

SOUTHERN  
MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL



# **MINUTES**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
10.00 a.m.

Runnymede Recreation Ground  
Woodsdale Road, Runnymede

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# OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT THE RUNNYMEDE RECREATION  
GROUND COMMENCING AT 10.01 A.M

## 1. PRAYERS

Reverend Dennis Cousens recited prayers.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor E Batt recited Acknowledgement of Country.

## 3. ATTENDANCE

Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Clr A E Bisdee OAM, Clr McDougall, Clr D Fish and Clr F Miller.

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager), Mr G Finn (Manager Development and Environmental Services), Mr D Richardson (Manager Infrastructure and Works), Mrs A Burbury (Finance Officer), Mrs W Young (Manager Community & Corporate Development) and Mrs J Crosswell (Executive Officer).

## 4. APOLOGIES

Clr D Blackwell (leave of absence granted previously).

## 5. MINUTES

### 5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be confirmed.**

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon*

**THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be confirmed.**

## CARRIED

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## 5.2 Special Committees of Council Minutes

### 5.2.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

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

- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee Minutes – 1st May 2023
- Colebrook Memorial Hall Management Committee Minutes – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

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

**THAT the Minutes of the above Special Committees of Council be received (noting that Clr D Fish is to be recorded as an apology at the Colebrook Hall Management Committee Meeting).**

## CARRIED

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## 5.2.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

The recommendations contained within the minutes of the following Special Committees of Council are submitted for endorsement:

- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee Minutes – 1st May 2023
- Colebrook Memorial Hall Management Committee Minutes – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### RECOMMENDATION

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

### DECISION

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

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

### CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## 5.3 Joint Authorities (Established Under Division 4 Of The *Local Government Act 1993*)

### 5.3.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

Nil.

### 5.3.2 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Reports (Annual & Quarterly)

Nil.

## 6. 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.

One workshop has been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

A workshop was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor E Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Clrs A E Bisdee OAM, D Fish, R McDougall and F Miller (remotely)

Also in Attendance: T Kirkwood, A Benson, D Richardson, A Burbury, W Young and G Finn.

Apologies: Clr D Blackwell.

The purpose of the Workshop was to consider the following items:

### - **Future of Local Government Review – Stage 2 – Interim Report**

Acknowledgement of Report (previously circulated) and discussion of Council's position and strategy.

The Workshop noted recent advice from the Local Government Association of Tasmania that it would be writing to the Minister for Local Government and the Chair of the Board raising concerns regarding the limited timeframe allowed for comment and the absence of a process or framework for councils within a "community catchment" to engage with each other.

As an outcome of the Council workshop, it was recommended that the sub-region of Councils (i.e. Brighton; Central Highlands; Derwent Valley and Southern Midlands) should also send a similar communication to the Minister; the Board and all politicians within the electorate.

### - **Oatlands Community Centre – on-site inspection**

Councillors inspected the Oatlands Community Centre and considered the draft plan for the development of the forecourt area.

### - **Draft Schedule of Fees & Charges 2023/24**

Presentation of updated Fees & Charges Schedule (includes proposed increases and new fees where applicable).

To be listed for further discussion and clarification next workshop.

### - **Draft 2023/24 Operating Budget**

Preliminary consideration of the 2023/24 Rates & Charges Discussion Paper, with a focus on the Waste Management Program Budget.

Further discussion at the next workshop – to include a review of the total AAV for each property classification (i.e. residential; primary production; commercial etc.)

Note: Next workshop (in lieu of the session scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023) to be held 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (at conclusion of Council Meeting).

The workshop concluded at approximately 12.30 p.m.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

## **DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr R McDougall*

**THAT the information be received.**

## **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	



## **7. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME**

### **7.1 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.*

Nil.

## 7.2 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 is provided for Councillors to ask questions relating to Council business, previous Agenda items or issues of a general nature.

**Clr Fish** – Callington Park, Oatlands – Well

*Confirmed that the issues have been investigated and a budget allocation has been included in the draft 23/24 Capital Works Budget to undertake works to manage the excess stormwater.*

**Clr F Miller** – Any update in relation to a joint meeting with representatives from NBN Co. and Tas Irrigation (contact details provided). In relation to telecommunications, Optus is also a potential service provider.

*A meeting has not been confirmed to date however some prior mapping work (to identify black spots) is being undertaken internally to assist with any discussions.*

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** – Ely Street, Dysart - Waste Survey

*Confirmed that the survey has been issued with a closing date for responses being 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.*

**Mayor E Batt** – Kempton Clock Tower – still not operating. Needs to be actioned as a priority.

**Mayor E Batt** – Footpath – Midland Highway (Kempton to Mood Food)  
*Confirmed that the project can proceed and works will be scheduled with a likely commencement date being August 2023.*

## **8. 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.

## 9. 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.

1. Municipal Seal – Formal Signing/Sealing of the Healthy Tasmania Fund Lift Local Grant from the State Government for the Active Living in Public Spaces Project.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.**

### DECISION

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

**THAT Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with the above listed supplementary item not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.**

### CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## 10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (SCHEDULED FOR 10.30 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.

In particular, Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* states:

- (1) *Members of the public may give written notice to the General Manager 7 days before an ordinary meeting of Council of a question to be asked at the meeting.*
- (2) *The chairperson may –*
  - (a) *address questions on notice submitted by members of the public; and*
  - (b) *invite any member of the public present at an ordinary meeting to ask questions relating to the activities of the Council.*
- (3) *The chairperson at an ordinary meeting of a council must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes of that meeting is made available for questions by members of the public.*
- (4) *A question by any member of the public under this regulation and an answer to that question are not to be debated.*
- (5) *The chairperson may –*
  - (a) *refuse to accept a question; or*
  - (b) *require a question to be put on notice and in writing to be answered at a later meeting.*
- (6) *If the chairperson refuses to accept a question, the chairperson is to give reasons for doing so.*

Councillors are advised that, at the time of issuing the Agenda, no Questions on Notice had been received from a member of the Public.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

**Doreen Cowle** – Woodsdale Road, Runnymede – any upgrade plans?

*It was confirmed that further reconstruction work planned for 2023/24 financial year – approximate 1 kilometre section between the Tasman Highway and the Quarry. The quarry operator is also still to complete some required works.*

**Kathy Tate** - Tasman Highway / Woodsdale Road Junction – highlighted safety issues associated with the junction.

*Manager Infrastructure & Works to raise (again) with the Department of State Growth, including the need for lighting at the junction.*

**Kathy Tate** - Runnymede Recreation Ground – installation of play equipment (e.g. swing) would be greatly appreciated. There a number of children that attend the Ground for cricket and other activities.

*To be considered as part of the forthcoming budget process.*

**10.1      Permission to Address Council**

Nil.

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

Nil.



**12. 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.*

**12.1 Development Applications**

Nil.

**12.2 Subdivisions**

Nil.

**12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)**

Nil.

**12.4 Planning (Other)**

Nil.

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

## **13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)**

### **13.1 Roads**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.1**

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

Nil.

### **13.2 Bridges**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.2**

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

Nil.

### **13.3 Walkways, Cycle Ways and Trails**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.3**

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

Nil.

### **13.4 Lighting**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.4**

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

Nil.

### **13.5 Buildings**

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.5**

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

Nil.

### **13.6 Sewers / Water**

**Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6**

*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.

### 13.7 Drainage

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.7**

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

Nil.

### 13.8 Waste

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.8**

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

Nil.

### 13.9 Information, Communication Technology

**Strategic Plan Reference 1.9**

*Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.*

Nil.

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

### **13.10.1 Manager – Infrastructure & Works Report**

**AUTHOR:** MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

**DATE:** 20 MAY 2023

#### **Roads Program**

Council's graders have been working on various roads with the bus routes being the priority roads for grading as required. The focus has been to prioritise the higher traffic usage areas of roads. General road maintenance and repairs will continue, including works on pavement repairs and table drain clearing on a priority basis.

Woolridge Road and Rhyndaston Road have had drainage works completed.

Blackbrush Road, East Bagdad Road, Bluff Road and a section of Interlaken Road has been re-sheeted as part of Councils annual re-sheeting programme.

#### **Current Capital Work.**

Kempton main street footpath re-newel works are continuing.

The construction of a dog park enclosure at the Kempton recreation ground is complete with the exception of seating, water points, landscaping and car park.

Planning design works have commenced for the upgrade of Interlaken Road.

Bagdad-Mangalore hydraulic flood assessment works have commenced.

Climie Street to Water Lane Campania footpath construction including curb and gutter works have commenced.

#### **Parks and Reserves**

General maintenance of parks and reserves will continue with a focus on ensuring growth is maintained at an acceptable level.

#### **Bridge Works**

A number of bridges will require some minor rectification works over the coming period as a result of weather conditions.

