate future.

In addition, in the absence of such a cooperative arrangement, the lack of overall regional planning will continue and there is certainly a likelihood that possible external funding opportunities may be missed if some form of regional cooperation does not exist.

### DETAIL

Recognising the issues associated with previous Waste Management structures (perceived or otherwise), the General Managers have proposed a regional waste management arrangement based on entering into a Memorandum of Understanding. This

is essentially an arrangement which fosters the spirit of working co-operatively but will operate on a goodwill basis.

In reference to the draft memorandum of Understanding, there will be an administrative component involved and the Local Government Association of Tasmania has offered to provide this service on a fee for charge basis.

The MOU set outs a number of clear goals, they being:

- Manage regional waste streams in a co-ordinated professional manner including, but not limited to, landfill, recycling and green waste/FOGO;
- Promote the development of a circular economy for waste streams;
- Co-ordinate regional collection systems for waste streams efficiently and effectively when appropriate via shared procurement and other appropriate processes;
- Support efficient, sustainable and suitably scaled end of collection facilities for processing of waste streams;
- Work towards greater commonality of service standards for ratepayers and customers;
- Advocate to or partner with other regions, governments and industry to promote resource recovery futures;
- Co-operate on marketing and education activities to support waste minimisation and to maximise effective service utilisation;
- To appropriately resource this arrangement.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – The MOU proposes that the arrangement will be overseen by a Steering Committee consisting of one employee from each Council.

It is proposed that the Memorandum of Understanding will remain for a period of three years, following which it will be reviewed to determine its effectiveness and/or whether there is an improved structure that could be implemented.

Based on a broad estimate of \$75K per annum, the Southern Midlands Council's share would be approx. \$2,008 if quantities of waste generated is used as the basis for apportionment.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Positive.

**Policy Implications** – N/A

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – The MOU is proposed for a term of three years and will commence from a date when all Councils have had the opportunity to confirm their respective positions.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- a) endorse participation in the proposed arrangement which will enable the twelve Southern Tasmanian Councils to work co-operatively on waste management and resource recovery issues and projects for the southern Tasmanian region; and

- b) endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding, being the preferred model (at this stage) to achieve this outcome.

**DECISION**

*Moved by Deputy Mayor E Batt, seconded by Clr A Bisdee OAM*

**THAT Council:**

- a) endorse participation in the proposed arrangement which will enable the twelve Southern Tasmanian Councils to work co-operatively on waste management and resource recovery issues and projects for the southern Tasmanian region; and
- b) endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding, being the preferred model (at this stage) to achieve this outcome.

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

**ENCLOSURE**

*Agenda Item 12.8.1*

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**THE HOBART CITY COUNCIL** a body corporate incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('the HCC')  
and

**THE GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL** a body corporate incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('the GCC')

and

**XXX**

**An arrangement for the parties to work co-operatively on waste management and resource recovery issues and projects for the southern Tasmanian region.**

**RECITALS**

1. *All parties are established under section 18(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.*
2. *All parties are responsible for waste management within their municipal areas.*
3. *The Tasmanian Government has released a draft Waste Action Plan for the state and all parties wish to collaboratively to respond to the strategy.*
4. *All parties are committed to working together on waste management and agree on the following goals:*
  - 4.1. *Manage regional waste streams in a co-ordinated professional manner including, but not limited to, landfill, recycling and green waste/FOGO;*
  - 4.2. *Promote the development of a circular economy for waste streams;*
  - 4.3. *Co-ordinate regional collection systems for waste streams efficiently and effectively when appropriate via shared procurement and other appropriate processes;*
  - 4.4. *Support efficient, sustainable and suitably scaled end of collection facilities for processing of waste streams;*
  - 4.5. *Work towards greater commonality of service standards for ratepayers and customers;*
  - 4.6. *Advocate to or partner with other regions, governments and industry to promote resource recovery futures;*

- 4.7. *Co-operate on marketing and education activities to support waste minimisation and to maximise effective service utilisation;*
- 4.8. *To appropriately resource this arrangement.*

5. *In light of the historic co-operation between the parties and the efficiencies that can be achieved through co-operating further, the parties have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding in order to continue this co-operation and provide mutually beneficial outcomes for all parties and their ratepayers.*

## **OPERATIVE PART**

### **Term of this Agreement**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding commences on the date shown below.
2. The arrangement shall continue for a period of three (3) years from the date shown below and will be reviewed by the parties at that date.

### **Secretariat Support**

3. The parties agree to fund a secretariat service to support this arrangement.
4. The secretariat support will perform the following functions:
  - 4.1 Arrange meetings, prepare agendas and take minutes for steering committee meetings;
  - 4.2 Prepare reports and policy initiatives for consideration by the steering committee;
  - 4.3 Liaise with government and industry on policy initiatives and projects;
  - 4.4 Such other functions that the steering committee may reasonably direct.
5. The funding formula for the secretariat will be determined on a proportion of total waste generated basis.

### **Governance**

6. The parties agree to establish a steering committee to oversee the operation of this arrangement.
7. Each party will nominate one employee to be a member of the steering committee, to be determined by the General Manager of each participating council.
8. The parties agree to work collaboratively between themselves, other regions of the state and the State Government and industry to determine the best long term structural arrangements for addressing the waste management issues in the region and the state as a whole.

### **Intention to Bind**





## 12.9 Information, Communication Technology

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.9.1**  
*Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.*

Nil.

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## **12.10 Officer Reports – Infrastructure & Works**

### **12.10.1 MANAGER – INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS REPORT**

**Author:** MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (JACK LYALL)

**Date:** 22 NOVEMBER 2019

#### **Roads Program**

Maintenance grading is currently being undertaken in the Oatlands area.

Drainage works are being undertaken on Stonehenge Road and Woodsdale Road in preparation for stabilisation works.

#### **Town and General Maintenance**

Town and general maintenance is continuing in all other areas.

Fire Hazard Abatement Notices are currently being issued.

#### **Waste Management Program**

Operating arrangements at the Waste Transfer Stations are working well.

A clean up was undertaken at the Dysart Waste Transfer Station.

#### **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS**

Clr Fish – has the final costs to repair the Grader be determined? *It was advised that an amount of \$27,243 (GST exclusive) was expended to repair the transmission and associated works.*

Dysart Waste Transfer Station - advice that the operators (Ken & Janine Thorp) have given notice to terminate their service agreement and it is planned that the site will now be supervised direct by Council employees.

Clr Bisdee – have many fire abatement notices been issued? *It was advised that a number of urgent notices have been issued, but unable to confirm exact number.*

Clr Bisdee – Mentioned the issue raised during Public Question Time re: vegetation and weeds at the previous depot site in Church Street. *To be actioned.*

Clr Dudgeon – been contacted by a resident in Crichton Road regarding the council maintained section of that road has sunk badly (just before cattle grid) and request for gravel to rectify. *To be actioned.*

Advice that works will soon be commencing at the TasRail junctions with York Plains and Stonehenge Road at Andover. Will require traffic diversion which has been advertised etc.

Clr Bantick – what is the process for issuing Abatement notices? Do they result from referrals / complaints or inspections? *Advised that it was a combination of these – where*

*complaints are received, an inspection is undertaken to assess whether an Abatement Notice is warranted.*

Clr McDougall – update on dog waste issue at Kempton? *Location inspection and addressed.*

Clr Fish – Sorell Springs Road, no signals at Rail Crossing – *not directly a Council issue but should be referred to the Department of State Growth.*

Deputy Mayor Batt – question regarding management of the Waste Transfer Stations, including the Household Collection Service, and queried the cost of disposing of recyclables compared to general waste. *The General Manager advised that it costs more per tonne to dispose of co-mingled recycling than general waste per tonne. This is a discussion the community needs to have regarding how much they are prepared to pay for recycling v landfill.*

Deputy Mayor Batt – what is the Council's responsibility if a tree goes over a fence in a public roadway area? *Council generally responds to ensure safety for road users and prevention of straying stock. The Department of State Growth is notified if it is a State maintained road.*

Mayor Green– Rekuna Station Road re: correspondence from TasRail. Has any contact been made with TasRail as it relates to the Council road? *To be actioned as a matter of urgency.*

Mayor Green – North Yarlington Road – reports of corrugations etc. – maintenance required. *To be actioned.*

Mayor Green – Yarlington Road - stock crossing signs requested by the property owner where the road has been realigned. *To be actioned.*

Mayor Green - Rhyndaston Road – limbs from trees. Inspection required. *To be actioned.*

Mayor Green - Campbells Road, Tunnack – complaint received that this road needs grading. *To be investigated.*

Mayor Green – excessive rubbish on property at Scott's Road; what is Council's assessment of this property? *Advised that it has been transferred to Councils Environmental Health Officer.*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Infrastructure & Works Report be received and the information noted.

## **DECISION**

*Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Deputy Mayor E Batt*

**THAT the Infrastructure & Works Report be received and the information noted.**

## **CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

*Mr J Lyall (Manager, Infrastructure and Works) left the meeting at 12.07 p.m.*

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**13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)**

**13.1 Residential**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.1.1**

*Increase the resident, rate-paying population in the municipality.*

Nil.

DRAFT

## 13.2 Tourism

### Strategic Plan Reference 2.2.1

*Increase the number of tourists visiting and spending money in the municipality.*

#### 13.2.1 TOURISM FORUM - OATLANDS

**Author:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

**Date:** 22 NOVEMBER 2019

**Enclosures:**

1. *Destinations Southern Tasmania Presentation Slides (A Heroys)*
2. *Heritage Highway Presentation Slides (A Benson)*
3. *Southern Midlands Council Presentation Slides (A Benson)*

#### ISSUE

A Tourism Forum was scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Function Room at 68 High Street, Oatlands. The forum was facilitated by Alex Heroys CEO of Destination Southern Tasmania (DST). Both the Heritage Highway Touring Region (HHTR) and Southern Midlands Council (SMC) were asked by DST to undertake a presentation at the forum.

#### DETAIL

The Oatlands District Progress Association had contacted DST to request them to run an information forum on tourism for the benefit of the businesses in Oatlands. Approximately twenty people attended including three businesses, plus Michelle Webster, the Co-ordinator of the Heritage Hub in Oatlands, which Councillors know is a Council initiative to establish a social enterprise and shop front for local artisans, plus Cllr Dudgeon and some of her team members from the Bargain Centre. Brian and Lyn Fish were in attendance and who are probably known as tourism icons in their own right. Julia Jabour the incoming Editor of the Southern Midlands Regional News was present and asked many insightful questions. The balance of participants were Community Members.

During the forum the Oatlands District Historical Society advised that they would be establishing a 'brochure centre' for tourists as part of the entrance to the museum at 107 High Street, Oatlands.

The matter of Visitor Information Centres (VIC) arose in the early part of the forum, with some lamenting the closing of the Callington Mill Visitor Information Centre. Alex Heroys advised the forum that he had a very good understand of the resourcing and impact of VICs given his former role was as the Manager of the Hobart VIC. He said that the majority of bookings and connections are made prior to the tourist arriving in the location, given the advent of the smart phone and it's of connect ability to tourism offerings. He commented that VICs are not a necessity in small towns and villages, rather it is the tourism operators and business owners who are well versed about the local history and stories that are the powerful engagement mechanisms for a lasting and enjoyable visitor experience.

Alex Heroys presented his slides, with Andrew Benson then undertaking the presentation of slides that he had prepared for the HHTR as well as slides that he had prepared for the SMC. There was an overlap with the statistics in the various presentations. The SMC slides started with tourism related statistics, then talked about the shared responsibility and effort in providing a 'service mix' by Council and business operators in a partnership supporting of the visitor economy. The slides then covered 'How Council contributes to the Visitor Economy' where there was an attempt to raise with the audience the manner in which SMC supports the Visitor Economy by providing a high quality environment, through service provision, streetscape, public art works, maintaining historic buildings, etc. The slides then followed through 'Community Contribution to the Visitor Economy', then 'Council & Community in Partnership Contributing to the Visitor Economy'. The Council nurturing new and developing business through strong and enduring partnerships, then a 'Future Focus'. The benefits of the proposed Callington Mill Distillery coupled with the well-known vision of the owner, was a high point of the forum. That level of confidence through high quality, appropriate development will ensure amazing visitor experiences

Considerable discussion was prompted by the presentations and general discussion ensued covering such matters of operating days/hours of businesses, many times visitors arrive in Oatlands with very few businesses open, comments about the closing of the Callington Mill. Council received some 'barbs' but likewise also received accolades, such as from Brian Fish who commented about his experience working with many Council's across the State through his Bullock Team commitments and saying that Southern Midlands Council is far better to work with than many other Councils out there purporting to support their Community. Cllr Karen Dudgeon entered the discussions when the matter of caravans and mobile homes was raised, presenting some really valuable information on statistics and 'spend rates' in rural towns / villages as well as the marketing (websites) that the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) provide for their members, both up to-date and very positive about Oatlands.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note and receive the report.

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr A Bisdee OAM*

**THAT Council note and receive the report.**

## CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Cllr A Bantick	√	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr K Dudgeon	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr R McDougall	√	

### 13.3 Business

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.3.1a, 2.3.1b & 2.3.1c**

*Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands / Increase employment within the municipality / Increase Council revenue to facilitate business and development activities (social enterprise).*

Nil.

### 13.4 Industry

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.4.1 & 2.4.2**

*Retain and enhance the development of the rural sector as a key economic driver in the Southern Midlands / Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.*

Nil.

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## 14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

### 14.1 Heritage

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.1.1, 3.1.2 & 3.1.3**

*Maintenance and restoration of significant public heritage assets / Act as an advocate for heritage and provide support to heritage property owners / Investigate document, understand and promote the heritage values of the Southern Midlands.*

#### 14.1.1 HERITAGE PROJECT PROGRAM REPORT

**Author:** MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS (BRAD WILLIAMS)

**Date:** 22 NOVEMBER 2019

#### ISSUE

Report from the Manager, Heritage Projects on various Southern Midlands Heritage Projects.

#### DETAIL

During the past month, Southern Midlands Council Heritage Projects have included:

- Meeting & tour with Hunter Island press Group of Heritage buildings of Oatlands to assist with their upcoming exhibition.
- Heritage & Bullock Festival Meeting to confirm dates for next year & any changes to the exhibitors/set up areas.
- Participation in a Reconciliation Tasmania workshop held at Oatlands.
- HESC Shingle splitting course support. Provide logistics support to the participants enrolled on the course.
- Assisting the Tunnack community with identifying the site of the Tunnack General Cemetery (closed in 1949) and preliminary discussions on future initiatives for that site.
- Heritage & Bullock Festival thank you function for all organisers.
- Lindisfarne Historical Society tour of Oatlands & heritage buildings.
- Launceston Historical Society tour of Oatlands & heritage buildings.
- Coal River Valley Historical Society tour of Kempton.
- Oatlands book & tear off map preparation & meeting with graphic designer to go over new content & changes.
- Discussions with consultants on a pro-bono basis for development of youth heritage training materials as a follow-on from the School Holiday Program.
- Ratho Farm – Destination Southern Tasmania Tourism workshop – focus on what resources are needed from the State Govt to assist regions to increase & sustain visitor experiences.

- Destination Southern Tasmania workshop at Oatlands – focus on Oatlands as a heritage tourism destination & how DST, local Heritage Highway Tourism Region & local traders can work together.
- Meeting with local community members to plan a Highland Games in 2021 in Oatlands & to include a Highland gathering as part of the Heritage & Bullock Festival.
- Social Media Marketing workshop as part of the ‘digital ready’ training through Enterprise Centres Tas with local traders to boost our skills & support each other to grow our businesses. Helped with the social media content for the Heritage Hub, Heritage & Bullock Festival & Heritage Projects teams Facebook pages.
- Liaison with the National Trust in preparation for next years National Trust Heritage Festival.
- Promoting and planning the Convict Archaeology in the Southern Midlands program for January 2020 in conjunction with the University of Tasmania.
- Deborah Baldwin has been appointed as Heritage Collections, Exhibitions and Data Officer (Simon Blight’s former position) on a 0.6fte basis commencing December 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. Deborah has 18 years’ experience in collections management, archiving and exhibition development at the National Museum of Australia and National Film and Sound Archives as well as a background in materials conservation. We look forward to Deborah joining the team and will introduce her to a forthcoming council meeting.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Heritage Projects Report be received and the information noted.

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr A Bantick, seconded by Cllr A Bisdee OAM*

**THAT the Heritage Projects Report be received and the information noted.**

## CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Cllr A Bantick	√	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr K Dudgeon	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr R McDougall	√	

*Mr B Williams (Manager, Heritage Projects) left the meeting at 12.17 p.m.*

## 14.2 Natural

### Strategic Plan Reference 3.2.1 & 3.2.2

*Identify and protect areas that are of high conservation value / Encourage the adoption of best practice land care techniques.*

### 14.2.1 NRM UNIT – GENERAL REPORT

**Author:** NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2019

**ISSUE:** Southern Midlands Landcare Unit Monthly Report.

#### DETAIL

- A meeting of the Kempton Streetscape Group will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. One item to be discussed is feedback from the recent public consultation process regarding proposed changes to the forecourt area at the Kempton Memorial Hall. As part of the consultation process a draft plan of the changes, prepared by Play Street Landscape Architects, was made available on-line and at the Council offices for people to view. Once the plan is finalised a Development Application to Council for planning and building approvals will be submitted.
- Following consultation with the Oatlands School and playground equipment experts a concept plan for the Callington Park playground upgrade has been developed. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 a period of wider public consultation will commence. The concept plan and the selected playground equipment information will be on display at the Council offices in Oatlands and available on the Council website. Feedback will be considered by the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Committee as the next step.
- The Mt Pleasant Football Club has been successful in obtaining an Australian Government grant to upgrade the toilets at the recreation ground. Works will commence in early 2020.
- Maria Weeding and Helen Geard have been busy completing Federal Election Commitment grant funding requirements for the Lake Dulverton walking track, Callington Park playground and Campania Bush Reserve shared pathway.
- Maria Weeding has undertaken further work in relation to Lake Dulverton water levels and a separate report has been written for the Council meeting.
- The Drummuster cage at the Campania waste transfer station was emptied in early November 2019. Helen Geard spent time sorting paperwork so Council could seek reimbursement from Drummuster for processing costs.

## WEEDS REPORT

The Weeds Officer – Jen Milne has submitted the following report for her work to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### Site visits and roadside weed control:

- Re-inspected areas of Storey's Rd. and Black Brush Rd. after initial treatment of Patterson's Curse. None have gone to flower to date and will be monitored for secondary growth. Little seen to date in previously recorded sites (Eddington Rd, Hall Lane, Lower Marshes Rd). Have discussed control options with landowners who have known infestations.
- Started site inspections of known Patterson's Curse sites around Brighton as part of the shared service arrangement with Brighton Council.
- Woodsdale cemetery – three large Spanish heath bushes dug out from roadside opposite cemetery. Old bushes that were below the grass line so unknowingly repeatedly slashed. Discussing management of SH with cemetery caretaker. These bushes will need to be dug out over time due to well established roots.
- St John's Wort – Little Plains Rd. Very healthy roadside population growing amongst bollards (stored from Midland Hwy roadworks). Control scheduled and State Growth contacted to ensure contractor undertakes weed hygiene when removing bollards.

### Enquiries:

- Boneseed report (Dysart) and roadside weed report (capeweed).

### Communication:

- Contacted landowners on Mud Walls Rd to discuss gorse control adjacent to roadside. State Growth undertaking spot spraying in this section due to minimal gorse along roadside corridor. Majority of landowners taking the opportunity to utilise the same contractor to spray whilst undertaking State Growth works in area.
- Information developed for social media re Patterson's Curse and Brighton collaboration.
- "Report a weed" is now on the Southern Midlands website as an online form. This option was promoted in the latest council newsletter.
- Discussing control of Spanish heath on private properties in Levendale with landowners.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Landcare Unit Report be received and the information noted.

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr R McDougall, seconded by Cllr K Dudgeon*

**THAT the Landcare Unit Report be received and the information noted.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

*Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager) left the meeting at 12.18 p.m.*

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#### **14.2.2 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNIT – REVIEW OF WATER ALLOCATION FOR LAKE DULVERTON IN THE CONTEXT OF CHANGED CLIMATE CONDITIONS**

**Author:** NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING) AND GENERAL MANAGER

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2019

**Attachment:**

*Water levels analysis from July 2016 to November 2019*

#### **ISSUE**

1. To provide Council with an update in relation to the water level trends in the Fountain and Recreation Zone areas of Lake Dulverton (those areas being the sections that receive the supplementary water from the Midlands Water Scheme); and
2. Council to consider options to address the issue of declining water levels given the influence of the prevailing dry climatic conditions.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2008 extensive studies were conducted for the feasibility of the Midlands Water Scheme (MWS) by the then Tasmanian Irrigation Development Board (TIDB) - now known as Tasmania Irrigation (TI). One report assessed the possibility of using Lake Dulverton for water storage as part of the scheme development. The report analysed the lake water level under a range of scenarios by calculating the effect of rainfall and evaporation under various percentile influences. This related to water being stored in the front sections of the Lake, known as the Fountain Zone (2.2Ha) and the Recreation Zone (51 Ha). It was concluded by TIDB that the Lake would not be pursued for storage, as the best point for storage for the scheme was determined to be under the western tiers where power could be generated.

Given that the MWS was designed (at the time) to finish at Oatlands, it was considered an opportunity to source some water for the front section of Lake Dulverton to ensure that water remained in the lake as this was a key issue for the community at the time. In 2009 discussions took place with the State Government (Minister for Primary Industries and Water, The Hon D Llewellyn MHA) in regard to securing a water allocation for the Lake. Using the TIDB report, the amount of water requested for the lake was 215 ML. This was based on the calculation as a worst case scenario of rainfall falling at the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile and the evaporation rate effect being at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile. It also relied on the TIDB placing some scheme testing water into the lake initially (which did occur).

In 2011, after continued negotiations, the State Government wrote to inform Council that 215 ML would be available for Council. The amount was based on the TIDB investigations report as to water level under the 'worst case' climatic conditions. (i.e.: low rainfall, high evaporation). The desired level for the front sections of Lake Dulverton was set at an average depth of 1.5M, noting 1.7M average depth is the maximum that can be obtained before the water level would breach the bund wall and flow to the back section of the lake (189 Ha Natural Zone).

In late 2014 the Midlands Water Scheme began operation. The water for Lake Dulverton had been granted on a winter period delivery (1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> September). Limited water was placed in the lake, although a considerable volume of 'test water' for the scheme operation had been delivered to the lake.

In 2015 Council received the first full allocation of 215 ML. At the time it was particularly dry and due to the low rainfall being experienced state wide, the lakes in the central plateau were also very depleted. Fishing in many of the highland lakes became impossible as the boat ramps were high and dry. Inland Fisheries Service looked to Lake Dulverton as an alternative place to promote fishing activity. As part of their commitment to the cause, Inland Fisheries (IFS) committed to match the 215 ML allocation of water with the same volume, thus making a total of 430 ML to go into the Lake per year. IFS secured the water through negotiation with existing MWS water entitlement holders, which included some summer water going into the lake. This quantity of water was delivered for a period of 3 years.

## DETAIL

Reference is made to the attached figures, including associated graphs, which show the water levels at various intervals throughout the year. Records and photographs of the water level marker have been taken weekly, retained and used for analysis to compile the graphs. Rainfall figures have been obtained from locally sourced information as there is no official figures retained for Oatlands. The temperature figures have been sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) using the Melton Mowbray data (as the closest BOM site with similar climate to Oatlands).

Without going into detailed explanation, it can readily be seen that the supplementary supply of 215 megalites is not maintaining the Lake at its desired level. When the IFS water allocation of 215 ML was added to the Council allocation, the graph shows that the water level reached the 'full' capacity status of 1.7M for a short while on two occasions. This meant 2ML of water was being added per day over the winter take period. However, since the delivery of water to the lake has returned to the 1 ML / day status (Council water only) the lake water level has been tracking on a downward trajectory relative to the same time in the previous year period. The cumulative effect of the declining water level has not been able to be reversed under the current climate. In fact, based on the prevailing conditions for the past three years, it is estimated that an additional 196 megalitres would have been required to maintain the lake level to be the same from year to year at any one point in time.

In light of the above, there are two options:

- a) Do nothing (subject to noting the following)
  - the front section will continue to deteriorate under the current conditions, given that the natural catchment feeds the rear section (189 Ha area) of the Lake before any water could flows through to the front (i.e. due to the bund wall);

OR

- b) secure an additional water source to supplement the Lake.

This can be achieved through either:

- piping water from the Blackman River (subject to negotiating terms and conditions should the Tas Water line seek to be used in any capacity). The Lake has a water licence for 560ML of Recreation classified water with the State Government. However, to deliver the desired volume of water, it is highly likely that a new line with substantially increased capacity to the existing line would be required.
- negotiate an additional supply via the Midlands Water Scheme, which could be seeking a permanent water purchase or a negotiated seasonal water purchase. It should be noted that as at November 2019, there is 43ML of winter water remaining available for permanent transfer from Tas Irrigation at a price of \$1150/ML. There is some summer water available (permanent transfer) at a price of \$2500/ML from a private trading investor in the scheme. There may be other water available but it is not likely to be the case given the history to date. In regard to securing seasonal water, this is subject to negotiation on a case by case basis between the holder of the water allocation and the purchaser seeking the temporary transfer water for the season. Costs for temporary transfer and permanent transfer water also attract the Tas Irrigation annual fees of fixed and variable costs. In the 2019/2020 year, for water delivered to Oatlands the costs are \$46.89/ML fixed cost, plus \$62.53/ML variable costs for a total of \$109.42/ML.

Councillors will recall that as an outcome of the Council Workshop held 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at which this information was presented, it was generally agreed that in the first instance, Council would approach the State Government (as the Lake Dulverton landowner) to ascertain whether any assistance may be available through the agencies (i.e. Parks & Inland Fisheries) to secure additional water.

**Human resource & Financial Implications** – Council currently has a budget that has enabled the delivery of the full 215 ML in the winter period concluding 30 Sept 2019.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – To be considered.

**Policy Implications** – N/A

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – As the water level trends continue to diminish under the current allocation rate, the difficulty in reinstating the water from a low level increases in complexity. Unfortunately, time is somewhat critical in finding an achievable solution if the water in the lake is to be retained as a desired outcome for the benefit of the community and environment that the lake provides.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

- a) the information be received; and
- b) the matter be discussed and direction provided (noting the outcome of the Council Workshop referred to above).



**DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr A Bisdee OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor E Batt*

**THAT**

- a) the information be received;
- b) Council confirm the outcome of the Council Workshop held 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and proceed to raise this issue with the appropriate State Government Minister with the intent of determining whether any assistance may be available through the State Government agencies (e.g. Parks or Inland Fisheries); and
- c) a further update be provided to the January 2020 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Cllr A Bantick	√	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr K Dudgeon	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr R McDougall	√	

*Cllr Fish left the meeting at 12.22 p.m.*

**ENCLOSURE**  
*Agenda Item 14.2.2*

**Lake Dulverton observed water level and other data July 2016 - Nov 2019**

Date	Rain (monthly total - mm)	Temp monthly mean	Water level (M) - as measured	Week	
				Change in water level (M)	Note: negative value indicated the water level has increased.  Example. -0.03 indicates a rise of 3 centimeters / 30mm
5/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.07	0.00	
11/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.1	-0.03	
19/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.18	-0.08	
25/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.25	-0.07	
1/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.3	-0.05	
8/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.35	-0.05	
15/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.4	-0.05	
22/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.44	-0.04	
29/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.46	-0.02	
5/09/2016	117	15.7	1.5	-0.04	
12/09/2016	117	15.7	1.5	0	
19/09/2016	117	15.7	1.58	-0.08	
26/09/2016	117	15.7	1.58	0	
4/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	-0.1	
10/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	0	
17/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	0	
24/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	0	
31/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.65	0.03	
9/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.63	0.02	
14/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.65	-0.02	
21/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.63	0.02	
28/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.61	0.02	Spring 2016
6/12/2016	24.4	24	1.58	0.03	
12/12/2016	24.4	24	1.5	0.08	
19/12/2016	24.4	24	1.51	-0.01	
28/12/2016	24.4	24	1.46	0.05	
9/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.43	0.03	
16/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.39	0.04	
23/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.38	0.01	
31/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.34	0.04	
6/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.29	0.05	
14/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.26	0.03	
20/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.24	0.02	
27/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.21	0.03	Summer (M)
6/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.18	0.03	
14/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.17	0.01	
21/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.17	0	
27/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.17	0	
3/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.18	-0.01	
10/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.19	-0.01	
16/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.19	0	
24/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.2	-0.01	
1/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.24	-0.04	
8/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.27	-0.03	
16/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.3	-0.03	

22/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.34	-0.04		
29/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.36	-0.02	Autumn 2017	-0.15
5/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.4	-0.04		
12/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.43	-0.03		
19/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.45	-0.02		
27/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.49	-0.04		
3/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.51	-0.02		
10/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.54	-0.03		
17/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.58	-0.04		
24/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.63	-0.05		
31/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.67	-0.04		
8/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.67	0		
14/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.67	0		
21/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.66	0.01		
29/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.66	0	Winter 2017	-0.3
4/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.65	0.01		
11/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.64	0.01		
18/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.63	0.01		
25/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.63	0		
2/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.62	0.01		
9/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.61	0.01		
16/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.6	0.01		
23/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.56	0.04		
30/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.54	0.02		
6/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.52	0.02		
14/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.5	0.02		
20/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.46	0.04		
27/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.45	0.01	Spring 2017	0.21
5/12/2017	109.8	25.4	1.45	0		
11/12/2017	109.8	25.4	1.44	0.01		
18/12/2017	109.8	25.4	1.44	0		
2/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.37	0.07		
8/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.32	0.05		
15/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.31	0.01		
22/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.27	0.04		
29/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.21	0.06		
7/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.2	0.01		
13/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.18	0.02		
19/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.17	0.01		
26/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.16	0.01	Summer 2018	0.29
5/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.15	0.01		
14/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.12	0.03		
21/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.12	0		
26/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.12	0		
7/04/2018	14	18.1	1.12	0		
14/04/2018	14	18.1	1.12	0		
21/04/2018	14	18.1	1.13	-0.01		
28/04/2018	14	18.1	1.13	0		
1/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.15	-0.02		
7/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.15	0		

14/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.21	-0.06		
21/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.23	-0.02		
28/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.24	-0.01	Autumn 2018	-0.08
4/06/2018	26.6	11.9	1.25	-0.01		
12/06/2018	26.6	11.9	1.28	-0.03		
18/06/2018	26.6	11.9	1.32	-0.04		
25/06/2018	26.6	11.9	1.35	-0.03		
2/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.38	-0.03		
11/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.4	-0.02		
16/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.42	-0.02		
24/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.44	-0.02		
30/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.46	-0.02		
7/08/2018	43.2	12.3	1.46	0		
14/08/2018	43.2	12.3	1.47	-0.01		
20/08/2018	43.2	12.3	1.48	-0.01		
27/08/2018	43.2	12.3	1.49	-0.01	Winter 2018	-0.25
3/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
10/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
18/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
24/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
4/10/2018	17.4	14.6	1.48	0.01		
10/10/2018	17.4	14.6	1.48	0		
15/10/2018	26	18.2	1.48	0		
22/10/2018	26	18.2	1.48	0		
29/10/2018	26	18.2	1.43	0.05		
5/11/2018	58.4	19.2	1.42	0.01		
12/11/2018	58.4	19.2	1.41	0.01		
19/11/2018	58.4	19.2	1.39	0.02		
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3/12/2018	37.6	23.2	1.32	0.07		
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21/01/2019	21.5	27.4	1.12	0.02		
29/01/2019	21.5	27.4	1.06	0.06		
4/02/2019	30	23.1	1.03	0.03		
12/02/2019	30	23.1	1.03	0		
18/02/2019	30	23.1	0.99	0.04		
25/02/2019	30	23.1	0.95	0.04	Summer 2019	0.44
4/03/2019	22	22.3	0.93	0.02		
12/03/2019	22	22.3	0.89	0.04		
18/03/2019	22	22.3	0.88	0.01		
26/03/2019	22	22.3	0.87	0.01		
1/04/2019	18.5	18.5	0.86	0.01		
8/04/2019	18.5	18.5	0.88	-0.02		
15/04/2019	18.5	18.5	0.88	0		
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29/04/2019	18.5	18.5	0.9	-0.01		

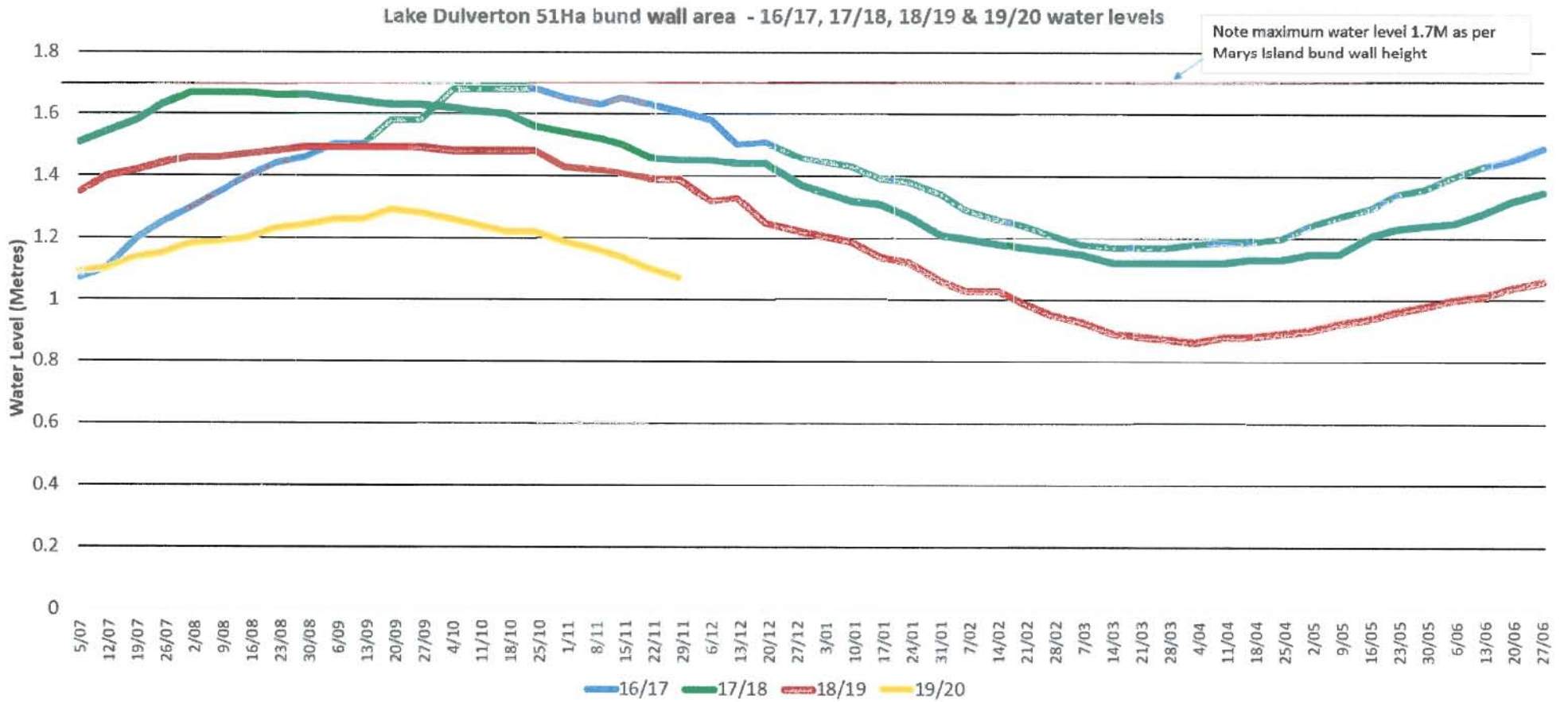
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27/05/2019	32.5	14.6	0.98	-0.02	Autumn 2019	-0.03
3/06/2019	20.6	12.5	1	-0.02		
11/06/2019	20.6	12.5	1.01	-0.01		
17/06/2019	20.6	12.5	1.04	-0.03		
24/06/2019	20.6	12.5	1.06	-0.02		
2/07/2019	34.5	12.1	1.09	-0.03		
8/07/2019	34.5	12.1	1.1	-0.01		
22/07/2019	34.5	12.1	1.14	-0.04		
29/07/2019	34.5	12.1	1.18	-0.04		
6/08/2019	41.5	12.3	1.19	-0.01		
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19/08/2019	41.5	12.3	1.23	-0.03		
26/08/2019	41.5	12.3	1.24	-0.01	Winter 2019	-0.26
9/09/2019	37	15.5	1.26	-0.02		
17/09/2019	37	15.5	1.29	-0.03		
23/09/2019	37	15.5	1.28	0.01		
5/10/2019	21.8	18.9	1.26	0.02		
8/10/2019	21.8	18.9	1.24	0.02		
14/10/2019	21.8	18.8	1.23	0.01		
21/10/2019	21.8	18.9	1.22	0.01		
28/10/2019	21.8	18.9	1.19	0.03		
5/11/2019			1.16	0.03		
11/11/2019			1.14	0.02		
18/11/2019			1.1	0.04		
	estimate to 25 Nov		1.07	0.03		
	estimate to 30 Nov		1.04	0.03	Spring 2019	0.2
				<u>-0.03</u>		

