

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 26th April 2023
10.00 a.m.

Campania Hall
Reeve Street, Campana

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL 2023 AT THE CAMPANIA HALL COMMENCING
AT 10.02 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 D Blackwell, 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) and Mrs J Crosswell (Executive Officer).

4. APOLOGIES

Clr McDougall (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 22nd March 2023, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 22nd March 2023 be confirmed.

DECISION

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

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 22nd March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

5.2 Special Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 12th April 2023, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 12th April 2023 be confirmed.

DECISION

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

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 12th April 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

5.3 Special Committees of Council Minutes

5.3.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

Nil.

5.3.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

Nil.

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

5.4.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

Nil

5.4.2 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 12th April 2023 at the Council Chambers, Oatlands commencing at 9.50 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor E Batt, D Blackwell, K Dudgeon, D Fish and F Miller (remotely)

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

Apologies: Cllrs A E Bisdee OAM and R McDougall (leave of Absence previously granted).

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

- **New Youth Detention Facility (Pontville)**

A copy of the Press Release issued by Minister Roger Jaensch (Minister for Education, Children and Youth) was circulated - refer below.

One of the potential sites that has been identified is a property on Brighton Road between Pontville and Mangalore. This site is within the Southern Midlands Council area and is situated between the new Highway Bypass and the Brighton Road.

General discussion confirmed that Council would not adopt any position in relation to the facility, mainly in recognition that it may have to act as a Planning Authority if the site is identified as the Government's preference.

***“Roger Jaensch, Minister for Education, Children and Youth
23 March 2023***

Consultation begins on preferred sites for new youth detention facility

The Rockliff Liberal Government is committed to delivering a Youth Justice System that achieves better outcomes for young people and keeps our community safe.

We are progressing our plan to close the Ashley Youth Detention Centre and transition to new youth justice facilities that support a therapeutic model of care, as one part of our comprehensive reform of the entire Youth Justice System, which also includes raising the minimum age of detention to 14.

Our overarching strategic Youth Justice Blueprint and our proposed Youth Justice Facilities Model have undergone extensive stakeholder consultation and will be released in coming weeks, together with an initial two-year Action Plan.

Minister for Education, Children and Youth, Roger Jaensch, said a key element of the plan was to construct new assisted bail facilities and supported accommodation facilities in the north and south of the State, as well as a new youth detention facility in the greater Hobart area.

“Following a comprehensive assessment process, two preferred sites have been shortlisted for the new youth detention facility: a site on Brighton Road between Pontville and Mangalore and a site on East Derwent Highway, overlooking the Bowen Bridge,” Minister Jaensch said.

“These sites have been identified because of their substantial size, separation from major residential areas, their proximity to Hobart, the limited visibility (or with capacity for screening) from surrounding properties and their appropriate zoning under the relevant planning scheme.

“Public consultation on the shortlisted sites begins today, providing stakeholders and the community the opportunity to review the criteria used to assess the sites’ suitability and provide feedback.

“Discussions with the relevant local Councils have already begun and property and business owners in close proximity to the sites will be contacted directly. The views of key stakeholders and advocates will also be directly sought, as will the views of young people with direct experience of the Youth Justice System.”

Consultation closes on April 17, with all feedback received to be considered before a final decision is made on the location for the new facility.

“The Tasmanian Government is absolutely committed to developing a Youth Justice System, including new facilities, that achieves better outcomes for young people and keeps our community safe,” Minister Jaensch said.

For more information on youth justice reform in Tasmania and to provide feedback, visit www.decyp.tas.gov.au/yjr”

- Long Term Financial Management Plan

Presentation of LTFMP which has been updated to include the 2021/22 audited financials and the 2022-23 Budget.

- 11.00 a.m. – 2023/24 Draft Capital Works Program

Presentation and explanation of draft Program. This is an initial review of the first draft.

The following amendments were identified:

Building & Land Improvements:

- Heritage Program – Oatlands Guard House – ‘Foot printing’ – \$28,000 - project deferred

Recreation Program:

- Campania – Recreation Ground (Centre Pitch/Wicket & Nets) – reduce allocation by \$12,004 (.e. 50%) to encourage grant application for the balance, with the reduction being re-allocated to the Facilities & Recreation Committee Budget.

Administration Program

- Computer System – Hardware / Software – WIFI - \$10,000 – deemed not to be a priority.

The workshop concluded at approximately 12.50 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr D Blackwell, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
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 A E Bisdee OAM – Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Vos Construction – status of negotiations regarding the final settlement claim.

Deputy General Manager advised that the final claim is yet to be finalised. It is dependent on completion of all works. It was noted that Vos has engaged the services of an alternative electrical contractor to complete installation of solar panels.