#### **Building Services Unit**

Councils building services employees are continuing to undertake committed contractual obligations that are a result of the transition from formerly Heritage Building Solutions to council. The obligations are expected to take up to 6 Months to complete the works.

### **Planned Works**

The following capital works are planned for the coming period

- Drainage and pavement repairs various roads;
- Undertake various bridge maintenance repairs;
- Complete construction of dog enclosure Kempton;
- Storm water upgrade works Erskine Street Kempton;
- Footpath replacement main street Kempton to continue;
- Re-sheeting various un-sealed roads;
- Continue footpath and curb works Climie Street Campania to Water Lane;
- Construct approx. 100m boardwalk near Community Club Bagdad;
- Continue preliminary planning for Interlaken Road re-construction works;
- Commence drainage and pavement works Hall Street Campania.

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

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** - Reeve Street, Campania – Stonewall (collapsed) – follow-up with proposed contractor to confirm timing of works

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** – Bridge – Andover Road – ‘One Way Traffic’ sign has been knocked over.

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** – Sign – Hasting Street, Oatlands – needs to be repaired  
Clr F Miller - Colebrook Main Road / Craighourne Road Junction – defects (i.e. potholes) and sign(s) have been knocked down.  
*Confirmed that an asphalt overlay has been organised for the junction. Other defects to be addressed.*

**Clr R McDougall** – Tunnack Main Road (Tunnack end) – inform the Department of State Growth that shoulder works are required (i.e. drop-off’s). Road is narrow and there is significant log truck movements.

**Clr R McDougall** – Buckland Road – two locations that are corrugated. To be addressed.

**Mayor E Batt** – Drainage (opposite Dysart Waste Transfer Station) – issue being addressed.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **DECISION**

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

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

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## **14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)**

### **14.1 Residential**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.1**

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

Nil.

### **14.2 Tourism**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.2**

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

Nil.

### **14.3 Business**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.3**

*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.

### **14.4 Industry**

**Strategic Plan Reference 2.4**

*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.

## **15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)**

### **15.1 Heritage**

<b>Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22</b>	
3.1.1	Maintenance and restoration of significant public heritage assets.
3.1.2	Act as an advocate for heritage and provide support to heritage property owners.
3.1.3	Investigate document, understand and promote the heritage values of the Southern Midlands.

#### **15.1.1 Heritage Project Program Report**

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

**DATE:** 24 MAY 2023

#### **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:

- Engineering specifications and neighbouring building surveys progressing for the preparation of the old Oatlands pool demolition.
- Support & administration of the Artist in Residence Program.
- Reviewing and re-printing several of our heritage brochures.
- Works are progressing at the Gay Street Hall.
- Working on disaster preparedness process for heritage collections/sites.
- Drystone wall at 79 High Street progressing.
- Alan Townsend provided a presentation to the Tasmanian Historical Research Association on the Tasmanian Decorated Interiors Database which is hosted by SMC with support of volunteer Linda Clark.
- Our May Artist in Residence is Anabel Dean. Anabel is an award winning journalist who began her career at the London Sun newspaper before moving to The Sydney Morning Herald as a features writer/editor then becoming Arts Editor at The Bulletin magazine before taking on the role of Lifestyle Editor at Medical Observer magazine. Today she contributes to leading national and international publications: Traveller (Sydney Morning Herald + The Age), CNN, Australian Country, Outback, Art Edit and others. The arts are a special area of interest through her work with the Foundation at the Art Gallery of NSW. She is particularly keen to discover some of the skilled heritage artisan/craftsmen (stone masons, plasterers, carpenters, building specialists, historians and others) who work in the Southern Midlands area.



## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

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

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

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

## 15.2 Natural

### Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/24

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

### 15.2.1 NRM Unit – General Report

**AUTHOR:** NRM / PROJECTS OFFICER (HELEN GEARD)

**DATE:** 16 MAY 2023

#### DETAIL

- Maria Weeding is on leave until 5 June 2023. Maria spent time with Helen 'handing over' information regarding existing projects before her leave commenced.
- Mt Pleasant Recreation Ground change room upgrade project is close to finishing. A 'gas fitting notice' was completed by the plumbing company and submitted to the Department of Justice. The completed notice means that Origin Energy can now deliver gas cylinders to the site – players will enjoy their hot showers. Still waiting on water pump to arrive at store – was expected mid-May. Will run on a temporary water supply until the pump is installed.
- The door lock at the Oatlands public shower was vandalised and damaged beyond repair. A disappointing outcome and the first significant damage to the shower since it became operational. A new lock was sourced and there have been no issues since it was installed.
- Mary and Helen weeded the blackwoods planted to screen the water tanks at the pound in Oatlands. The trees are growing well and will appreciate the care and attention.
- Helen spent time arranging collection of the drummuster drums at Oatlands and Campania. Veolia transport the drums to a processing company in Hobart. Unfortunately there is a backlog of drums waiting to be processed meaning there will be a short delay (hopefully only two weeks) before the drums can be collected.
- Helen also spent time investigating Telstra mobile coverage blackspots across the Southern Midlands Council area. More information will be provided at a later date.

#### Weeds Officer report, Mary Smyth

**18<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Please note that I was on leave from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Enquiries/feedback

2 (mallow & broom).

#### Site visits

Total = 1

Follow-up work around the blackwoods at the Pound; Helen Geard assisted with a weeding/planting blitz where 16 blackwoods were replaced and the majority of trees were

hand weeded. Another follow-up spray is required in a couple of weeks or so to maintain a weed-free circle around each tree.

### **Related and extra-curricular activities**

Visited family on the mainland, including my first visit to Newcastle, NSW, since I was a young child. I was amazed at the dense infestations of lantana, various creepers, numerous grasses, a type of senna, bamboo, and worrying amounts of pampass grass that I observed in my travels. Rainfall in Newcastle is over a metre annually and I have never seen such weedy-grass infested median strips in my life!

### **Communication**

Article on Autumn rains and weed control published in the May Southern Midlands Regional Newsletter.

### **Research**

Have been contacted by a firm called Weedingtech which offers a type of thermal weed control called “Foamstream”: this may be an alternative to herbicides around public spaces, paths etc.

### **Roadside weeds data base**

Garmin has offered to replace the faulty hand-held device with a new unit and we look forward to its arrival.

### **Weed of the Week**

Cumbungi, cotoneaster and yarrow displayed in the Oatlands front office this month. 3 booklets taken.

Unable to get to Colebrook Roadhouse this month so no displays there.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

## **DECISION**

*Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon*

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

## **CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

### 15.3 Cultural

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.3**

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

Nil.

### 15.4 Regulatory (Development)

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.4**

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

Nil.

### 15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.5**

*Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.*

Nil.

### 15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.6**

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

Nil.

### 15.7 Environmental Sustainability

**Strategic Plan Reference 3.7**

*Implement strategies to address the issue of environmental sustainability in relation to its impact on Councils corporate functions and on the Community.*

Nil.

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

### 16.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

#### Strategic Plan Reference 4.1

*Support and improve the independence, health and wellbeing of the Community.*

#### 16.1.1 Australia Post – Introduction of Household Mail Delivery Service (Campania)

**AUTHOR:** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA CROSSWELL)

**DATE:** 17 MAY 2023

#### ISSUE

Council to consider the outcome of the Petition which was conducted to determine the level of interest / support for Australia Post to introduce a household delivery service at Campania.

*Note: This Petition process is the first step in the process. It was aimed at assessing the level of community support. If there is significant support (e.g. 25% of eligible community members), then Australia Post will conduct a more formal 'Mail Poll' which requires at least 50% of residents.*

#### BACKGROUND

Please refer to a copy of the Report which was submitted to the Council Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

#### DETAIL

The Survey form was placed at the Campania Post Office and the Campania Tavern and was available for signing over a four week period.

Signatories must live within a 1.2 kilometre radius of the Campania Post Office and it was limited to one name per household.

At the time of collection there were a total of 33 valid signatures. There are approximately 300 residences within the 1.2 kilometre radius. It follows that the number of signatories does not satisfy or meet the 25% community threshold.

It is apparent that there is not significant support for the introduction of a household mail delivery service at the present time.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Not applicable.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – The outcome of the Survey can be reported on Council's Website and the next Council Newsletter.

**Policy Implications** – Not applicable.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – Not applicable.

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT:

1. the information be received; and
2. Council take no further action in progressing the proposal to implement a household mail delivery service in the Campania township.

## DECISION

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

### THAT:

1. The information be received;
2. It be noted that Council is unable to take further action to progress the proposal to implement a household mail delivery service in the Campania township given the number of signatories on the petition; and
3. The outcome of the Survey be reported in the next Council newsletter (i.e. to inform residents that Council is unable to progress a mail delivery service as the survey did not meet the 25% threshold).