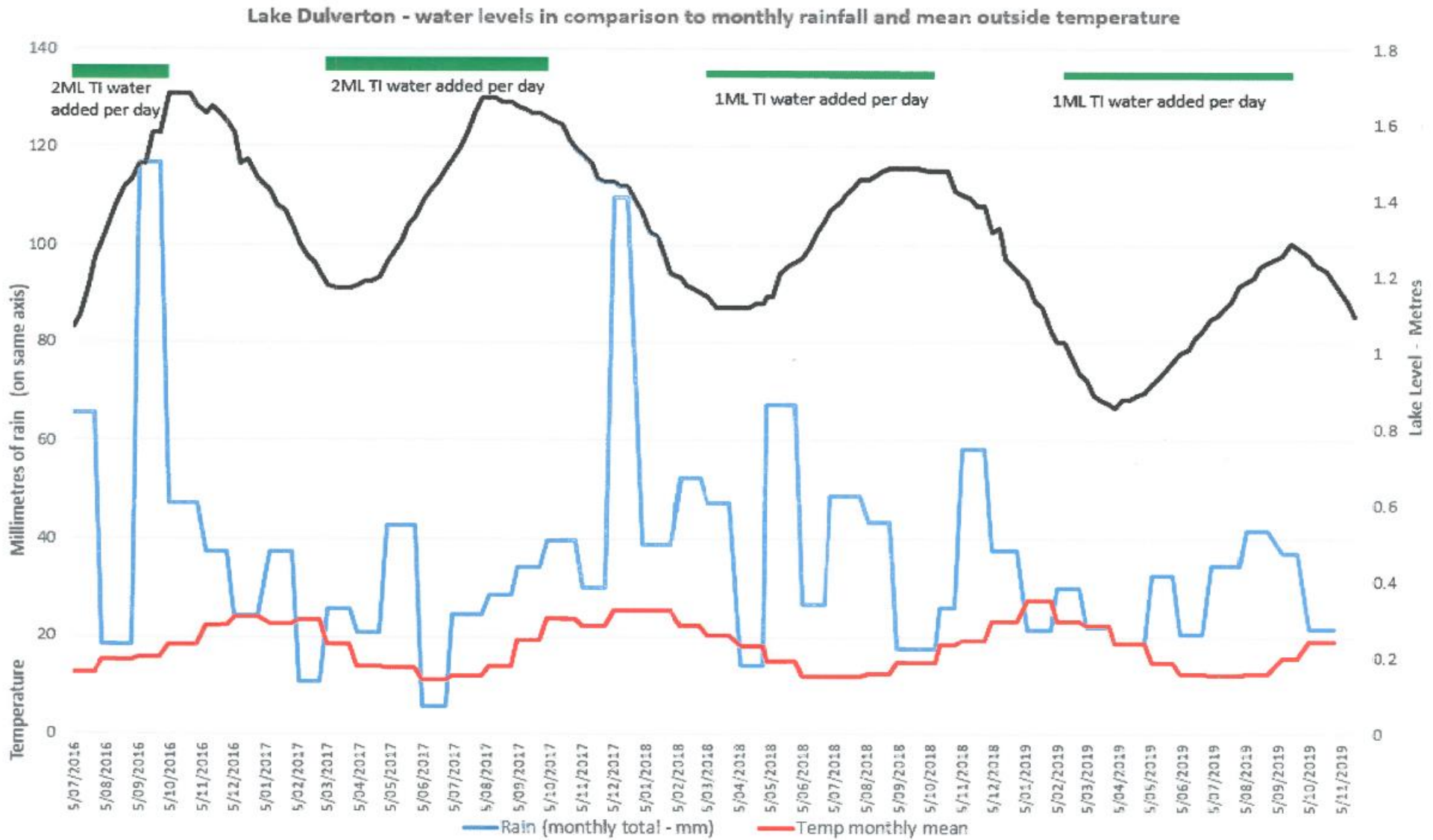


Change Recorded in Water Level by Season (M)

Dec Jan Feb period		Mar Apr May period		Jun Jul Aug period		Sept Oct Nov period	
Summer - (M)		Autumn - (M)		Winter - (M)		Spring - (M)	
16/17 yr	0.4	* 16/17 yr	-0.15	* 16/17 yr	-0.8	16/17 yr	-0.15
17/18 yr	0.29	17/18 yr	-0.08	17/18 yr	-0.25	17/18 yr	0.10
18/19 yr	0.44	18/19 yr	-0.03	18/19 yr	-0.26	18/19 yr	0.2
Average:	<u>0.38</u>	Average:	<u>-0.09</u>	Average:	<u>-0.27</u>	Average:	<u>0.05</u>
Decrease in water level by 38cm or 380mm		Increase in water level by 9cm or 90 mm		Increase in water level by 27cm or 270 mm		Decrease in water level by 5cm or 50 mm	
		* 16/17 - additional 1 ML ex Inland Fisheries supply		* 16/17 - additional 1 ML ex Inland Fisheries supply			
Water volume change (Megalitres)		Water volume change (Megalitres)		Water volume change (Megalitres)		Water volume change (Megalitres)	
Over 53 Ha area = -199.63 (decrease)		Over 53 Ha area = 45.93 (increase)		Over 53 Ha area = 143.10 (increase)		Over 53 Ha area = -26.50 decrease)	
Average water level change over last three years up to Nov 2019		-37.10 Decrease of 0.37M or 37 cm or 370mm					
Megalitres (average per year) required over the July 16 to Nov 2019 period (additional to the current 215ML allocation) to account for the incremental loss in water level would have been		-196.63 Megalitres					









### 14.3 Cultural

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.3.1**

*Ensure that the cultural diversity of the Southern Midlands is maximised.*

Nil.

### 14.4 Regulatory (Other than Planning Authority Agenda Items)

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.4.1**

*A regulatory environment that is supportive of and enables appropriate development.*

Nil.

### 14.5 Climate Change

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.5.1**

*Implement strategies to address issues of climate change in relation to its impact on Councils corporate functions and on the Community.*

Nil.

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## 15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LIFESTYLE)

### 15.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.1.1**  
*Support and improve the independence, health and wellbeing of the Community.*

Nil.

### 15.2 Youth

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.2.1**  
*Increase the retention of young people in the municipality.*

Nil.

### 15.3 Seniors

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.3.1**  
*Improve the ability of the seniors to stay in their communities.*

Nil.

### 15.4 Children and Families

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.4.1**  
*Ensure that appropriate childcare services as well as other family related services are facilitated within the Community.*

Nil.

### 15.5 Volunteers

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.5.1**  
*Encourage community members to volunteer.*

Nil.

### 15.6 Access

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.6.1a & 4.6.1b**  
*Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands Community / Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).*

Nil.

### 15.7 Public Health

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.7.1**  
*Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.*

Nil.

## 15.8 Recreation

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.8.1**

*Provide a range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the Community.*

Nil.

## 15.9 Animals

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.9.1**

*Create an environment where animals are treated with respect and do not create a nuisance for the Community.*

Nil.

## 15.10 Education

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.10.1**

*Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands.*

Nil.

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## **16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)**

### **16.1 Capacity**

**Strategic Plan Reference 5.1.1 & 5.1.2**

*Build the capacity of the community to help itself and embrace the framework and strategies articulated through social inclusion to achieve sustainability / Maintain and strengthen communities in the Southern Midlands.*

Nil.

### **16.2 Safety**

**Strategic Plan Reference 5.2.1**

*Increase the level of safety of the community and those visiting or passing through the municipality.*

Nil.

### **16.3 Consultation & Communication**

**Strategic Plan Reference 5.3.1**

*Improve the effectiveness of consultation and communication with the community.*

Nil.

**17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)**

**17.1 Improvement**

**Strategic Plan Reference(s) 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4 & 6.1.5**

*Improve the level of responsiveness to Community needs / Improve communication within Council / Improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and user friendliness of the Council asset management system / Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and use-ability of Council IT systems / Develop an overall Continuous Improvement Strategy and framework.*

Nil.

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## 17.2 Sustainability

**Strategic Plan Reference(s) 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.2.4, 6.2.5, 6.2.6, 6.2.7 & 6.2.8**

*Retain corporate and operational knowledge within Council / Provide a safe and healthy working environment / Ensure that staff and elected members have the training and skills they need to undertake their roles / Increase the cost effectiveness of Council operations through resource sharing with other organisations / Continue to manage and improve the level of statutory compliance of Council operations / Ensure that suitably qualified and sufficient staff are available to meet the Communities need / Work co-operatively with State and Regional organisations / Minimise Councils exposure to risk.*

### 17.2.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES UPDATE (STANDING ITEM – INFORMATION ONLY)

**Author:** GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2019

**Enclosure:**

*Local Government Shared Services Update – October 2019*

*Local Government Shared Services – Council Update –October 2019*

*Local Government Shared Services – Council Update –September 2019*

#### ISSUE

To inform Council of the Common Services Joint Venture activities for the month of September and October 2019.

#### BACKGROUND

There are seven existing members of the Common Services Joint Venture Agreement, with two other Council's participating as non-members.

Members: Brighton, Central Highlands, Glenorchy, Huon Valley, Sorell, Southern Midlands and Tasman.

#### DETAIL

Refer to the enclosed 'Local Government Shared Services – Council Update'.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Refer comment provided in the update.

Councillors will note that the Southern Midlands Council provided 55 hours of service to other Councils and received 23 hours of services from other Councils during October 2019. Southern Midlands Council provided 95 hours of service to other Councils and received 28 hours of services from other Councils during September 2019.

Details of services provided are included in the enclosures.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Nil

**Policy Implications** – N/A

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – Ongoing.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the information be received.

**DECISION**

*Moved by Deputy Mayor E Batt, seconded by Clr A Bisdee OAM*

**THAT the information be received.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

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**ENCLOSURE**  
*Agenda Item 17.2.1*

# LG Shared Services Update

October 2019

## Summary of Recent Shared Services Activity

495 hours of Shared Services were exchanged between Councils in October 2019, which is an increase of 5% when compared to hours exchanged in September 2019 (469 hours) and is below the three-month average of 610 hours per month.

Fig 1 - Shared Service Exchange Hours in Recent Months

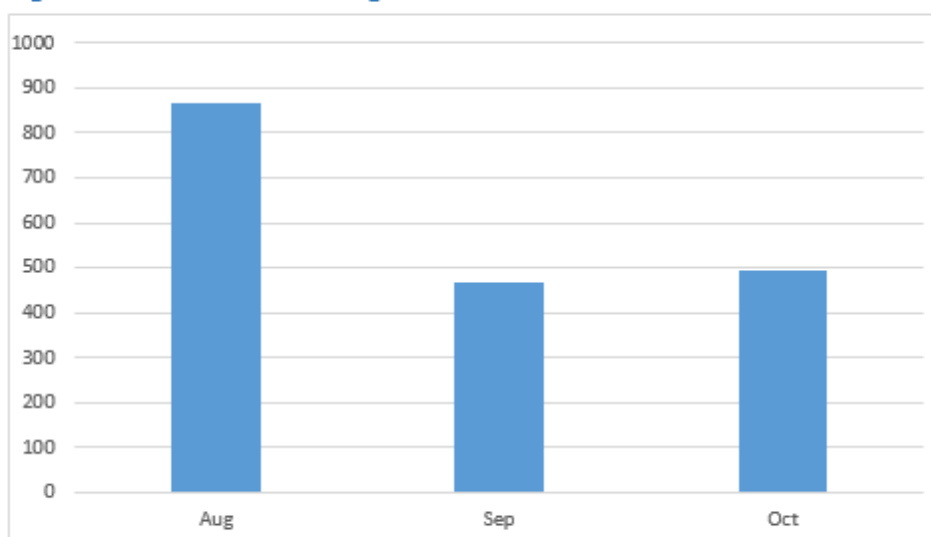


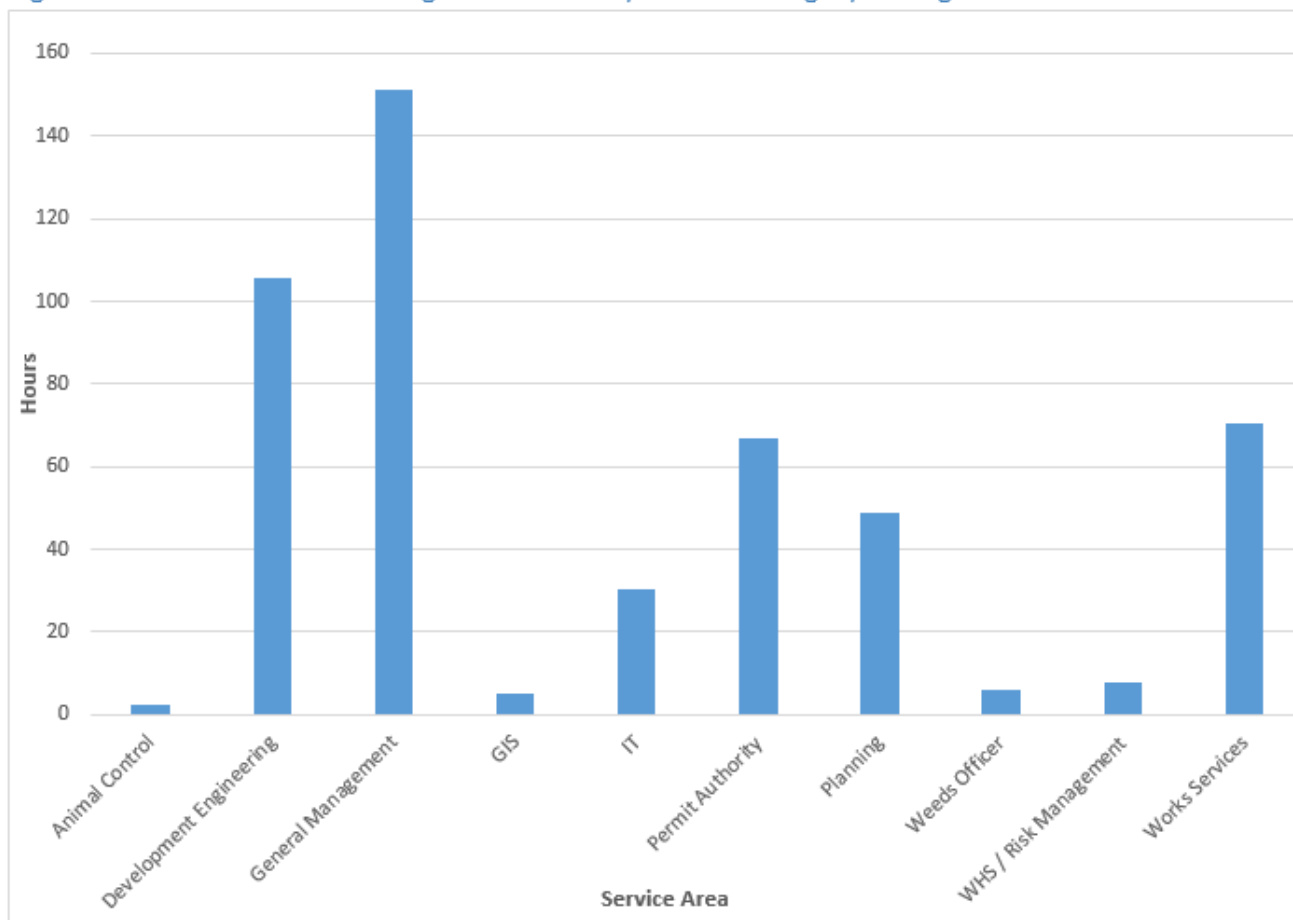
Fig 2 - Details of Current Exchange of Services by Council during October 2019

Provider Council	Client / Organisation							
	Brighton	Central Highlands	Derwent Valley	GSB	GCC	Sorell	SMC	Tasman
Brighton			30.5	69.5	27.75		21	223.75
Central Highlands	2					2	2	2
GSB								
Glenorchy								
Huon Valley								
Litchfield								
West Arnhem Regional								
Sorell				28.5				31
Southern Midlands	6	48.75						
Tasman								

\* Council/Organisation not currently a member of the Shared Services Joint Venture Agreement



Fig 3 - Details of Current Exchange of Services by Service Category during October 2019



### Savings to Local Government

A total of 495 hours of shared services were exchanged between Councils last month. Analysis of Shared Services provision has indicated that both the Provider Council and the Client Council save money through the exchange of Shared Services at an approximate ratio of 50%.

Due to this, it is estimated that the provision of shared services between Councils saved participating Councils and Local Government as a whole \$32,300 for the month of October. This was a result of increasing the utilisation of current Council Staff at Councils providing services and from Client Councils utilising Shared services from within Local Government as opposed to external consultants (on average LG Shared Services rates can be procured at significant discount to external consultant fees).

# Local Government Shared Services – Council Update

## Council

Southern Midlands

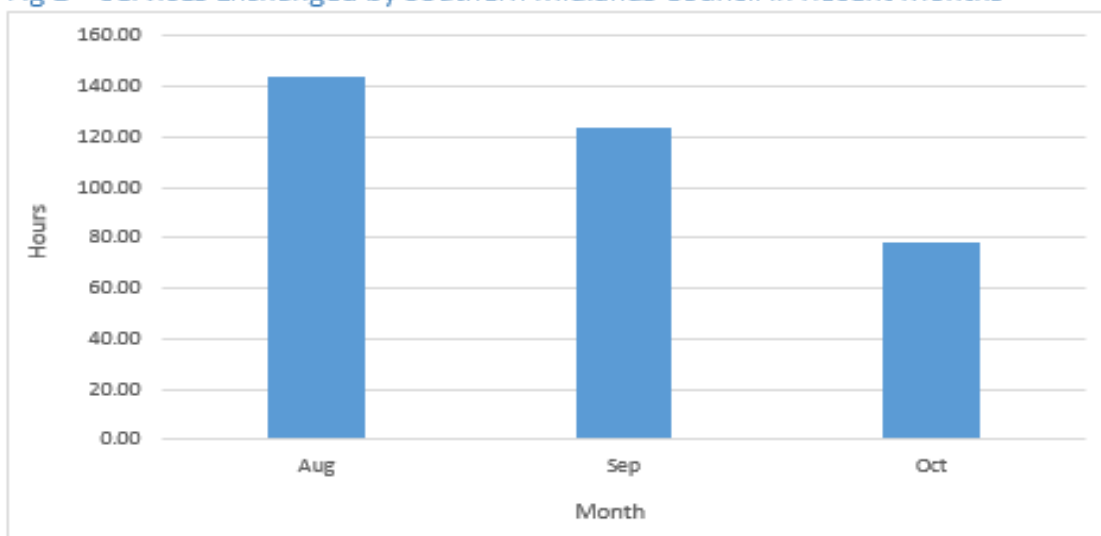
## Shared Service Participation in October 2019

78 hours

### Summary

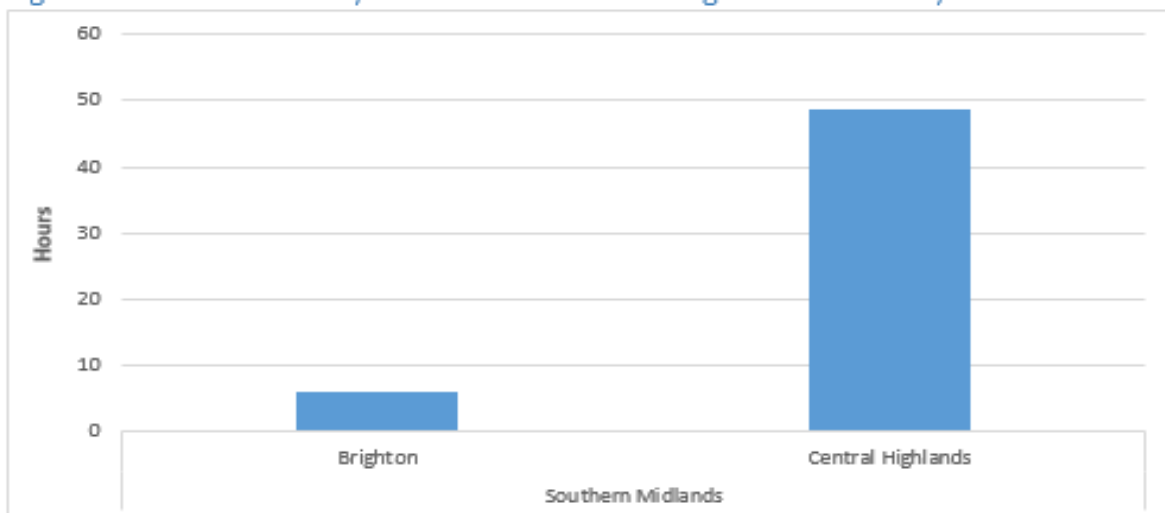
In October 2019, 78 hours of shared services were exchanged by the Southern Midlands Council. From this total, Southern Midlands provided 55 hours to other Councils and received 23 hours of services from other Councils. Total hours of exchange decreased by 37% when compared to September 2019 (124) and were below the three-month average of 115 hours per month.

Fig 1 – Services Exchanged by Southern Midlands Council in Recent Months



## Services Provided by Southern Midlands Council

Fig 2 - Services Provided by Southern Midlands during October 2019 by Council



\* Council is not currently a member of LG Shared Services

Fig 3 - Services Provided by Southern Midlands during October 2019 by Service Category

Southern Midlands	55	Summary of Services Provided
<b>Brighton</b>	6	
Weeds Officer	6	Weed Management
<b>Central Highlands</b>	49	
Planning	49	Regulatory and Strategic Planning

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### Services Received by Southern Midlands Council

Fig 4 - Services Received by Southern Midlands during October 2019 by Council

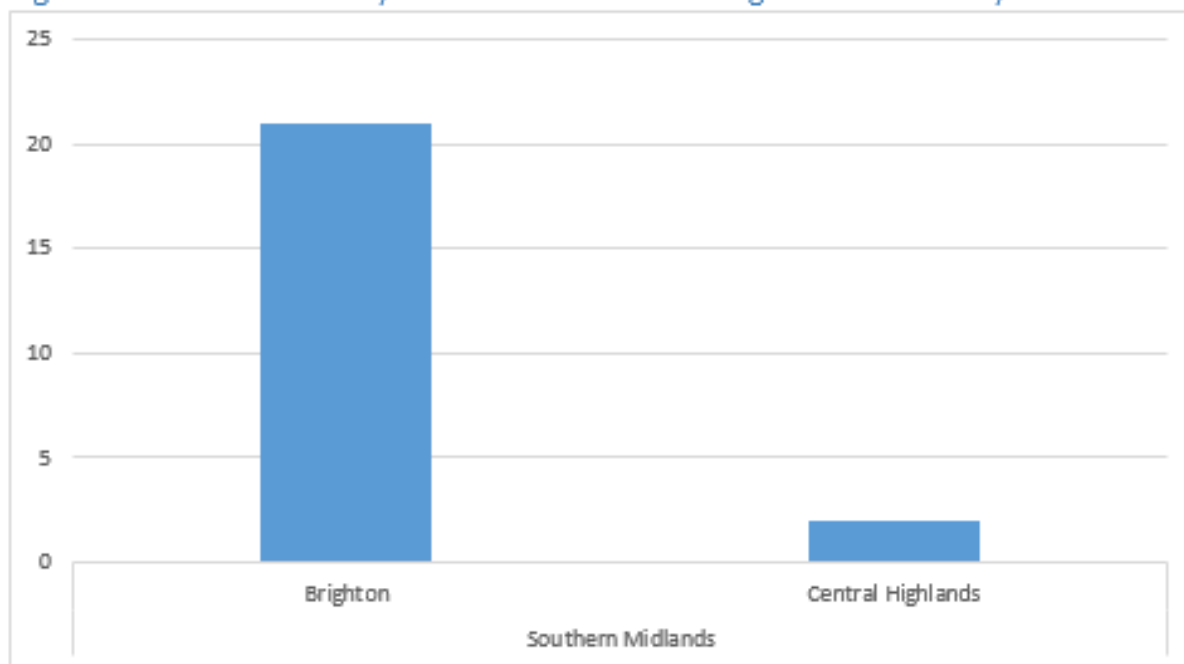


Fig 5 - Services Received by Southern Midlands during October 2019 by Service Category

Southern Midlands	23	Summary of Services Received
<b>Brighton</b>	21	
Development Engineering	5	Development Engineering
Permit Authority	14	Permit Authority - Plumbing
Animal Control	3	Dog Attack investigations and call outs
<b>Central Highlands</b>	2	
WHS / Risk Management	2	Online Contractor Inductions

## Cost Benefits Achieved by Southern Midlands and Other Councils

78 hours of Shared Services were exchanged by Southern Midlands Council last month. Analysis of Shared services provision has indicated that both the Provider Council and the Client Council save money through the exchange of Shared services at an approximate ratio of 50%.

In the month of October, it is estimated, Council have achieved a net benefit of approximately \$2,500. This was a result of increasing the utilisation of its current staff to earn additional revenue from providing services to other Councils, and from utilising Shared services from within Local Government as opposed to external consultants (on average LG Shared Services rates can be procured at significant discount to external consultant fees).

It is estimated that Southern Midlands Council's direct involvement in Shared services saved participating Councils (including Southern Midlands Council) approximately \$4,800 for the month of October.

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# Local Government Shared Services – Council Update

## Council

Southern Midlands

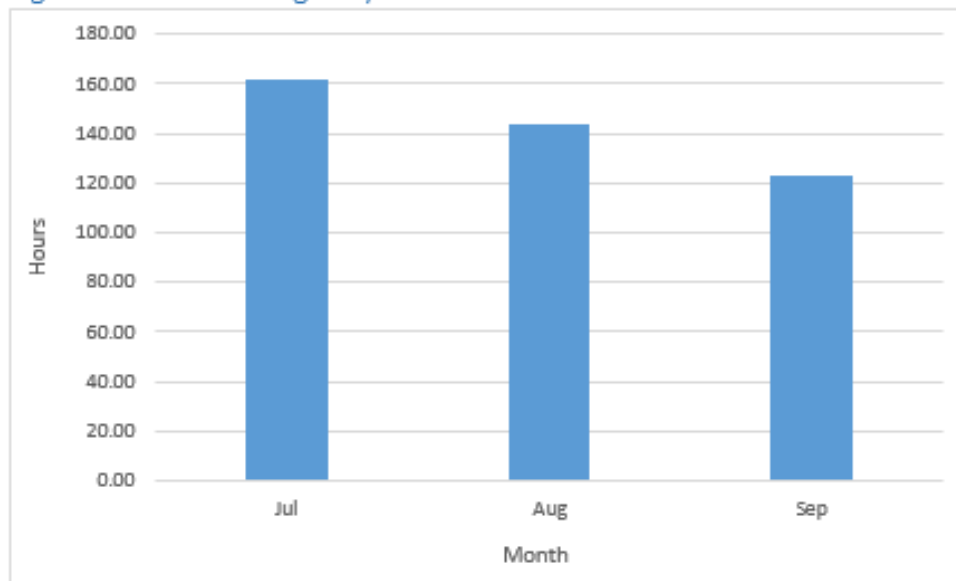
## Shared Service Participation in September 2019

123 hours

## Summary

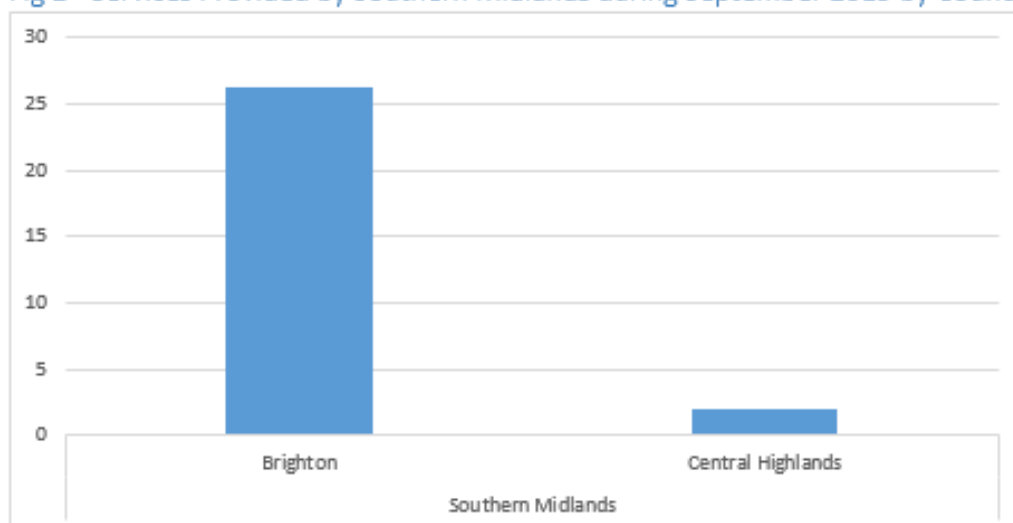
In September 2019, 123 hours of shared services were exchanged by the Southern Midlands Council. From this total, Southern Midlands provided 95 hours to other Councils and received 28 hours of services from other Councils. Total hours of exchange decreased by 14% when compared to August 2019 (144) and were below the three-month average of 143 hours per month.

Fig 1 – Services Exchanged by Southern Midlands Council in Recent Months



## Services Provided by Southern Midlands Council

Fig 2 - Services Provided by Southern Midlands during September 2019 by Council



\* Council is not currently a member of LG Shared Services

Fig 3 - Services Provided by Southern Midlands during September 2019 by Service Category

Southern Midlands	95	Summary of Services Provided
Central Highlands	52	
Planning	52	Regulatory and Strategic Planning
Derwent Valley	44	
Asset Management	2	Willow Court Subdivision
Permit Authority	42	Permit Authority - Plumbing

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### Services Received by Southern Midlands Council

Fig 4 - Services Received by Southern Midlands during September 2019 by Council

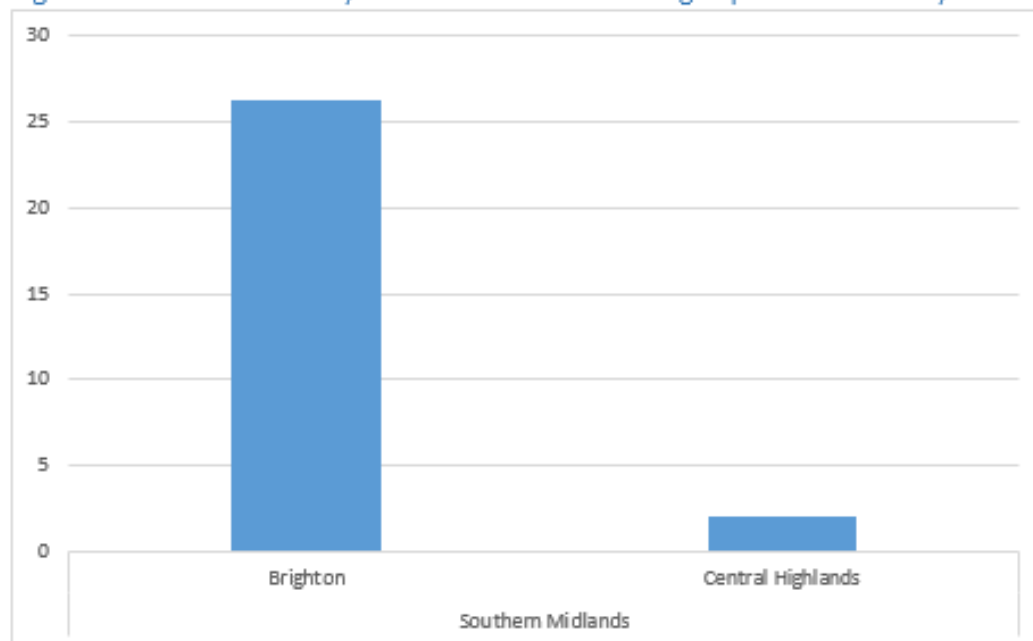


Fig 5 - Services Received by Southern Midlands during September 2019 by Service Category

Southern Midlands	28	Summary of Services Received
Brighton	26	
Development Engineering	7	Development Engineering
Permit Authority	10	Permit Authority - Plumbing
Animal Control	9	Dog Attack investigations and call outs
Central Highlands	2	
WHS / Risk Management	2	Online Contractor Inductions

## **17.2.2 PROPOSED 2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Author:** GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

**Date:** 15 NOVEMBER 2019

### **ISSUE**

Council to confirm dates and locations for ordinary Council meetings to be held throughout the Municipal area in 2020.

### **DETAIL**

In 2019, Council held meetings from January to April in various community venues throughout the municipality. These meetings included public question time where members of the public are invited to attend and discuss local issues with Council.

It should be noted that Council undertook a community consultation process following the local government elections in October 2018 to consider feedback in relation to the commencement and setting of ordinary council meeting times going forward.

The following decision is an extract from the March 2019 Council meeting minutes following community consultation.

### **DECISION**

*Moved by Clr A Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr D Fish*

### **THAT**

- a) Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each calendar month;**
- b) All Ordinary Meetings commence at 10.00 a.m. with Public Question Time scheduled for 10.30 a.m.; and**
- c) A forward meeting schedule be prepared based on this decision.**

### **CARRIED**

In 2019, meetings were held at the following community venues:

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 - Campania Hall

26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Tunbridge Hall

27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – Levendale Hall

30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - Broadmarsh Hall

The proposed 2020 meeting schedule is listed below for Council's consideration; including the meeting date, venue and commencement time.

MEETING DATE	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020	Colebrook Memorial Hall 45 Richmond Street COLEBROOK	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
<del>Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020</del> Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Tunbridge Hall 99 Main Road TUNBRIDGE	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Tunnack Hall 2147 Tunnack Main Road TUNNACK	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Bagdad Community Club 1661 Midland Highway BAGDAD	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Municipal Office 85 Main Street KEMPTON	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Municipal Office 71 High Street OATLANDS	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	Municipal Office 85 Main Street KEMPTON	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Municipal Office 71 High Street OATLANDS	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	Municipal Office 85 Main Street KEMPTON	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Municipal Office 71 High Street OATLANDS	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Municipal Office 85 Main Street KEMPTON	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Municipal Office 71 High Street OATLANDS	2.00 p.m. <i>Public Question Time</i> 2.30 p.m.
<i>Annual General Meeting</i> Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Municipal Office 71 High Street OATLANDS	5.00 p.m.



## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the 2020 Council meeting schedule.

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT Council endorse the 2020 Council meeting schedule (as amended).**

## CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

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**17.2.3    TABLING OF DOCUMENTS**

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#### 17.2.4 ELECTED MEMBER STATEMENTS

An opportunity was provided for elected members to brief fellow Councillors on issues not requiring a decision.

##### Mayor A Green

- Advice that Council's Australia Day Award nominations close on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 if anyone has any potential nominees to consider.
- Informed the meeting that the Federal Government has changed the guidelines for Round 4 of the Building Better Regions Fund. Eligibility will be restricted to areas that have been declared as drought affected.

##### Clr K Dudgeon

- Advice that the Mt Pleasant Football Club were successful with grant funding under the Stronger Communities Fund for \$20,000 for toilet upgrades at the recreation ground (through Brian Mitchell MP).

#### DECISION

*Moved by Clr A Bantick, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT the information be received.**

#### CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

## 17.3 Finances

### Strategic Plan Reference(s) 6.3.1, 6.3.2 & 6.3.3

*Community's finances will be managed responsibly to enhance the wellbeing of residents / Council will maintain community wealth to ensure that the wealth enjoyed by today's generation may also be enjoyed by tomorrow's generation / Council's financial position will be robust enough to recover from unanticipated events, and absorb the volatility inherent in revenues and expenses.*

### 17.3.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2019)

**Author:** FINANCE OFFICER (COURTNEY PENNICOTT)

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2019

#### ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

#### BACKGROUND

The format of the Operating Expenditure Report has been amended to include a Year To Date (YTD) Budget Column, with variations (and percentage) based on YTD Budgets – as opposed to total annual Budget.

Note: Depreciation is calculated on an annual basis at the end of the financial year and therefore the budget for depreciation is included in the June period.

#### DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2019 to 31 October 2019.
- Operating Expenditure Budget Report – as at 31 October 2019.
- Capital Expenditure Estimates – as at 31 October 2019.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2019 to 31 October 2019.
- Rates & Charges – as at 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

#### OPERATING EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall, operating expenditure to end of October 2019 was \$2,488,808, which represents 86.79% of YTD Budget.

Whilst there are some variations within the individual Program Budgets (refer following comments), YTD expenditure is consistent with Budget.

#### ***Strategic Theme - Infrastructure***

Nil.

#### ***Strategic Theme – Growth***

Nil.

### **Strategic Theme – Landscapes**

Nil.

### **Strategic Theme – Lifestyle**

**Sub-Program – Youth & Community** – expenditure to date (\$109,037 – 121.46%). The excess expenditure (compared to budget) mainly relates to salaries and wages. It is expected that this will be corrected in the remaining part of the financial year as there is an overall reduction in the Budget to allow for time allocated to individual capital works projects. Salary costs will be allocated to the capital works project as these projects are progressed.