Clr A E Bisdee OAM – does Council intend on adopting a position in relation to the possible construction of a youth detention facility at Pontville?

Mayor E Batt made reference to the outcome of the discussion at the Council workshop held 12th April 2023. Council will not adopt any position mainly in recognition that it may have to act as a Planning Authority if the site is identified as the Government's preference.

Mayor E Batt / Cllr D Fish – Has the letter of appreciation to Eric Hutchinson regarding the Oatlands Aquatic Centre been sent?

Deputy General Manager - Letter will now be done following endorsement of March 2023 Council Meeting Minutes where the new Oatlands Aquatic Centre report was endorsed.

Cllr F Miller – NBN Co – any update in relation to a senior NBN Co. representative being prepared to discuss infrastructure upgrade(s) with Council? This also applies to a representative from Tas Irrigation.

General Manager advised that no progress has been made to date, and no further information has been received from NBN Co. in relation to capital construction estimates.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Villinneuve Street, Campania – commented that the streetlights are yet to be installed.

Manager Infrastructure and Works confirmed that Tas Networks has been requested to action accordingly, This request has been submitted for a considerable period with no further information available in terms of timeframe.

Mayor E Batt – commented in relation to the Belgrove Distillery and questioned the current status of the ‘non-compliance’ issues. Was Council responsible for addressing the outstanding issues?

Manager Development Environmental Services provided background information and an update in relation to the status of the outstanding issues. Basically, the operator is required to engage a Building Surveyor to investigate and report accordingly.

Mayor E Batt – Kempton Recreation Ground – have the new lights been installed and operating?

General Manager confirmed that the lights have been installed.

Mayor E Batt – Jericho ‘Avenue of Honour’ – status the project?

General Manager confirmed that the Manager Heritage Projects is progressing the individual components of the project with Mrs Stephanie Burbury.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Ely Street Dysart – can the residents of Ely Street, Dysart be surveyed to determine whether they wish to participate in the Household Collection Service?

General Manager confirmed that a survey can be undertaken and will be arranged accordingly.

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.

Nil.

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.

Julia Jabour – Southern Midlands Regional News

Acknowledged that the Local Government Board has issued the ‘Stage 2 – Interim Report’ for the ‘future of local government review’ and sought any comments from Council.

General Manager advised that Council is yet to consider the Interim Report but in previous submissions Council has indicated its opposition to any structural reform unless it is clearly demonstrated that there are benefits for ratepayers. Council is also opposed to any proposition for development applications to be referred to an independent panel for determination (i.e. removing councillors’ responsibility to act as a Planning Authority).

It was noted that further information regarding ‘catchment boundaries’ will be released by the Local Government Board on 22nd May 2023 which will provide Council with additional information for assessment and comment.

Julia Jabour – Southern Midlands Regional News

Advised that a group of Oatlands residents were progressing with the investigation of issues relating to the establishment of a Dog Park at Oatlands. Is there any information available in terms of regulated standards or operating requirements indicating that a number of other

facilities have been inspected. It was commented that there were significant gaps at the bottom of the fence at the Dog park at Kempton and was the height of the fence sufficient?

Deputy General Manager confirmed that the height of the fence at Kempton is fairly standard for dog enclosures and it was advised that the other site infrastructure such as bins; disposal bags; water fountains etc. were still to be installed. The Manager Infrastructure & Works confirmed that the site rehabilitation and landscaping works will address the low points at the base of the fence.

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 APRIL 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.

Wooldridge Road and Rhyndaston Road have had drainage works completed.

Blackgate Road Stonor has been re-sheeted as part of Councils annual re-sheeting programme.

Current Capital Work.

Kempton Main Street footpath re-newel works are continuing.

Instillation of 4 new lights and poles including power upgrade at Kempton Recreation Ground is almost completed.

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. Turf renovation works have been completed on Campania Recreation Ground.

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 six 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;
- Complete pole and light replacement works Kempton Recreation Ground;
- Storm water upgrade works Erskine Street Kempton
- Footpath replacement Main Street Kempton;
- Re-sheeting various un-sealed roads
- Commence footpath and curb works Clime Street Campania-to Water Lane;
- Construct approx. 100m boardwalk near Community Club Bagdad;
- Continue preliminary planning for Interlaken Road re-construction works;
- Commence footpath construction works Campania from Water Lane to Reeve Street

General Business

At the previous council meeting the following question was raised

Clr F Miller – Colebrook Main Road / Mudwalls Road – made comment in relation to recent repair works which appear to ‘fail’ within a short period of time as the extent of repair work is inadequate. Can Council raise this matter with the Department of State Growth as the responsible agency for the Road? Traffic is becoming increasingly heavy through this area and the road is particularly poor near the turn off to Brown Mountain Road, Campania.