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

**DECISION**

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

**THAT the meeting be adjourned for morning tea at 11.02 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

**DECISION**

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

**THAT the meeting reconvene at 11.20 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## 16.2 Recreation

### Strategic Plan Reference 4.2

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

### 16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

**AUTHOR:** OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)

**DATE:** 12 MAY 2023

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator’s Report for the month ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Oatlands Aquatic Centre opened to the public on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

#### **DETAIL**

The purpose of the report is twofold:

1. To report on the financial performance of the Centre compared to budget for the relevant month ending; and
2. To provide details regarding usage of the facility.



**Financial Reporting:**

**Operating Budget:**

Further explanation regarding the calculation of the revised Budget will be provided at the meeting.

Income			2022/23 Revised Full-Year Budget (Budget revised - for 7.5 months operation)	April 2023	YTD Total	% of Revised Budget (84% through the period for the revised Budget)
Pool – Admission Fees	Casual Fees		\$18,740	\$4,558	\$34,983	186.7%
	Memberships & Season Passes		\$108,068	\$4,996	\$27,363	25.3%
	Group Bookings & Learn to Swim		\$46,023	\$6,667	\$41,245	89.6%
	Sale of Goods		\$5,920	\$654	\$5,505	93.0%
Grant – ‘Splash in Good Fun’			\$0	\$0	\$50,000	N/A
Local Gov’t Loan Subsidy (Year 1 of 3)			\$49,638	\$0	\$23,976	48.3%
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$228,389</b>	<b>\$16,875</b>	<b>\$183,072</b>	<b>80.2%</b>

*Original Income Budget for 2022/23 was \$311,805 – Revised Budget to reflect period of operation.*

Expenditure			2022/23 Revised Full-Year Budget	April 2023	YTD Total	% of Revised Budget (Percentage varies for each line item of expenditure e.g. salaries & on-costs)
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)	Budget revised to reflect period of employee(s) engagement due to late commissioning		\$383,980	\$39,742	\$301,407	78.5%
Operating Costs - Other	Budget revised to reflect period of operation (i.e. 7.5 months)		\$66,075	\$9,665	\$87,430	132.3%
Grant Expenditure – ‘Splash in Good Fun’			\$0	0	\$4,659	N/A Note: most expenditure relative to Grant included in normal operating expenses.
Loan Interest			\$49,638	\$0	\$23,976	48.3%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>\$499,693</b>	<b>\$48,614</b>	<b>\$362,093</b>	<b>72.5%</b>

*Original Expenditure Budget for 2022/23 was \$536,423 – Revised Budget to reflect the period of employee(s) engagement and commencement of actual operation*

<b>Budgeted Deficit</b>			<b>(\$271,304)</b>	<b>(\$33,629)</b>	<b>(\$207,296)</b>	<b>86.4%</b>
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*Original Budget Deficit for 2022/23 was \$274,256. Note: The revised Budget deficit does include any allowance for recovery of salaries and on-costs from Contractor due to delayed commissioning.*

**OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE RECONCILIATION  
AS AT 30 APRIL 2023**

	BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS
<b>Total Expenditure to 30 April 2023</b>		<b>10,295,596</b>		
Council Labour & On-costs		5,255		
Materials - Council		195		
External Plant Hire - Council		6,217		
SMC Planing / Building Permits		6,495		
SMC Planing / Building Permits - June 2020		6,868		
SMC - Other Contractor Costs		901		
August 2012 - Purchase of 70 High Street, Oatlands		166,908		Total Cost (includes legals etc.) Gov't Land Value - \$23,000
<b>Bzowy Architecture &amp; Other Consultants</b>				
<b>2016/17</b>		27,056		Best described as Project Revival
Contract No 1 (part of \$107,660)		16,227		
<b>2017/18</b>				
Contract No 1 (part of \$107,660)		92,471		Includes Disbursements of \$1,038
Other Costs - Variations & Redesign		63,579		Additional Floor / Redesign etc.
Bio-Energy (review & assessment)		24,867		
Appeal Costs		140,153		Various
<b>2018/19</b>				
Bzowy - Other Costs - Variations & Redesign		108,611		Includes Survey & Legal
Engagement Agreements		21,470		
Formal Contract - Tenders / Design etc (part of \$379,960)		265,905		



**Group Bookings & Programs – April:**

<b>Event / Booking</b>	<b>School / Group</b>	<b>Participation Numbers</b>
Centre Hire / Student Visits	Oatlands District School	5 group or individual bookings
Public Visits	Reclink Community Program	48 individual bookings
Learn to Swim Lesson	July School Holiday Program	17 participants
School Booking	Geneva Christian College	3 group bookings of 22 students

**USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 15/04/2023 – 11/05/2023**

**PAID UPFRONT**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Units</b>
<b>Gym &amp; Fitness</b>	
Gym & Fitness Class Passes/10 Sessions	0
Gym & Fitness Class Passes/5 Sessions	0
Gym & Fitness Class Session (17 years) PAYG	17
Gym & Fitness Class Session (Concession) PAYG	8
PAYG Class Pass (16 years)	1
<b>Gym</b>	
PAYG Gym (17 years)	3
PAYG Gym (Concession)	0
<b>Personal Training</b>	
Personal Training – 30 Mins	0
Personal Training – 1 Hr	0
<b>Learn to Swim</b>	
4 Day School Holiday Learn to Swim	0
5 Day School Holiday Learn to Swim	3
6 Week Learn to Swim	0
11 Week Learn to Swim	31
10 Week Learn to Swim	28
Adult Learn to Swim	4
<b>Pool</b>	
Pool Passes 10 Sessions (Child)	3
Pool Pass 10 Session (17 years)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (concession)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	61
PAYG - Pool (5-16)	233
PAYG - Pool (17)	184
PAYG - Pool (Concession)	118
PAYG - (Family)	17
Pool/Gym Combo PAYG	5
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership - Renewal	6

## DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	12
DD Class/Pool	37
DD Pool/Gym/Class	2
DD Gym	3
DD Class/Gym	9
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	5
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	3
DD 6 Months Pool – Family	6

### Other Information / Comments:

Nil

### Grant Applications

See below an update on the current Grant Application:

- **Tasmanian Government - Premier's Fund for Children & Young People:** We applied for \$50,000.00 to put towards programs at Oatlands Aquatic Centre, which we have been successful in receiving. This funding has already been used to purchase large Learn to Swim Equipment with the remainder of the money to be used in 2023 on Learn to Swim lessons and training courses.
- Further funding has been used for April School Holiday Program (13) and Term 2 Learn to Swim Programs. Term 2 lessons currently have a total of 118 students enrolled.
- A Lifeguard Course has been organised with Royal Life Saving Tasmania to be conducted at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June for Southern Midlands Local Government area and surrounding.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Refer above detail.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Not applicable.

**Policy Implications** – N/A

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**DECISION**

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

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

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

### 16.3 Access

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.3**

*Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands community / Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.*

Nil.

### 16.4 Volunteers

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.4**

*Encourage community members to volunteer.*

Nil.

### 16.5 Families

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.5**

*Ensure that appropriate childcare services as well as other family related services are facilitated within the community / Increase the retention of young people in the municipality / Improve the ability of seniors to stay in their communities.*

Nil.

### 16.6 Education

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.6**

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

Nil.

### 16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.7**

*Build, maintain and strengthen the capacity of the community to help itself whilst embracing social inclusion to achieve sustainability.*

Nil.

### 16.8 Safety

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.8**

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

Nil.

### 16.9 Consultation & Communication

**Strategic Plan Reference 4.8**

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

Nil.



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

### 17.1 Improvement

#### Strategic Plan Reference 5.1

*Improve the level of responsiveness to Community & Developer 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 ICT systems / maintain the Business Process Improvement & Continuous Improvement framework*

#### 17.1.1 Review of Existing Policy – Audio Recordings of Council Meeting

**AUTHOR:** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA CROSSWELL)

**DATE:** 16 MAY 2023

#### Attachment(s)

*Audio Recordings of Council Meeting Policy*

#### ISSUE

Council are required to review and update its various policies from time to time. This policy has been reviewed, with no amendments made. It now requires consideration and adoption by Council.

As Councillors are aware, the process for any policy document is, that it is tabled at one meeting and then “lays on the table” until the next meeting, to enable Councillors sufficient time to work through and consider all of the ramifications of the policy, before the document is finally considered for adoption at the following meeting, subject to any amendments agreed by Council.