### **Strategic Theme –Community**

**Sub-Program – Capacity** – expenditure to date (\$29,806 – 143.24%). Expenditure relates to costs associated with the Heritage Bullock Festival, Arts Committee Events and donations provided for sporting representations.

### **Strategic Theme –Organisation**

Nil.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

## **DECISION**

*Moved by Clr K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr A Bisdee OAM*

**THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.**

## **CARRIED**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
FOR THE PERIOD				
1st JULY 2019 to 31st October 2019				
	Annual Budget	Year to Date as at 31st October	%	Comments
<b>Income</b>				
General rates	\$ 5,724,701	\$ 5,643,694	98.6%	Budget includes Interest & Penalties to be imposed to end of June 2020
User Fees (refer Note 1)	\$ 694,036	\$ 256,238	36.9%	
Interest	\$ 180,000	\$ 62,017	34.5%	
Government Subsidies	\$ 19,250	\$ 11,655	60.5%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees & Road Rescue MAIB reimbursements
Contract Income	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%	
Other (refer Note 2)	\$ 162,000	\$ 59,547	36.8%	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,779,987</b>	<b>\$ 6,033,151</b>	<b>89.0%</b>	
Grants - Operating	\$ 3,470,832	\$ 435,611	12.6%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,250,819</b>	<b>\$ 6,468,761</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee benefits	\$ (3,905,753)	\$ (1,191,552)	30.5%	Less Roads - Resheeting Capitalised
Materials and contracts	\$ (3,063,277)	\$ (1,176,481)	38.4%	Less Roads - Resheeting Capitalised, Includes Land Tax
Depreciation and amortisation	\$ (3,061,160)	\$ (1,010,183)	33.0%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	\$ (27,088)	\$ (4,149)	15.3%	
Contributions	\$ (233,907)	\$ (58,477)	25.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	\$ (133,944)	\$ (58,149)	43.4%	Incls Rate Discounts
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ (10,425,129)</b>	<b>\$ (3,498,991)</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	
<b>Surplus (deficit) from operations</b>	<b>\$ (174,310)</b>	<b>\$ 2,969,770</b>	<b>-1703.7%</b>	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	\$ 4,526,481	\$ 0	0.0%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	\$ 0	\$ 226,433	0.0%	
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	\$ (108,182)	\$ 0	0.0%	
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 4,243,989</b>	<b>\$ 3,196,203</b>	<b>75.3%</b>	

NOTES				
<b>1. Income - User Fees (Budget \$730,602) includes:</b>				
- All other Programs	\$ 471,579	\$ 152,106	32.3%	Actual Income Received (i.e. excluding Debtors)
- Private Works	\$ 222,457	\$ 102,210	45.9%	
- Callington Mill	\$ -	\$ 1,922	0.0%	
	\$ 694,036	\$ 256,238		
<b>2. Income - Other (Budget \$162,000) includes:</b>				
- Tas Water Distributions	\$ 152,000	\$ -	0.00%	
- HBS Dividend	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.0%	
- Other	\$ -	\$ 59,547	0.0%	
	\$ 162,000	\$ 59,547	36.8%	
<b>3. Grant - Capital (Budget \$1,669,375) includes:</b>				
- Aus Gov Election Commit'	\$ 1,930,000	\$ -	0.0%	
- Swimming Pool	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -	0.0%	
- Roads To Recovery Grant	\$ 665,531	\$ -	0.0%	To be received March 2020
- Twin Equestrian Arenas	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	
- Commissariat NSRF Grant	\$ 30,950	\$ -	0.0%	
	\$ 4,526,481	\$ -	0.0%	
<b>4. Grant - Operating (Budget \$1,669,375) includes:</b>				
Operating Grants				
- FAGS		\$ 435,461		
- Court House		\$ 150		
	\$ -	\$ 435,611		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2019-20

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019

INFRASTRUCTURE			BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
<b>ROAD ASSETS</b>						
Resheeting Program	Various	Roads Resheeting	\$ 500,000	\$ 43,937	\$ 456,063	
Reseal Program		Roads Resealing (as per agreed program)	\$ 280,000	\$ -	\$ 280,000	
	C1020033	Yarlington Road (Smarts Hill - 150 metres)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$15K Budget c/fwd
Reconstruct & Seal		Green Valley Road, Bagdad (300metres off Swan Street)	\$ 54,000	\$ -	\$ 54,000	
		Shene Road, Mangalore (650metres)	\$ 97,500	\$ 44,698	\$ 52,802	
		Woodsdale Road (1km Reconstruction)	\$ 165,000	\$ 164,225	\$ 775	
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)		Huntington Tier (300 metres new seal)	\$ 63,000	\$ -	\$ 63,000	
		Roberts Road (350m new seal incl. stormwater)	\$ 59,000	\$ -	\$ 59,000	
		Main Intersection/Carpark Campania - Design Concept	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	
		Eldon Road (800 metres new seal)	\$ 154,000	\$ -	\$ 154,000	RTR
		Banticks Road (1km new seal from Junction with Blackbrush)	\$ 27,500	\$ -	\$ 27,500	
		Blackbrush Road (1km new seal from existing to Banticks)	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ 210,000	RTR
Minor Seals (New)		Dust Suppressant Seal	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		Junctions - Various Locations (incl. Greggs Road)	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
	C1020032	Hasting Street Junction	\$ 15,000	\$ 959	\$ 14,041	\$15K Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/19 \$959
Unsealed Rds - Road Widening	C1020065	Clifton Vale Road - (Cliff Section)	\$ 20,128	\$ 17,410	\$ 2,717	
	C1020061	Native Corners Road (Far end, Widening/Guard Rail)	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,277	\$ 5,723	\$9K Budget c/fwd
Junction / Road Realignment / Other	C1010037	Campania - Reeve St / Clime Street (includes Footpath)	\$ 70,000	\$ 9,504	\$ 60,496	\$70K Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/19 \$2,617
		Water Lane (Minor Widening/drainage - V drain)	\$ 23,500	\$ -	\$ 23,500	
Drainage Component - \$42,900	C1010079	Reeve St - Hall Street to Rec Ground (K&G)	\$ 94,915	\$ 1,277	\$ 93,638	\$20k Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/19 \$6,887
		Lovely Banks Road (vicinity of Carnes)	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,621	\$ 23,379	Extend Culverts/ tree removal / realign
		Rhyndaston Road - Guard Rail	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		Stonor Road - Guard Rail	\$ 30,000	\$ 8,017	\$ 21,983	
		Woodsdale Road (Vicinity of Dean Property)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	C1010088	Bagdad Primary School - Car Park (contribution)	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,033	\$ 16,967	\$25k Budget c/fwd WIP 30/06/19 \$6,036
			<b>\$ 2,062,543</b>	<b>\$ 302,957</b>	<b>\$ 1,759,585</b>	



<b>BRIDGE ASSETS</b>	C1030058	Hardings Road (White Kangaroo Rivulet- B1096)	\$ 180,400	\$ 742	\$ 179,658	RTR
	C1030059	Woodsdale Road (Nutting Garden Rivulet- B3968))	\$ 210,390	\$ 1,556	\$ 208,834	RTR
			<b>\$ 390,790</b>	<b>\$ 2,298</b>	<b>\$ 388,492</b>	
<b>WALKWAYS</b>	C1040003	Footpaths - General Streetscapes Bagdad Township	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
	C1040014	- East Bagdad Road Broadmarsh Township	\$ 105,000	\$ 3,486	\$ 101,514	WIP 30/6/19
		- Streetscape Works Campania Township	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 230,000	Funds \$230k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
		- Review Management Plan (Site Plan) / Walking Tracks (Bush)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$5K Budget c/fwd
		- Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	
		- Climie Street/Water Lane (incl. footpath)				
		- Climie Street to Kandara Court Footpath Kempton Township				
		- Midlands Highway/Mood Food	\$ 70,150	\$ -	\$ 70,150	
	C1040027	- Memorial Avenue (complete drainage/other site works)	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,177	\$ 19,823	
		- Streetscape Plan (Review & Implementation)	\$ 110,000	\$ 12,351	\$ 97,649	Footpath renewal Component - Funds \$75k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
		Melton Mowbray Township				
	G2020002	- Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,318	\$ 24,682	
		Oatlands Township				
	C1040016	- High Street (Footpath Renewal)	\$ 33,000	\$ 1,252	\$ 31,748	
	C1040026	- Church Street (Footpath Renewal)	\$ 17,000	\$ 16,714	\$ 286	
	Tunbridge Township					
	- Maint Street Kerb & Gutter (Vicinity of Hall)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000		
	Tunnack Township					
	- Streetscape concept Plan	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000		
		<b>\$ 710,150</b>	<b>\$ 44,298</b>	<b>\$ 665,852</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2019-20**

**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

			BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
<b>LIGHTING</b>	C1050001	Esplanade Project (Total Project Cost \$128k year 1-2)	\$ 134,000	\$ 21,327	\$ 112,673	\$64k Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/19 \$21,251 - Funds \$250k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
			<b>\$ 134,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,327</b>	<b>\$ 112,673</b>	
<b>BUILDINGS</b>	C1110002	Campania Flour Mill Park - Concrete Pathways/drainage/remove p	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		Tunbridge Hall Toilets	\$ 77,500	\$ 84,864	\$ (7,364)	WIP 30/6/19 \$18,288 - Budget incl. Grants
			<b>\$ 92,500</b>	<b>\$ 84,864</b>	<b>\$ 7,636</b>	

<b>DRAINAGE</b>		Bagdad				
		- Lyndon Road	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$15K Budget c/fwd
		- Midland Highway/Swan Street Drainage	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,396	\$ 46,604	
		Campania				
		- Estate Road (School Farm)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		Oatlands				
		- Barrack Street (towards Mason Street)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$10K Budget c/fwd
		- High St/Wellington Street Junction	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$5K Budget c/fwd
		- Queen Anne Street	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$7.5K Budget c/fwd
		Kempton				
		- Erskine Street		\$ 4,668	\$ (4,668)	WIP 30/6/19
			<b>\$ 97,500</b>	<b>\$ 8,064</b>	<b>\$ 89,436</b>	
<b>WASTE</b>	C110001	Wheelie Bins and Crates	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
		Oatlands WTS - Concrete Pad(s)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$25K Budget c/fwd
		Dysart WTS - General Improvements	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$20K Budget c/fwd
			<b>\$ 53,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 53,000</b>	
<b>GROWTH</b>						
<b>HERITAGE</b>	C3010003	Callington Mill (Asset Renewals)	\$ 10,000	\$ 19,526	\$ (9,526)	
		Callington Mill (Mill Tower - Fire Detection System & Exit Lighting)	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ 6,500	Budget c/fwd
		Oatlands Court House (Stabilisation & Gaol Cell)	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$8K Budget c/fwd
		Oatlands Gaol - Wingwall Completion	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,938	\$ 11,062	\$15K Budget c/fwd
		Oatlands Gaol - Aluminum Temporary Steps (Entrance)	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$3.5K Budget c/fwd
		Kempton Watch House (Fitout)	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$7.5K Budget c/fwd
		Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval	\$ 40,000	\$ 6,945	\$ 33,056	WIP 30/6/19 \$3,845 - Budget c/fwd
	C3010011	Roche Hall - Internal & External Painting (excl. Gutters; Fascias &	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$15K Budget c/fwd
			<b>\$ 167,000</b>	<b>\$ 30,409</b>	<b>\$ 136,591</b>	
<b>NATURAL</b>		Campania Bush Reserve (Walking/Riding Path)	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	Funds \$100k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
	C3020007	Chauncy Vale - Sanctuary Bridge	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000	Funds \$55k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
	C3020008	Mahers Point - Lanscape Plan	\$ 22,404	\$ -	\$ 22,404	Budget c/fwd
	C1040019	Lake Dulverton Walkway (Section 1)	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ 135,000	Funds \$135k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
	C1040028	Lake Dulverton Walkway (Section 2)	\$ 85,000	\$ -	\$ 85,000	Funds \$85k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
			<b>\$ 397,404</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 397,404</b>	
<b>CULTURAL</b>		Heritage HUB - Internal fitout	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
			<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	

<b>REGULATORY</b>	C3040001	Kempton Council Chambers - Restoration Works	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	C9990001	Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
			<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	
<b>LIFESTYLE</b>			<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>						
	C4070035	Oatlands Bus Shelter	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ 14,000	
			<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	
<b>LIFESTYLE</b>						
<b>ACCESS</b>						
	C4070035	All Buildings (Priority Approach - Year 4 of 5)	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	
			<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>						
	C4070035	Kempton Community Health Facility	\$ 225,000	\$ 1,915	\$ 223,085	\$200K Budget c/fwd WIP 30/6/19 \$445
			<b>\$ 225,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,915</b>	<b>\$ 223,085</b>	
<b>RECREATION</b>						
	C4070005	Recreation Committee	\$ 20,000	\$ 3,364	\$ 16,636	Campania Rec Ground Window
		Oatlands Aquatic Centre (New Pool)	\$ 2,400,000	\$ -	\$ 2,400,000	Funds \$500k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
	C4070034	Oatlands Aquatic Centre (New Pool)		\$ 471,768	\$ (471,768)	WIP 30/6/19 \$395,896
	C4070034	Oatlands Aquatic Centre (New Pool)		\$ 379,803	\$ (379,803)	WIP 30/6/18 \$379,803
		Campania - Public Open Space dev (Subdivision)	\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000	
		Campania - Public Open Space dev (Shelter Alexander Circle)	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,400	\$ 1,600	
		Campania - Public Open Space dev (Play Equip Alexander Circle)	\$ 16,000		\$ 16,000	
	G4070024	Mangalore Equestrian Arena	\$ 51,784	\$ 20,749	\$ 31,035	Grant of \$36,784 plus additional budget \$15k
		Mangalore Hall (replace Gutters and Roofing)	\$ 18,000		\$ 18,000	
		Oatlands - Callington Park (Playground Election Commitment)	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	Incls. Revegetation and Watering System - Funds \$500k subject to finalising Grant Deeds (Federal Gov.)
		Campania - Recreation Ground (Nets)	\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000	\$45K Budget c/fwd
	C4070019	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Granstand Rails & Seating)	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000	\$6K Budget c/fwd
		Kempton - Recreation Ground (Lighting)	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$10K Budget c/fwd
		Kempton - Recreation Ground (Roof Structure - Entry to Clubroc	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
		Mount Pleasant - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Toilets)	\$ 38,000		\$ 38,000	\$13K Budget c/fwd
		Runnymede - Recreation Ground (resurfacing & watering system	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	
		Tunbridge Park - Perimeter Fence (Safety)	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	\$7.5K Budget c/fwd
			<b>\$ 3,202,784</b>	<b>\$ 884,084</b>	<b>\$ 2,318,700</b>	

<b>ANIMALS</b>		Oatlands - Dog Pound	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
			<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	
<b>CAPACITY</b>						
	C5020001	Levendale Community Centre	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$8K Budget c/fwd
		Oatlands Structure Plan	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
			<b>\$ 33,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 33,000</b>	
<b>SAFETY</b>						
		Road Accident Rescue Unit	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
			<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	
<b>ORGANISATION</b>						
<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>		Council Chambers - Internal Toilets Upgrade	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	
		Council Chambers - Damp Issues & Stonemasonry	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$15K Budget c/fwd
		Council Chambers - Works Office (floor coverings)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$5K Budget c/fwd
	C9990001	Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)	\$ 5,540	\$ 375	\$ 5,166	
	C6020003	Computer System (Hardware / Software)	\$ 55,400	\$ 36,795	\$ 18,605	\$15K Budget c/fwd
			<b>\$ 140,940</b>	<b>\$ 37,170</b>	<b>\$ 103,770</b>	
<b>WORKS</b>						
	C6020011	Kempton Depot - Property Purchase (Year 1 Budget of \$180K)	\$ 50,000	\$ 178,497	\$ (128,497)	Total Project Cost - to be funded over 4 yrs (Yr 1 - \$50K)
	C6020011	Kempton Depot - External Painting	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$10K Budget c/fwd
	C6020001	Depot Relocation (Site / Concept Plans/ Amneities/ Redords Storz	\$ 200,000	\$ 64,657	\$ 135,343	
		Minor Plant Purchases	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ 9,500	
	C6020008	Radio System	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
		<b>Plant Replacement Program</b>				
		Refer separate Schedule (Gross)	\$ 935,000	\$ 114,215	\$ 820,785	
		Light Vehicles (Gross)	\$ 210,000	\$ 113,543	\$ 96,457	
		(Trade Allowance - \$180K)				
			<b>\$ 1,417,500</b>	<b>\$ 470,912</b>	<b>\$ 946,588</b>	
		<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 9,221,111</b>	<b>\$ 1,888,300</b>	<b>\$ 7,332,811</b>	

	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (July 2019)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (August 2019)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (September 2019)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (October 2019)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Year to Date)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
<b>Payments</b>					
Employee costs	- 259,732.34	- 280,026.23	- 290,033.86	- 374,698.08	- 1,204,490.51
Materials and contracts	- 489,960.05	- 252,409.90	- 176,421.49	- 359,780.69	- 1,278,572.13
Interest	- 4,148.51	-	-	-	- 4,148.51
Other	- 29,966.89	- 69,054.75	- 52,617.77	- 80,824.91	- 232,464.32
	<b>- 783,807.79</b>	<b>- 601,490.88</b>	<b>- 519,073.12</b>	<b>- 815,303.68</b>	<b>- 2,719,675.47</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Rates	98,749.91	1,287,791.14	1,399,266.96	201,106.06	2,986,914.07
User charges	65,479.66	44,553.00	127,713.29	47,010.97	284,756.92
Interest received	18,471.63	6,408.06	16,386.98	20,750.03	62,016.70
Subsidies		-	11,655.00	-	11,655.00
Other revenue grants	150.00	435,460.50	-	-	435,610.50
GST Refunds from ATO		-	-	-	-
Other	34,923.65	94,315.16	66.01	- 17,193.20	112,111.62
	<b>217,774.85</b>	<b>1,868,527.86</b>	<b>1,555,088.24</b>	<b>251,673.86</b>	<b>3,893,064.81</b>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>- 566,032.94</b>	<b>1,267,036.98</b>	<b>1,036,015.12</b>	<b>- 563,629.82</b>	<b>1,173,389.34</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Payments for property, plant & equipment	- 66,086.49	- 82,224.34	- 450,270.92	- 360,407.41	- 958,989.16
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	30,840.90	15,054.55	147,996.46	32,540.91	226,432.82
Proceeds from Capital grants	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Payment for Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>- 35,245.59</b>	<b>- 67,169.79</b>	<b>- 302,274.46</b>	<b>- 327,866.50</b>	<b>- 732,556.34</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>					
Repayment of borrowings	- 7,060.07	-	-	-	- 7,060.07
Proceeds from borrowings					-
<b>Net cash from (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>- 7,060.07</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 7,060.07</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>- 608,338.60</b>	<b>1,199,867.19</b>	<b>733,740.66</b>	<b>- 891,496.32</b>	<b>433,772.93</b>
Cash at beginning of reporting year	12,368,944.95	11,760,606.35	12,960,473.54	13,694,214.20	12,368,944.95
<b>Cash at end of reporting</b>	<b>11,760,606.35</b>	<b>12,960,473.54</b>	<b>13,694,214.20</b>	<b>12,802,717.88</b>	<b>12,802,717.88</b>

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2019/20

SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	YTD ACTUAL (as at 31 October 19)	YTD BUDGET (as at 31 October 19)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD VARIANCE %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - REVISED INC. GRANTS & OTHER
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Roads	491,750	451,246	40,504	108.98%	3,205,738
Bridges	6,593	13,999	7,406	47.10%	383,498
Walkways	66,582	68,310	1,729	97.47%	214,930
Lighting	22,406	28,588	6,182	78.38%	85,764
Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-
Drainage	5,602	11,357	5,755	49.33%	78,072
Waste	253,032	295,850	42,818	85.53%	901,549
Public Toilets	24,458	25,661	1,203	95.31%	66,982
Communications	-	-	-	-	-
Signage	1,641	2,740	1,099	59.88%	7,020
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>872,064</b>	<b>897,751</b>	<b>25,687</b>	<b>97.14%</b>	<b>4,943,553</b>
<b>GROWTH</b>					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	31,425	33,460	2,035	93.92%	62,380
Business	82,181	87,666	5,485	93.74%	971,998
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-
<b>GROWTH TOTAL:</b>	<b>113,606</b>	<b>121,126</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>93.79%</b>	<b>1,034,378</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE \$</b>					
Heritage	92,958	115,236	22,278	80.67%	335,907
Natural	58,819	57,001	1,818	103.19%	188,629
Cultural	1,683	13,476	11,793	12.49%	40,427
Regulatory	223,559	282,195	58,636	79.22%	846,586
Climate Change	-	-	-	-	-
<b>LANDSCAPE \$ TOTAL:</b>	<b>377,019</b>	<b>467,908</b>	<b>90,889</b>	<b>80.58%</b>	<b>1,411,549</b>
<b>LIFESTYLE</b>					
Youth	109,037	89,773	19,264	121.46%	264,320
Age d	1,011	1,500	489	67.42%	1,500
Childcare	4,000	5,500	1,500	72.73%	6,500
Volunteers	3,209	18,333	15,124	17.50%	40,000
Access	-	-	-	-	-
Public Health	491	3,396	2,905	14.44%	10,189
Recreation	98,171	139,923	41,752	70.16%	482,022
Animals	28,460	36,712	8,252	77.52%	110,137
Education	-	-	-	-	-
<b>LIFESTYLE TOTAL:</b>	<b>244,379</b>	<b>295,137</b>	<b>50,758</b>	<b>82.80%</b>	<b>894,668</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
Retention	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity	29,806	20,808	8,998	143.24%	41,925
Safety	12,276	16,067	3,791	76.40%	51,200
Consultation	3,136	7,600	4,464	41.26%	21,300
<b>COMMUNITY TOTAL:</b>	<b>45,218</b>	<b>44,475</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>101.67%</b>	<b>114,425</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>					
Improvement	32,598	38,039	5,441	85.70%	114,116
Sustainability	704,630	907,511	202,881	77.64%	2,370,532
Finance	99,295	95,689	3,606	103.77%	306,907
<b>ORGANISATION TOTAL:</b>	<b>836,523</b>	<b>1,041,239</b>	<b>204,716</b>	<b>80.34%</b>	<b>2,791,555</b>
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>2,488,808</b>	<b>2,867,636</b>	<b>378,828</b>	<b>86.79%</b>	<b>11,190,128</b>



<b>SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL</b>				
<b>SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED, REMITTED AND COLLECTED</b>				
	This Financial Year 13th November 2019		Last Financial Year 13th November 2018	
Arrears brought forward as at July 1		\$ 429,240.71		\$ 419,894.17
ADD current rates and charges levied		\$ 5,620,415.53		\$ 5,297,326.00
ADD current interest and penalty		\$ 27,022.53		\$ 26,117.08
<b>TOTAL rates and charges demanded</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 6,076,678.77</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 5,743,337.25</b>
LESS rates and charges collected	46.91%	\$ 2,850,399.50	47.28%	\$ 2,715,607.07
LESS pensioner remissions	3.90%	\$ 236,804.72	3.93%	\$ 225,955.77
LESS other remissions and refunds	-0.18%	-\$ 11,168.32	0.13%	\$ 7,644.57
LESS discounts	0.49%	\$ 29,518.35	0.50%	\$ 28,524.85
<b>TOTAL rates and charges collected and remitted</b>	<b>51.11%</b>	<b>\$ 3,105,554.25</b>	<b>51.85%</b>	<b>\$ 2,977,732.26</b>
<b>UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES</b>	<b>48.89%</b>	<b>\$ 2,971,124.52</b>	<b>48.15%</b>	<b>\$ 2,765,604.99</b>

### 17.3.2 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RECONCILIATION TASMANIA

**Author:** GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

**Date:** 15 NOVEMBER 2019

**Enclosure:**

*Letter from Reconciliation Tasmania dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Donations and Community Support Policy*

#### ISSUE

Council to consider a request for funding received from Reconciliation Tasmania (RT).

#### DETAIL

RT is seeking contributions from local government and businesses to each contribute \$1000 towards the Dark Emu Festival in 2020.

RT is working on presenting a Southern Tasmania Cultural Festival in Cygnet and Nichols Rivulet on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Additional information in regard to the Festival is detailed in the letter from Reconciliation Tasmania (attached).

It should be noted that the Festivals suggested by the proponent has no scheduled display in the Southern Midlands.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – The funding request is for \$1000 from local government and businesses.

**Policy Implications** – This organisation is not recognised in Council's 'Donations and Community Support Policy' and therefore the request is to be considered on merit.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council respectfully decline the request for funding from Reconciliation Tasmania.

#### DECISION

*Moved by Clr A Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr K Dudgeon*

**THAT Council respectfully decline the request for funding from Reconciliation Tasmania.**

#### CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green		√
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall		√



**ENCLOSURE**  
*Agenda Item 17.3.2*



16<sup>th</sup> October 2019,  
Mr Alex Green,  
Mayor, Southern Midlands Council,  
Council Chambers,  
Oatlands.

Dear Mayor Green,

Dark Emu Festival 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Request for \$1000 funding assistance

Reconciliation Tasmania (RT) is working in close collaboration with the South Eastern Aboriginal Corporation (SETAC) to arrange and present a Southern Tasmania Cultural Festival in Cygnet and Nichols Rivulet on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Our objective is to create an annual public event modelled on the highly successful Mannalargenna Day Festival held annually on the first Saturday of December at Little Musselroe Bay on the NE tip of Tasmania. Last year over 500 Tasmanians, including the Governor and the Minister made the long trip to this event and more are expected this year. Reconciliation Tasmania is mindful of the time and cost for ordinary Tasmanians to attend Mannalargenna Day and we have therefore approached the Tasmanian Government to endorse and assist our resolve to replicate the Northeast Festival in the South and Northwest of Tasmania. We are pleased and encouraged at the Government's response of \$5000 grants to assist RT in working with local Aboriginal communities in all three regions with a view to building regional festivals to self-sustainability over a three year period.

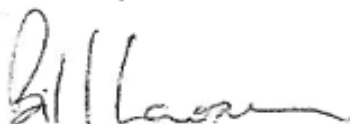
To achieve this objective, RT was particularly mindful of the need to establish partnerships with three regional Aboriginal community organisations and approaches were therefore made to all groups seeking interest in working with RT towards three successful and sustainable reconciliation Festivals for all Tasmanians. RT is pleased to have now established such collaborative arrangements with SETAC (South East Tasmania Aboriginal Corporation) in the south and CHAC (Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation) in the northwest to complement our established supportive relationship with mtwac (melythina tiakana warrana Aboriginal Corporation) for Mannalargenna Day. Planning is now advancing rapidly in all three regions to hold all three festivals this fiscal year.

In planning the southern and northwestern Festivals, we are seeking to replicate Mannalargenna Day which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and doubles attendance numbers each year. It is clearly a good model and one which appeals to many Tasmanians seeking a better understanding of Tasmania's full history and culture. RT considers this to be a key element of reconciliation in Tasmania for the betterment of all Tasmanians. Based on mtwac's experience, RT has set a \$15,000 budget for both of the southern and northwest Festivals. As noted above, the State Government has already committed to \$5000 for each and is open to such a commitment on a three year basis during which each Festival must build self sustainability. These funds have been provided to RT and it is our task to build them up to meet the required Festival costs so that each Aboriginal Corporation is able to concentrate on organising and presenting their respective Festivals. To achieve this, RT is now making an appeal to local government and businesses on a regional basis to each contribute \$1000. Hence this letter to you. I am writing likewise to all Southern Councils and similarly in the northwest. All funds received by RT will be provided in full to the respective festival hosts.

The Southern Festival is to be called the 'Dark Emu Festival' in order to draw attention to the highly acclaimed and best selling book 'Dark Emu' by Bruce Pascoe which tells Australia's true history in a positive, informative and conciliatory manner. Bruce will be the guest of honour at the Southern Festival which will allow attendees a good opportunity to widen and deepen their personal understanding.

I hope your Council is willing to support us in our endeavour to help all Tasmanians to draw closer together in a spirit of truth and friendship through participation in these Festivals. I would be grateful to receive your response by either return email or to 0148 123 293 please. I note also that RT will be in touch again soon with Festival details which we seek to distribute to your constituents please.

Yours sincerely,



Bill Lawson,  
Co-Chair, Reconciliation Tasmania.



Council Policy  
**DONATIONS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT POLICY**

Approved by: Council  
Approved date: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019  
Review date: May 2021

*Note This Policy is a consolidation of the following policies:*

- Donations Policy
- Supporting Community Owned Halls Policy

## 1. PURPOSE

This Policy sets out Council's position in relation to:

1. Requests for financial assistance from not-for-profit registered welfare or community service groups working within the Southern Midlands Municipality;
2. Requests for financial assistance from persons chosen to represent Tasmania/Australia in sporting, social, economic, environmental development and/or related to the wellbeing of the community;
3. Supporting Community Owned Halls; and
4. School Citizenship / Achievement Awards for end of year Assemblies.

## 2. POLICY

### 2.1 Assistance for Annual Events

2.1.1 Requests for assistance from not-for-profit organisation, community, or service groups based within the Southern Midlands Municipality will be considered with the maximum donation being \$1500.00.

*Note: Assistance depends on value for money to the Community and will not be given for projects that would be eligible for consideration within Council's Community Small Grants Program.*

### 2.2 Representation - Individuals (Residents) re Sporting or Recreational Activities

Intrastate representation	\$50.00
Interstate representation	\$100.00
Overseas representation	\$200.00

2.2.1 Assistance will be available upon request by residents of the Southern Midlands Municipality achieving State or National representation. The following criteria must be met:

- Evidence of selection will be required prior to the allocation of funds
- Grants will be provided to individuals only (not teams)



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- Grants will not be provided to those over the age of 18 at the commencement of each calendar year.
- Grants will not be provided to officials (i.e. coaches, managers, judges)

### **2.3 Supporting Community Owned Halls**

2.3.1 This part of the Policy is aimed at supporting the Management Committee(s) of the various community owned Halls through:

- a) The provision of funding to assist with major building upgrade and maintenance;
- b) The provision of funding to subsidise the cost of maintaining Public Liability Insurance Cover for these premises; and
- c) Granting exemptions from Council Rates and Charges.

2.3.2 This funding assistance recognises the importance of these community owned facilities in building social capital and providing a valuable service to the community.

#### *Background*

There are currently nine Community Owned Halls in the Southern Midlands local government area. They being:

1. Baden Hall (future to be confirmed)
2. Broadmarsh Community Hall
3. Jericho Hall
4. Levendale Community Hall
5. Mt Seymour Hall (future to be confirmed)
6. Parattah Jubilee Hall
7. Stonor Hall
8. Tunbridge Community Hall
9. Tunnack Community Hall

The Southern Midlands Council will allocate an amount of \$5,000 per annum for major upgrade/maintenance works to community owned Halls (to be known as the Building Fund). It is intended, unless determined otherwise by the Committee, that this will be allocated as a single amount, inferring that each community owned facility will be entitled to apply for this allocation once every three years. If more than one application is received in any one-year, then the Facilities & Recreation Committee, will at its absolute discretion, determine the successful application based evidence provided by the Hall Committees, as well as the scope of previous Building Funds provided under this policy.



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The Southern Midlands Council will also allocate an amount per financial year to enable Management Committee(s) to be reimbursed 50% of the cost of maintaining Public Liability Cover (i.e. cost of the premium) for the premises under its control. This reimbursement amount from Council is capped at \$500.00 per policy.

Whilst there is an indirect cost to Council through loss of potential income, these properties have always been exempted from rates and charges and therefore there is no budget implications.

**Process (Building Fund)**

2.3.3 Submissions received from Management Committees of Community Owned Halls will be referred to the Facilities & Recreation Committee for consideration, prioritisation (where necessary) and final decision in terms of allocating the funds.

The investment by Council of any funds shall be assessed as being value for money as well as being a valuable contribution to building the Community capacity of the area.

The requesting Hall Committee shall be financially viable prior to Council considering funding the project (evidence to be provided shall be the last financial year's annual statement/or a current bank statement).

Any such allocation by the Facilities & Recreation Committee to Community Owned Hall Committees would not preclude the relevant Hall Committee from applying for the annual Community Small Grants Program via the SMC Community Small Grants Program, to a maximum of \$3,000.

**Process (Part Premium Reimbursement - Public Liability Cover)**

2.3.4 Council will reimburse 50% of the cost of the insurance premium for Public Liability Cover for the Community owned Hall property. This amount will be reimbursed upon presentation of a copy of the receipt (as evidence of payment) and the Certificate of Currency. The reimbursement does not extend to other types of insurance that may be taken out (e.g. contents).

**2.4 School Citizenship/Achievement Awards for end of year assembly**

High Schools to receive \$100.00 per year.

Primary Schools to receive \$60.00 per year.

2.4.1 Donations will be made to each school in the municipal area annually for school citizenship/achievements awards for the end of year assembly.





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2.4.2 The following schools are in the Southern Midlands Municipal area:

- Bagdad Primary School
- Campania District School
- Kempton Primary School
- Oatlands District High School

2.4.3 These guidelines should not be considered to be rigid, Council may vary donations at its discretion. Payments are to be processed in October of each year.

### **3. DOCUMENT ADMINISTRATION**

This policy is a managed document and is to be reviewed every two years or as directed by the General Manager.

This document is Version 2.0 effective 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. This document is maintained by the General Managers Unit, for the Southern Midlands Council.

**17.3.3 REQUEST FOR RATE EXEMPTION – SAINT REGINA LIMITED – 2495 COLEBROOK ROAD (PID 3606737) AND 515 RHYNDASTON ROAD (PID 5896731)**

**Author:** GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

**Date:** 19 NOVEMBER 2019

**Enclosure:**

*Letter from Saint Regina Limited received 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

*Letter from Saint Regina Limited dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019*

**ISSUE**

Council to consider a request from Saint Regina Limited for exemption from the payment of rates in relation to two of their properties in accordance with section 87 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. These two properties are: 2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook (PID 3606737); and 515 Rhyndaston Road, Rhyndaston (PID 5896731).

**BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to section 87 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It states:

**87. Exemption from rates**

*“(1) All land is rateable except that the following are exempt from general and separate rates, averaged area rates, and any rate collected under [section 88](#) or [97](#) :*

- (a) .....*;
- (b) .....*;
- (c) .....*;
- (d) land or part of land owned and occupied exclusively for charitable purposes;*
- (da) .....*;
- (e) .....*;

*(2) The owner of any land referred to in [subsection \(1\)](#) may agree to pay general or separate rates or an averaged area rate.*

- (3) .....*;
- (4) .....*

**DETAIL**

In response to the initial letter received on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (from Saint Regina Limited), following receipt of advice, the General Manager wrote to the applicant to seek additional information in support of their claim. The following is an extract from that letter:

*“In order for Council to properly consider your request for the application of the exemption, Council requests that you provide further information that specifically addresses the requirement for each of the Properties that the land or part of the land owned and occupied exclusively for charitable purposes.*

*This additional information should also specifically address the ownership of 515 Rhyndaston Road, Rhyndaston PID 5896731, as the title records that the land is*

*owned by Mr Robert John Daniel Noonan and not the registered charity or Saint Regina Limited.*

*In relation to 2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook PID 3606737, the additional information should outline how the leasing of the majority of the land to a farmer satisfies the test outlined in section 87(1)(d) of the Act. “*

The letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was the response in relation to that request for additional information.

## DISCUSSION

In considering this matter, the following comments are relevant:

1. It is important to note that section 87(1)(d) of the Act does not require that the land actually be owned by a charity. The relevant land only needs to be owned for charitable purposes. In this instance, simply because the relevant owners as described in the certificates of title are not registered charities, that does not mean that section 87(1)(d) does not have a role to play.

The letterhead of the Letter states that Saint Regina Limited is the trustee for the St Joseph and Our Lady of Cana Trust which, according to the material provided to Council, is the registered charity.

2. Based on the statements made in the letter(s), Council must be satisfied that the occupation of the land is for charitable purposes.

Advice received indicates that based on the assumption that the facts asserted in the Letter are correct and accurate, it appears that the occupation of the land is for charitable purposes.

## HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total rates and charges for the 2019/20 financial year and previous financial years are listed below.

### **2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook (PID 3606737)**

**2019/20 rates and charges: \$13,827.79**

This includes the General Rate of \$12,941.54; Waste Management Levy of \$330.00; and Fire Service Levy of \$556.25.

### **515 Rhyndaston Road, Rhyndaston (PID 5896731)**

**2019/20 rates and charges: \$466.60**

This includes the General Rate of \$370.60; Waste Management Levy of \$55.00; and Fire Service Levy of \$41.00.

Note: The Waste Management Levy (made under section 94 of the Act) and Fire Service Levy (made under section 93A of the Act) still apply.

Whilst both properties were purchased prior to the commencement of the 2019/20 financial year, it is only recommended that a remission be granted effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil**

**Policy Implications – N/A**

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Ongoing.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT, in accordance with section 87 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the properties situated at 2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook (PID 3606737); and 515 Rhyndaston Road, Rhyndaston (PID 5896731) be classified as general rate exempt (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019) and a remission be granted for the 2019/20 financial year.

**DECISION**

*Moved by Deputy Mayor E Batt, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT Council defer a decision in respect to this matter pending further clarification and assessment of the application, and more specifically, whether any remission granted should be based on percentage occupation of the property (i.e. occupied exclusively for charitable purposes).**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	



**ENCLOSURE**  
*Agenda Item 17.3.3*

SAINT REGINA LIMITED  
2495 Colebrook Rd  
COLEBROOK TAS 7027  
ACN: 626 004 108

As Trustee for the St Joseph and Our Lady of Cana Trust ABN: 73 949 955 938

RECEIVED

11 SEP 2019

By SMC

ATTN: General Manager  
Southern Midlands Council  
PO Box 21  
OATLANDS TAS 7120

RE: Charity concession sought for council rates

To Whom it May Concern,

With regards to our two properties, 2495 Colebrook Rd (ID 3606737) and 515 Rhyndaston Rd (ID 5806731), we are seeking a concession rate for our annual council rates.

We are an Income Tax Exempt Charity (attestation from ATO enclosed) and are registered with the ACNC (certificate also enclosed). We have also recently been granted an exemption from Land Tax for both properties from the State Revenue Office.

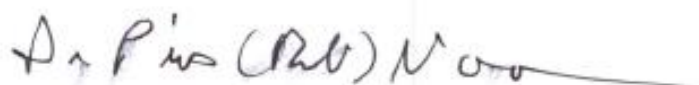
We are a Catholic Benedictine monastery, living a life of prayer and work at the 2495 Colebrook Rd property. The majority of the property is currently under lease to a farmer.

The income from the current lease on the property at 2495 Colebrook Rd is used to support the monastery's life of prayer, penance, work and study; this is our order's mission and reason for existence. The lease income also allows us to maintain the facilities necessary for this life, namely the building itself, which is used as residence, chapel for prayer and worship, classrooms for study, and to support our ongoing living out of our charism and mission.

With regards to the property at 515 Rhyndaston, it is used solely by the Monastery for a guest house, as a place of welcome for our ministry of Benedictine hospitality, as storage and as a small monastery garden with fowl etc.

If you should need further clarification, please do not hesitate to email me directly.

In Christo et Maria,



Dom Pius Mary (Robert J D) Noonan OSB  
Notre Dame Priory  
info@notredamemonastery.org

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Australian  
Charities and  
Not-for-profits  
Commission



THIS CERTIFIES THAT

**Our Lady of Cana and St. Joseph Trust**

ABN: 73949955938

HAS BEEN REGISTERED BY THE

**Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission**

ON THE DATE OF  
**22/02/2017**

CERTIFIED BY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Johns".

**Hon. Dr Gary Johns**  
Commissioner

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission



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Australian Government  
Australian Taxation Office

24 May 2017

### Notice of endorsement for charity tax concessions

This endorsement notice has been issued to:

Name

**THE TRUSTEE FOR OUR LADY OF CANA AND  
ST. JOSEPH TRUST**

Australian business number

**73 949 955 938**



**THE TRUSTEE FOR OUR LADY OF CANA AND ST. JOSEPH TRUST**, a registered charity, is endorsed to access the following tax concessions from the dates shown:

**Income tax exemption** from **22 February 2017** under Subdivision 50-B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**GST concessions** from **22 February 2017** under Division 176 of *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

Your organisation's endorsement to access charity tax concessions, together with the date or period of effect, is entered in the public register maintained by the Australian Business Registrar at [www.abr.business.gov.au](http://www.abr.business.gov.au)

Your organisation must notify us in writing if it ceases to be entitled to endorsement.

Chris Jordan  
Commissioner of Taxation  
Registrar of the Australian Business Register



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**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL**

ABN 68 653 459 599

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 AND AMENDMENTS

**NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF RATES & CHARGES FOR 2019/2020**

OFFICE HOURS FOR PAYMENTS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00 am - 4.30 pm  
 RATE ENQUIRIES: TELEPHONE (03) 6254 5000  
 MAIL ADDRESS: PO BOX 21, OATLANDS 7120  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

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1.735 5896731 004  
 R J D Noonan  
 PO Box 85  
 COLEBROOK TAS 7027

PROPERTY ID: 5896731  
 RATING PERIOD: 01/07/2019 to 30/06/2020  
 DATE OF ISSUE: 12/08/2019  
 PAYMENT DUE: 11/09/2019

PROPERTY ADDRESS			
515 Rhyndaston Road, Rhyndaston			
AREA (Hectares)	LAND VALUE	Adj. CAPITAL VALUE	Adj. A.A.V.
22.3	80,000	131,200	5,040

RATE DETAILS		
General	7.3531 cents * \$5,040 (Adj AAV) = \$370.60	\$370.60
Waste Management	1 charge @ \$55.00 = \$55.00	\$55.00
Fire Levy	0.3612 cents * \$5,040 (Adj AAV) + \$22.80 (Min: \$41.00) = \$41.00	\$41.00
TOTAL CURRENT RATES		\$466.60
DISCOUNT APPLIED		\$0.00
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		-\$7.51
PENSION REMISSION		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYABLE</b>		<b>\$459.09</b>

**INSTALMENT PLAN OR FULL PAYMENT**

Rates and Charges are GST exempt. Courtesy reminder notices will be issued for the Second, Third and Fourth instalments.

Tick the box if a receipt is required.

A Discount of 1.7%, equating to \$7.93, will be given if these Rates are paid in full by 11/09/2019.

PAYMENT SLIP - please detach and include with your payment

Receipt Required

NAME  
 R J D Noonan

ARREARS PAYABLE NOW  
 \$0.00

PROPERTY No. 5896731  
 PAYMENT IN FULL \$459.09

INSTALMENTS			
1	11/09/2019	2	29/11/2019
	\$108.09		\$117.00
3	31/01/2020	4	31/03/2020
	\$117.00		\$117.00

TAKE NOTICE that the amount of Rates and Charges for the year ending 30 June, 2020 have been made in respect of the above mentioned property.

Payment is requested either in one sum 30 days from the date of issue or by four instalments each by the dates specified together with arrears of former rates and charges if any.



\*443 2835 9319 6376 42

SEE THE REVERSE OF THIS NOTICE FOR THE METHOD OF PAYMENT

**B** PAY Biller Code: 253401  
 Ref: 9319 6376

BPAY® this payment via internet or phone banking.  
 BPAY View® - View and pay this bill using internet banking.  
 BPAY View Registration No.: 9319 6376

TELEPHONE & INTERNET REFERENCE NUMBER

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 AND AMENDMENTS

**NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF RATES & CHARGES FOR 2019/2020**

OFFICE HOURS FOR PAYMENTS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00 am - 4.30 pm  
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 Saint Regina Limited  
 515 Rhyndaston Road  
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PROPERTY ID: 3606737  
 RATING PERIOD: 01/07/2019 to 30/06/2020  
 DATE OF ISSUE: 12/08/2019  
 PAYMENT DUE: 11/09/2019

PROPERTY ADDRESS			
2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook			
AREA (Hectares)	LAND VALUE	Adj. CAPITAL VALUE	Adj. A.A.V.
1095.9664	2,250,000	3,850,000	154,000

RATE DETAILS		
General	8.4036 cents * \$154,000 (Adj AAV) = \$12,941.54	\$12,941.54
Waste Management	2 charges @ \$165.00 = \$330.00	\$330.00
Fire Levy	0.3612 cents * \$154,000 (Adj AAV) = \$556.25	\$556.25
TOTAL CURRENT RATES		\$13,827.79
DISCOUNT APPLIED		\$0.00
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		-\$857.63
PENSION REMISSION		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYABLE</b>		<b>\$12,970.16</b>

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Tick the box if a receipt is required.

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 Saint Regina Limited

ARREARS PAYABLE NOW  
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PROPERTY No. 3606737  
 PAYMENT IN FULL \$12,970.16

INSTALMENTS			
1	11/09/2019	2	29/11/2019
	\$2,599.16		\$3,457.00
3	31/01/2020	4	31/03/2020
	\$3,457.00		\$3,457.00

TAKE NOTICE that the amount of Rates and Charges for the year ending 30 June, 2020 have been made in respect of the above mentioned property.

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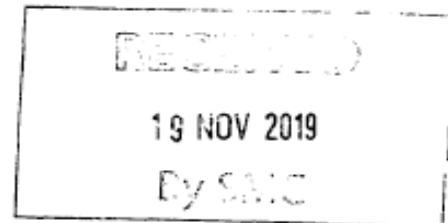
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2495 Colebrook Rd  
COLEBROOK TAS 7027  
ACN: 626 004 108

As Trustee for the St Joseph and Our Lady of Cana Trust ABN: 73 949 955 938



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14th November 2019

ATTN: General Manager  
Southern Midlands Council  
PO Box 21  
OATLANDS TAS 7120  
By email: [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

RE: EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF RATES – reply to letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Mr Kirkwood,

Thank you kindly for your letter dated 9 October 2019.

2495 Colebrook Rd has been purchased by us as the site of a Benedictine monastery, represented by the Trustee company Saint Regina Limited, as Trustee for the St Joseph and Our Lady of Cana Trust. The Trust has been endorsed by the ATO and ACNC as a charitable / not-for-profit organisation.


Our particular ministry is grounded in the daily rounds of community prayer and work; we pray in the buildings on the property, we perform our manual and intellectual work on the property, all with the hope of eventually building a purpose-designed monastery on the site to facilitate this life. Once we have the appropriate approved facilities, we will provide physical hospitality together with guidance to those seeking it, at no charge. We believe and hope this satisfies the criteria of "*land or part of land owned and occupied exclusively for charitable purposes*" as referenced in your letter. We will rely on our own work on the property and the generosity of benefactors to support this mission. The proceeds for all activities undertaken on the site goes back into supporting our mission of prayer and to welcome guests to share in the fruits of our life and work. This includes both the work we perform ourselves, as well as any income that may be generated from the farm.

Proceeds go to the upkeep of the monastic presence on site, the servicing of our financial obligations to creditors, and also provides assistance to the monastic community through managing the land itself. This is a charitable endeavour with no profit to be derived. We expect and want to become an integral part of our local community here in the Southern Midlands, and more broadly, in the state of Tasmania. We give back literally everything, contributing to people in the community who may need help.

With regards to the property at 545 Rhyndaston Rd (it should actually be 515 Rhyndaston Rd – Council renumbered the property after we purchased it as the neighbouring property was also 545), it is used solely by the Monastery for a guest house, as storage and as a small Monastery garden with fowl etc. As to the question of ownership of this property, our solicitors have recently lodged documentation with the Land Titles Office to update the title to reflect the new corporate Trustee, Saint Regina Limited. I was originally the Trustee of the registered charity, at the time when the property was purchased.

I sincerely hope this provides you with the additional information you have requested, and that you might look favourably upon this application. If it is successful, please know that in a direct way you are assisting the wellbeing of our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions and/or I can provide any further written support.

In Christo et Maria,



Dom Pius Mary (Robert J D) Noonan OSB  
Notre Dame Priory  
info@notredamemonastery.org

**18. MUNICIPAL SEAL**

Nil.



**19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

Council to address urgent business items previously accepted onto the agenda.

Nil.

**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr R McDougall, seconded by Deputy Mayor E Batt*

**THAT in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the following items are to be dealt with in Closed Session:**

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Local Government (<i>Meeting Procedures</i>) Regulations 2015 Reference</b>
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	15(2)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	15(2)(h)

**CARRIED**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr R McDougall*

**THAT in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.**

**CARRIED**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

## **CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **20. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION”**

*In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.*

#### **20.1 CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES - CONFIRMATION**

*Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

#### **20.2 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

**DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr R McDougall, seconded by Cllr K Dudgeon*

**THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Cllr A Bantick	√	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr K Dudgeon	√	
Cllr R McDougall	√	

## OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

### 21. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.59 p.m.

**LAKE DULVERTON & CALLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

**Council Chambers, Oatlands 6.30 p.m.**

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## LAKE DULVERTON & CALLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

6.30 p.m. Council Chambers  
Oatlands

#### MEMBERS:

**Chairman:** Councillor Don Fish (Proxy: Clr K Dudgeon)

**Parks & Wildlife Rep:** Matthew Lindus (Proxy rep: t.b.c)

**Resident Representatives:** Mrs Maria Weeding, Mr Athol Bennett, Dr Robert Simpson, Mr Robert Foster, Mrs Stephanie Burbury, Ms Helen Geard, Mrs Jenni Muxlow

The meeting opened at 6.36pm.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

Councillor Don Fish, Athol Bennett, Maria Weeding, Helen Geard, Matthew Lindus, Dr Robert Simpson, Clr Karen Dudgeon, Stephanie Burbury and Jenni Muxlow.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

#### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Committee to confirm the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 minutes.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee confirm the minutes of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

#### SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

**MOVED** Mr Athol Bennett

**SECONDED** Mrs Stephanie Burbury

**THAT** the Committee confirm the minutes of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee meeting, held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **4.1 MACROCARPA TREE AREA BESIDE MAHERS POINT**

Council continue to work on this issue. Information has been sent to Wildlife Operations.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted and Council continue to work through what is required – as advised.

##### **SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

##### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the information be noted.

##### **4.2 LAKE DULVERTON WATER LEVELS**

At a previous meeting concern over the Lake Dulverton water levels was discussed at some length. Council were provided with further information at a Council Workshop held 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019. At the workshop it was suggested that Council write to the Minister for Environment Parks and Heritage to advise of the lake water situation and seek any assistance that may be available. Council requested a further detailed report on the water levels be provided to the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Council meeting. The report for the Council meeting is attached for information and noting by the Committee members.

An update following the November Council meeting was provided to the Committee. The Committee were briefed on the information and presentation that had gone to the Council Workshop 28<sup>th</sup> October. See attached item 4.2A.

Discussion then took place on the additional observed water levels information that had gone to the Council meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> November and the decision that had been made by Council at that meeting. See attached item 4.2B.

The Committee expressed concern over the declining water levels, but also recognised that the solution of adding additional water to the existing allocation was difficult to solve given the cost of the option of outright purchasing more of water would require significant funds, and then there was ongoing operational costs thereafter.

There were a number of suggestions and lots of discussion by the Committee members. The direct and indirect benefit that the lake has for the community, as well as the associated flora and fauna that rely on the lake ecosystem were discussed.

The Committee welcomed the Council decision to seek a meeting with the appropriate State Government Minister/s. It was suggested that consultation with State Government should not be limited to Parks and Inland Fisheries, because the wider community benefits also relate to health and well being of the community, recreational activities and tourism. In that context it was considered that it may be of benefit to write and seek a meeting with the State Premier.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.



**SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**MOVED** Mrs Jenni Muxlow  
**SECONDED** Mrs Stephanie Burbury  
**THAT**

1. Council consider writing to the Premier regarding the Lake Dulverton water issues given that the lake has a wide range of benefits – tourism, recreation, community health and well being and is a classified Conservation Area for wildlife.
2. A meeting be sought with the Premier to discuss issues in more detail.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 LAKE DULVERTON – HIGH STREET TRADERS GROUP – SUGGESTIONS**

Since the last meeting of the Committee an email was sent to the Secretary of the High Street Traders Group to inform the group of the discussions that had occurred at the last two meetings of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Committee. A reply email has been received thanking the Committee for the comments. See attached.

To recap for the Committee members, the following summarises what was suggested by the High Street Traders Group.

*{Extract from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Committee Minutes}*

*..... three suggestions:*

- *Altering the Zone Boundary line between the current Conservation Zone and the Recreation Zone, and also creating an additional Conservation Zone area within the Lake.*
- *Suggestion of revisiting the floating walkway idea.*
- *Consideration be given to having a ‘Weed’ harvester – for use in the Recreation Zone area.*

*In regard to the rezoning boundary alignment and the creation of an additional conservation zone, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept meeting the Parks and Wildlife Rep stated that the changing of the zone boundaries would be a complex process, but he would undertake to look into what would be involved.*

*In regard to the suggestion of a ‘weed’ harvester, at the Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Parks representative was asked if he seek advice and advise if harvesting the ‘weed’ was likely to be a permitted activity.*

*{End of Extract}*

Matthew Lindus the Parks representative at the meeting was able to provide some information on what would be required if the zoning boundary and weed harvester proposal was to be pursued.

In regard to the zoning: Matthew indicated that he had received advice that the most appropriate time to review the zoning boundaries would be when the Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Parks is due for review. The review is due in 2027.

In regard to the weed harvester: Parks have indicated that this would not be a priority for investigating further without detailed information being provided and a business case being formally proposed. It was also reiterated by the Committee members that a weed harvester would not be a priority for the Committee, particularly when the water levels are in severe decline.

The Parks rep will send an email to confirm the views of Parks given the current information.

#### **SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**RESOLVED**  
**THAT** the information be noted.

#### **4.4 CALLINGTON PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADE**

The proposed playground upgrade has progressed considerably since the last meeting of the committee. The school children were consulted again after design ‘options’ had been compiled by the playground consultant and the play equipment company involved. The proposed final design has now been professionally simulated and computer modelled. Comment is now being sought from the wider public. Notification of the opportunity to view the proposed final design was outlined in the recent Ratepayer Newsletter. An extensive display of the proposed playground has been on view at the Council Office (Oatlands) 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and also on the Council web site.

The committee were asked to consider the public comments (to be provided to the meeting) and make a recommendation to Council in regard to support or otherwise as to the playground design.

The information required by the Australian Government for the *Oatlands Destination Playground Development Project* has been finalised and sent to Canberra. Council are awaiting on grant deed documents to be sent for signing as the next step in relation to the grant.

As there is an existing playground in place, it has been advised that there is not a requirement for a Development Application to be submitted.

In regard to the public comment, there was only one formal response received. This local person welcomed the playground upgrade, but felt that the proposal needed to be less modern and more natural looking with nature based play. This would also fit in better with the surrounding environment. The committee looked at the suggestions put forward. It was noted that the original play ground in a section of the former sheep yards area was in a similar context as what was being suggested by the writer. This more ‘nature based play’ is something that could be pursued into the future, as this had been discussed at earlier meetings when the play ground upgrade was initially flagged. It is not possible to do this as well under the current funds / proposal.

Evidence of the proposal reaching 646 people via Face Book was provided to the Committee, and it revealed that 168 recipients had then gone on to further view the details of the proposal.

It was noted that public toilets will possibly become an issue if the playground attracts many users. It was discussed that under the Council's proposed Structure Plan for the Oatlands area, toilets could be something raised as a longer term infrastructure requirement. Committee will raise this issue during the consultation process proposed to be undertaken for the Structure Plan.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

The committee consider public comment (and make comment if required).

The committee make a recommendation to Council re support for the design.

### SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

#### RESOLVED

**THAT** the Council continue to pursue the playground as designed given the support of the community.

### 4.5 PATHWAY ON FORESHORE – EXISTING PATH UPGRADE (SECTION)

Following the last meeting of the committee the following has occurred:

- The proposal to use the DirtGlue process is being pursued with the path to have a timber border edge (not the concrete curb edge that the Committee opposed at the last meeting).
- The proposed length of the path is approx. 1500M and will commence at the corner of the Esplanade and High Street, along the foreshore. (as previously discussed)
- Dial Before you Dig information has been sought and a reply response had been received from Telstra VICTAS, Tas Water, Tas Networks and Dept of Primary Industries and Water (DPIPWE).
- Detailed information was sent to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania via their web site application form process. A response has been provided by AHT indicating that the path may proceed and that the provided Unanticipated Discovery Plan should be kept on site as works progress.
- A desktop Natural Values Assessment (NVA) of the area has been undertaken, and a report generated.
- Detailed budgeting has been undertaken with the Works Department.
- Information and the project details have been sent to the Australian Government. Now awaiting a grant deed to be sent.
- Dial B4 U Dig, NVA, AHT, and project information has been sent to Matthew Lindus (Parks) in regard to the Reserve Activity Assessment (RAA). Matthew has indicated that he will compile the RAA. More information may be available at the meeting for the Committee.
- A Development Application to Council will be pursued, but it is proposed that the RAA progress ahead of the Development Application to Council.

It was also discussed that the RAA will need more information in relation to the threatened species plant that has been identified in proximity to the proposed path. It was agreed that as

soon as the grant deed had been signed (the funds secured) then it would be best to have a Flora and Fauna Assessment done by a qualified consultant.

It was also discussed that AHT can provide training for identification of aboriginal artefact material, which would help when site works are being undertaken. This will be considered closer to the time, with the view to booking in some training just prior to the site works commencing (Council had previously indicated to AHT that training would be welcomed).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted and new path and the upgrade of the existing path continued to be pursued.

**SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

A statement detailing Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year to date was tabled at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the statement detailing Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year to date be received and noted.

**SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**MOVED** Mr Matthew Lindus

**SECONDED** Mrs Jenni Muxlow

**THAT** the statement detailing Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year to date be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL**  
**LAKE DULVERTON / CALLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2019 TO 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Balance from last Account (Lake)			
Commonwealth Bank Account	\$ 12,219.60		
Callington Park - Surface Upgrade	\$ 40,000.00	Project C3020002 (Callington Park Imp)	\$ -
Callington Park - Playground (Election Commitment)	\$ 460,000.00	Project C3020002 (Callington Park Imp)	\$ -
Lake Dulverton - Foreshore & Corridor	\$ 4,000.00	Project 302- 5015 (Dulverton Corridor)	\$ -
Lake Dulverton - Foreshore Improvements New	\$ 85,000.00	Project C1040028 (High Street to Stopover)	\$ -
Lake Dulverton - Foreshore Improvements Upgrade	\$ 135,000.00	Project C1040019 (Stopover to School)	\$ -
Lake Dulverton - Removal of Trees	\$ 22,404.30	Project 302 - 7053 (Lake Dulverton)	\$ 163.09
Walking Track - Flax Mill To Parattah	\$ -	Project C3020008 (Mahers Point)	\$ -
Water Operational Costs	\$ 28,125.00	Project 302 - 5015	\$ -
Weed Control	\$ -	Project 407 - 7057	\$ 20.00
Mary's Island	\$ -	Operational Charge (February)	\$ -
Walking Track - Donation	\$ -	Asset Renewal Levy (February)	\$ -
Donations (Overflow Area)	\$ -	Water Usage - Annual (February)	\$ -
Interest		Bank Charges	\$ -
		Total Expense to date	<u>\$ 183.09</u>
		Balance to Next Account	\$ 786,565.81
			<u>\$ 786,748.90</u>
			<u>\$ 786,748.90</u>

**Funds on hand are represented by:**

Comm. Bank Account No.06 7004 28003859  
Special Projects - Unexpended Budget

\$ 12,219.60  
\$ 774,346.21  
\$ 786,565.81

**6.0 OTHER MATTERS**

**6.1 FLAX MILL**

It was reported that the park at the point of the Flax Mill area (Lairmairenepair Park) has become quite untidy and requires some general maintenance. Maria will see if any time can be organised for one of the staff from the Works Dept to visit the site to give it a tidy up. If this can be arranged, Helen and Maria would try to make sure that they could be on site to assist at the same time.

Bus loads of tourists are now visiting the Flax Mill site – it is showing on Google that Hay Street extends on to the Muxlow property. This was noted.

**6.2 TOWN MAP SIGN ON SIDE WALL AT HISTORY ROOMS**

It was noted that the town map sign that was placed on the side wall of the history rooms building was not in a good location as the wool press was in the way for easy access to view the sign. Stephanie will discuss further with Clr Dudgeon to explore options to possibly have the sign location changed.

**7.0 NEXT MEETING**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 6.30 p.m. Council Chambers Oatlands

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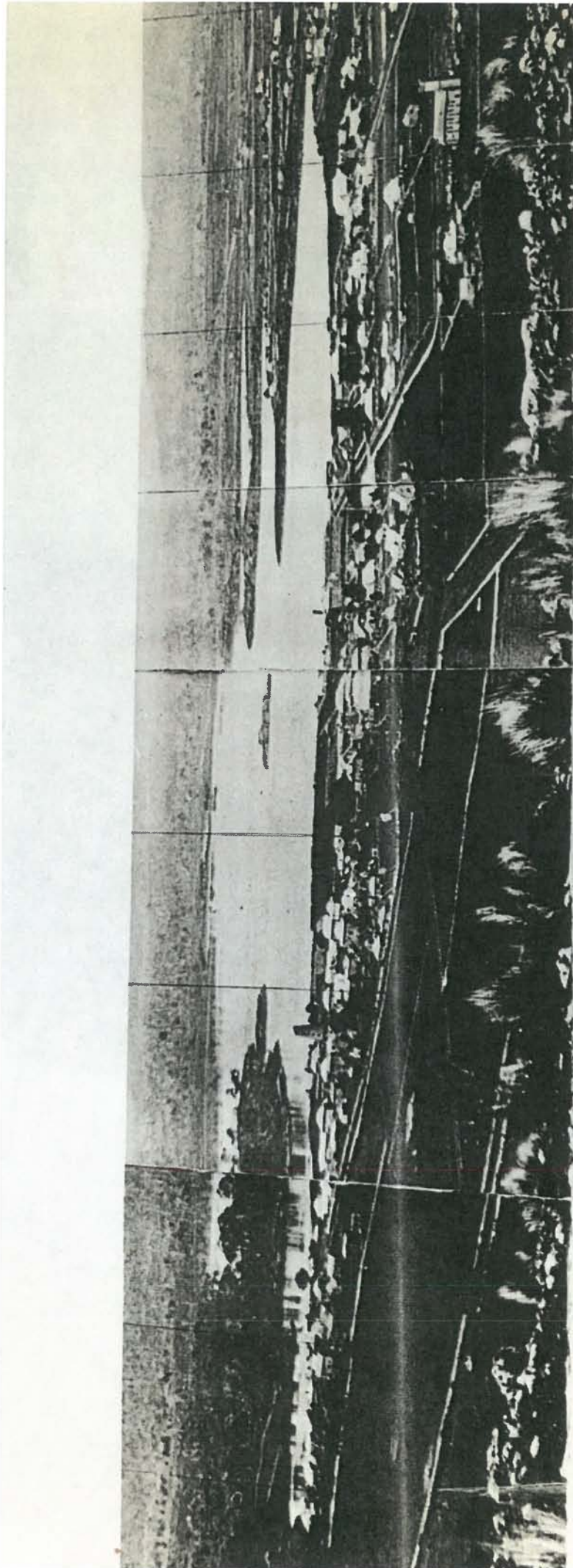
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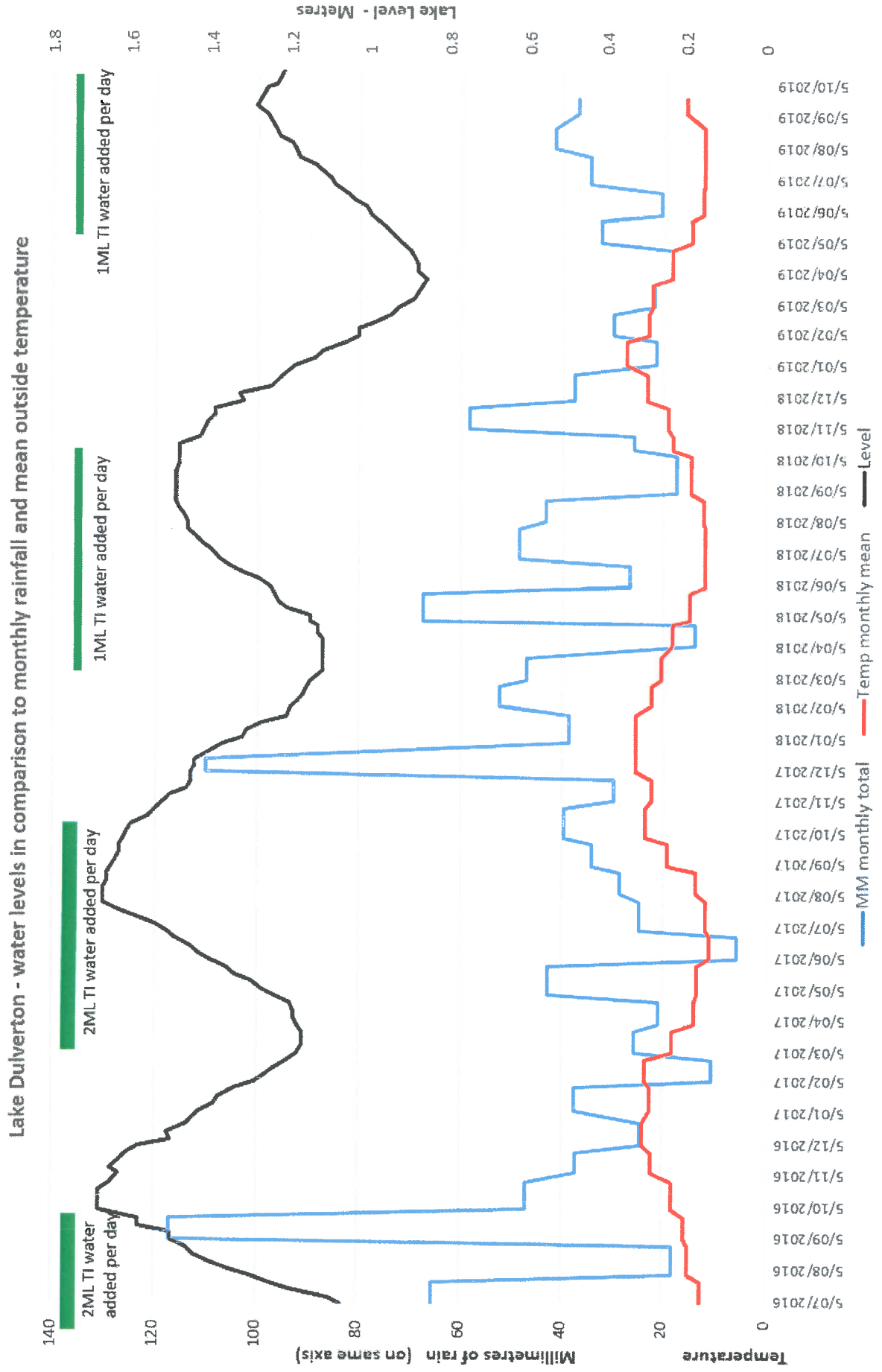
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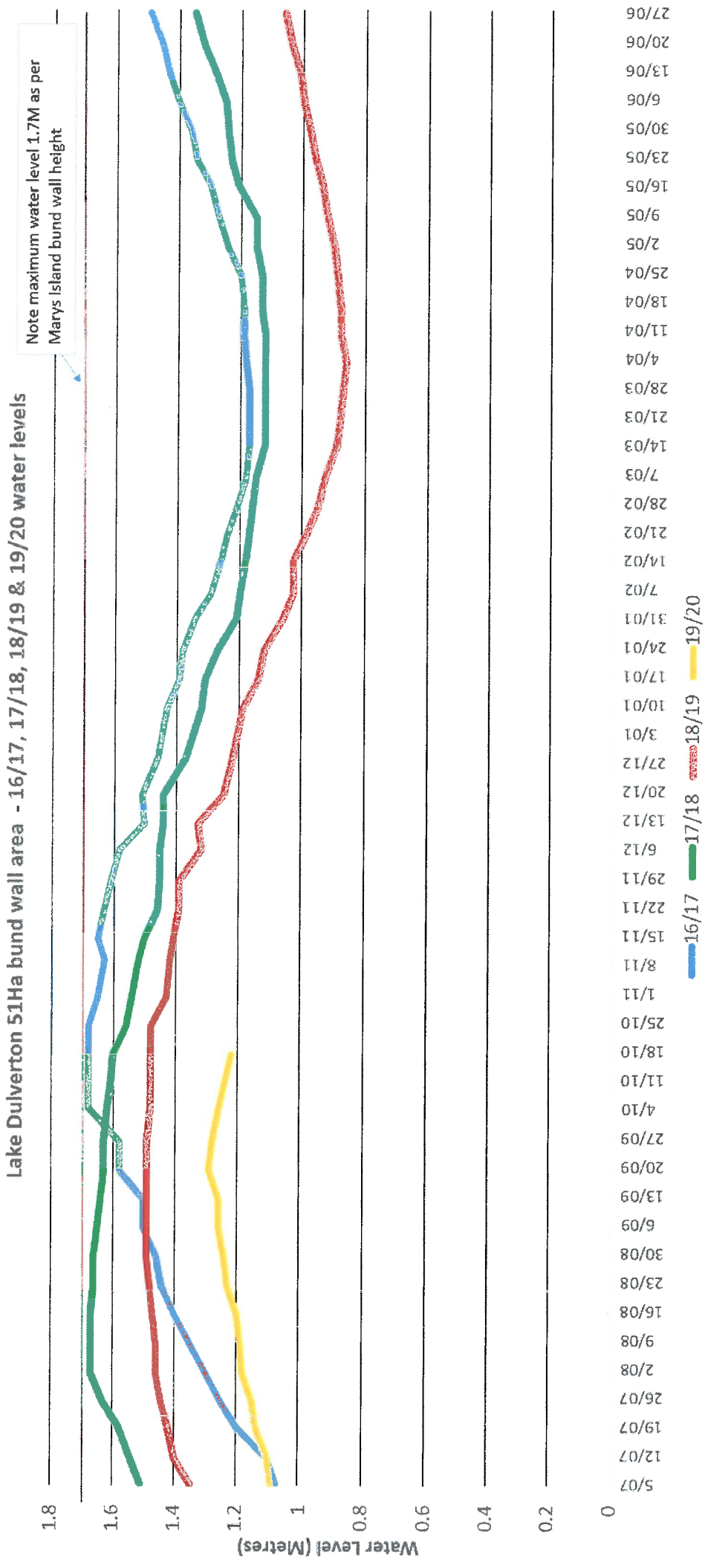




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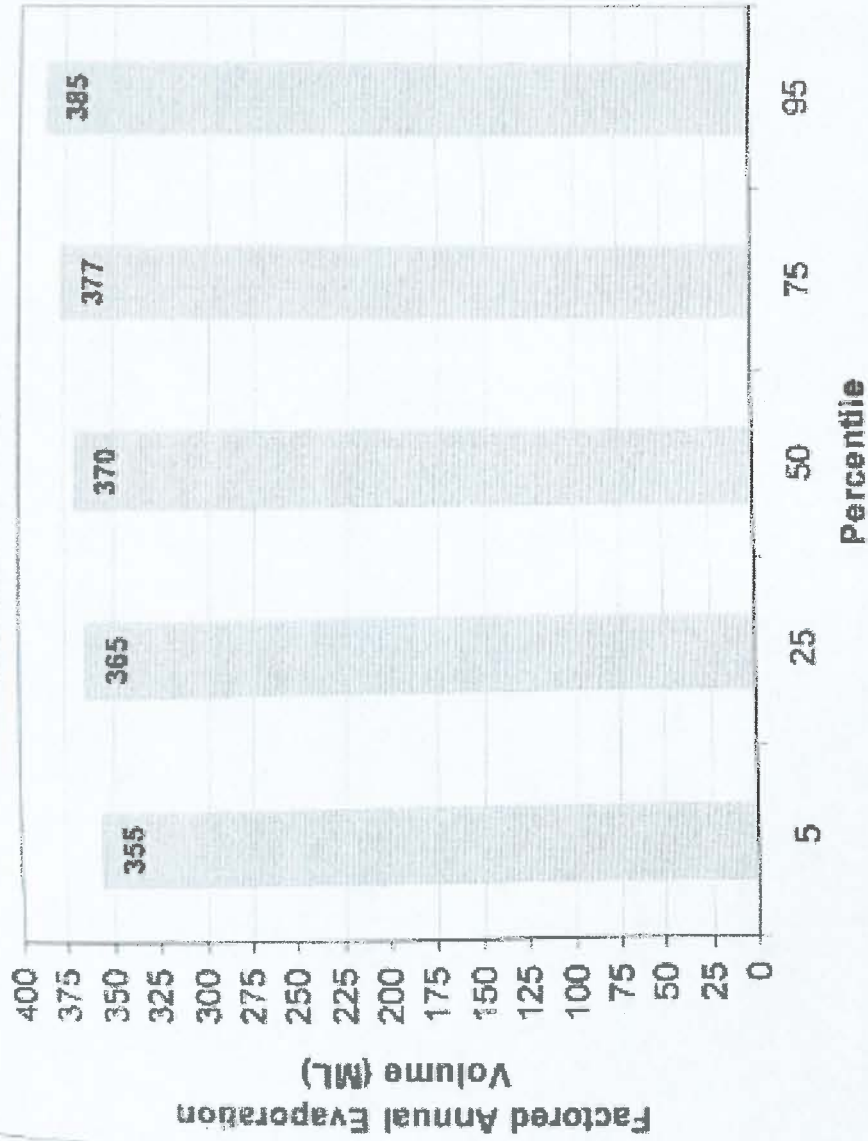






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Lake Dulverton Annual Evaporation Volume for the period 1970 to 2007 (inclusive) (area is 0.53 km<sup>2</sup> & pan evap factor is 0.7)