The proposed draft version of the Audio Recordings of Council Meeting Policy is attached unamended.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council receive and note the report and confirm the existing Policy.**

#### DECISION

*Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon*

**THAT Council confirm the existing Policy.**

#### CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

**17.1.2 Review of Existing Policy – Municipal Seal Use Policy**

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

**DATE:** 18 MAY 2023

**Attachment(s):**  
*Draft revision - Municipal Seal Use Policy*

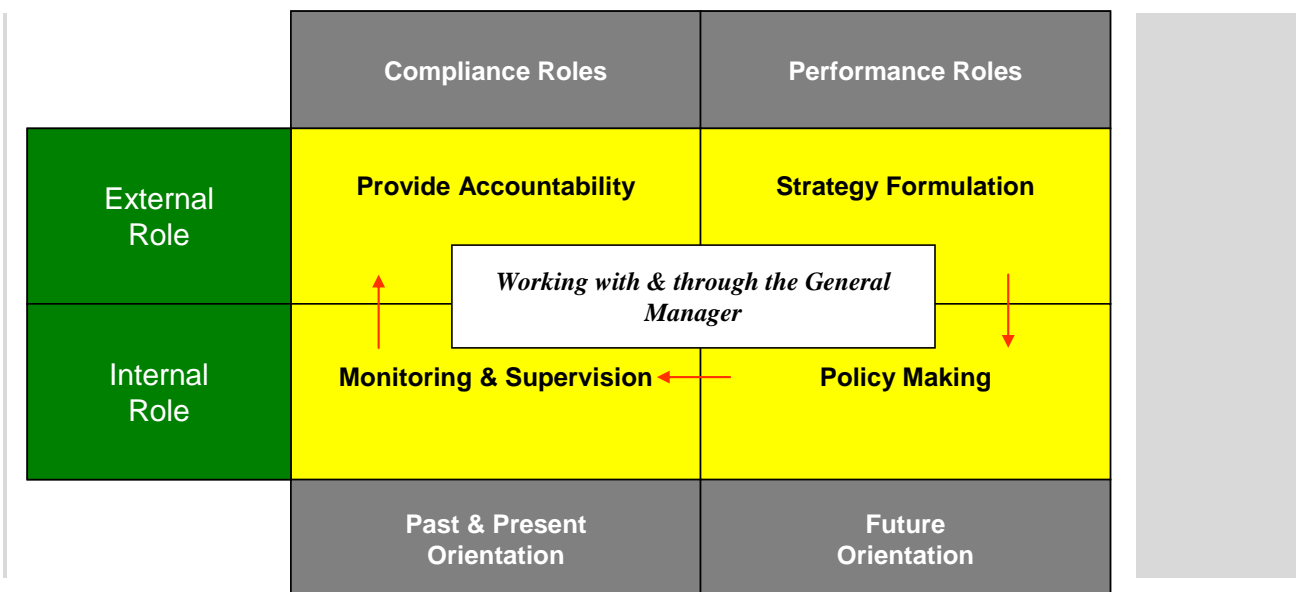
**ISSUE**

Council are required to review and update its various policies from time to time. The one nominated policy has been reviewed, amendments made, and now requires consideration, then adoption by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSING COUNCIL’S GOVERNANCE FUNCTION

The diagram below along with its explanation has been the subject of previous presentations to Council; however, it is meaningful to reflect on this governance framework when policy documents are presented to Council. As part of this framework it is important for Council to be aware of and monitor audits and related governance review mechanisms that are undertaken within the organisation, based on Council’s strategies and policies.



As Councillors are aware, the process for any policy document is, that it is tabled at one meeting and then “lays on the table” until the next meeting, to enable Councillors sufficient time to work through and consider all of the ramifications of the strategy/policy, before the document is finally considered for adoption at the following meeting, subject to any amendments agreed by Council.

Draft revision of the Municipal Seal Use Policy is attached and shows some minor changes to the document. There are no changes required by legislation.

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT Council

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Consider the revised version of the Municipal Seal Use Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy at the June 2023 Council meeting (subject to any Council amendments).

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr R McDougall seconded by Cllr D Fish*

### THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Consider the revised version of the Municipal Seal Use Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy at the June 2023 Council meeting (subject to any Council amendments).

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

**17.1.3 Review of Existing Policies – Issue Resolution Policy and Fit for Work Policy**

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

**DATE:** 18 MAY 2023

**Attachment(s)**

1. Draft revision - Issue Resolution Policy
2. Draft revision - Fit For Work Policy

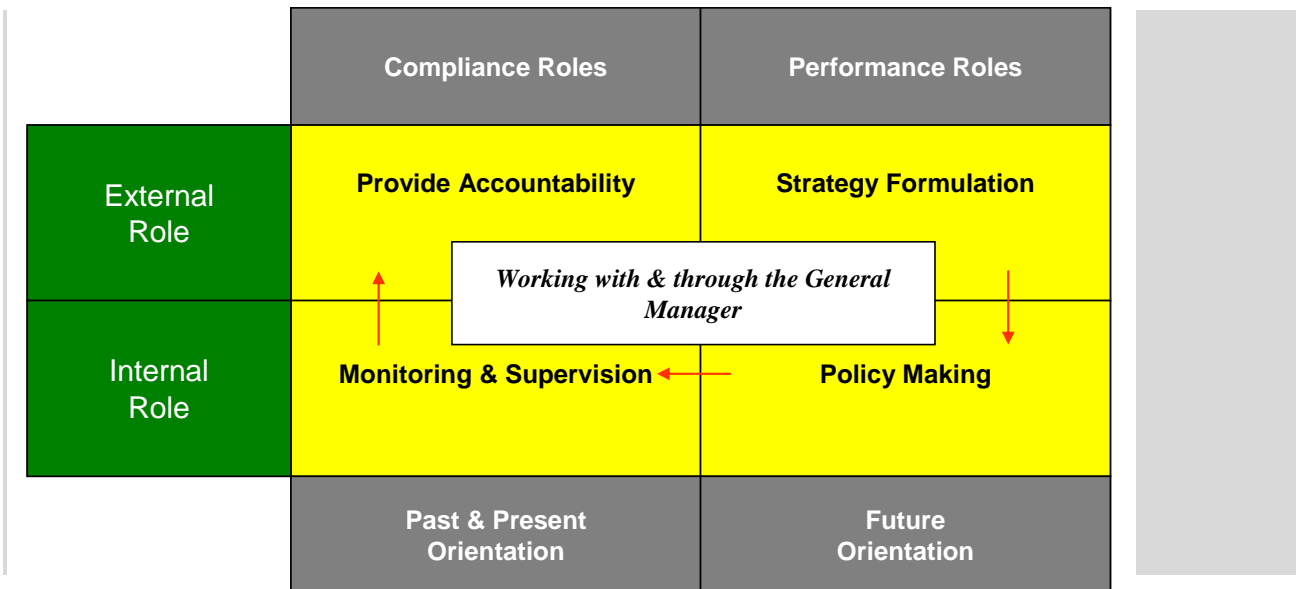
**ISSUE**

Council are required to review and update its various policies from time to time. The two nominated policies have been reviewed, amendments made, and now requires consideration, then adoption by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSING COUNCIL’S GOVERNANCE FUNCTION

The diagram below along with its explanation has been the subject of previous presentations to Council; however, it is meaningful to reflect on this governance framework when policy documents are presented to Council. As part of this framework it is important for Council to be aware of and monitor audits and related governance review mechanisms that are undertaken within the organisation, based on Council’s strategies and policies.



As Councillors are aware, the process for any policy document is, that it is tabled at one meeting and then “lays on the table” until the next meeting, to enable Councillors sufficient time to work through and consider all of the ramifications of the strategy/policy, before the document is finally considered for adoption at the following meeting, subject to any amendments agreed by Council.

Draft revision of the Issue Resolution Policy is attached and shows some minor changes to the document. There are no changes required by legislation.

Draft revision of the Fit For Work Use Policy is attached and shows some minor changes to the document. There are no changes required by legislation.

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT Council

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Consider the revised version of the Issue Resolution Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy at the June 2023 Council meeting (subject to any Council amendments); and
3. Consider the revised version of the Fit For Work Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy at the June 2023 Council meeting (subject to any Council amendments).

## DECISION

*Moved by Clr R McDougall seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon*

### THAT Council

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Consider the revised version of the Issue Resolution Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy at the June 2023 Council meeting (subject to any Council amendments); and
3. Consider the revised version of the Fit For Work Policy in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy at the June 2023 Council meeting (subject to any Council amendments).

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

#### **17.1.4 Local Government Association of Tasmania – General Meeting (To be held 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023)**

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

**Date:** 15 MAY 2023

**Attachment(s):**  
*Submission of Motion(s)*

#### **ISSUE**

Council to consider Motions which have been submitted for consideration at the Local Government Association of Tasmania's General Meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

#### **BACKGROUND**

These Motions have been included on the Agenda to allow for discussion prior to the General Meeting and to provide voting direction for Mayor Batt as Council's delegate to the Association.

#### **DETAIL**

The LGAT has received one motion to date, and the second Motion has been developed by the Association.

##### **1. Clarence City Council – Restrictive Covenants on Use of Land and Property**

Motion:

**“THAT LGAT lobby the State Government urging legislative change to outlaw the creation of covenants which place restrictions on the use of land and property for:**

- a) Public, social or affordable housing; or**
- b) Tenants or occupants based on their source of income, social or financial circumstances.”**

Reference is made to the Background Information and comment provided by the Clarence City Council.