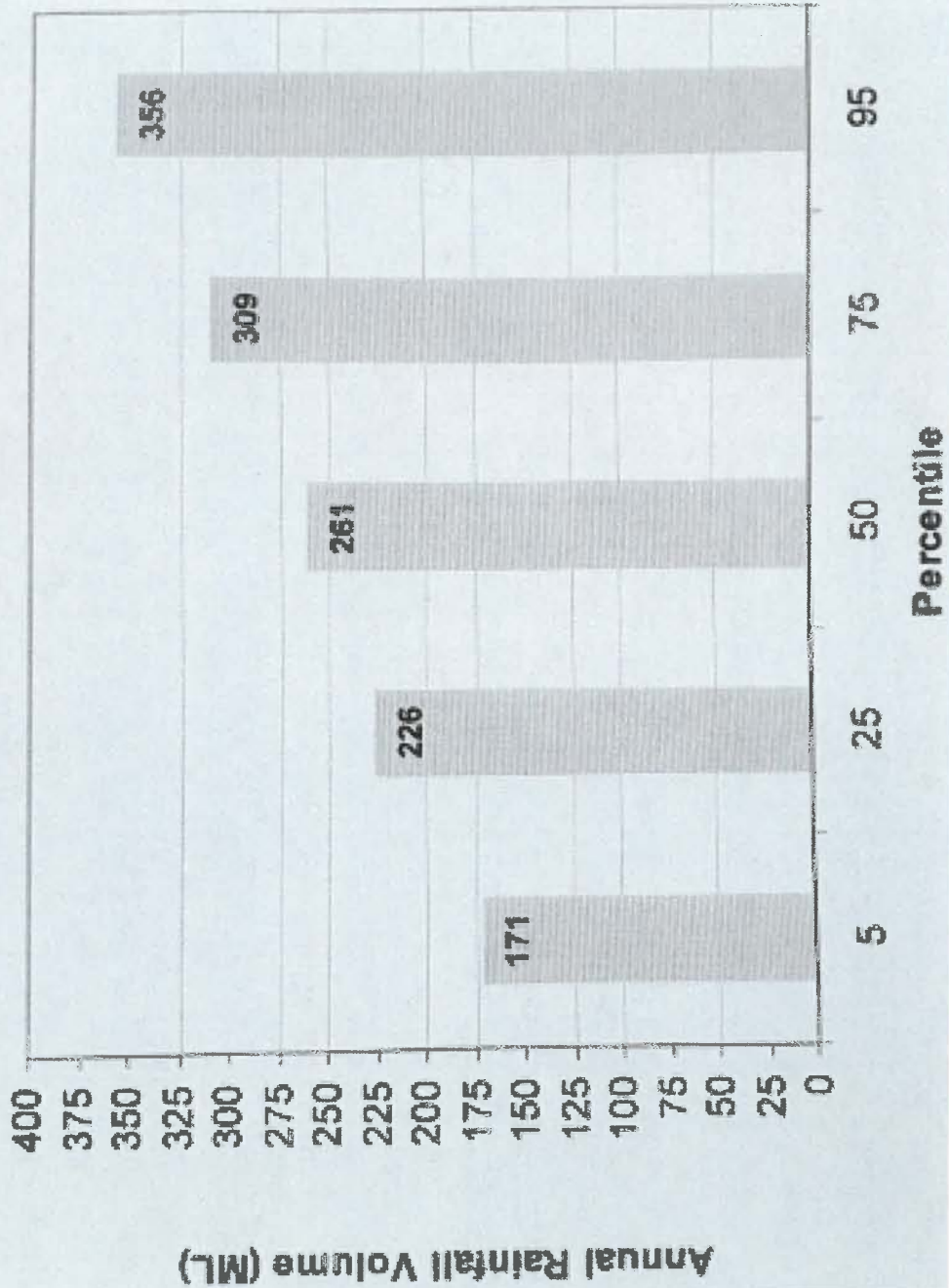


### Key findings

The assessment is based on SILO Evaporation and Rainfall data for the period 1970-2007. The median annual evaporative and rainfall volume for the three sites is summarised as follows:

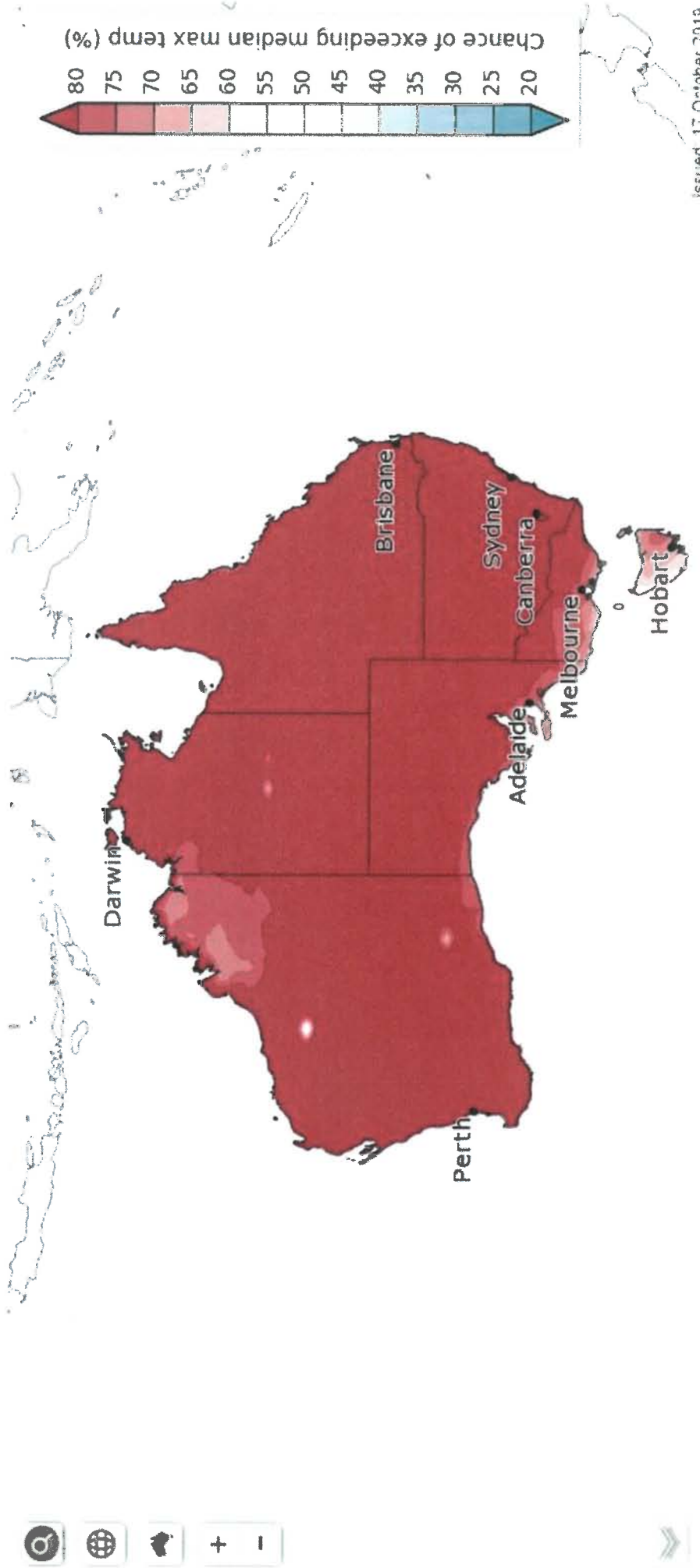
Body of water	Median Annual Evaporative Volume (directly over storage) (ML)	Median Annual Rainfall Volume (directly over storage) (ML)	Median Annual (Evaporation-Rainfall) Volume (directly over storage) (ML)
Lake Dulverton (the storage between bung 1 and bung 2) (existing)	370	261	109
Sheepwash Dam (proposed)	155	116	39

**Lake Dulverton Monthly Rainfall Volume for the period  
1970 to 2007 (inclusive) (area is 0.53 km<sup>2</sup>)**



C	Pipe Delivery ML	Rainfall 5 percentile	Evaporation 95 percentile	Cumulative Total	Desired ML
Year 1	560	171	-385	346	795
Year 2	560	171	-385	692	
Year 3	320	171	-385	798	
Year 4	215	171	-385	799	
Year 5	215	171	-385	800	
Year 6	215	171	-385	801	
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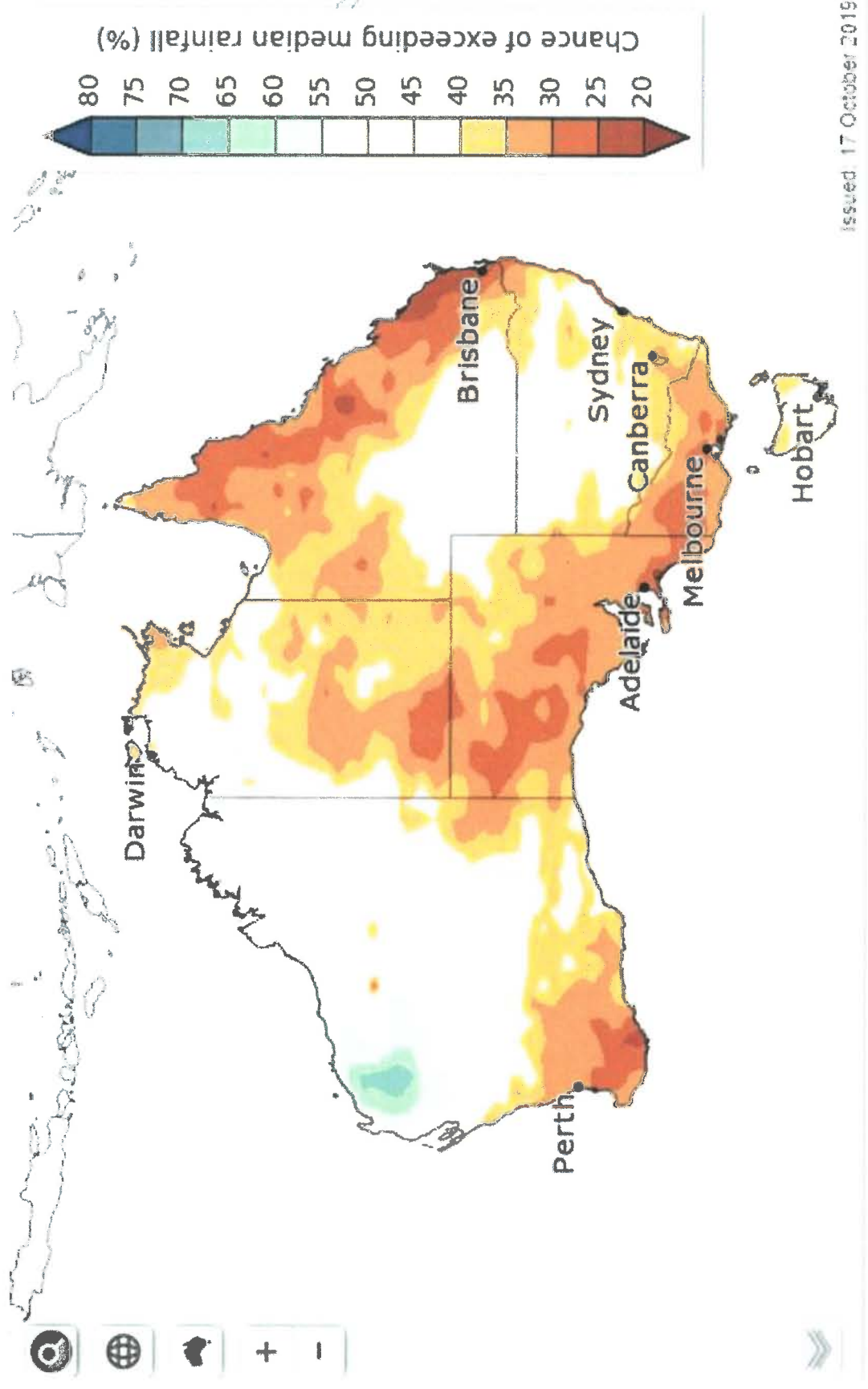
BOM forecast – temperature November 2019 – February 2020



Issued 17 October 2019

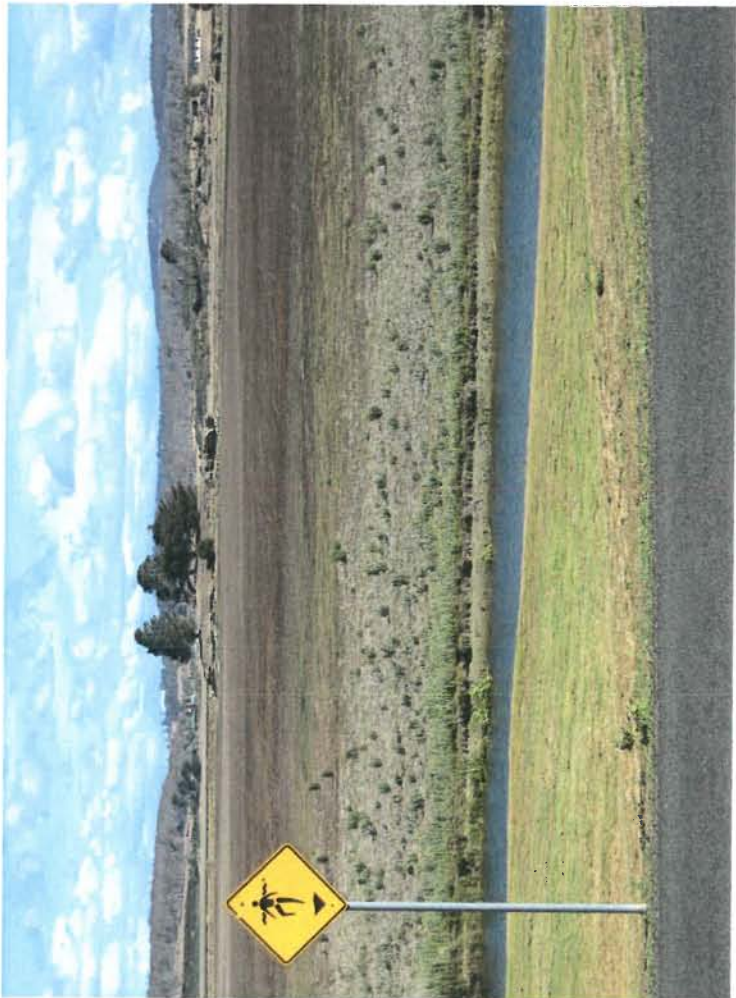


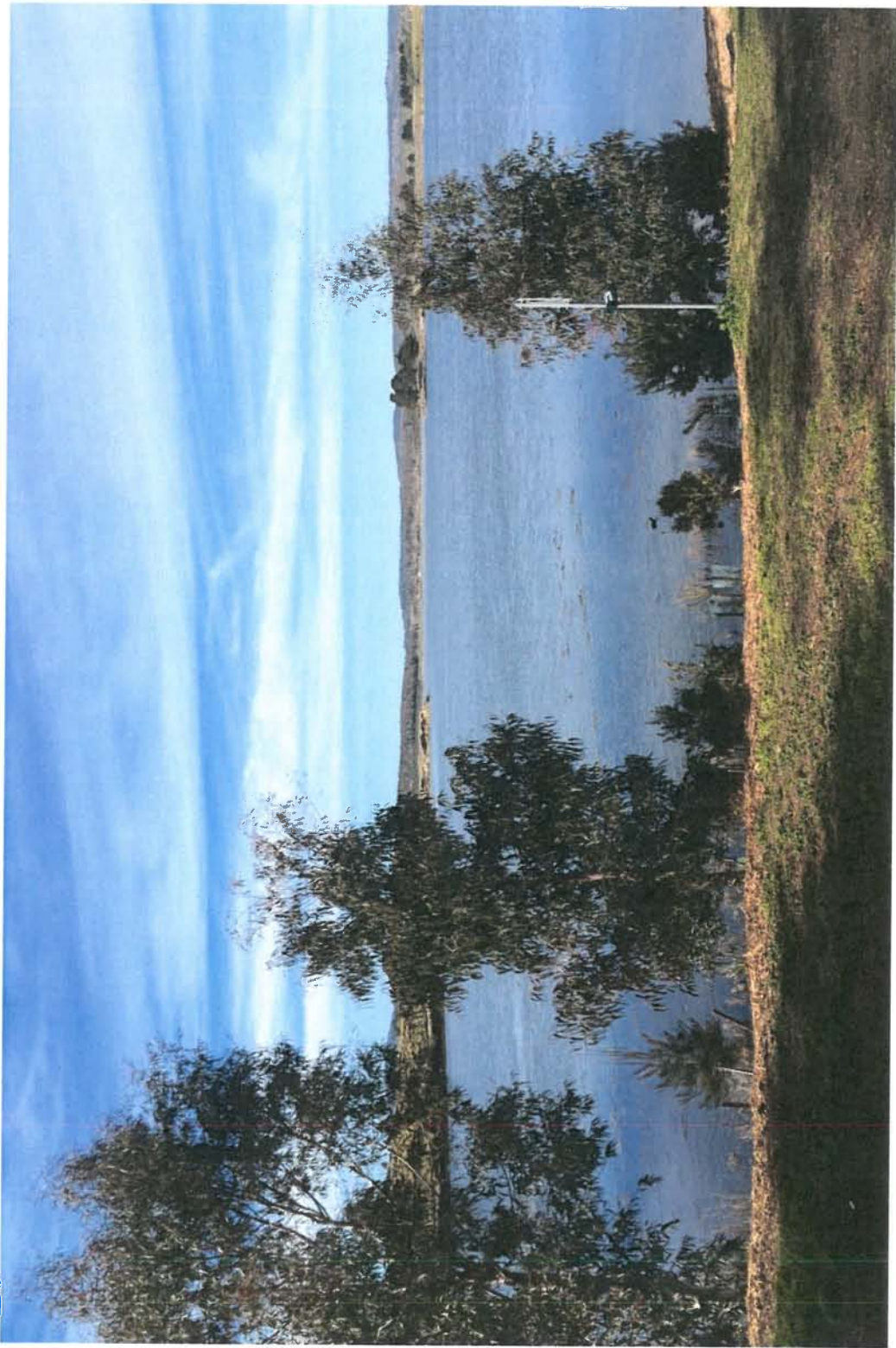
BOM forecast – rainfall November 2019 – February 2020



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**Maria Weeding**

**From:** Elisa Lang  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 November 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Maria Weeding  
**Subject:** Lake Dulv water report

*Hi Maria – copy of decision for your info.*

Cheers

**14.2.2 Natural Resource Management Unit – Review Of Water Allocation For Lake  
Dulverton In The Context Of Changed Climate Conditions**

**DECISION**

*Moved by Clr A Bisdee OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor E Batt*

**THAT**

- a) the information be received;
- b) Council confirm the outcome of the Council Workshop held 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and proceed to raise this issue with the appropriate State Government Minister with the intent of determining whether any assistance may be available through the State Government agencies (e.g. Parks or Inland Fisheries); and
- c) a further update be provided to the January 2020 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A Green	√	
Deputy Mayor E Batt	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr K Dudgeon	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr R McDougall	√	

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Lake Dulverton observed water level and other data July 2016 - Nov 2019

Date	Rain (monthly total - mm)	Temp monthly mean	Water level (M) - as measured	Week	
				Change in water level (M)	Note: negative value indicated the water level has increased.
5/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.07	0.00	
11/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.1	-0.03	Example. -0.03 indicates a rise of 3 centimeters / 30mm
19/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.18	-0.08	
25/07/2016	65.5	12.6	1.25	-0.07	
1/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.3	-0.05	
8/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.35	-0.05	
15/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.4	-0.05	
22/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.44	-0.04	
29/08/2016	18.3	15.2	1.46	-0.02	
5/09/2016	117	15.7	1.5	-0.04	
12/09/2016	117	15.7	1.5	0	
19/09/2016	117	15.7	1.58	-0.08	
26/09/2016	117	15.7	1.58	0	
4/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	-0.1	
10/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	0	
17/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	0	
24/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.68	0	
31/10/2016	47.2	18.3	1.65	0.03	
9/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.63	0.02	
14/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.65	-0.02	
21/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.63	0.02	
28/11/2016	37.2	22.3	1.61	0.02	Spring 2016 -0.15
6/12/2016	24.4	24	1.58	0.03	
12/12/2016	24.4	24	1.5	0.08	
19/12/2016	24.4	24	1.51	-0.01	
28/12/2016	24.4	24	1.46	0.05	
9/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.43	0.03	
16/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.39	0.04	
23/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.38	0.01	
31/01/2017	37.4	22.5	1.34	0.04	
6/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.29	0.05	
14/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.26	0.03	
20/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.24	0.02	
27/02/2017	10.6	23.5	1.21	0.03	Summer (M) 0.4
6/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.18	0.03	
14/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.17	0.01	
21/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.17	0	
27/03/2017	25.6	18.2	1.17	0	
3/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.18	-0.01	
10/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.19	-0.01	
16/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.19	0	
24/04/2017	20.8	13.8	1.2	-0.01	
1/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.24	-0.04	
8/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.27	-0.03	
16/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.3	-0.03	

22/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.34	-0.04		
29/05/2017	42.7	13.5	1.36	-0.02	Autumn 2017	-0.15
5/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.4	-0.04		
12/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.43	-0.03		
19/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.45	-0.02		
27/06/2017	5.6	10.9	1.49	-0.04		
3/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.51	-0.02		
10/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.54	-0.03		
17/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.58	-0.04		
24/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.63	-0.05		
31/07/2017	24.6	11.8	1.67	-0.04		
8/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.67	0		
14/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.67	0		
21/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.66	0.01		
29/08/2017	28.6	13.7	1.66	0	Winter 2017	-0.3
4/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.65	0.01		
11/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.64	0.01		
18/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.63	0.01		
25/09/2017	34.2	19.2	1.63	0		
2/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.62	0.01		
9/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.61	0.01		
16/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.6	0.01		
23/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.56	0.04		
30/10/2017	39.6	23.6	1.54	0.02		
6/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.52	0.02		
14/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.5	0.02		
20/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.46	0.04		
27/11/2017	29.8	22.3	1.45	0.01	Spring 2017	0.21
5/12/2017	109.8	25.4	1.45	0		
11/12/2017	109.8	25.4	1.44	0.01		
18/12/2017	109.8	25.4	1.44	0		
2/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.37	0.07		
8/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.32	0.05		
15/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.31	0.01		
22/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.27	0.04		
29/01/2018	38.6	25.4	1.21	0.06		
7/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.2	0.01		
13/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.18	0.02		
19/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.17	0.01		
26/02/2018	52.4	22.3	1.16	0.01	Summer 2018	0.29
5/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.15	0.01		
14/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.12	0.03		
21/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.12	0		
26/03/2018	47.2	20.4	1.12	0		
7/04/2018	14	18.1	1.12	0		
14/04/2018	14	18.1	1.12	0		
21/04/2018	14	18.1	1.13	-0.01		
28/04/2018	14	18.1	1.13	0		
1/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.15	-0.02		
7/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.15	0		

14/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.21	-0.06		
21/05/2018	67.4	14.9	1.23	-0.02		
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25/06/2018	26.6	11.9	1.35	-0.03		
2/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.38	-0.03		
11/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.4	-0.02		
16/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.42	-0.02		
24/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.44	-0.02		
30/07/2018	48.5	11.9	1.46	-0.02		
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27/08/2018	43.2	12.3	1.49	-0.01	Winter 2018	-0.25
3/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
10/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
18/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
24/09/2018	17.4	14.6	1.49	0		
4/10/2018	17.4	14.6	1.48	0.01		
10/10/2018	17.4	14.6	1.48	0		
15/10/2018	26	18.2	1.48	0		
22/10/2018	26	18.2	1.48	0		
29/10/2018	26	18.2	1.43	0.05		
5/11/2018	58.4	19.2	1.42	0.01		
12/11/2018	58.4	19.2	1.41	0.01		
19/11/2018	58.4	19.2	1.39	0.02		
26/11/2018	58.4	19.2	1.39	0	Spring 2018	0.1
3/12/2018	37.6	23.2	1.32	0.07		
10/12/2018	37.6	23.2	1.33	-0.01		
17/12/2018	37.6	23.2	1.25	0.08		
28/12/2018	37.6	23.2	1.22	0.03		
7/01/2019	21.5	27.4	1.19	0.03		
14/01/2019	21.5	27.4	1.14	0.05		
21/01/2019	21.5	27.4	1.12	0.02		
29/01/2019	21.5	27.4	1.06	0.06		
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12/02/2019	30	23.1	1.03	0		
18/02/2019	30	23.1	0.99	0.04		
25/02/2019	30	23.1	0.95	0.04	Summer 2019	0.44
4/03/2019	22	22.3	0.93	0.02		
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18/03/2019	22	22.3	0.88	0.01		
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15/04/2019	18.5	18.5	0.88	0		
22/04/2019	18.5	18.5	0.89	-0.01		
29/04/2019	18.5	18.5	0.9	-0.01		

6/05/2019	32.5	14.6	0.92	-0.02		
13/05/2019	32.5	14.6	0.94	-0.02		
21/05/2019	32.5	14.6	0.96	-0.02		
27/05/2019	32.5	14.6	0.98	-0.02	Autumn 2019	-0.03
3/06/2019	20.6	12.5	1	-0.02		
11/06/2019	20.6	12.5	1.01	-0.01		
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2/07/2019	34.5	12.1	1.09	-0.03		
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22/07/2019	34.5	12.1	1.14	-0.04		
29/07/2019	34.5	12.1	1.18	-0.04		
6/08/2019	41.5	12.3	1.19	-0.01		
12/08/2019	41.5	12.3	1.2	-0.01		
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26/08/2019	41.5	12.3	1.24	-0.01	Winter 2019	-0.26
9/09/2019	37	15.5	1.26	-0.02		
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28/10/2019	21.8	18.9	1.19	0.03		
5/11/2019			1.16	0.03		
11/11/2019			1.14	0.02		
18/11/2019			1.1	0.04		
	estimate to 25 Nov		1.07	0.03		
	estimate to 30 Nov		1.04	0.03	Spring 2019	0.2

-0.03

Change Recorded in Water Level by Season (M)

Dec Jan Feb period  
Summer - (M)

16/17 yr	0.4
17/18 yr	0.29
18/19 yr	0.44
Average:	<u>0.38</u>

Decrease in water level by 38cm or 380mm

Mar Apr May period  
Autumn - (M)

16/17 yr	-0.15
17/18 yr	-0.08
18/19 yr	-0.03
Average:	<u>-0.09</u>

Increase in water level by 9cm or 90 mm  
\* 16/17 - additional 1 ML ex Inland Fisheries supply

Jun Jul Aug period  
Winter - (M)

* 16/17 yr	-0.3
17/18 yr	-0.25
18/19 yr	-0.25
Average:	<u>-0.27</u>

Increase in water level by 27cm or 270 mm  
\* 16/17 - additional 1 ML ex Inland Fisheries supply

Sept Oct Nov period  
Spring - (M)

16/17 yr	-0.15
17/18 yr	0.10
18/19 yr	0.2
Average:	<u>0.05</u>

Decrease in water level by 5cm or 50 mm

Water volume change (Megalitres)

Over 53 Ha area = -199.63 (decrease)

Water volume change (Megalitres)

Over 53 Ha area = 45.93 (increase)

Water volume change (Megalitres)

Over 53 Ha area = 143.10 (increase)

Water volume change (Megalitres)

Over 53 Ha area = -26.50 (decrease)

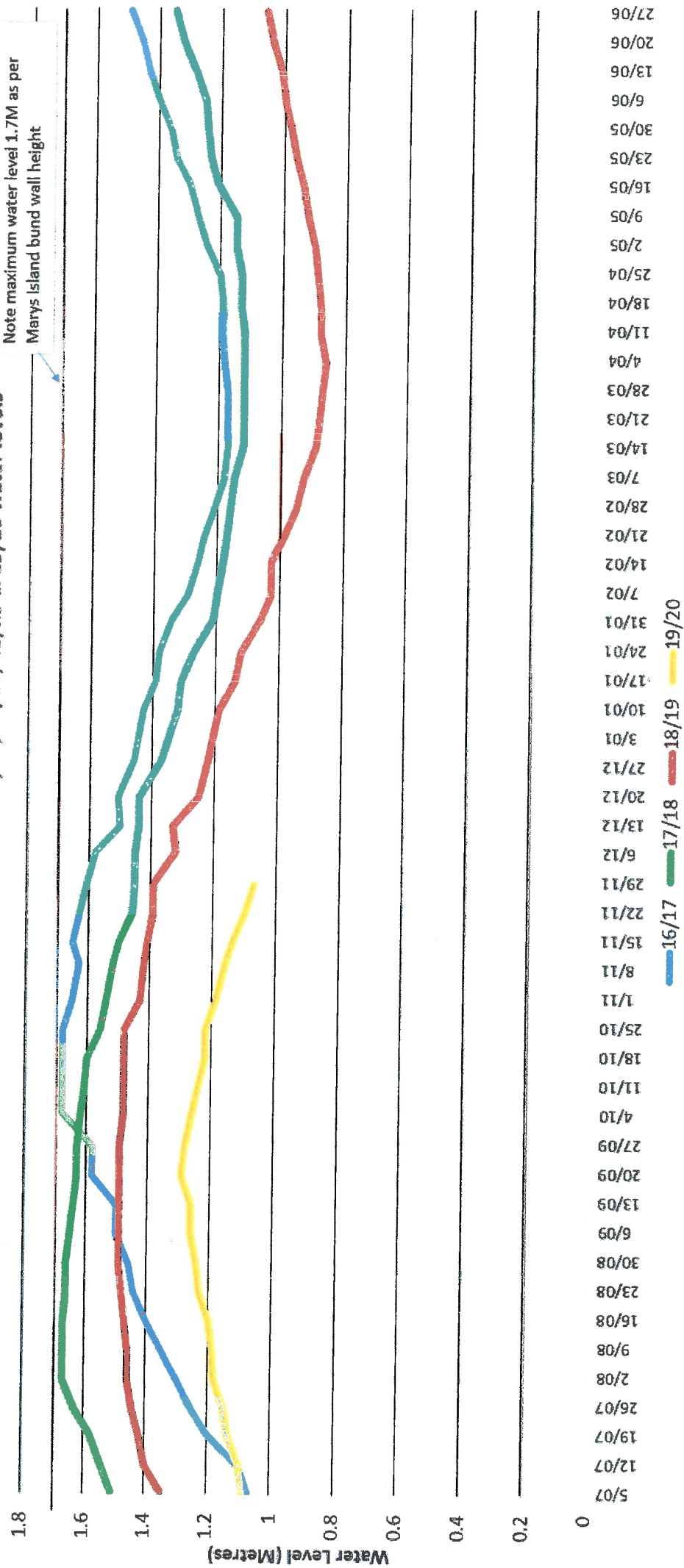
Average water level change over last three years up to Nov 2019 -37.10 Decrease of 0.37M or 37 cm or 370mm

Megalitres (average per year) required over the July 16 to Nov 2019 period (additional to the current 2.15ML allocation) to account for the incremental loss in water level would have been

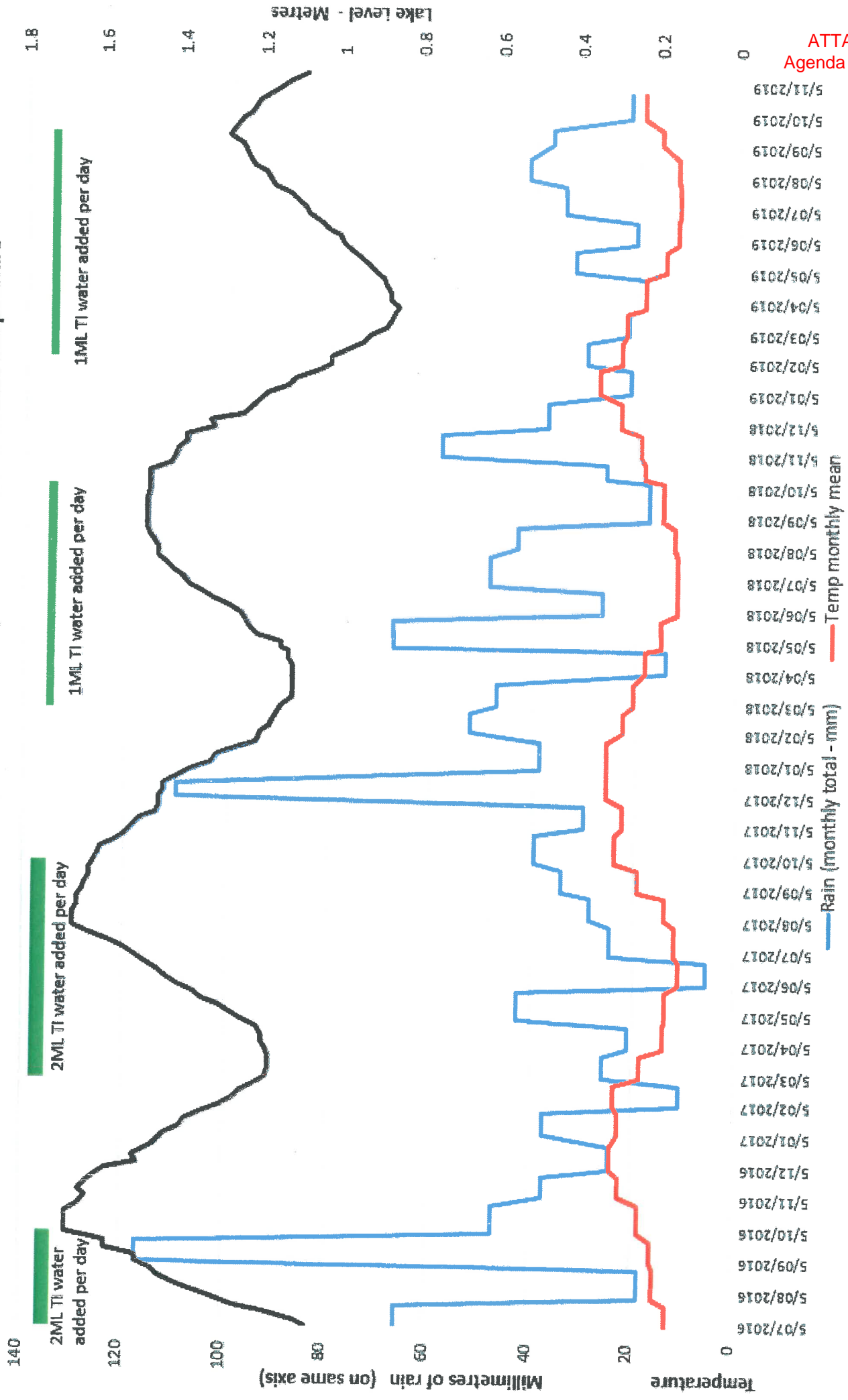
-196.63 Megalitres



Lake Dulverton 51Ha bund wall area - 16/17, 17/18, 18/19 & 19/20 water levels



# Lake Dulverton - water levels in comparison to monthly rainfall and mean outside temperature



— Rain (monthly total - mm)      — Temp monthly mean

140

2ML TI water added per day

2ML TI water added per day

1ML TI water added per day

1ML TI water added per day

120

100

80

Millimetres of rain (on same axis)

Temperature

0

5/07/2016

5/08/2016

5/09/2016

5/10/2016

5/11/2016

5/12/2016

5/01/2017

5/02/2017

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5/11/2019

5/12/2019

Lake level - Metres

1.2

1.0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0

1.8

1.6

1.4

**Maria Weeding**

**From:** Maria Weeding  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 October 2019 11:51 AM  
**To:** 'livgoogh@gmail.com'; Michelle Webster  
**Subject:** Doc 137740 Reply update from Traders Group letter Sept 2019  
**Attachments:** GenCor15 High St Traders Grp\_Oct 2019.docx

Hello Olivia and Michelle,

Thanks you to the High Street Traders Group for your letter regarding Lake Dulverton matters, received 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2109.

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As you are probably aware, the progress of these issues raised by the group will likely be over a fairly long time frame and largely depends on what is decided by Parks, as components involve a change in the current plans and management regime.

The lake committee plan to meet again in the next few weeks. There is no date set at this stage. Once there is information/ a response from Parks, then the committee will have further discussion.

Regards

Maria  
Maria Weeding  
NRM Unit Manager

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**Maria Weeding**

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**From:** Olivia Googh <livgoogh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 November 2019 6:13 PM  
**To:** Maria Weeding  
**Subject:** Doc 138149 Re: Reply update from Traders Group letter Sept 2019

Hi Maria,

On behalf of the Oatlands High Street Traders Group, I would like to thank you for your time in responding to our letter.

We understand the comments and feedback provided, and certainly appreciate that the water levels of the lake will take priority and focus of the committee.

If you could kindly please keep us informed of any update provided by Parks, that would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,  
Olivia Googh  
Secretary of Oatlands High Street Traders

On Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 11:50 AM Maria Weeding <[mweeding@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mweeding@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)> wrote:

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**Kempton Streetscape Group meeting  
2.37pm, 2 December 2019 at the Kempton Council Chambers**

**Present**

Carolyn Bassett  
Edwin Batt  
Andrew Benson  
Denise Booth  
Helen Geard  
John Hay  
Catherine Johnson  
Tim Kirkwood  
Stacy Watkins  
Maria Weeding

**Apologies**

Linda Cartledge

**Membership of Committee**

It was noted that John Hay is the representative from the Kempton Progress Association, therefore Tony Jewsons is to be removed from the email contact list.

**RSL/Memorial Hall**

Public consultation about the RSL/Memorial Hall forecourt plan (as developed by Play St.) was conducted. The public consultation was for a three week period with information being available from the Kempton Council Chambers, Kempton RSL and the Council website. Advertising was done using a letterbox flyer, the Kempton School newsletter and an advert placed in The Mercury.

No formal public comment was received. Carolyn did indicate that RSL members had concerns about reduced car parking near the building.

Tim Kirkwood suggested that the proposed works could be undertaken in two stages. The first stage being works at the front of the building and around the side up to the side door entrance. The second stage would be focussed on the side of the building (if required) on the area between the side door and the toilet block. The impact on parking could be determined at the completion of stage one and stage two works either undertaken as shown on the plan, or modified (if required). This approach was endorsed by the Group.

The Development Application is to be lodged using the Play St, plan 'as is' with no mention of a staged approach. If stage two works need to be modified, based on feedback about parking issues, then a 'minor variation' will be lodged.

Water pipes for a potential public art feature and underground power (or solar lighting if a suitable option is found) for potential lighting options will be installed as part of the stage one works.



Australian Government paperwork to secure funding for the works has been completed and Council is now waiting on the return of a grant deed for signing.

**Current works in progress**  
**Clock Tower / plaque lettering**

Clock tower works have progressed. The two clock faces and LED lighting have been installed. It was reported that the clock is now bright and much improved.

Nigel Hamilton-Smith volunteered his time and expertise to fix the missing letters from the plaque. Nigel is happy to replace all the black lettering on the plaque however the plaque would need to be removed from the tower and this could prove difficult.



**Planting a low hedge at the clock tower**

Lonicera, a hedging type plant was planted on Tuesday 26 November 2019. It will now require regular watering and later trimming. There are two spare plants if needed.

**Net swing at playground**



An Ultimate Play company representative confirmed there is enough room for a nest swing at the Kempton playground, where the old stump is located.

The quoted prices for a nest swing are  
Kompan - \$5656 plus GST plus other costs including installation and soft fall bark

Forpark - \$5900 plus GST plus other costs including installation and soft fall bark



A 'more exciting' alternative is a 'tornado' type swing because it swings and spins.

The price quoted from Forpark for this type of swing is \$8354 plus GST plus other costs including installation and soft fall bark

John Hay made the point that we need to do the research to ensure that a swing is what the community wants and would utilise.

There was discussion that funds raised by the Kempton Festival could be used to fund the purchase of a tornado type nest swing if that is what the community wanted.

### Outcomes

That the General Manager and Works Manager consult about getting the stump removed from the playground and preparing the ground for an additional piece of playground equipment to be installed.

That the Streetgroup budget amount of \$5000 for the nest swing be 'quarantined' until after the Kempton Festival. Kempton Festival organisers will then determine if funds from the Festival would be appropriate to support the purchase of a tornado style nest swing for the playground.

Consult with the Kempton Primary School students to determine if the children would like a nest or tornado type swing.

### Mural and silhouette





At the Council meeting on Wednesday 25 September the Council endorsed the Streetscape Group recommendation - that the existing silhouette (in front of the church) be relocated to the main street frontage of the clubrooms building, at the Recreation Ground. The silhouette will form part of stage two of the mural.

Painting of the mural (stage two) and creation of additional terracotta pieces will be organised by Carolyn Bassett in association with Lower Midlands Arts members. The draft mural design was strongly supported by the Group and painting will commence in early 2020.

The Council recommended that Folko be contacted to explain that the silhouette could be moving and to seek his feedback. Andrew formally emailed Folko seeking his endorsement and Folko indicated “you have my whole hearted support”.



**From:** Koopertasmania <sculpture@koopertasmania.com.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 December 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** Andrew Benson <abenson@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Silhouette in Kempton - 'People waiting for the Coach'

You have my whole hearted support  
I enthusiastically endorse the relocation of the sculpture for visual reasons

Best regards  
Folko

On 2 Dec 2019, at 11:05 am, Andrew Benson <abenson@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Morning Folko

You may recall that I talked to you about wanting to move the abovementioned Silhouette from the front of the Church down the road a little to the road frontage of the Kempton Recreation Ground, in the vicinity of the Football Clubrooms.

As the Creator of the piece of public art I am seeking your formal acceptance of that proposal.

Thanks in anticipation

Kind regards

AB

Andrew Benson  
Deputy General Manager

## Other matters

### Handrail for stage steps at RSL/Memorial Hall

John Hay stated that the steps to the stage at the RSL/Memorial Hall needed a handrail. It was noted that this request was beyond the scope of the Group to organise. Tim Kirkwood was however able to organise the work and a handrail will be installed this coming Thursday.

### Stop over area

There have been complaints that the grass between the stop-over toilets and the Blue Place is being used as a toilet by people 'needing to go'. It was suggested that the fence between the toilets and Blue Place be moved from the back of the toilet to the front to hopefully prevent this from happening.



There was also a discussion about how adequate the signage was directing people to the public toilets behind the RSL/Memorial Hall.

An additional complaint was noted that campers are staying longer than the allowed two days. Council officers are aware of the issue and have now implemented a new system to keep track of how long campers are using the area.

The stop-over area will be monitored and issues raised will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Dear Visitor**

Welcome to our free roadside stopover area.

Please note that there is a small donation box near the fire hydrant, if you would like to make a donation. These donations are used to maintain this facility.

Visitors are only permitted to stay for a maximum period of 48 hours and Council officers regularly patrol this area to ensure that this period is not exceeded. This Notice is dated to assist Council officers monitor the length of stay. It would be appreciated if you could display the Notice on your vehicle for monitoring purposes.

Should you wish to access the Toilet and Shower facilities (located in the sandstone block building – on the right as you enter the roadside stopover area) keys are available at the Council Office's 85 Main Street, Kempton (opposite Station Park) during normal office hours or for arrangement's afterhours Phone 0417 501303.


**Shower facility: \$10.00 per day and key deposit of \$20.00 is required.**

Public toilets and a dump collection facility are otherwise located at the rear of the Kempton Hall (89 Main Street adjacent to the Police Station).

*Thank you for stopping and enjoying our village*

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### Next meeting

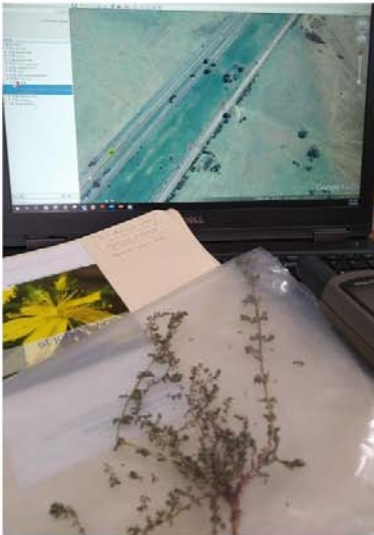
The date of the next meeting will be determined by the results of the RSL/Memorial Hall forecourt Development Application process. If there are representations that need to be discussed a meeting will be scheduled in early 2020. If there are no representations, then the next meeting will be held after the Kempton Festival (February 2020).

Meeting finished 3.45pm



# Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy

2020 - 2025



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*Front cover photos from top left: Boneseed seedling removed from Green Valley Rd (Bagdad), Vipers bugloss avoided by roadside slasher on Elderslie rd, State Growth inspecting St John's wort control on the Midlands Highway, Paterson's curse removed and bagged for disposal, SMC officers removing boneseed seedlings from Dysart, inspecting cumbungi control on Lake Dulverton, Adding St John's wort to the weed database.*

# 1. Introduction

There are a wide range of definitions for weeds and for clarity the *Australian Weeds Strategy 2017 – 2027*-definition has been adopted for this Strategy.

“A weed is considered to be a plant that requires some form of action to reduce its negative effects on the economy, the environment, human health or amenity”.

In the Australian Weeds Strategy, it noted that “of the approximately 3,207 species of introduced plants that have naturalised in Australia, about 500 taxa (species and genera) have been declared noxious or are under some form of legislative control in Australia. Most of the significant weeds in Australia have been introduced”. In addition, a large number of weeds in Tasmania were originally introduced as ornamental garden plants that ‘escaped’ into the landscape

In the Southern Midlands municipality the impact of well-established weeds such as Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), and Californian Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) on agricultural systems, and the subsequent cost of control and loss of production is significant. More recently thistles, including cotton thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*), saffron thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*) and nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), as well as Paterson’s curse (*Echium plantagineum*) are also starting to have an impact across the landscape. These more recent arrivals came in with mainland feed grain purchased and fed out during drought years. Having learnt a serious lesson, many farmers have now reduced this weed risk by feeding pellets and growing their grain and fodder requirements on-farm with water made available from the Midlands Irrigation Scheme. The risk of further spread from isolated infestations of invasive grasses present in the municipality, such as serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) and African lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*), is also of concern. An extensive area of Chilean needle grass (*N. neesiana*) was discovered in Southern Midlands in 2018 and will need continued management to prevent further spread.

Strategic weed management actions are required to protect valuable remnant ecosystems. Along the riparian zone (the transitional area between land and water) invasive weeds such as Crack Willow (*Salix fragilis*), Gorse and Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*) readily establish if the ground has been disturbed and the nutrient levels are high. Weeds found along watercourses can readily spread downstream from one property to the other. This has occurred along many waterways within the Southern Midlands.

Many of the most valuable and vulnerable areas of remnant vegetation, in particular native grasslands, occur along the roadsides and railway verges in the Southern Midlands. They are vulnerable to weed infestation from surrounding properties, passing traffic and roadside maintenance operations. Weeds such as English and Canary Broom (*Cytisus scoparius* and *Genista monspessulana*), Blackberry and sweet briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*) are often found along roadsides in the Southern Midlands.

The Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy (SMWMS) aims to tackle the many weed management issues facing all landholders within the Southern Midlands Municipality. The primary focus of the Strategy is on Education / Awareness and Training, Prevention and Early Intervention, and Integrated Weed Management. The priorities for coordinated on-ground action are along roads, rivers, railways and in areas of high conservation remnant vegetation as these are both significant areas of spread, and will generate the most community benefit.

The overall aim of the SMWMS is to ensure a coordinated cross land tenure, and cost-effective approach to weed management that involves all the community in partnership with Council.



## 2. Background

The increase in the spread of invasive weeds has been an issue of concern for the Southern Midlands Council (SMC) since its inception in 1993. In particular, SMC was concerned about the impact weeds were having on its road systems and other public spaces. The invasion of weeds such as Gorse and Broom along roadsides was becoming a dangerous and costly problem. Large bushes on the roadside verge were inhibiting sight lines making driving conditions dangerous. They also created difficulty for road maintenance due to their close proximity.

In 1994 the SMC initiated a roadside spraying program aimed at controlling key invasive weeds, particularly Gorse and Broom. This program has been continued since that time and has been very successful in reducing the impact of the weeds. It is unlikely that gorse and broom will be eradicated and SMC are therefore committed to long term control works along all roadsides. As the works have been effective, the budget can now include the control of other weeds on Council roads such as blackberry, Paterson's curse (*Echium plantagineum*) and Spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*). In 2017 Council adopted the SMWMS and employed a part time Weeds Officer to implement strategy priorities. Weed locations are continually added to the weed database which is used to record control actions, weed distribution and assist with determining prioritisation of weed control. SMC are currently integrating weed data into systems to ensure all land managers are meeting requirements for weed control.

SMC continues to work in partnership with landholders, government and non-government organisations to achieve positive outcomes. SMC has previously worked in conjunction with the Australian Government and NRM South to deliver a range of weed control and landholder awareness raising projects.

Council's budget, new weed threats and alternative funding when available, combined with the level of landholder commitment determines the extent of activity from year to year.

### 2.1 Principles to underpin weed management in Australia

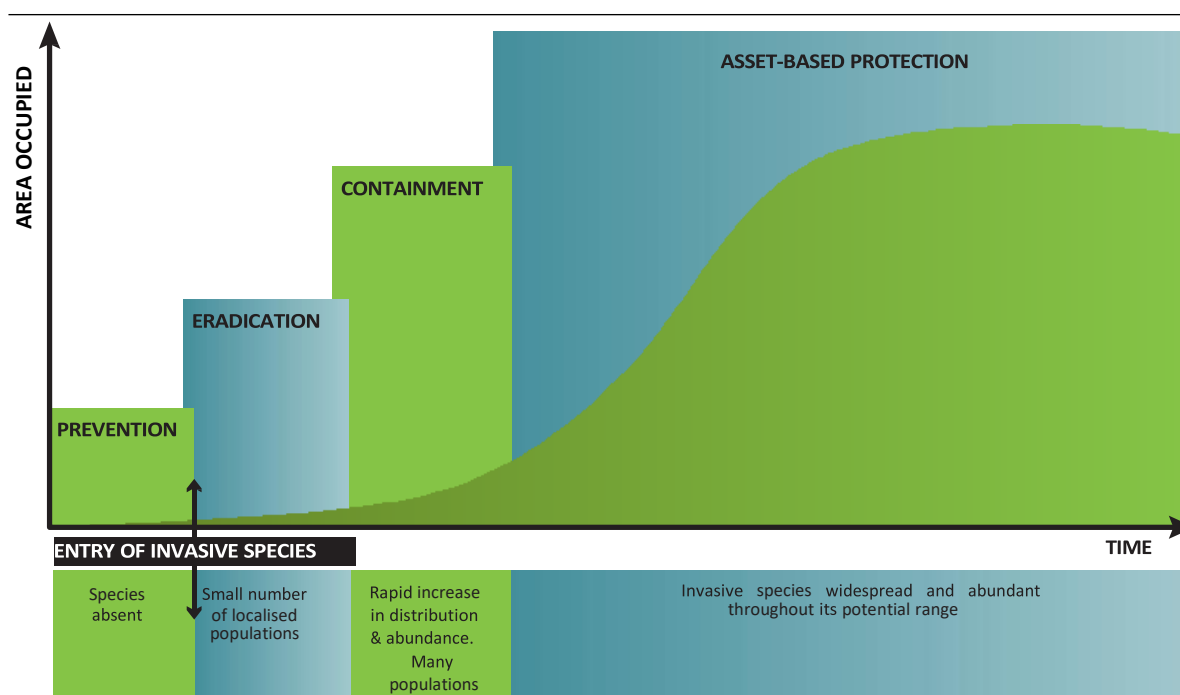
The *Australian Weeds Strategy 2017 - 2027* identifies seven principles that should underpin weed management in Australia and guide planning, investment and actions.

- 1) Effective weed management is a responsibility shared between landholders, community, industry and government.
- 2) Evidence-based decision-making should underpin the approach to weeds.
- 3) Risk-based prevention and early intervention is generally the most cost-effective approach for managing weeds.
- 4) Prioritisation of weed management must be informed by a risk based approach, considering feasibility, likelihood of success, impact and national significance.
- 5) Coordination amongst landholders, community, industry and government is necessary to manage weeds at a landscape scale.
- 6) Sustaining capability and capacity across landholders, community, industry and government is fundamental to effective weed management.
- 7) Individuals, organisations and industry groups that create risks that may result in a weed entering, emerging, establishing or spreading in Australia have a role in minimising the impacts and contributing to the costs of management.

## Stages of weed management

The *Australian Weeds Strategy 2017 - 2027* is a national strategy encompassing principles, goals and priorities across the four stages of weed management: prevention, eradication, containment and asset protection.

Over time, a weed invasion consists of sequential phases of introduction, establishment and spread until, in the absence of control, the population can fill its entire potential range. Some species spread slowly, while others spread rapidly. The full range of weed management options generally fall into four categories, depending on the stage of invasion: (1) prevention, (2) eradication, (3) containment and (4) asset protection. This helps to demonstrate the wide range of tactics, management approaches and people required to successfully respond to weed challenges. The four types of management are illustrated on the generalised invasion curve below.



Source: Victorian Government (2010) *Invasive Plants and Animals Policy Framework*, DPI Victoria

### Prevention stage:

There are a number of ways to prevent the spread of weeds and these will vary according to different situations. Ways may include-

- Adopt hygiene protocols to prevent the movement of weeds eg vehicle and machinery washdown procedures. Check and clean before moving to another area.
- Avoid buying in stock feed including grain, hay and straw.
- Purchase shorn sheep rather than long-wool sheep or shear as soon as possible upon arrival.
- Hold newly returned stock or stock returned from agistment and hand-feed in one paddock or a small localised area for 4 days. Remove stock, monitor and control weeds prior to flowering.



### Eradication stage:

Isolated and small scale weed infestations give an excellent return on investment (32:1). This category includes weeds that have only been present for a short time as well as species that occur in small, isolated areas or have a limited distribution.

Weeds in this category for the Southern Midlands include (but not limited to) the highly invasive grasses - serrated tussock, and African lovegrass as well as St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), nodding thistle, stemless thistle (*Onopordum acaulon*), boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*), ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) and pampas grass (*Cortaderia* spp.).



Above - Left to right: serrated tussock, nodding thistle, boneseed and African Lovegrass  
Below – Left to right: St John's wort, pampas and stemless thistle





**Containment stage:**

When responding to extensive areas of weed infestations, measures to reduce or limit their spread are to be the focus. These are broadly referred to as 'containment' actions. There are many pathways for weed spread that need to be managed such as along waterways, roads and other transport corridors. When weeds have infested large areas, all affected landholders need to work together to contain these infestations.

**Asset based protection stage:**

When a weed species is widespread and the cost / resources required to eradicate or undertake significant containment works is no longer financially viable then asset-based protection becomes important. Assets may include built infrastructure, native vegetation, pastures, waterways, neighbouring properties and field crops. Prioritisation of control is based on the relative importance / value of each asset and any relevant legislative requirement.

### 3. Vision

The *Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy* (SMWMS) will ensure a coordinated, and cost-effective approach to weed management within the Southern Midlands Municipality, involving the community in partnership with Council.

### 4. Framework

#### Goal A

To increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of weed management through the **cooperation** and **coordination** of the activities, and the **resources** of land and water managers and users, policy makers and other stakeholders within the Southern Midlands Municipality.

Goal A will be achieved by addressing the following three key areas:

- Coordination and Cooperation;
- Policy and Legislation; and
- Resources.

#### 4.1 Coordination and Cooperation

##### **Aim:**

To provide a framework to ensure a *cooperative, coordinated and cost-effective* approach to the implementation of the *Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy* (SMWMS).

##### **Objective 1:**

To ensure a *cooperative* approach to the SMWMS by understanding the roles and responsibilities of individuals and organisations, and creating and maintaining effective communication channels.

##### **Strategic Actions to achieve Objective 1:**

###### CONTEXT

The SMWMS needs to involve a wide variety of individuals and organisations both within and beyond the Municipality. It is necessary to not only determine the stakeholders in weed management in the Southern Midlands, but also their roles and responsibilities during the long term implementation of the SMWMS.

The following are examples of the many organisations and their roles and responsibilities in assisting Southern Midlands with weed management:

- ◆ SMC financial and / or in-kind support and management of the SMWMS. Authorised inspectors under the *Weed Management Act 1999* and weed management of Council roadsides, reserves and properties.
- ◆ Landholder participation; weed management of weeds on private property and reporting weed observations.
- ◆ State and Federal Government research and technical support for control programs;
- ◆ Machinery operators across all industries undertaking vehicle hygiene practices to minimise weed spread.
- ◆ State Government weed management of State-owned roads and overseeing of weed hygiene practices of contractors. Authority for managing the *Weed Management Act 1999* which defines the declaring of weed species and preparation of Statutory Weed Management Plans.
- ◆ School participation in educating young people about the impacts of weeds, and what they can do; and
- ◆ Landcare group participation in undertaking weed management activities.

To ensure that the SMWMS continues to be relevant and encourages participation, by the many different stakeholders, it remains important to maintain a number of effective communication channels.

These communication channels allow different elements of the community to have an opportunity for involvement, and therefore ensure a *cooperative* approach to the continued implementation of the SMWMS.

Action No.	<u>Action</u>	Whom	By When
4.1.1	Continue to employ a Weeds Officer, with weed strategy coordination and implementation responsibilities, including overseeing the involvement of relevant stakeholders.	Southern Midlands Council (SMC)	Ongoing
4.1.2	Maintain contact information for relevant stakeholders.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.1.3	Use the Council rates newsletter, website and other relevant publications to inform landholders about ongoing actions, strategy progress and inviting feedback / participation.	SMC Weeds Officer	On an as needs basis
4.1.4	Contact and visit landholders to discuss weed issues relevant to the property and encourage control of priority weeds as appropriate.	SMC Weeds Officer	On an as needs basis
4.1.5	Maintain ongoing liaison with relevant agencies and individuals with an interest / involvement in the SMWMS and / or general weed management issues.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.1.6	Work in conjunction with landholders, government representatives and non-government organisations to ensure cooperative approaches to weed management activities.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing

## Objective 2:

Utilise weed infestation location information and record weed management activities.

### Strategic Actions to achieve Objective 2:

#### CONTEXT

The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) Natural Values Atlas [www.naturalvaluesatlas.tas.gov.au](http://www.naturalvaluesatlas.tas.gov.au), contains location records of many significant weed infestations. It is important that the SMC continue to work with stakeholders to capture new or emerging weed infestations.

Monitoring what is happening on a Regional, State-wide and National level will ensure that any actions implemented complement and contribute to existing systems, rather than duplicating any already in place.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
4.1.7	Continue to record weed infestations and management activities in the Southern Midlands. Notify DPIPWE of any new weed management issues.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.1.8	Liase with the Council Works and Technical Service Officers in regard to on-ground roadside management projects and the capture of weed management data.	SMC Weeds Officer / Council Works Dept. Officers	Ongoing
4.1.9	Add weed data to the Natural Values Atlas	SMC Weeds Officer	Every 6 months

## 4.2 Policy and Legislation

### Aim:

To ensure that the *Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy (SMWMS)* is coordinated with, and integrated into, relevant national, state, regional and local legislation, policy, strategic plans and programs.

### Objective 1:

Ensure that the SMWMS remains consistent with and complimentary to Tasmanian weed management legislation (currently the *Weed Management Act 1999*) and other national, state and local policy and strategies relevant to weed management issues.

## Strategic Actions to achieve Objective 1:

### CONTEXT

A large number of *state* and *national* policies, strategies, plans and programs related to natural resource management are both directly and indirectly relevant to any regional strategy addressing weed management issues. Any actions resulting from the SMWMS will endeavour to be consistent with and complimentary to policies and strategies at the state and national levels.

It will therefore be important to monitor policies, strategies, programs and actions that may arise to ensure that the SMWMS remains relevant. The SMWMS will also play a role in raising awareness about local government related initiatives; state and national weed management policy and legislation.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
4.2.1	Maintain communication with representatives from appropriate organisations responsible for the ongoing implementation of relevant weed management legislation, policy and strategies.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.2.2	Provide input into appropriate forums relevant to weed management issues.	SMC Weeds Officer	As arises
4.2.3	Initiate - when appropriate – and support cooperative ventures within and between other organisations and individuals involved in weed management activities around Tasmania, and throughout Australia.	SMC Weeds Officer	On-going
4.2.4	Review, when required, actions arising from the SMWMS to ensure that it remains consistent and complimentary to any new and revised relevant state and national legislation, policy, strategies and programs/plans.	SMC Weeds Officer	On-going

## Objective 2:

Ensure that the SMWMS remains consistent and complimentary to Council's policies and programs, including the *Southern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2014-2023*, and where relevant other community plans, programs and activities relating to weed management issues.

## Strategic Actions to achieve Objective 2:

### CONTEXT

To ensure that the SMWMS continues to reflect the current needs of the community and maintains continuity and relevance it should be reviewed on a regular basis.

Numerous different natural resource management / weed related activities continue to be undertaken within the Southern Midlands Municipality by a variety of organisations. Some of these activities are a part of state-wide and national programs, and reflect various broader policies and strategies. Other activities are the day-to-day activities of landholders and community members, and may not be officially linked in with other programs and strategies, yet play an important role in both their process and outcomes.

Any strategic actions arising from the SMWMS must compliment and be coordinated with local and regional programs and activities whenever possible and appropriate.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
4.2.5	Create regular feedback procedures to the SMC.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.2.6	Ensure weed management priorities compliment regional, state and national strategies where appropriate.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.2.7	Identify weed management programs and investigate opportunities to participate.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.2.8	Ensure council programs are meeting legislative requirements for weed management - e.g. roadside slashing, spraying programs, fire abatements and information for Development Applications	SMC Weeds Officer / Council Works Dept. Officers / SMC Environment and Development Services	Ongoing

### 4.3 Resources to implement the SMWMS

**Aim:**

To ensure the successful implementation of the SMWMS through the availability of adequate resources at all levels.

**Objective:**

To source and maximise *financial and in-kind resources* to implement the SMWMS.

**Strategic Actions to achieve Objective:**

CONTEXT

Determining Resources Required

A fundamental component of the SMWMS is to ensure that adequate resources are available to *coordinate* and *implement* strategic actions outlined within the SMWMS. Resources may be provided through a range of providers including grant programs, Council and /or individuals.

The costs of specific strategic actions need to be determined to ensure successful sourcing of appropriate financial and in-kind resources. This will be an ongoing process and will require the collection and evaluation of records.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
4.3.1	Annually determine strategic weed management priorities.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.3.2	Identify and apply for funding when opportunities arise.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing

4.3.3	Maintain a list of the resources available for weed management e.g. accredited spraying contractors.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
4.3.4	Continue to advocate for local priorities to be incorporated into management actions of land managers in Southern Midlands such as State roadsides, Parks and wildlife and Crown Land Services.	<b>SMC Weeds Officer / Council Works Dept. Officers</b>	ongoing

## 5. Implementation

### Goal B

In the Southern Midlands:-

- ◆ raise the awareness and acceptance of the **roles and responsibilities** in weed management by all stakeholders in the Southern Midlands.
- ◆ prevent the introduction and spread of **new weeds** within the Southern Midlands.
- ◆ work in partnership with landholders to implement appropriate **weed management programs** within the Southern Midlands.

Goal B will be achieved by addressing the following three key areas:

- Education / Awareness / Training;
- Prevention and Early Intervention; and
- Integrated Weed Management.

### **5.1 Education / Awareness / Training**

#### **Aim:**

- To supply appropriate weed management information and increase awareness of weed issues in the wider community; and
- To highlight the roles and responsibilities within the wider community in weed management.

#### **Objective:**

To promote weed managements issues within the Southern Midlands.

#### **Strategic Actions to achieve Objective:**

##### CONTEXT

The SMC has a long history of working with landholders on weed management issues. The Council has a role in ensuring that landholders are provided with appropriate weed management information. In the past the Council has distributed information, identified weeds or linked landholders to specialised advice.

The Council also actively promotes any opportunities available for landholders to participate and support actions that address weed management problems. Council also recognises that it has a responsibility to train relevant employees involved in maintenance activities about weed hygiene and techniques to reduce the spread of weeds.



Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
5.1.1	Continue to provide weed management information and training opportunities for the wider community within the Southern Midlands Municipality.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.1.2	Promote projects that support landholders to undertake weed management activities on their properties.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.1.3	Organise field days to sites demonstrating different weed management techniques and results.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing

## 5.2 Prevention and Early Intervention

### Aim:

To prevent new weed incursions from becoming established within the Southern Midlands;

### Objective:

To assist and support regional, State and National actions *preventing* new weeds from becoming established within the Southern Midlands.

### Strategic Actions to achieve Objective:

#### CONTEXT

Preventing new weeds from entering Tasmania and / or becoming established needs to be tackled on a regional scale. Although National and State quarantine provisions play an important role, a surveillance program and an associated education strategy at the local level is also relevant.

The *Weed Management Act 1999*, identified a number of weeds as potential threats, to Tasmania. The associated Statutory Weed Management Plans specify notification procedures to follow if a new weed infestation is located.

Preventing the spread of known weeds to new “clean” areas is a vital component of this Strategy. Often the spread of weeds occurs as a result of other activities, such as the everyday movement of machinery, goods, stock and people from an infested area to an uninfested one, particularly along roadsides, rivers, and railways. Putting in place actions to prevent the unnecessary spread of weeds will reduce future damage and costs.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
5.2.1	Encourage and support the community in recording observations of unusual plants, and then reporting them to Council.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing

5.2.2	Work with the Council Works Supervisor to ensure that roadside maintenance activities minimise the risk of weed spread into new areas.	SMC Weeds Officer, Council Works Supervisor	Ongoing
5.2.3	Notify Biosecurity Tasmania of any unidentified weed occurrences. Biosecurity Tasmania will then check the identity of the plant and, if appropriate, a weed incursion response will be initiated.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.2.4	Promote effective weed hygiene measures that prevent weed spread throughout the Southern Midlands.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing

### 5.3 Integrated Weed Management

#### Aim:

- To ensure weed management activities are not addressed in isolation of other relevant land management and community issues;
- To achieve the most economically, socially and environmentally effective weed management through the *integration* of a variety of land management practices and control methods.

#### Objective:

To continue to support the wider community in the use of integrated weed management techniques, which reflect and complement sustainable land management practices.

#### Strategic Actions to achieve Objective:

##### BACKGROUND

Addressing weed issues in isolation is likely to only ever be a very short-term solution to the problem. Weed management actions need to be integrated into other sustainable land and water management activities being undertaken within the Southern Midlands.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
5.3.1	Investigate and monitor relevant land management programs and projects being undertaken in the Southern Midlands.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.3.2	Provide input into regional natural resource management developments in relation to weed management.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.3.3	Continue to monitor the distribution of weeds on roadsides and railway reserves within the Municipality.	SMC Weeds Officer Council Works Dept. Officers	Ongoing
5.3.4	Encourage collaboration with neighbouring councils to manage priority weeds	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.3.5	Work with State Growth and land managers adjacent to roadsides to enhance roadside weed management priorities.	SMC Weeds Officer/stakeholders	Ongoing

## Objective 2:

To continue to implement on-ground weed management activities, reflecting identified priorities and utilising a combination of *control methods*.

### Strategic Actions to achieve Objective 2:

#### BACKGROUND

Integrated Weed Management combines site-appropriate weed control options including physical removal, chemical control, biological control and cultivation to achieve effective long-term control. In addition, once primary control has been carried out, annual or biannual follow-up control is essential to successful manage of weeds.

Herbicide resistance in weeds is known to occur in the municipality. Herbicide resistance is the inherent ability of weeds to survive a herbicide that would normally control them. Herbicide resistant plants are present in weed populations at low frequencies even before herbicides are applied. These resistant individuals do not become apparent until a herbicide with the same mode of action is used repeatedly and the resistant weeds are allowed to survive, set seed and multiply while susceptible plants are killed. If herbicide resistance develops, other herbicides (with a different mode of action) or other control methods (non-chemical) will need to be used. Once herbicide resistance occurs it will persist for many years. To minimise the chance of herbicide resistance it is important to use a range of weed control methods and alternate between different herbicide groups.

The selection of the most appropriate method or combination of methods is an essential component of managing weeds strategically. Many factors must be taken into consideration including the;

- Type of weed;
- Location and size of infestation;
- Available resources (financial, labour, equipment etc); and
- Scheduling annual follow-up.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
5.3.6	As appropriate work with organisations/ authorities and landholders on the redistribution of existing biological control agents and development of future agents.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.3.7	Continue investigation of alternative non-chemical methods of weed control.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.3.8	Seek opportunities for landholders to participate in research trials of alternative and integrated methods of weed control and management.	SMC Weeds Officer in conjunction with landholders and relevant research and government organisations.	As the opportunities arise.
5.3.9	If funding becomes available, undertake further weed mapping in areas identified as missing necessary data.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
5.3.10	Educate land managers on minimising herbicide resistance.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing

## 6. Evaluation, Monitoring and Review

### Goal C

To develop and implement appropriate systems and mechanisms to **monitor, evaluate and review** weed management activities within the Southern Midlands Municipality.

Goal C will be achieved by undertaking the strategic actions outlined below.

#### **Aim:**

**To monitor and evaluate the progress and outcomes of the SMWMS to ensure that the stated objectives are being achieved.**

#### **Objective:**

**To monitor and evaluate procedures and to record activities undertaken in the process of implementing the SMWMS.**

#### **Strategic Actions to achieve Objective:**

##### BACKGROUND

Monitoring and evaluation is an essential component of weed management activities. Although there is often the temptation just to get on with the job, unless records of actions are kept it is difficult to determine what has actually been done. This can also make it difficult to determine whether the outcomes of any actions achieve the initial objectives.

The information obtained during the monitoring process can be used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the SMWMS as it is implemented, which may be useful in making important adjustments to future operations.

Action No.	Action	Whom	By When
6.1	Continue to monitor and evaluate the progress of works undertaken as a result of the SMWMS.	SMC Weeds Officer	Ongoing
6.2	Undertake an annual review of the weed management priorities in the Southern Midlands and adjust actions accordingly.	SMC Weeds Officer	Annually

## 7. Future Directions:

It is vital that the Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy remains current, relevant and useful to the variety of individuals and organisations responsible and interested in sustainable land management within the Southern Midlands Municipality.

To ensure this it will be necessary to:

- ◆ remain vigilant about the on-going review process;
- ◆ promote weed management activities throughout the wider community;
- ◆ provide opportunities for feedback to ensure that the Council is aware of concerns and suggestions from the wider community;
- ◆ continually investigate and utilise opportunities for the integration of weed management activities into all areas of sustainable land and water management;

These crucial elements of the Strategy will be necessary to ensure an evolving Strategy, which continues to provide direction and focus for integrated weed management activities within the Southern Midlands Municipality into the future.

## 8. Web resources

[www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au) - online copy of the *Weed Management Act 1999*

[www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au) - go to Invasive Species and then Weeds for comprehensive information on Tasmanian weeds and weed hygiene issues

[www.nrmsouth.org.au](http://www.nrmsouth.org.au) - NRM South Natural Resource Management Strategy (Resources > Brochures etc)

[www.naturalvaluesatlas.tas.gov.au](http://www.naturalvaluesatlas.tas.gov.au) - Natural Values Atlas

[www.weeds.gov.au](http://www.weeds.gov.au) – Australian Government weed information

## 9. Appendices

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### APPENDIX 1:

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#### **Criteria for Determining Weed Management Priorities in the Southern Midlands**

A combination of the following factors are to be considered when determining on-ground weed management activities in the Southern Midlands Municipality. These criteria have been utilised to classify weeds in the Southern Midlands into Priorities 1,2,3 and 4 and determine control works and actions.

- Status of weed in accordance with Weeds of National Significance, Tasmanian weed legislation (currently the *Weed Management Act 1999*) and relevant Statutory Weed Management Plans;
- NRM South Natural Resource Management Strategy;
- Control small and / or isolated outlying infestations first;
- Infestations that are likely to spread rapidly (and infest new areas);
- Size of the infestation (it is often better to control smaller, more manageable infestations than to tackle larger ones);
- Council roadside reserve weed control program.
- Infestations threatening significant areas of high conservation value remnant vegetation;
- Impacting negatively upon any community or flora or fauna species listed under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and/or the *Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*.
- Infestations in and around urban/rural residential areas that pose a threat to surrounding remnant vegetation and agricultural land; and

Other factors to be taken into account include:

- Local knowledge of the site (including information regarding usage and values of the site);
- Past history of the site (including previous control attempts);
- Available resources;
- Level of landholder support and commitment

#### **Prioritisation of weed control in Southern Midlands**

Some weeds may fall into more than one priority category depending on the above factors and may over time move progress to a higher classification.

**Priority 1 – Objective:** *for all Priority 1 weeds to be controlled, prevent any seeding or movement of the weed. Regulatory action could be undertaken on properties who fail to undertake appropriate weed control for Priority 1 weeds in line with their Statutory Weed Management Plan.*

- Any declared weed listed as zone A (appendix 3) that is not yet in Southern Midlands.
- Isolated occurrences of zone A weeds being managed for eradication.

- Declared weeds located in areas where soil or landscaping material is sold (i.e. mulch, quarries, gravel etc).
- Specific roadside weeds

Priority 1 weeds as of Dec 2019 (including but not limited to):

Amsinckia	Opuntiod cacti
African Lovegrass	Pampas
Boneseed	Ragwort
Datura	Serrated tussock
Elisha's tears	Stemless thistle
Mouse ear hawkweed	St John's wort

All Zone A weeds listed declared weed not yet found in the municipality (see appendix 3)

Weeds in the roadside corridors which are managed as Priority 1.

Chilean needle grass	Paterson's curse
Cotton thistle	Saffron thistle
Nodding thistle	Spanish heath

**Priority 2 – Objective:** *Control all priority 2 weeds in site specific areas (where eradication can be a strategic aim). Actively manage larger weed infestations to reduce size and prevent further spread and control. Next to properties free of the weed, or properties actively managing the weed, require buffer zones. Regulatory action could be undertaken on properties who fail to undertake appropriate weed control for Priority 2 weeds in line with their Statutory Weed Management Plan.*

- Zone A weeds that are well established and may need reclassification to Zone B.
- Weeds located in areas of a high risk of spread – particularly roadways or on property adjacent to roadsides.
- Zone B weeds which have limited distribution.
- Zone A and B weed outliers on roadsides and/or where active weed management is being implemented on adjacent land.