SMC Comments:

Nil.

##### **2. Local Government Association of Tasmania - Short Stay Accommodation**

Motion:

**“THAT LGAT convene an expert reference group from member councils to develop recommendations for the sector to consider on:**

- i) **What further data and support is required to assist local government in responding to the housing crisis;**
- ii) **What changes are required to manage short stay accommodations' contribution to housing availability, local amenity, economic development and equitable rating;**
- iii) **What tools are available to encourage owners of unoccupied dwellings to make their properties available as long term rentals.**

Reference is made to the Background Information and comment provided by the LGAT.

A copy of the original Motion submitted by the Clarence City Council, including background information, is also included for information.

SMC Comments:

Nil.

**Human Resources & Financial Implications** – Not applicable.

**Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications** – Issues to be considered.

**Priority - Implementation Time Frame** – LGAT General Meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council consider its position in relation to each of the Motions submitted to the Local Government Association of Tasmania for consideration at its General Meeting to be held 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

## DECISION

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

**THAT Council support both of the Motions (as detailed) that have been submitted for consideration at the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting to be held 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## 17.2 Sustainability

### **Strategic Plan Reference 5.2**

*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 / Ensure that exceptional customer service continues to be a hallmark of Southern Midlands Council*

### 17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

Mayor E Batt tabled (and read) a letter received from the Southern Midlands Junior Council. The letter included a request for more rubbish bins to be installed in the Kempton and Bagdad townships.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- a) Council acknowledge receipt of the letter;**
- b) the Junior Council be requested to provide details of the desired locations for the additional bins; and**
- c) the Junior Council members be asked whether they would be interested in painting the Bins to make them more attractive (and visible).**



**ENCLOSURE**  
*Agenda Item 17.2.1*



23/05/2023

Dear Mayor of Southern Midlands Council,

My name is Kyrahn I'm on the Junior Council for Navigate.

I'm writing this on behalf of our council members – Charlotte Oswin, Darius Lang and Krystal Lawrence.

We have some local concerns we would like addressed –

These are;

There is a big lack of rubbish bins around the town. Charlotte spent four hours the other weekend picking up rubbish and it was one and a half Wool worth bags worth of trash.

It was scattered all around Kempton. Including and icy pole box in a bush.

If there were more rubbish bins this would not be such a problem.

Bagdad is in a similar situation. Whilst would be nice to think that people would care about this world animals and our environment and our towns. More bins please.

We look forward to hearing back from Council on this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely Southern Midlands Junior Council

  
Kyrahn Wilson

President

  
Charlotte Oswin

President

### **17.2.2 Elected Member Statements**

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

**Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon** – Attended the Keep Australia Beautiful Australian Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards on Kind Island on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023, along with the Deputy General Manager and Manager Community & Corporate Development. Oatlands were presented with the Heritage and Culture Award (joint winner), and received Highly Commended for the Environmental Sustainability – Natural Environment Management Award and Community Health, Wellbeing and Interest Award.

## 17.3 Finances

### Strategic Plan Reference 5.3

*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 30 April 2023)

**AUTHOR:** FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

**DATE:** 18 MAY 2023

#### ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### BACKGROUND

The Operating Expenditure Report includes a Year to Date (YTD) Budget Column, with variations (and percentage) based on YTD Budgets.

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

#### DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023.

#### OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of April was \$7,299,330 which represents 99.7% of the Year to Date Budget.

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

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

**Sub-Program – Roads** - expenditure to date (\$1,421,390 – 129.4%). Additional expenditure of \$283,318 relates to road maintenance required due to ongoing rain events leading to an increased level of call-outs for emergency works, road inspections, drainage works, maintenance grading, bitumen patching and tree removal. It also reflects increased maintenance to drainage on rural roads to mitigate road damage during future rain events.

**Sub-Program – Buildings (Public Toilets)** - expenditure to date (\$79,106 – 116.2%). Expenses are higher than budget due to engaging external contactors to carry out cleaning and maintenance when required. It is a relatively minor budget and will be monitored.

**Strategic Theme – Growth**

**Sub-Program – Business** - expenditure to date (\$391,847 – 172.8%). Additional expenditure relates to private works. The additional expense will be offset by an increase in private works income.

**Strategic Theme – Landscapes**

Nil.

**Strategic Theme – Community**

Nil.

**Strategic Theme – Organisation**

Nil.

## **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM**

Capital Expenditure Projects are colour coded to signify the grant program and show the completion deadlines. A legend of the colour coding is as below:

### **Legend – Completion Deadlines for Grant funded projects**

Roads to Recovery	It is the Government's intention that the full allocation is budgeted and spent in the year allocated
Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 3	Extended to 30 June 2024 (use or lose)
Other Specific Purpose Grants	Completion date as per grant deed or approved extension date

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## DECISION

*Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon seconded by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM*

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

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023**

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date as at 30 April \$	%	Comments
<b>Income</b>				
General rates	6,405,004	6,399,541	99.9%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,094,687	1,581,835	144.5%	Includes Private Works
Interest	48,000	319,076	664.7%	
Government Subsidies	69,838	36,384	52.1%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees, Road Rescue MAIB reimbursements & Interest Subsidy
Contract Income	0	0		
Other (refer Note 2)	232,400	180,168	77.5%	Includes TasWater Distributions
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>7,849,929</b>	<b>8,517,004</b>	<b>108.5%</b>	
Grants - Operating	3,785,930	968,473	25.6%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,635,859</b>	<b>9,485,477</b>	<b>81.5%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee benefits	-4,802,251	-3,466,022	72.2%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-3,432,747	-3,545,155	103.3%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-3,521,000	-2,924,546	83.1%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	-58,919	-32,054	54.4%	Interest
Contributions	-258,156	-193,617	75.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-154,951	-130,359	84.1%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-12,228,024</b>	<b>-10,291,753</b>	<b>84.2%</b>	
<b>Surplus (deficit) from operations</b>	<b>-592,165</b>	<b>-806,275</b>	<b>136.2%</b>	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	3,795,990	1,781,973	46.9%	
Contributions - Natural Disaster Relief Fund	80,000	0	0.0%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	149,727		
Sale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	81,818		Blue Place
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	1,603		Includes used wheelie bins & sale of Mill assets
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>3,283,825</b>	<b>1,208,846</b>	<b>36.8%</b>	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date as at 30 April \$	%	Comments
<b>NOTES</b>				
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	795,241	873,844	109.9%	
- Private Works	299,446	655,456	218.9%	
- HBS interest on New Business Funds (since 30.08.2010)	0	52,535		
	<u>1,094,687</u>	<u>1,581,835</u>	144.5%	
2. Income - Other				
- Tas Water Distributions	182,400	114,000	62.50%	
- Public Open Space Contributions	50,000	50,000	100.00%	
- "Gardeners of 7120" Donation for seating on High Street	0	2,720		
- Donations to Kempton Recreation Ground	0	210		
- Donations for use of recreation facilities	0	370		Including Blue Gum Rovers
- Worker's Comp. Wage Reimbursement	0	12,868		
	<u>232,400</u>	<u>180,168</u>	77.5%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Roads To Recovery	665,531	35,000	5.26%	
- LRCl - Phase 3 (Total \$1,331,062)	1,088,402	665,531	61.15%	\$1,331,062 Projects to be completed by 30.06.23
- Rural & Remote Roads (Total \$5,346,180)	1,069,236	0	0.00%	
- Comm Dev Grant - Oatlands Aquatic Centre (\$500K)	500,000	0	0.00%	
- Dept of Communities Tas (Levelling the Playing Field)	234,000	0	0.00%	
- Aust Govt - BS Bushfire Recovery Grant - Waste Water	238,821	238,821	100.00%	
- Aust Govt - BS Bushfire Recovery Grant - The Haven	0	465,000		Broadmarsh/Elderslie Progress Association Inc Grant
- LRCl - Phase 1 (\$665,531) - Final 10%	0	66,553		
- LRCl - Phase 2 (\$609,032) - Final 10%	0	60,903		
- Tas Govt - Tunbridge Club Toilets	0	40,000		
- Tas Govt - Transfer of Brighton Road	0	147,565		
- Tas Govt - SES NDRRG (P) (\$80,830)	0	20,000		Bagdad/Mangalore Hydraulic Assessment
- ChargeSmart (Second instalment)	0	36,000		
- Mens Shed Grant (Shipping Container)	0	6,600		
	<u>3,795,990</u>	<u>1,781,973</u>	46.94%	
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2022/23	3,785,930	912,794	24.1%	
- FAGS 2023/24	0	0		2023/24 Payment in Advance
- Communities for Children - School Holiday Program	0	4,166		
- Dept. Premier & Cabinet - Splash-in Good Fun Program	0	50,000		
- Dept. Premier & Cabinet - Australia Day Funding	0	1,514		
	<u>3,785,930</u>	<u>968,473</u>	25.6%	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2022/23  
SUMMARY SHEET**

PROGRAM	YTD ACTUAL (as at 30 April 23)	YTD BUDGET (as at 30 April 23)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - REVISED INC. GRANTS & OTHER
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Roads	1,421,390	1,098,383	-323,007	129.41%	3,317,298
Bridges	20,673	40,316	19,643	51.28%	448,063
Walkways	226,267	208,842	-17,425	108.34%	239,610
Lighting	66,935	67,922	987	98.55%	81,506
Public Toilets	79,106	68,080	-11,027	116.20%	80,478
Sewer/Water	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	5,867	24,290	18,423	24.15%	81,948
Waste	935,870	919,328	-16,542	101.80%	1,217,693
Information, Communication	-	-	-	-	-
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,756,108</b>	<b>2,427,160</b>	<b>-328,948</b>	<b>113.55%</b>	<b>5,466,596</b>
<b>GROWTH</b>					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	27,039	38,300	11,261	70.60%	42,200
Business	391,847	226,719	-165,128	172.83%	272,063
Industry	-	-	-	-	-
<b>GROWTH TOTAL:</b>	<b>418,886</b>	<b>265,019</b>	<b>-153,867</b>	<b>158.06%</b>	<b>314,263</b>
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>					
Heritage	262,502	382,188	119,686	68.68%	453,974
Natural	168,933	172,943	4,009	97.68%	201,271
Cultural	173	16,250	16,077	1.06%	19,500
Regulatory - Development	532,163	801,853	269,690	66.37%	962,224
Regulatory - Public Health	9,805	18,750	8,946	52.29%	22,500
Regulatory - Animals	100,101	95,692	-4,409	104.61%	115,386
Environmental Sustainability	676	8,333	7,657	8.11%	10,000
<b>LANDSCAPES TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,074,352</b>	<b>1,496,008</b>	<b>421,656</b>	<b>71.81%</b>	<b>1,784,855</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
Community Health & Wellbeing	217,528	266,073	48,545	81.76%	315,178
Recreation	701,071	791,026	89,955	88.63%	954,884
Access	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers	32,565	42,500	9,935	76.62%	45,000
Families	7,530	10,417	2,887	72.29%	11,500
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity & Sustainability	43,979	47,271	3,292	93.04%	54,405
Safety	15,000	33,083	18,083	45.34%	39,700
Consultation & Communication	11,130	17,300	6,170	64.33%	17,300
<b>LIFESTYLE TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,028,802</b>	<b>1,207,670</b>	<b>178,868</b>	<b>85.19%</b>	<b>1,437,967</b>
<b>ORGANISATION</b>					
Improvement	42,365	91,057	48,692	46.53%	72,642
Sustainability	1,705,174	1,565,762	-139,412	108.90%	2,809,812
Finances	273,642	270,894	-2,749	101.01%	341,888
<b>ORGANISATION TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,021,181</b>	<b>1,927,712</b>	<b>-93,469</b>	<b>104.85%</b>	<b>3,224,342</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,299,330</b>	<b>\$7,323,570</b>	<b>\$24,240</b>	<b>99.7%</b>	<b>\$12,228,023</b>



**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2022-23**

As at 30 April 2023

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
		\$	\$	\$		
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>						
<b>ROAD ASSETS</b>						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	500,000	189,807	310,193		
	Mt Seymour - Blackgate Road Resheeting	40,000	30,050	9,950	RTR Originally Interfaken Road Resheeting	30 June 2023
	Stonor - Stonor Road Resheeting	30,000	16,842	13,158	RTR Originally Interfaken Road Resheeting	30 June 2023
	Rhyndston - Rhyndaston Road Resheeting	30,000	0	30,000	RTR Originally Interfaken Road Resheeting	30 June 2023
	Mangalore - Blackbrush Road Resheeting 3km	50,531	0	50,531	RTR	30 June 2023
	Elderslie - Bluff Road Resheeting 2km	30,000	0	30,000	RTR	30 June 2023
	Bagdad - East Bagdad Road 1.5km	20,000	0	20,000	RTR	30 June 2023
Reseal Program	Roads Reseal Program (\$270K moved to Reconstruct & Seal Program)					
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road Reseal	50,000	71,401	-21,401		
	Parattah - Inglewood Road Reseal	55,000	0	55,000	(originally included RTR \$75K)	30 June 2023
Reconstruct & Seal	Reconstruct & Seal Program (includes \$270K budget from Roads Reseal Program)	0				
	Campania - Native Corners Road (to complete section)	260,000	273,525	-13,525	LRCI P3	30 June 2023
	Colebrook - Eldon Road (Milling and asphalt patches)	25,200	25,200	0		
	Elderslie - Pelham Road (Stabilisation and drainage)	200,000	189,645	10,355	LRCI P3	30 June 2023
	Oatlands - High Street Reconstruct & Seal	24,150	24,150	0		
	Oatlands - South Parade (including Kerb, Channel and Footpath)	170,000	180,921	-10,921	RTR 21/22 c/f WIP \$9,264 (RTR \$150K)	30 June 2022
	Oatlands - Staney Street (Reconstruct & Seal)	14,448	14,448	0		
	Stonor - Stonor Road (stabilise - two sections)	245,000	160,726	84,274	LRCI P3	30 June 2023
	Woodsdale Road (Whitefoord - four sections)	577,202	553,805	23,397	RTR - \$255K+\$75K+\$41K	30 June 2023
	York Plains - York Plains Road A (pavement failures) (500 metres)	82,500	99,744	-17,244	LRCI P3 c/f	30 June 2023
	York Plains - York Plains Road B (Starting 5km from Midland Hwy)	130,000	210,041	-80,041	LRCI P3	30 June 2023
Construct & Seal (Unsealed Roads)	Campania - Hall Street (Seal and stormwater upgrade)	70,000	0	70,000	RTR	30 June 2023
	Mangalore - Ballyhooly Road (approx. 500 metres)	90,000	78,167	11,833	LRCI P3 - \$50K	30 June 2023
	Oatlands - Interfaken Road (Year 1/3 - Total contribution \$300K)	1,169,236	3,477	1,165,759	Remote Roads - \$1,069,236 of \$5,346,180	30 June 2026
Minor Seals (New)	Dust Suppressants	40,000	0	40,000		
	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	37,777	0	37,777	LRCI P3 - \$17,777	30 June 2023

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2022-23**

As at 30 April 2023

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
Other	Campania Structure Plan - Town gateway and Streetscape	40,000	0	40,000		
	Campania - Estate Road (vicinity Mallow property)	49,000	13,544	35,456	Budget c/f WIP \$13,544	
	Campania - Main Intersection/Carpark Design Concept	50,000	0	50,000	Budget c/f	
	Campania - Reeve St / Clime Street (includes Footpath)	70,000	16,209	53,791	Budget c/f WIP 30/6/22 \$16,209	
	Campania - Reeve St Junction/footpath/kerb & channel	200,000	17,951	182,049	WIP \$16,209 Vulnerable Road Users	31 March 2023
	Colebrook - Junction Craigbourne Road and Colebrook Road	24,000	0	24,000		
	Elderslie - Bluff Road Intersection Upgrade	150,000	136,392	13,608	WIP \$130,674 Black Spot	31 August 2022
	Elderslie - Cliftonvale Road Landslip	0	15,872	-15,872		
	Elderslie - Elderslie Road Widening Investigation & Trial (Sth Blackbrush Rd)	40,000	6,777	33,223	Budget c/f WIP \$6,777	
	Elderslie - Pelham Rd / Clifton Vale Rd (junction upgrade)	24,000	24,585	-585	RTR (originally \$65K)	30 June 2023
	Mt Seymour - Junction Blackgate Road and Tunnack Road	24,000	0	24,000		
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	959	14,041	Budget c/f WIP \$959	
	Runnymede quarry - Rehabilitation	20,000	17,045	2,955		
	Tea Tree - Grices Road (Tree removal, set-back of embankment, drainage)	15,000	0	15,000	Budget c/f	
	Tunnack - Link Road Landslip	25,000	107	24,893	Budget c/f WIP \$107	
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road Landslip	0	11,951	-11,951		
		<b>4,687,044</b>	<b>2,383,342</b>	<b>2,303,702</b>		
<b>BRIDGE ASSETS</b>	Interlaken Road (Dulv Rvlt - Bridge No 3861) - Widening	42,218	67,095	-24,877	Budget c/f WIP \$53525	
	Jones Road Broadmarsh (Jordan River - Bridge 5083) - Flood Damage	80,000	3,302	76,698		
	York Plains Road (Kitty's Rivulet - Bride No 457)	60,000	92,826	-32,826	Budget c/f WIP \$69,342	
		<b>182,218</b>	<b>163,223</b>	<b>18,995</b>		