Priority 2 weeds as of Dec 2019 (including but not limited to):

Paterson's curse  
Spanish heath  
Chilean needle grass  
Cotton thistle  
Saffron thistle  
Nodding thistle  
White weed

Weeds in the roadways which are managed as Priority 2

Broom sp.  
Gorse  
Blackberry

**Priority 3 - Objective:** *Site specific weeds. These may be impacting conservation areas or areas of high community interest and can be feasibly controlled or contained where resources allow. Regulatory action could be applied in line with their Statutory Weed Management Plan.*

Priority 3 weeds and site-specific area including but not limited to:



Cumbungi – within 3km radius of Lake Dulverton Conservation area  
Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary

Any declared weed – if assessed as a significant threat to site specific area and in need of control in line with Statutory Weed Management Plans.

**Priority 4 – Objective:** *to raise awareness of impacts the of these weeds and encourage weed management as required.*

Priority 4 weeds in SM as of Dec 2019

Non declared and environmental weeds

Any weed not already addressed in priority 1-3.

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## APPENDIX 2:

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### **Southern Midlands Council Weed Management Actions 2020-2025**

The following is a list of specific management actions and projects to be led by SMC to meet the weed prioritisation objectives.

- Control all boneseed in August/ early September when flowering. Inspect known sites and remove any plants at Dysart, Bagdad and Levendale. Discuss control with landowners. Monitor the spread of boneseed in surrounding municipalities.
- Continue mapping roadside weeds. Undertake annual Priority weed control work on all Council roads in the municipality and Council land as appropriate within the constraints of the Council's annual weed control budget. Assess need to add new weeds to this list.
- Increase Paterson's curse awareness raising activities e.g. and conduct annual site visits. Work with DPIPWE and invest the resources to issue requirement notices to landholders who are not undertaking required control (in accordance with Zone B requirements). Follow up non-compliance issues. Encourage collaboration with Brighton Council and State Growth to control infestations across all land tenures.
- Increase the number of specific thistle awareness raising activities (specifically for priority weeds: cotton, saffron, nodding and stemless thistle). Work with DPIPWE and invest the resources to issue requirement notices to landholders to contain or eradicate (depending on zoning). Follow up non-compliance issues.
- Work with the Woodsdale and Levendale Community to increase awareness of Spanish heath and its potential impact in the area. Control all roadside Spanish heath and work with landowners to contain Spanish heath and prevent flowering. Aim to have zoning changed from Zone B to Zone A and work towards eradication targets.
- Work with DPIPWE officers to control and raise awareness of Nassella species, mainly comprising Serrated tussock, Chilean needle grass (Tea Tree and Campania) and Texan needle grass (not present). Site visits to all affected landholders in September each year. Support the Coal Valley Products Association to progress containment and control of Chilean needle grass in the Campania area. Collaborate with Brighton Council to ensure all Chilean needle grass at Tea tree is controlled annually.
- Weed control works in the area surrounding Lake Dulverton and in the Dulverton Walkway Corridor. Control Cumbungi infestations when they occur in Lake Dulverton.
- Work with the State Government to encourage strategic management of weeds along the Tunnack Road, Midland Highway and Mud Walls Road (e.g. St John's wort along Midlands Highway, gorse and broom along Mud Walls Road and Tunnack Road). Advocate for improved weed management actions on Tunnack Road.
- Undertake weed control work at the Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary in consultation with the Management Committee and other relevant parties.
- Liaise with Parks and Wildlife to undertake weed control works at the 'old Tunnack tip site' and the Tunbridge Lagoon Nature Reserve.
- The Landcare Office continue to provide information and advice to assist landholders identify and manage weeds (working with DPIPWE officers, when appropriate).

- Landcare Office to continue to work with DPIPW in relation to all declared weeds in Southern Midlands.
- In partnership with the State Government examine the issue of reserved roads (in the areas surrounding Oatlands and other townships) and their impact on weed and fire management.
- Assess feasibility of annual control of white weed on roadsides.
- Focus on further reducing weeds in corridors of spread, particularly roadsides. Encourage or apply priority actions for properties adjacent to sites of active management, e.g. gorse adjacent to roadsides or properties free of the weed.

## APPENDIX 3

### Weed Management Act 1999

Statutory Weed Management Plans have been developed by DPIPWE for all declared weeds in Tasmania.

The plan for each weed is separated into two zones. Each Municipality is categorised into one of two zones, being Eradication for Zone A municipalities, whereby eradication is the principle management objective, OR Containment for Zone B municipalities, whereby containment is the principle management objective.

In relation to the **Southern Midlands**, the following have been listed as Zone A or B weeds.

#### Zone A (eradication - principle objective) recorded in Southern Midlands

Common Name	Botanical Name	Type of Weed	Distribution
African lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	Roadside/ Agricultural	Previously recorded, none known now
Isolated infestations along Midland Highway between Kempton and Tunbridge. See North Barker Ecosystems Services African lovegrass report to Department of State Growth 2016 (see Map 1).			
Amsinckia	<i>Amsinckia calycina</i>	Agricultural	Isolated
Amsinckia infestations have been found near Kempton. On-going control is being undertaken by landholders. Eradication remains an appropriate aim.			
Boneseed (WoNS)	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>	Environmental	Isolated
Isolated infestations at Levendale, Dysart and Bagdad are under annual control by Landcare staff and landholders (since 2009) (see Map 2).			
Chilean needle grass (WoNS)	<i>Nassella neesiana</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental/ Roadside	None recorded
Isolated infestation off Matzoo Lane Tea Tree (Rekuna) in recent subdivision. Under DPIPWE / landholder annual management (see Map 3).			
Cotton thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Agricultural	Localised
There are localised infestations in the Tunbridge/ Woodbury/ Antill Ponds area as well as smaller areas at York Plains, Jericho and Lower Marshes (see Map 11)			
Elisha's tears	<i>Leycesteria formos</i>	Riparian/ Environmental	Isolated
Reports but no records			
Datura	<i>Datura</i> species	Roadside/ Agricultural	Isolated
Garden plants exist at unknown locations, also reported growing in gravel at Kempton in 2017.			
No record - monitor Lake Dulverton			
Heath species			
Tree heath	<i>Erica aborea</i>	Garden plant	Isolated
Water heath	<i>Erica caffra</i>	Garden plant	Isolated
	<i>Erica holosericea</i>	Garden plant	Isolated
Mouse ear hawkweed	<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	Roadside/ Environmental	Previously recorded, none known now
Original record from Jan 2001 at St Peters Pass along the Midland Highway (see Map 4).			
Nodding thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Agricultural	Localised

Localised infestations on properties near Jericho and isolated infestations near Oatlands, Kempton and Tunbridge (see Map 5).			
Common Name	Botanical Name	Type of Weed	Distribution
Opuntoid cacti	<i>Opuntia</i> species (excluding <i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> )	Environmental	Isolated
Pampas (white, pink & NZ toe toe)	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> , <i>C. jubata</i> , <i>C. richardii</i>	Environmental/ Agricultural	Isolated
Concerted landholder engagement and eradication effort for over 20 years. New reports during 2017, 2018 with most plants destroyed (see Map 6).			
Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Agricultural	Isolated
From time to time reports of single to a few plants, however no established infestations are known to occur in the municipality. Easily mistaken for St John's wort along roadsides especially along the Midland Highway.			
Saffron thistle	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	Agricultural	Isolated
There are localised infestations in the Tunbridge, Woodbury and Jericho areas and isolated infestations in the York Plains, Lower Marshes, Melton Mowbray and Kempton areas (see Map 7)			
Serrated tussock	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	Isolated
One isolated infestation at Spring Hill scattered across 47 Ha (see Map 8). Landholder implementing annual plan developed by DPIPWE. One roadside plant found in 2019 on Eldon rd.			
Stemless thistle	<i>Onopordum acaulon</i>	Agriculture	Previously recorded, none known now
Old record from 6/12/2002 incorrectly mapped. 2018 recorded scattered plants across approximately 2 acres on neighbouring property. Biannual control by land manager from 2017 onwards is reducing the infestation (see Map 9)			
St John's wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Agricultural	Localised
Isolated infestations at five Midland Hwy locations and one along Little Plains road, Woodbury (see Map 10)			
White weed	<i>Cardaria draba</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	Localised
Since the declaration as a Zone A weed, the distribution has progressed from isolated to localised (and quite extensive), particularly in the Mangalore and Bagdad areas.			

### Zone B (containment – principle objective)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Type of Weed	Distribution
African boxthorn (WoNS)	<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	Agricultural	Widespread
Localised infestations			
Blackberry (WoNS)	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> aggregate	Agricultural/ Environmental	Localised
Brooms (WoNS)			
English broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	Widespread
Montpellier broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	Localised
Californian thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	Localised
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	Widespread
Isolated infestations along roadsides			
Gorse (WoNS)	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	Widespread
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	Agricultural	Widespread
Paterson's curse	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	Localised

Localised infestations in the Mangalore/ Bagdad, Broadmarsh, Melton Mowbray and Lower Marshes areas. Isolated infestations in the Dysart, Jericho and Oatlands areas (see Map 12)			
Slender thistles	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus, C. tenuiflorus</i>	Agricultural	Widespread
Spanish heath	<i>Erica lusitanica</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	Localised
Localised infestations in the Woodsdale/ Levendale and Runnymede areas (see Map 13)			
Willows (WoNS)	<i>Salix species, excluding S. babylonica, S. x calodendron and S. x reichardtii</i>	Riparian	Localised

### Zone A – not yet recorded in Southern Midlands

Common Name	Botanical Name	Type of Weed	Distribution
African feather grass	<i>Pennisetum macrourum</i>	Riparian, roadsides	None recorded
African thistle	<i>Berkbeya rigida</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Alligator weed (WoNS)	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Apple-of-Sodum	<i>Solanum linnaeanum</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria montevidensis</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Artichoke thistle	<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Asparagus weeds (WoNS)			
Ground asparagus	<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Climbing asparagus	<i>Asparagus africanus</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Bridal creeper	<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Western Cape form Western Cape bridal creeper	<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Bridal veil	<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Climbing asparagus fern	<i>Asparagus plumosus</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Asparagus fern	<i>Asparagus scandens</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Athel pine (WoNS)	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Riparian/ Environmental	None recorded
Bathurst burr	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Bear-skin fescue	<i>Festuca gautieri</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Bifora	<i>Bifora testiculata</i>	Agricultural (feed grain)	None recorded
Flax-leaf broom (WoNS)	<i>Genista linifolia</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Broomrape	<i>Orobanche species, excluding O. minor and O. cernua var. australiana</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Burrgrass (innocent weed & spiny burrgrass)	<i>Cenchrus longispinus and C. incertus</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Cabomba (fanwort) (WoNS)	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Caltrop	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Canadian pondweed	<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
No record - monitor Lake Dulverton			
Cane needle grass (Alert List)	<i>Nassella hyalina</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded

Common Name	Botanical Name	Type of Weed	Distribution
Cape tulip	<i>Moraea</i> species	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	None recorded
Common heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Creeping knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	Agricultural (feed grain)	None recorded
Creeping yellowcress (Alert List)	<i>Rorippa sylvestris</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Crow garlic	<i>Allium vineale</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	None recorded
Cut-leaf nightshade	<i>Solanum triflorum</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Darwin's barberry	<i>Berberis darwinii</i>	Riparian/ Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta</i> species	Environmental	None recorded
Egeria	<i>Egeria densa</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
No record - monitor Lake Dulverton			
Espartillo	<i>Amelichloa caudata</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
False cleavers	<i>Galium spurium</i>	Agricultural (feed grain)	None recorded
False yellowhead	<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Feathertop	<i>Pennisetum villosum</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	None recorded
Floating water chestnut	<i>Trapa</i> species	Aquatic	None recorded
Gamba grass (WoNS)	<i>Andropogon gayanus</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Hawkweeds (Alert List)			
Orange hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Roadside/ Environmental	None recorded
Heather (Alert List)	<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Environmental/ Roadside	None recorded
Holly-leaved senecio (Alert List)	<i>Senecio glastifolius</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Hornwort	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Horsetail (Alert List)	<i>Equisetum</i> species	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Hymenachne (WoNS)	<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Japanese knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Environmental/ Riparian	None recorded
Karamu	<i>Coprosma robusta</i>	Environmental/ Riparian	None recorded
Kochia	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Lagarosiphon (Alert List)	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Lantana (WoNS)	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Lobed needle grass (Alert List)	<i>Nassella charruana</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Madeira vine (WoNS)	<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Mallee cocksbur	<i>Centaurea eriophora</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Meadow parsley	<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Agricultural/ Plantations	None recorded

Common Name	Botanical Name	Type of Weed	Distribution
Mediterranean daisy	<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	Environmental	None recorded
Mesquite (WoNS)	<i>Prosopis</i> species	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Mexican feather grass	<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Miconia (WoNS)	<i>Miconia</i> species	Environmental	None recorded
Mimosa	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	Riparian/ Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
New Zealand sedges	<i>Carex albula</i> , <i>C. buchananii</i> , <i>C. flagellifera</i> and <i>C. testace</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Onion weed	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	None recorded
Pampas lily-of-the-valley	<i>Salpichroa origanifolia</i>	Roadsides/ Neglected areas	None recorded
Parkinsonia (WoNS)	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Parodi	<i>Eleocharis parodi</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Parrots feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Pampas lily-of-the-valley	<i>Salpichroa origanifolia</i>	Roadsides/ Neglected areas	
Parkinsonia (WoNS)	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Agricultural	
Parodi	<i>Eleocharis parodi</i>	Aquatic	
Parrots feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Aquatic	
No record - monitor Lake Dulverton			
Pampas lily-of-the-valley	<i>Salpichroa origanifolia</i>	Roadsides/ Neglected areas	None recorded
Parkinsonia (WoNS)	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Parodi	<i>Eleocharis parodi</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Parrots feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
No record - monitor Lake Dulverton			
Parthenium weed (WoNS)	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Pond apple (WoNS)	<i>Annona glabra</i>	Environmental/ Riparian	None recorded
Prickly acacia (WoNS)	<i>Acacia nilotica</i> ssp. <i>indica</i>	Agricultural/ Environmental	None recorded
Purple nut grass	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Rubber vine (WoNS)	<i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>	Agriculture/ Environmental/ Riparian	None recorded
Sagittaria (WoNS)	<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Salvinia (WoNS)	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Senegal tea plant	<i>Gynocoronis spilanthisoides</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
Silver-leaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	Agricultural (feed grain)	None recorded
Skeleton weed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Spiny emex	<i>Emex australis</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Square-stemmed St John's wort	<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Star thistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Agriculture	None recorded
Stinking mayweed	<i>Anthemis cotula</i>	Agriculture/ Roadside	None recorded



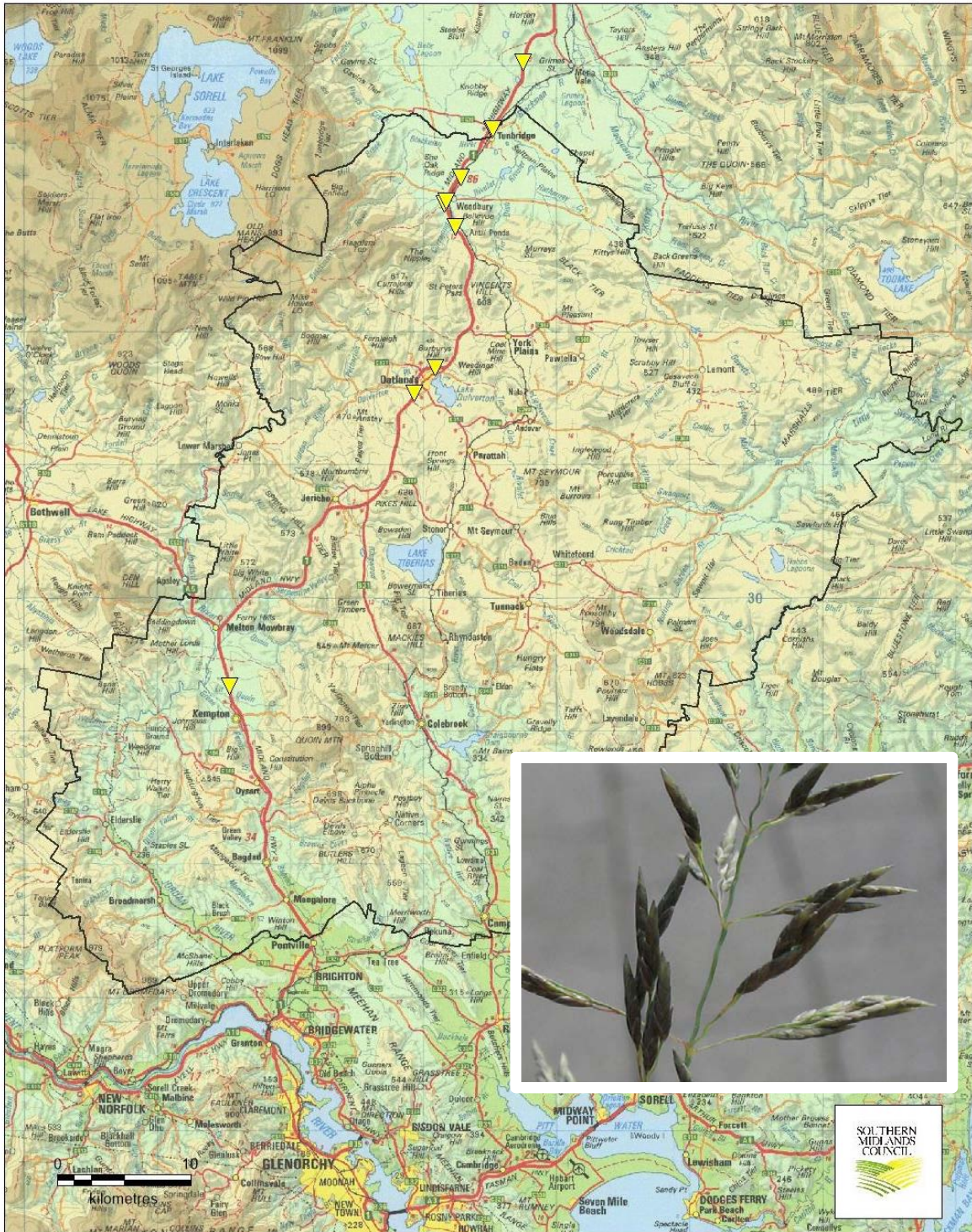
Common Name	Botanical Name	Type of Weed	Distribution
Texas needle grass	<i>Nassella leucotricha</i>	Agricultural	None recorded
Three-horned bedstraw	<i>Galium tricornutum</i>	Agricultural (feed grain)	None recorded
Tumbleweed	<i>Amaranthus albus</i>	Railway/ Agricultural	None recorded
Vipers bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Agricultural/ Roadside	None recorded
Water hyacinth	<i>Eichbornia crassipes</i>	Aquatic	None recorded
White Spanish broom	<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	Environmental	None recorded
White-edged nightshade	<i>Solanum marginatum</i>	Roadside	None recorded
Wild rice	<i>Zizania</i> species	Aquatic	None recorded
Witch hazel	<i>Striga</i> species	Agricultural	None recorded
Yellow nut grass	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	Agricultural	None recorded

APPENDIX 4

Zone A Declared Weed Maps

Map 1

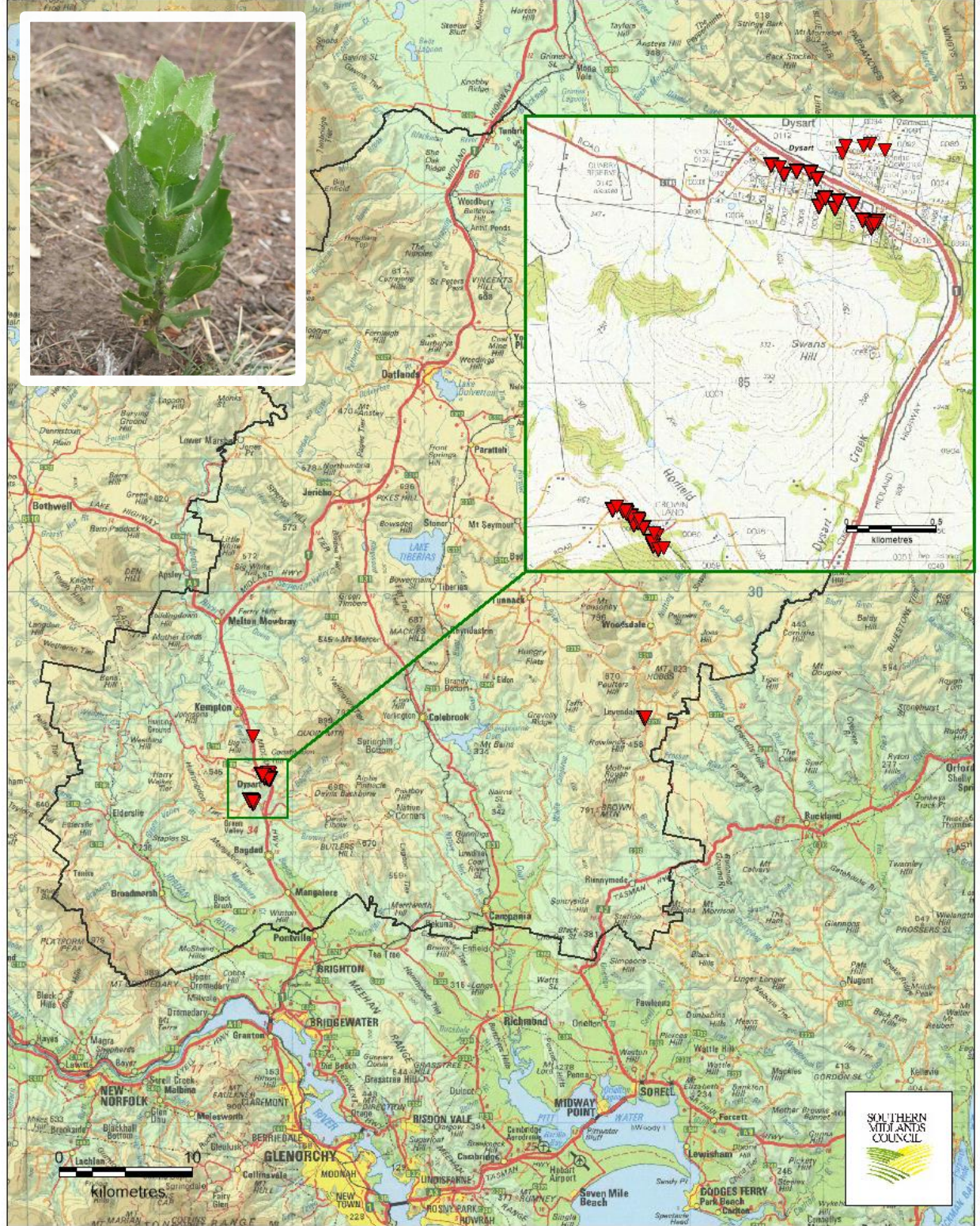
African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) records June 2018





Map 2

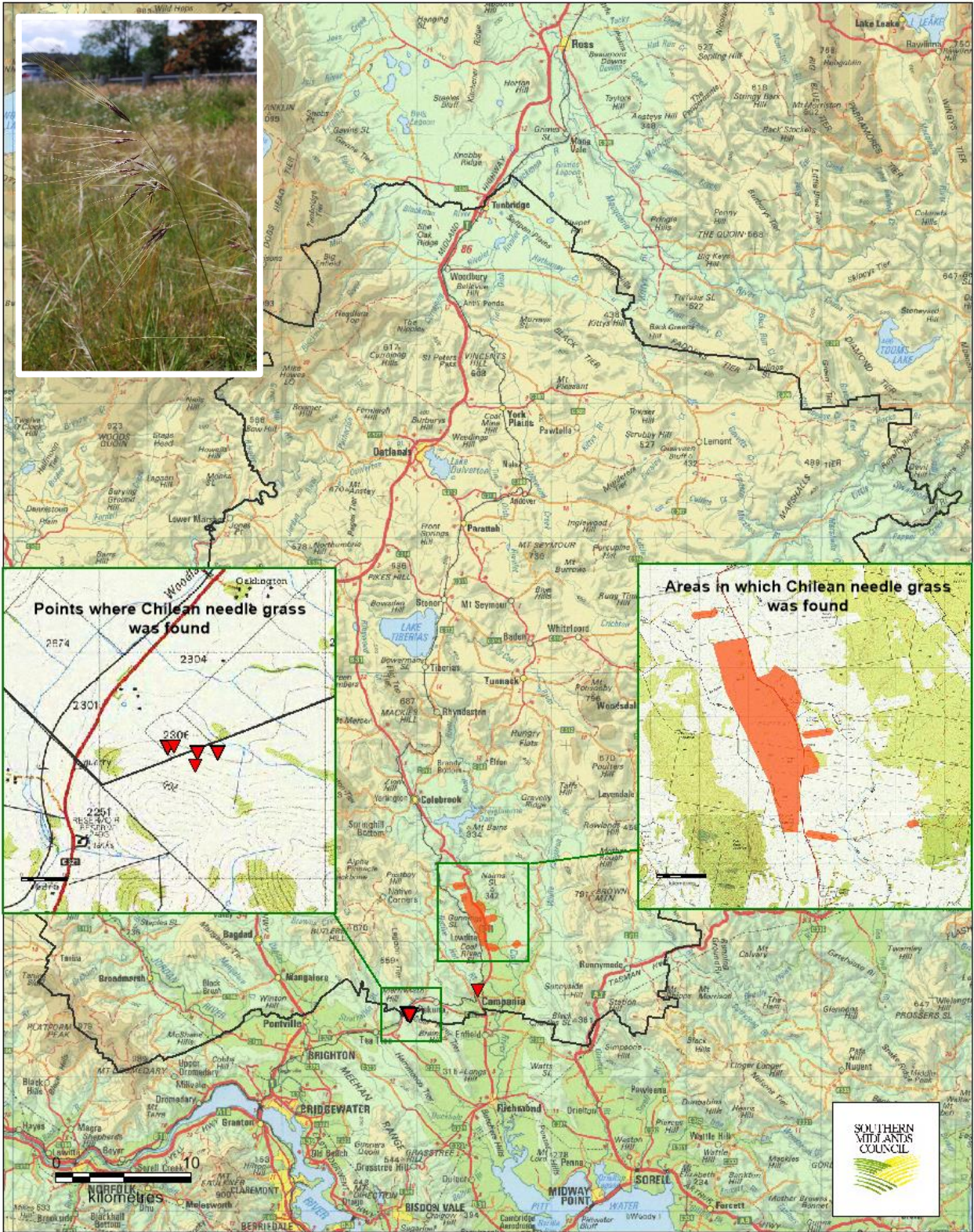
Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) records, November 2019





Map 3

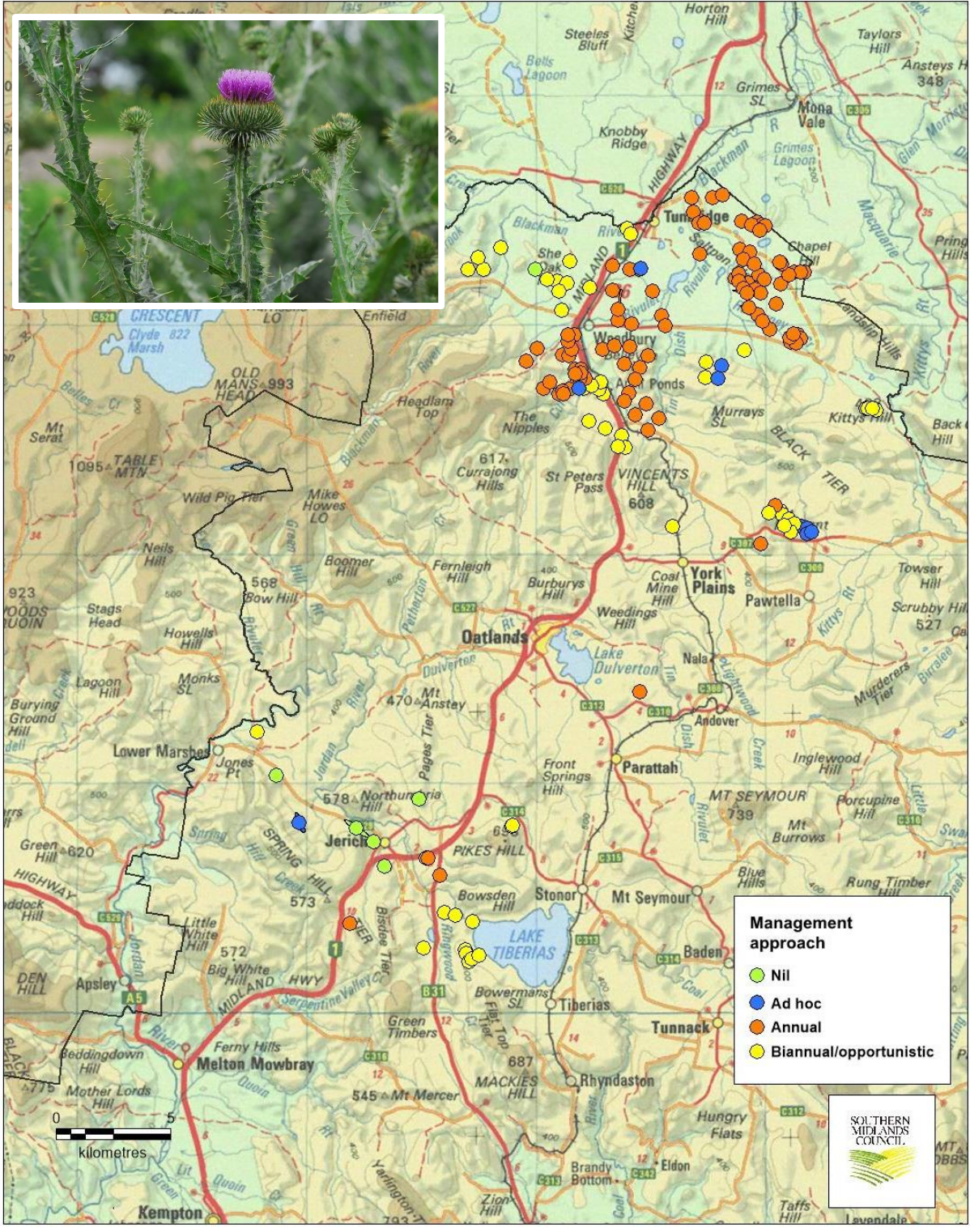
Chilean Needle Grass (*Nassella neesiana*) - November 2019





Map 4

Cotton Thistle (Onopordum sp) records July 2018

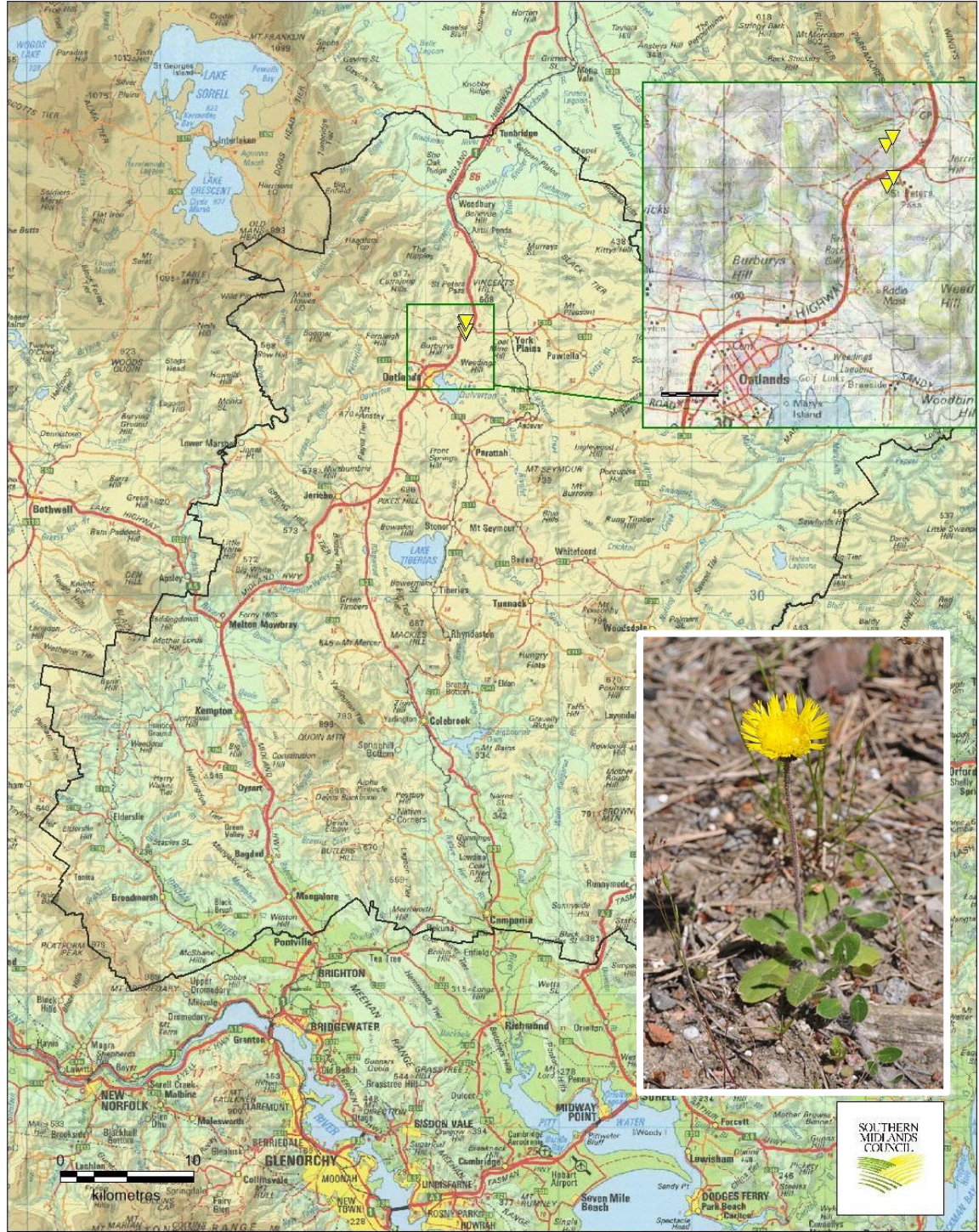




Map 5

NOTE: 2001 records only, no longer present.