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As at 30 April 2023

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
		\$	\$	\$		
<b>WALKWAYS</b>	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	16,000	0	16,000	Budget \$84K c/f	
	Bagdad - East Bagdad Road	160,000	158,824	1,176	Budget c/f WIP \$151,524	
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Walking Path Upgrade (500 metres)	100,000	4,160	95,840	Budget \$50K c/f	
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Walking Path Footbridge Repairs	130,000	0	130,000	Funded from savings on East Bagdad Rd project and general streetscapes budget	
	Campania - Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	30,000	0	30,000	Budget c/f	
	Kempton - Midlands Highway/Mood Food	147,565	0	147,565	\$147,565 Budget c/f	
	Kempton - Grange Road (Retaining Wall)	30,000	0	30,000		
	Kempton - Streetscape Plan - Footpath Renewal (southern end)	60,000	8,844	51,156	LRCI P3 c/f	30 June 2023
	Kempton - Main St, Sophia to Erskine (145m) - Footpath/kerb & gutter/stormwater	80,032	80,476	-444	Budget c/f WIP \$58,404 /\$28K from General Streetscapes	
	Kempton - Old Huntingground Road (Footpath / School Crossing etc.)	80,000	80,778	-778	Budget \$27K c/f WIP \$8,391	
	Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	30,000	5,318	24,682	Budget c/f WIP \$5318	
	Oatlands - Campbell Street (Footpath)	45,000	0	45,000		
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (Footpath -120 metre link)	25,000	0	25,000		
	Tunnack - Streetscape concept Plan	50,000	47,514	2,486	Budget c/f WIP \$42,970	
		<b>983,597</b>	<b>385,915</b>	<b>597,682</b>		
<b>LIGHTING</b>	Nil					
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>PUBLIC TOILETS</b>	Colebrook - History Room Toilets (Tiling etc.)	10,000	0	10,000		
	Campania - Flour Mill Park - Concrete Pathways/drainage/remove pavers	15,000	0	15,000	Budget c/f	
	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	20,000	0	20,000	Budget c/f	
		<b>45,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,000</b>		
<b>DRAINAGE</b>	Kempton - Erskine Street - Stormwater Upgrade & Footpath	60,000	0	60,000		
		<b>60,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,000</b>		
<b>WASTE</b>	Wheelie Bins and Crates	5,000	0	5,000		
	Dysart WTS (Gates)	4,150	4,150	0		
	WTS Safety & Operational Improvements	20,850	0	20,850		
		<b>30,000</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>25,850</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2022-23**

As at 30 April 2023

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
<b>GROWTH</b>						
<b>TOURISM</b>						
	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plaques	20,000	0	20,000	Budget c/f	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	155	19,390	Budget c/f WIP \$155	
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	0	42,283	-42,283	WIP \$40,373 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	
		<b>39,545</b>	<b>42,438</b>	<b>-2,893</b>		
<b>LANDSCAPES</b>						
<b>HERITAGE</b>						
	Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	Budget c/f WIP \$3,700	
	Kempton - Watch House (Heat Pump)	0	3,800	-3,800		
	Oatlands - Commissariat (Boundary Fence)	6,000	0	6,000	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands - Commissariat (Toilet Improvements)	0	7,475	-7,475	Contribution from Mission Australia	
	Oatlands Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000	1,187	13,813		
	Oatlands - Gaol Aluminium Temporary Steps (Entrance)	3,500	0	3,500	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands Gaolers Residence (Ceiling Reinstatement)	5,000	0	5,000		
	Oatlands Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000	0	23,000	Budget \$15K c/f	
	Oatlands - Barrack Street Police House (Year 2/2 Budget of \$110K)	55,000	0	55,000	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7,820	32,180	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	200,000	0	200,000		
	Parattah - Railway Station -Shed for Gangers Trolley	2,000	0	2,000	Budget c/f	
		<b>359,500</b>	<b>23,982</b>	<b>335,518</b>		
<b>NATURAL</b>						
	Chauncy Vale - Wombat Walk	39,250	31,358	7,893	Includes \$29,250 grant WIP 3\$24,547.58	31 Dec 2022
	Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000	7,700	4,300		
	Municipal Area - Preventing Roadkill (Signs)	5,000	8,038	-3,038	Budget c/f WIP \$1,980	
		<b>56,250</b>	<b>47,095</b>	<b>9,155</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2022-23**

As at 30 April 2023

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
<b>CULTURAL</b>	Nil	0	0	0		
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>REGULATORY - DEVELOPMENT</b>	Kempton Council Chambers - Clock Restoration Works	10,672	1,384	9,288	Budget c/fwd WIP \$726.5	
	Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	5,000	9,991	-4,991		
		<b>15,672</b>	<b>11,375</b>	<b>4,297</b>		
<b>REGULATORY - PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	0	7,980	Budget c/f	
		<b>7,980</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,980</b>		
<b>REGULATORY - ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	Nil	0	0	0		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Oatlands Aquatic Centre - Electric Vehicle Charge Station	40,500	40,500	0	ChargeSmart Grant	
		<b>40,500</b>	<b>40,500</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY FAMILIES</b>	Bagdad - Child Care Centre Building	237,314	23,573	213,741	Council Commitment (\$100K grant funded)	
		<b>237,314</b>	<b>23,573</b>	<b>213,741</b>		



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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
	\$	\$	\$		
<b>RECREATION</b>					
Recreation Committee	20,791	0	20,791		
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	25,000	17,417	7,583	Budget c/f WIP \$14,160	
Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Repair of Oval)	20,000	17,042	2,958		
Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	0	75,000		
Broadmarsh - Broadmarsh Hall "The Haven"	91,317	91,317	0	Administration of Progress Assoc. Grant	
Campania - Recreation Ground Drainage	25,000	56,708	-31,708		
Campania - Public Open Space dev (Justitia Park)	6,375	0	6,375	Budget c/f	
Kempton - Off-lead Dog Park	60,331	62,089	-1,758	LRCI Phase 3 \$43,125 WIP \$3,915	30 June 2023
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Hot Water System)	4,209	4,209	0	From Committee Budget	
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Lighting & Electrical Upgrade)	16,000	52,554	-36,554	Budget c/f	
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev and Play Equipment)	24,250	0	24,250	Budget c/f	
Kempton - Recreation Ground (Irrigation)	60,000	1,637	58,363		
Kempton - Skate Park (Council Commitment)	5,000	13,667	-8,667	WIP \$11,364.23	
Mt Pleasant Rec Ground - Building Improvements	259,000	216,733	42,267	Department of Communities Grant	31 December 2023
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (New Pool) - WIP prior to 2020/21	941,987	941,987	0	WIP \$941,987	
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (New Pool) - Construction	9,678,126	9,186,702	491,424	WIP \$6,519,656	
Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium Equipment)	15,000	13,734	1,266		
Oatlands - Callington Park (Lighting & Surveillance)	14,000	0	14,000		
Oatlands - Callington Park Toilet	140,000	5,070	134,930		
Oatlands - Community Hall (Maintenance Program)	51,300	7,891	43,409	Budget c/f	
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	5,000	0	5,000		
Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (Roof & Insulation)	39,000	23,410	15,590	Budget c/f WIP \$468	
Tunbridge - Park Gates	3,040	3,058	-18	Budget c/fwd	
	<b>11,579,727</b>	<b>10,715,224</b>	<b>864,503</b>		
<b>ACCESS</b>					
All Buildings (Priority Approach)	50,000	0	50,000	Budget c/f	
Tunbridge Community Club (SMC Contribution Accessible Toilets)	20,000	200	19,800	Budget c/f WIP \$200	
	<b>70,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>69,800</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2022-23**

As at 30 April 2023

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
<b>CAPACITY &amp; SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	64,689	235,311	WIP \$14,817	
	Kempton - Carriage Shed - Toilets	15,000	0	15,000		
	Levendale - Community Centre	38,390	0	38,390	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands - Community Shed (Shipping Container)	6,600	6,602	-2	Men's Shed Grant	
	Oatlands - Church Street/South Parade Sub-Division	0	35,031	-35,031	WIP \$32,471- Offset by sale of properties	
	Oatlands - MMPC Church Street Sub-Division	0	4,988	-4,988	WIP \$733.18 Offset by sale of property	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172	19,828	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands - Structure Plan	25,000	34,155	-9,155	\$25K Budget c/fwd WIP \$23,203	
		<b>404,990</b>	<b>145,637</b>	<b>259,353</b>		
<b>SAFETY</b>	SMC Flood Mapping Project (subject to external Grant Funding)	40,000	0	40,000		
		<b>40,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,000</b>		
<b>ORGANISATION SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Internal Toilets & Access Upgrade	100,000	9,357	90,643	Budget c/fwd WIP \$1538	
	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Damp Issues & Stonemasonry	15,000	0	15,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Works Office (floor coverings)	5,000	0	5,000	Budget c/fwd	
	Oatlands - Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)	5,000	5,650	-650		
	Computer System (Hardware / Software) - includes CISCO 3 yrs	62,800	168,397	-105,597	Budget c/fwd \$12,800	
	Ipads (2) (Animal & Building Control)	4,000	0	4,000		
	New Server - New Domain Controller/Main Server	20,000	14,226	5,774		
	Municipal Revaluation	0	72,450	-72,450	\$64,400 paid in 2021-22	
		<b>211,800</b>	<b>270,080</b>	<b>-58,280</b>		