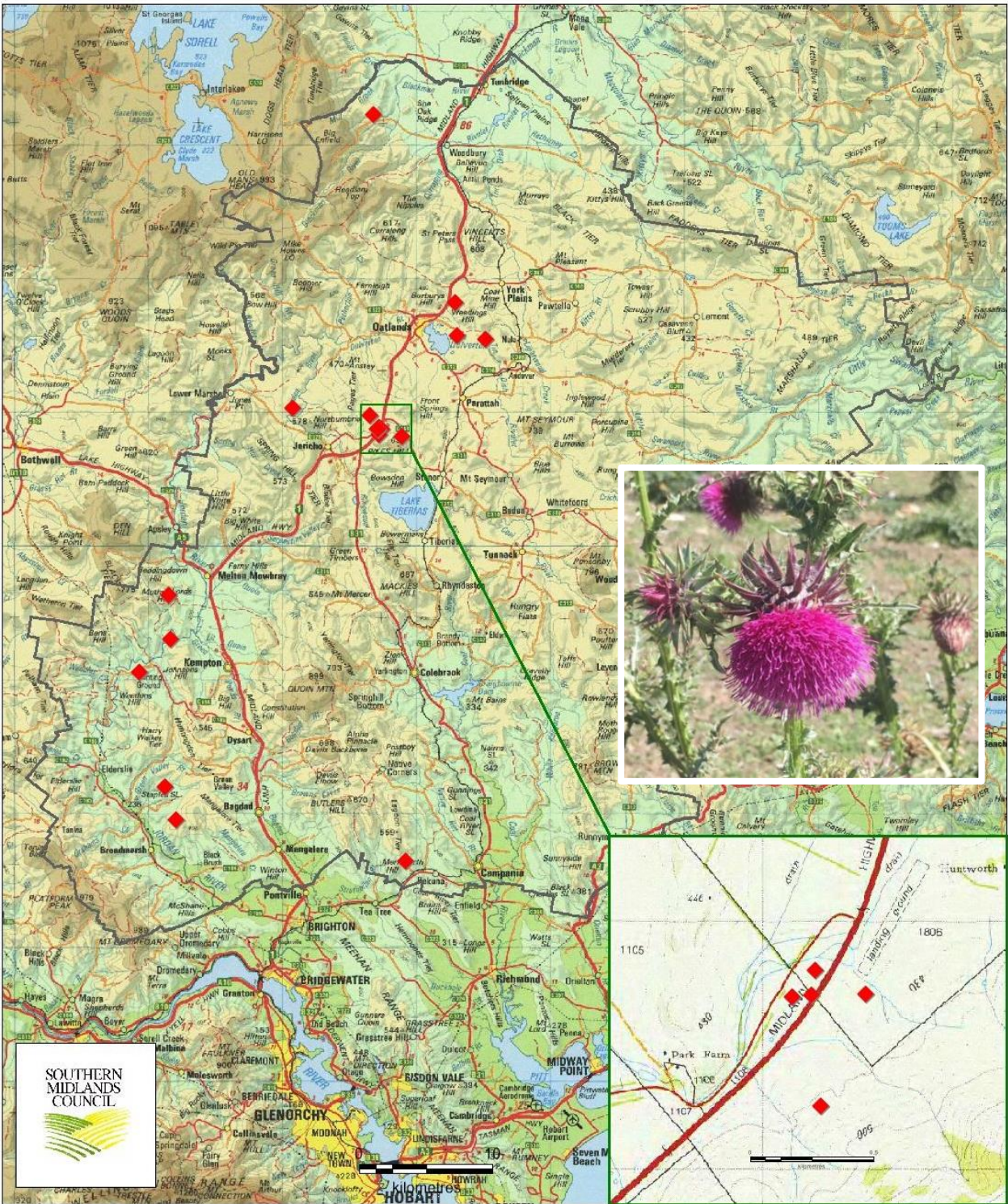
Mouse-ear Hawkweed (*Hieracium pilosella*) as at 2001





Map 6

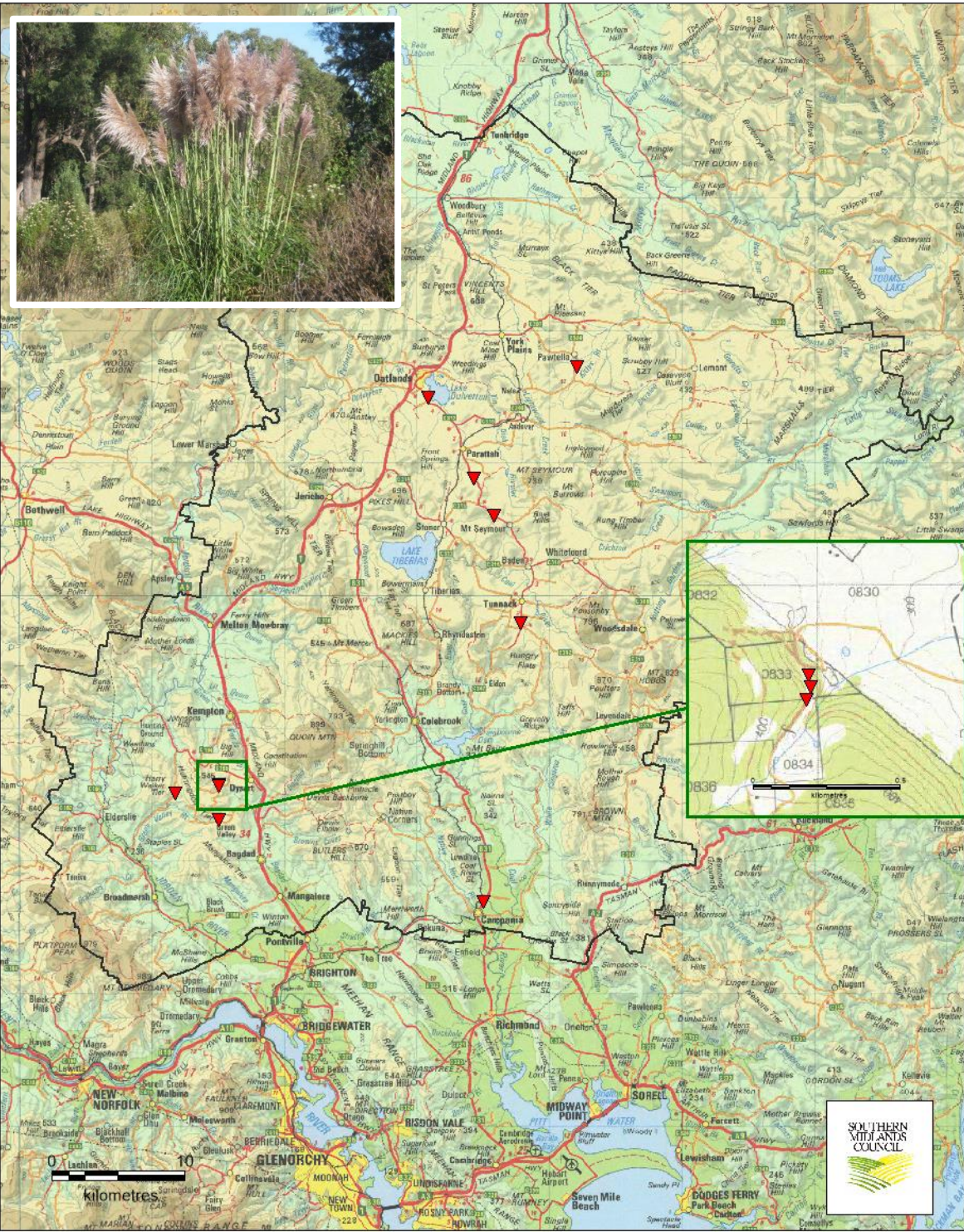
Nodding Thistle (*Carduus nutans*) records - April 2018





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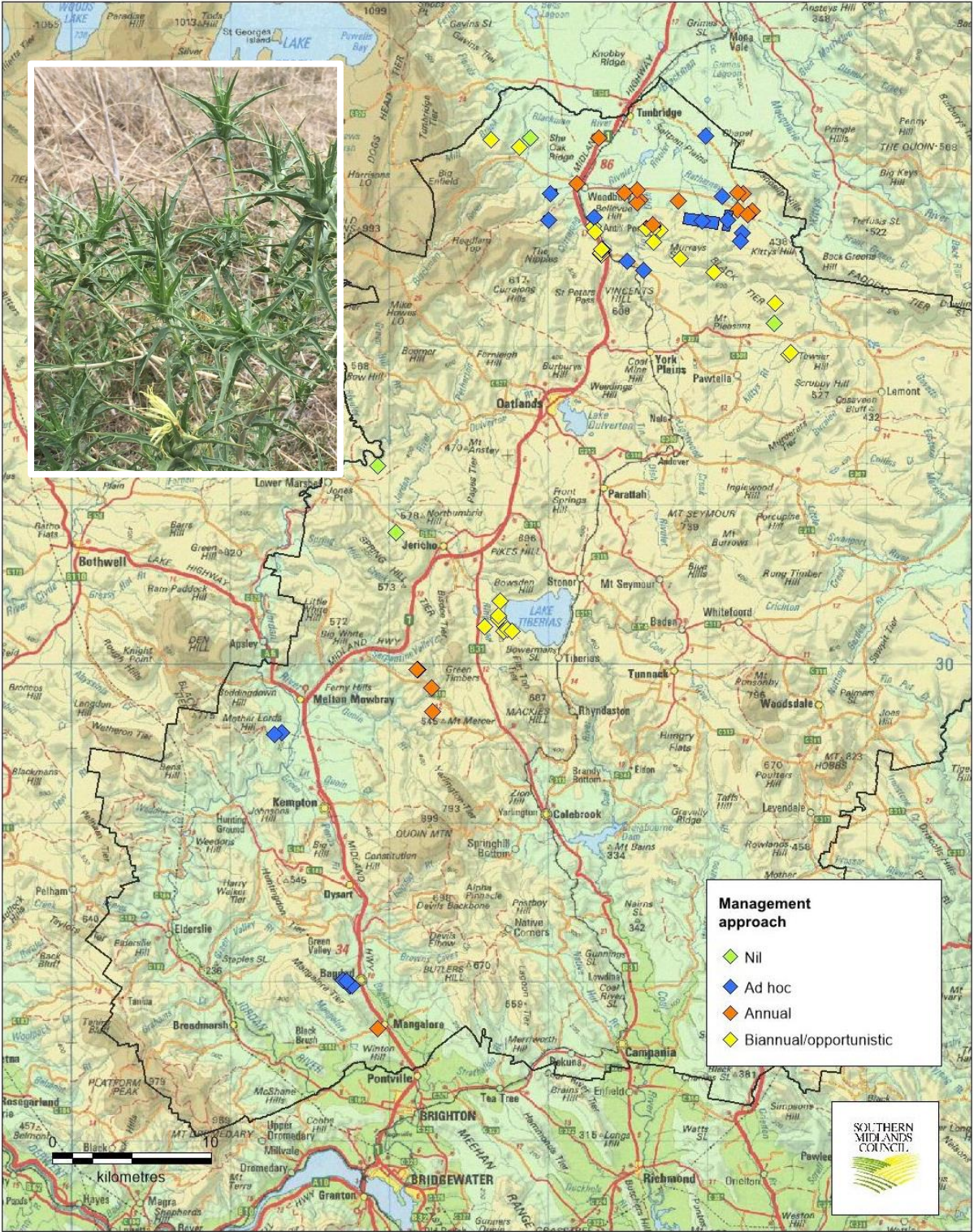
Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia* sp) records November 2019





Map 8

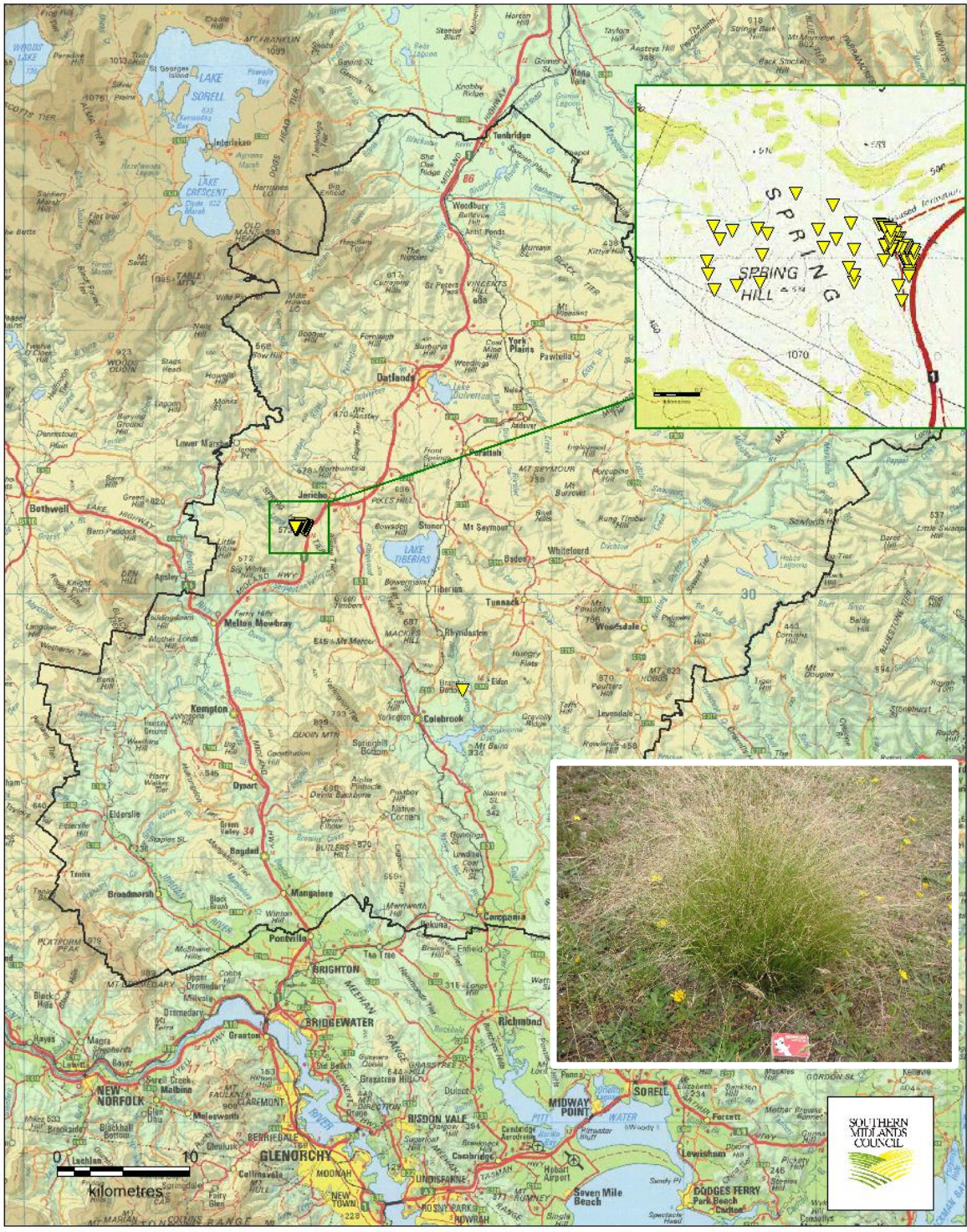
Saffron Thistle (*Onopordum lanatus*) records July 2018





Map 9

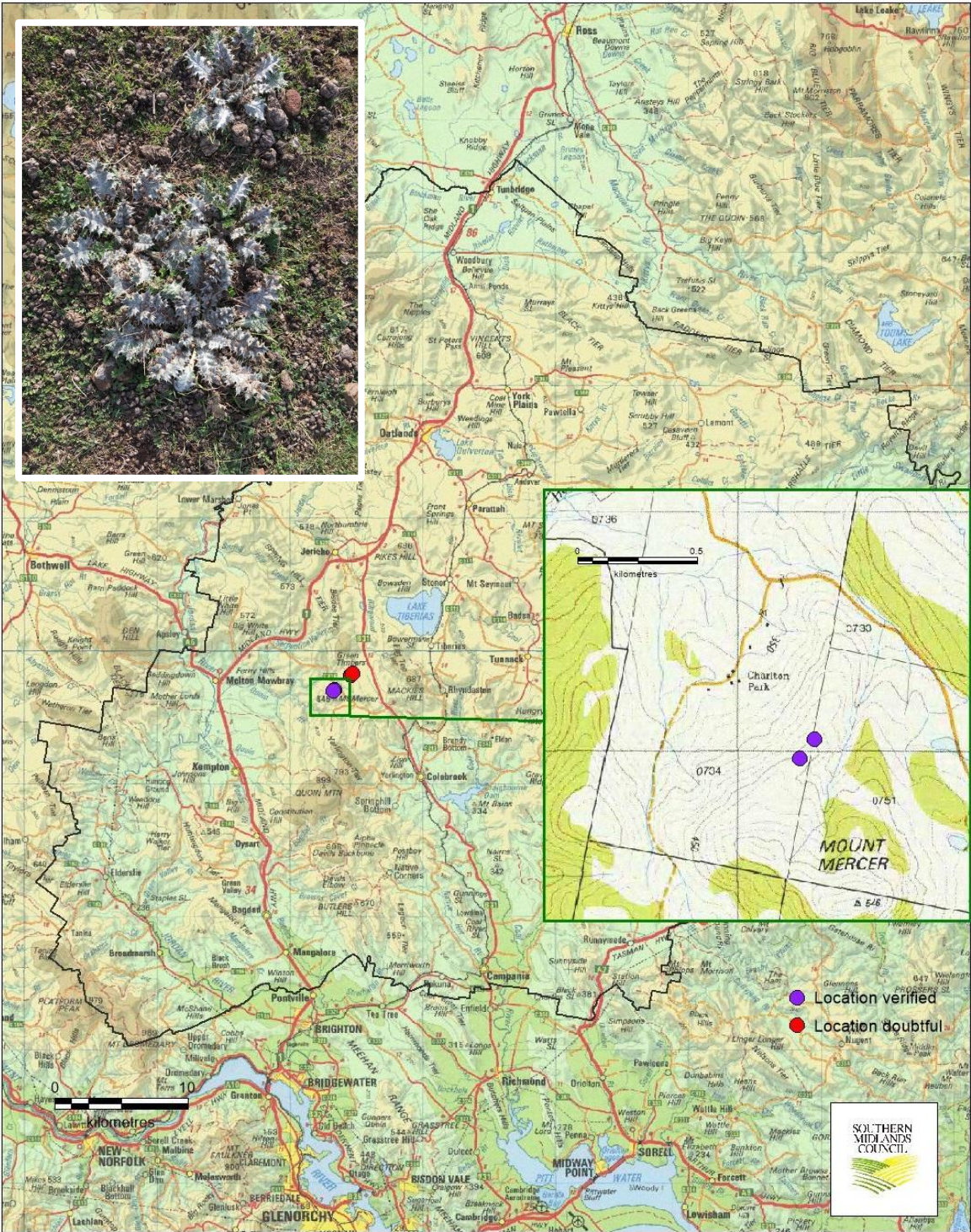
Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) - November 2019





Map 10

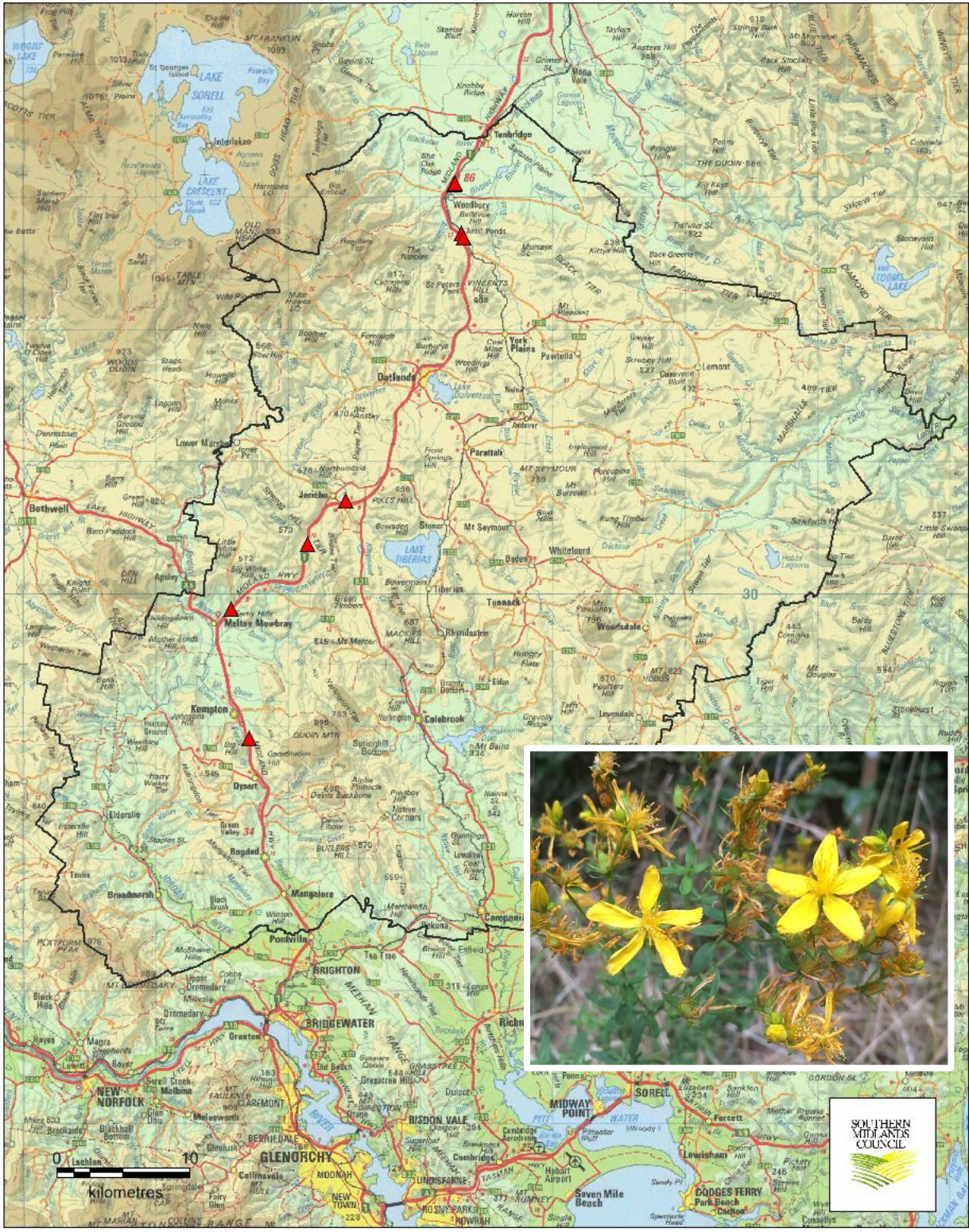
Stemless Thistle (Onopordum acaulon) records June 2018





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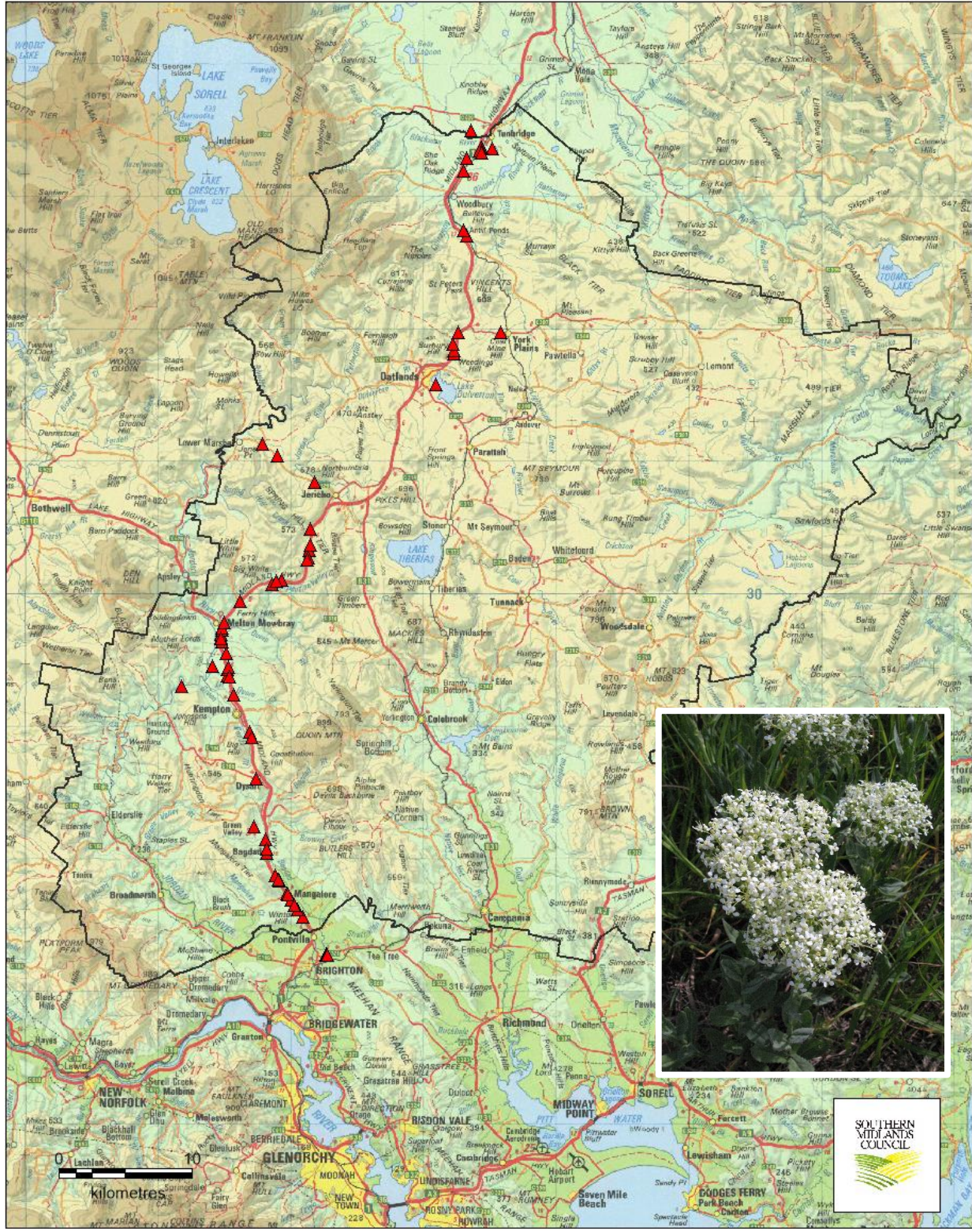
St Johns Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) records - November 2019





Map 12 (White Weed)

White Weed (*Lepidium draba*) records - November 2019



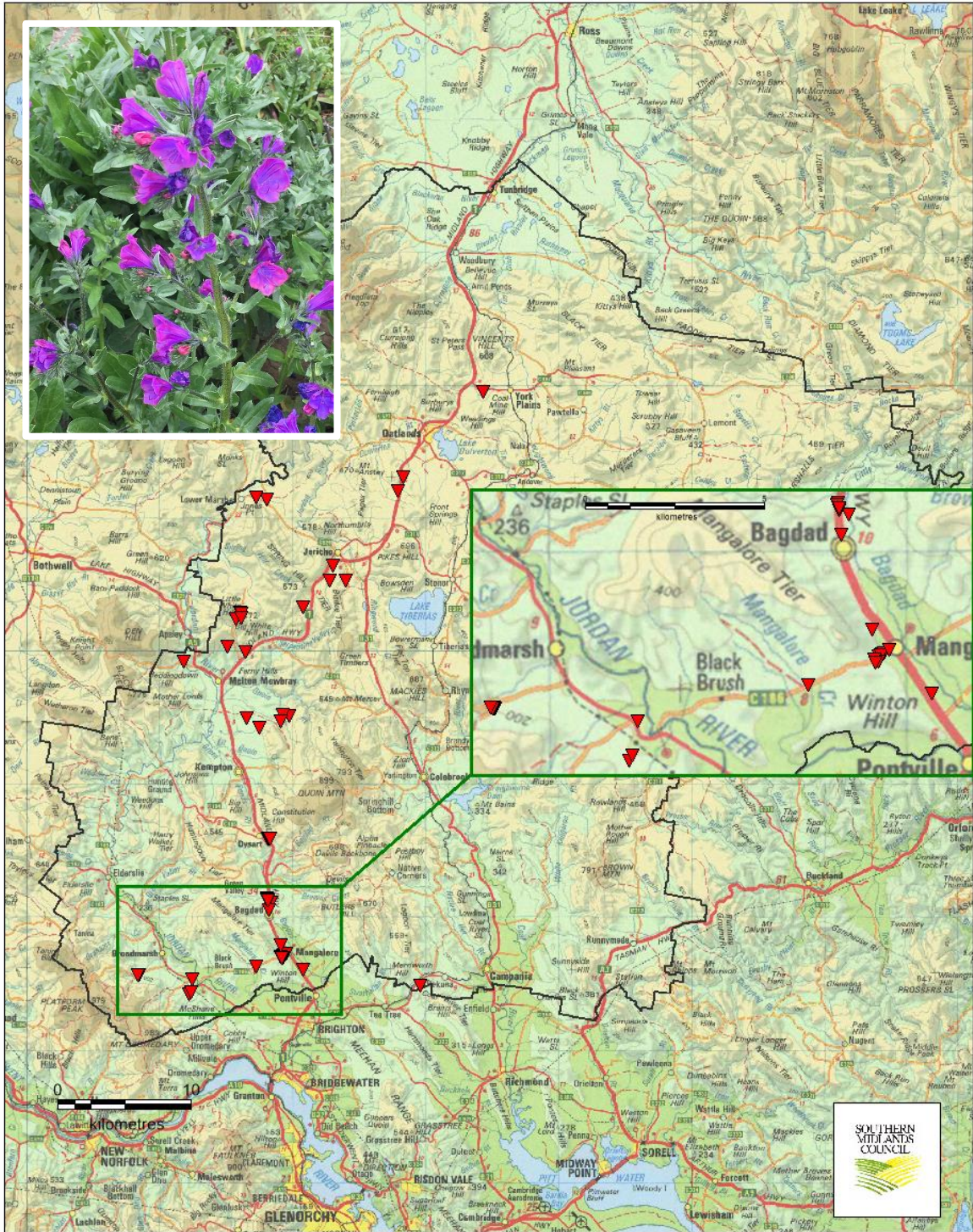
**Map 13 (Historic records Zone A weeds)**



# Zone B Declared Weed Maps

Map 14

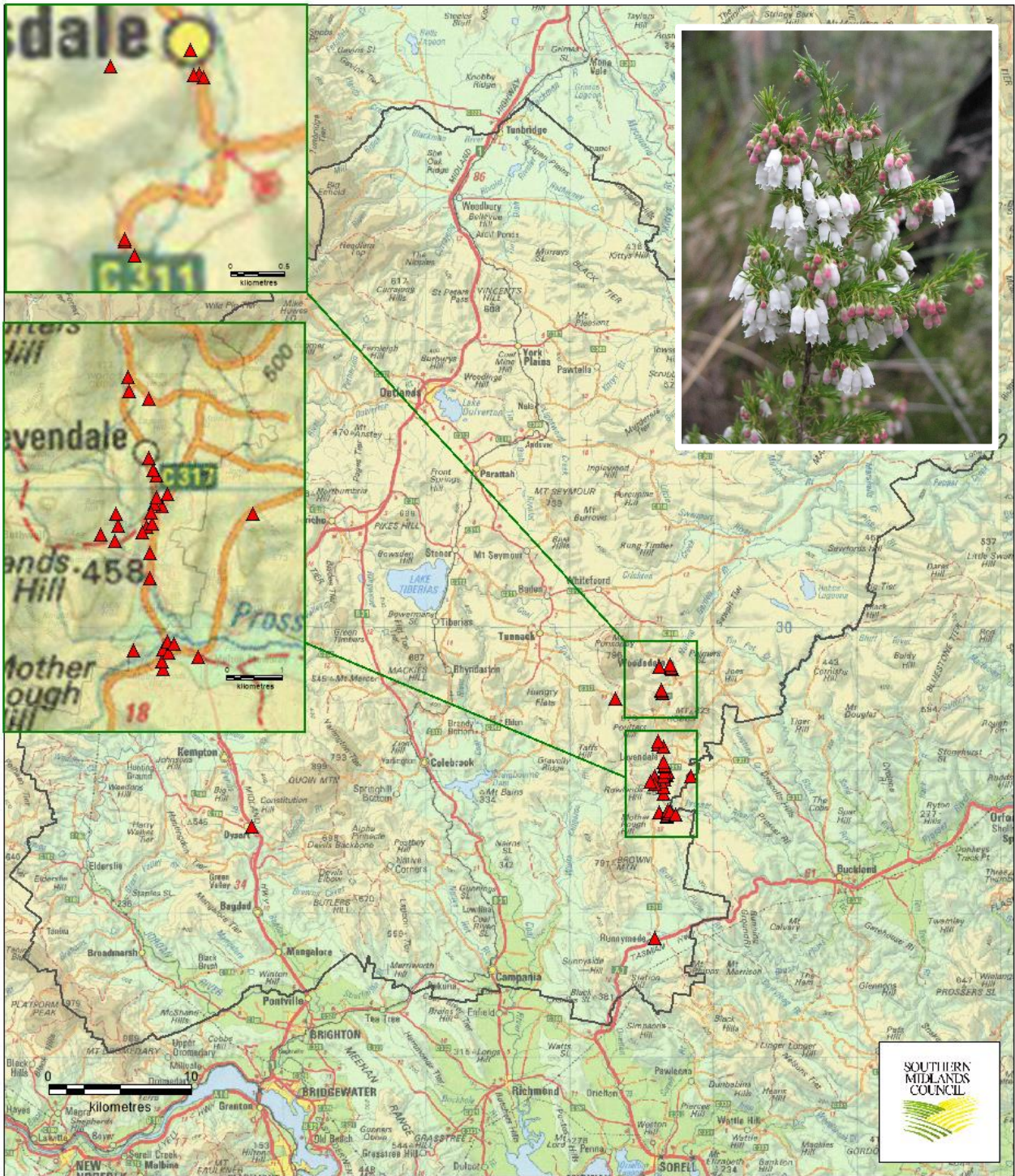
Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*) records November 2019





Map 15

Spanish Heath (*Erica lusitanica*) records - November 2019



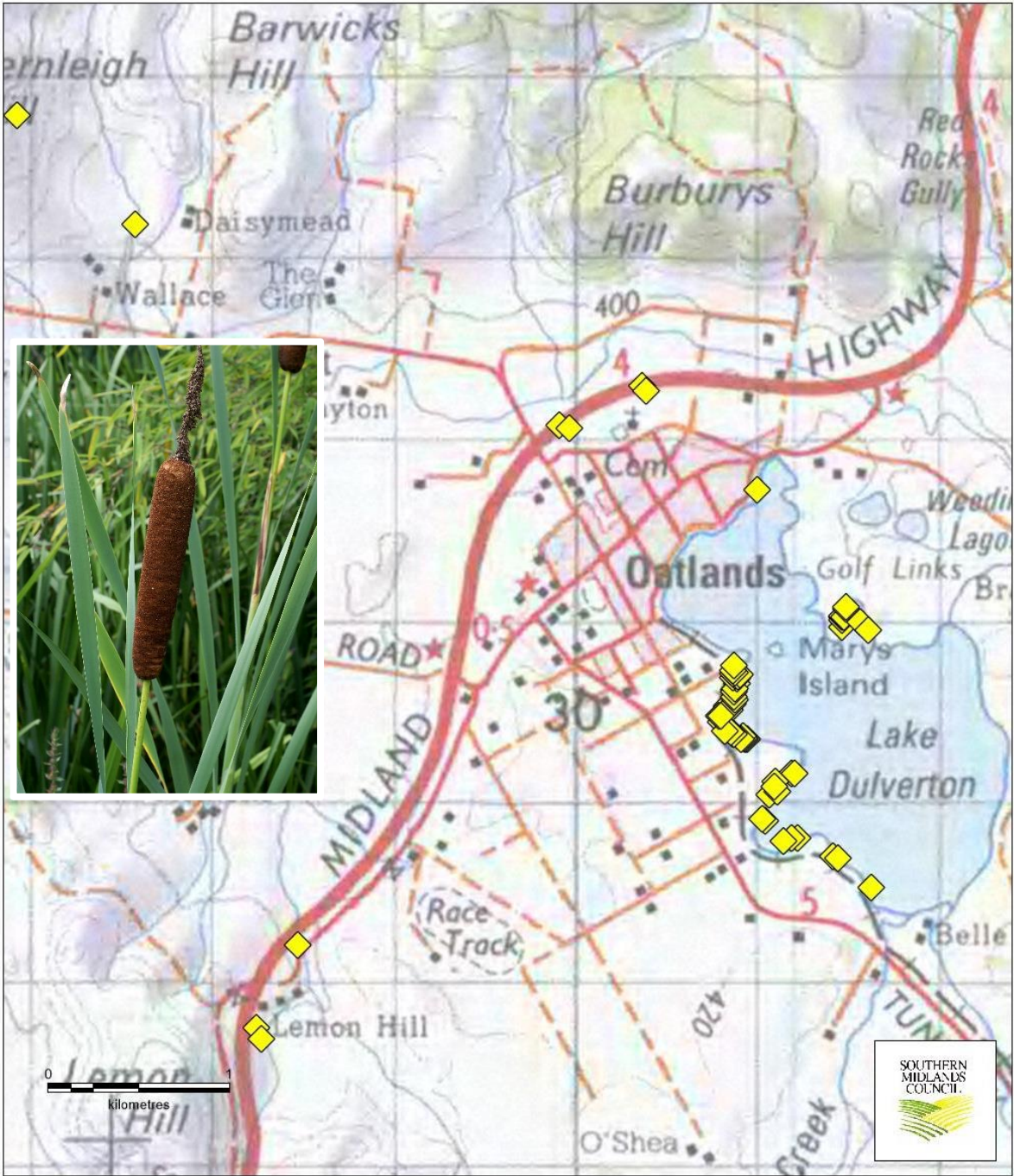


# Undeclared Weed Maps

## Map 16

Lake Dulverton area

Cumbungi (*Typha latifolia*) records - 20th February 2018





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APPENDIX 5

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**Priority weeds in Southern Midlands**

Zone A declared weeds (with history in Southern Midlands)



Left to right above: African lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*), Amsinckia (*Amsinckia calycina*), Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*)



Left to right above: Chilean needle grass (*Nasella neesiana*), Cotton thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*), Elisha's tears (*Leycesteria formos*).



Left to right above: Datura (*Datura* species), Tree heath (*Erica aborea*), Water heath (*Erica caffra*)





Left to right above: Mouse ear hawkweed (*Hieracium pilosella*), Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), Opuntoid cacti (*Opuntia* species {excluding *Opuntia ficus-indica*}).



Left to right above: Pampas (*Cortaderia jubata*), Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*), Saffron thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*)



Left to right above: Serrated tussock (*Nasella trichotoma*), Stemless thistle (*Onopordum acaulon*), St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*).





Above: White weed (*Cardaria draba*)

### Zone B



Left to right above: African bothorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*), Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* aggregate), English broom (*Cytisus scoparius*).



Left to right above: Montpellier broom (*Genista monspessulana*), Californian thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*).



Left to right above: Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Paterson's curse (*Echium plantagineum*).



Left to right above: Slender thistles (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, *C. tenuiflorus*), Spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*), Willow (pictured *Salix alba*).