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2022-23**  
**As at 30 April 2023**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>COMPLETION DEADLINE</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>		
<b>WORKS</b>					
Kempton Depot - Perimeter Fencing	25,000	18,972	6,028		
Kempton Depot - Property Purchase (Year 4/4 Budget of \$180K)	45,000	45,000	0	Total Project Cost - to be funded over 4 yrs (Yr 4 - \$45K)	
Kempton Depot - Storage Lockers	2,000	1,593	407	Budget c/fwd	
Oatlands Depot - General repairs & alterations	28,000	0	28,000	Budget c/fwd	
Minor Plant Purchases	9,500	2,925	6,575		
Minor Plant Purchases - Building Services Unit	0	10,789	-10,789	To be funded from proceeds from HBS	
Second Hand MISU Screening Bucket	0	12,000	-12,000		
Animal Lifter for Animal Management Vehicle	0	22,695	-22,695		
Radio System	3,000	0	3,000		
<b>Plant Replacement Program</b>					
Heavy Vehicles	714,199	269,206	444,993		
Light Vehicles	354,086	309,109	44,977		
(Trade Allowance - \$218K & \$229)					
	<b>1,180,785</b>	<b>692,289</b>	<b>488,496</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>20,231,922</b>	<b>14,949,022</b>	<b>5,282,900</b>		



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<b>CASH FLOW</b> <b>2022/2023</b>	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS	INFLOWS
	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)	(OUTFLOWS)
	Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	(Year to Date)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>											
<b>Payments</b>											
Employee costs	(280,887)	(470,851)	(307,392)	(304,949)	(331,818)	(334,886)	(408,269)	(356,164)	(361,577)	(338,605)	(3,495,398)
Materials and contracts	(372,338)	(282,093)	(259,278)	(153,830)	(414,310)	(406,884)	43,089	(261,725)	(633,007)	(302,561)	(3,042,937)
Interest	(3,244)	0	0	0	(1,266)	(27,544)	0	0	0	0	(32,054)
Other	(48,103)	(68,139)	(128,628)	(71,252)	(64,186)	(124,969)	(45,113)	(68,919)	(48,422)	(90,644)	(758,375)
	(704,572)	(821,083)	(695,298)	(530,030)	(811,580)	(894,282)	(410,293)	(686,809)	(1,043,005)	(731,810)	(7,328,763)
<b>Receipts</b>											
Rates	90,401	1,757,594	1,473,724	191,542	469,284	376,779	467,576	355,853	540,818	286,802	6,010,373
User charges	94,343	417,276	1,595,316	63,774	91,723	65,942	57,849	315,126	145,111	197,330	3,043,790
Interest received	2,867	78,065	27,557	22,069	37,842	40,150	44,101	42,518	46,509	29,933	371,611
Subsidies	0	0	0	0	0	23,978	0	0	11,658	0	35,634
Other revenue grants	0	304,265	52,500	0	305,931	1,514	0	304,265	0	0	968,473
GST Refunds from ATO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	(36,958)	(97,132)	80,168	(53,397)	83,756	131,982	18,731	78,501	(13,585)	54,914	246,980
	150,654	2,460,067	3,229,265	223,988	988,537	640,341	588,257	1,096,263	730,510	568,979	10,676,861
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(553,918)</b>	<b>1,638,984</b>	<b>2,533,967</b>	<b>(306,042)</b>	<b>176,957</b>	<b>(253,941)</b>	<b>177,964</b>	<b>409,454</b>	<b>(312,495)</b>	<b>(162,831)</b>	<b>3,348,098</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>											
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(198,831)	(1,065,572)	(1,103,032)	(205,257)	(638,110)	(1,096,103)	(338,161)	(704,985)	(789,548)	(362,238)	(6,501,837)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	134	54,250	33	39,339	4,505	0	117,421	164	(8,378)	25,682	233,149
Proceeds from Capital grants	208,968	77,600	665,531	0	0	0	0	505,000	177,418	147,456	1,781,973
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repayment of Investments	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200,000
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>10,270</b>	<b>(733,722)</b>	<b>(437,469)</b>	<b>(165,919)</b>	<b>(633,604)</b>	<b>(1,096,103)</b>	<b>(220,740)</b>	<b>(199,821)</b>	<b>(620,508)</b>	<b>(189,100)</b>	<b>(4,286,715)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>											
Repayment of borrowings	(7,965)	0	0	0	(16,278)	(115,845)	0	0	0	0	(140,088)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net cash from (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(7,965)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(16,278)</b>	<b>(115,845)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(140,088)</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(551,613)	905,262	2,096,498	(471,961)	(472,925)	(1,465,889)	(42,776)	209,633	(933,003)	(351,931)	(1,078,705)
Cash at beginning of reporting period	14,355,848	13,804,235	14,709,497	16,805,995	16,334,034	15,861,109	14,395,220	14,352,444	14,562,077	13,629,074	14,355,848
<b>Cash at end of reporting period</b>	<b>13,804,235</b>	<b>14,709,497</b>	<b>16,805,995</b>	<b>16,334,034</b>	<b>15,861,109</b>	<b>14,395,220</b>	<b>14,352,444</b>	<b>14,562,077</b>	<b>13,629,074</b>	<b>13,277,143</b>	<b>13,277,143</b>

## **18. MUNICIPAL SEAL**

Nil.

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

### **19.1 Municipal Seal – Formal Signing/Sealing of the Healthy Tasmania Fund Lift Local Grant from the State Government for the Active Living in Public Spaces Project.**

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

**Date:** 23 MAY 2023

**Attachment(s):**

1. *Grant Deed*
2. *Project Plan*

#### **ISSUE**

Signing and Sealing the Grant Deed to receive funds for the Active Living in Public Spaces Project.

#### **BACKGROUND**

A number of Councils are undertaking various projects in the health and wellbeing category, and Southern Midlands Council is part of a group of Councils that are in the rural/remote category. Deputy Mayor Karen Dudgeon, Manager Community & Corporate Development Wendy Young and Deputy General Manager Andrew Benson participated in a one day workshop run by LGAT and the State Health Department, which was run in Oatlands recently.

#### **DETAIL**

The Grant Deed between the Department of Health and Southern Midlands Council for \$20,000.00 dollars for the Active Living in Public Spaces Project is attached along with the Project Plan. This project will add tremendous value to the efforts and strategic direction currently being undertaken by Council in area of health & wellbeing.

The following is specific to the project:

**Grant Body**

Department of Health, facilitated through the LGAT

**Program**

Healthy Tasmania Fund Lift Local Grant Program

**Approved Purpose**

To strengthen the planning for health & wellbeing in the SM LGA

**Grant Amount**

The grant amount is for \$20,000.00

**SMC Project Manager**

Andrew Benson

#### **Human Resources & Financial Implications**

This project will be undertaken by enlarge on an in-house basis by the soon to be appointed Community / Recreation Officer. It will dovetail into the start-up works that we undertook in the review of the SM Recreation Strategy. The outcome of this project will be a new Recreation Strategy

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Council Sign and Seal the Grant Deed for the Healthy Tasmania Fund Lift Grant from the State Government for the Active Living in Public Spaces Project.**

## DECISION

*Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon*

**THAT Council Sign and Seal the Grant Deed for the Healthy Tasmania Fund Lift Grant from the State Government for the Active Living in Public Spaces Project.**

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr R McDougall	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

## RECOMMENDATION

**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.

### DECISION

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

**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.

Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation	15(2)(g)
Applications for Leave of Absence	15(2)(h)
LGAT 2023 Elections	15(2)(b)
Property Matter – Broadmarsh	15(2)(e)(ii)

## CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## RECOMMENDATION

**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.

### DECISION

*Moved by Clr D Fish, 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

DECISION (MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## **CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

#### **20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation**

*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.*

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

#### **20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence**

*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.*

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

#### **20.3 Local Government Association of Tasmania – Election of President & General Management Committee Members – 2023 Elections**

*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.*

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

#### **20.4 Property Matter – Broadmarsh**

*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.*

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**DECISION**

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

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

**CARRIED**

<b>DECISION</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote FOR</b>	<b>Vote AGAINST</b>
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr R McDougall	✓	
Clr F Miller	✓	

## **OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **21. CLOSURE**

The Meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.