Manager Infrastructure & Works to convey concerns and issues to the Department of State Growth.

Response received from State Roads

Hi David,

Our maintenance contractor has been short term repairing this section road the past couple months, however last week we completed proper 450mm dig out and 100mm asphalt repairs, particularly near the Brown Mountain Road section. We also have roughly 5km of table drainage works ordered up to be completed prior to winter also, in different parts along Mud walls road.

Also worth noting, there will be a rehabilitation, and a reseal site to be completed next summer, in the areas surrounding the Colebrook Township.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – reported on behalf of Cllr McDougall – appreciated clearing of Buckland Road / Woodsdale Road intersection.

Cllr D Blackwell – Footpath replacement – Main Street, Kempton – Can an update be provided?

Manager Infrastructure and Works – Contractor has confirmed that the concreting of the footpath has been scheduled for week commencing 1st May 2023.

Cllr D Blackwell – Kempton Recreation Ground – Playground Area – are any improvements planned for this Park?

General Manager – advised that improvements and upgrade were identified by the Kempton Streetscape Committee however these will now be progressed through Council's Facilities & Recreation Committee. Consultation will be required with the various user groups as other site issues have been identified (e.g. lack of storage).

Mayor E Batt – Blackbrush Road, Mangalore (Midland Highway end) – there are a considerable number of defects on this section of road.

Manager Infrastructure and Works – the reconstruction of this section of Road is included in the draft Capital Works Program Budget that was considered by Council at its recent workshop.

Mayor E Batt – Oatlands Swimming Pool (old Pool) – are the demolition works to be managed by Council?

General Manager confirmed that the Manager Heritage Projects will manage this project in conjunction with the Manager of Infrastructure & Works. An engineering company (RARE) has recently been engaged to undertake a 'Dilapidation Survey' which is the first stage of the project. Works will be done by Council.

Cllr A E Bisdee OAM – are there any immediate plans for the Oatlands Gaol site where the old pool was located?

General Manager confirmed that there are no immediate plans and the site will be backfilled pending archaeological assessment and consideration of redevelopment options.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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

CARRIED

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

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

THAT the meeting be adjourned for morning tea at 11.01 a.m.

CARRIED

DECISION

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

THAT the meeting reconvene at 11.25 a.m.

CARRIED

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

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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: 20 APRIL 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:

- Assisting in the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns judging presentation.
- Research on the history of Bagdad Hall for the Hall Committee.
- Provision of logistics and research assistance for the Harrison 200 year family reunion to be held at Woodbury in June.
- Heritage Highway Region Tourism Association – membership group strategy meeting. Participating in an audit of experiences & services/businesses available along the Heritage Highway. Listing the services on ATDW & gathering content to supply to Destination Southern Tasmania for uploading to Heritage Highway web portal.
- Support & administration of the Artist in Residence Program. The March Artist was Emiko Artemis. Emiko is a visual artist, using costumes, masking & photography to create immersive environments. Emiko's time in Residency was centred in how human presence can be explored through absence & working in a site that has a strong historical connection allowed Emiko to focus on this. Emiko created costumes to use in photographic self-portraits.
- The April Artist is Lucas Guilbert, wood sculptor. is mid-way through his stay. Lucas has been busy sculpting day & night & rapidly filling the studio with his creations. Lucas has been open every day & evening, always happy to stop & chat with locals & passers-by. Lucas will exhibit his sculptures at the conclusion of his stay. Details to be announced via social media. Lucas has said *"my main influences in the realm of wood carving were all directly linked to Tasmania. I feel like I owe this island a lot, physically, culturally and spiritually, and I am actively exploring ways to give back. It is there where I felt like I wanted to stay in Australia the first time, where I discovered the best carving woods in the world, and a landscape and spirit in people that reminded me of where I grew up. It's been a love affair that's brought me there so many times, to get married, to take my child on his first trip, to walk for 21 days in the*

south-west... Though I don't live there, it is where my heart lives, and love requires giving back.”

- Social media for Southern Midlands Heritage & Collections plus Airspace. Heritage collections continues to maintain its audience in the last month with an average of a little of 1000 people interacting with posts. Airspace’s audience has increased by over 300 people in the last month with over 1200 people engaging with post updates.
- Works at Gay Street hall are underway.
- Collaboration with the Royal Australasian Institute of Architects re – early architects in Oatlands.
- Environmental condition monitoring devices (data loggers) now installed in all Oatlands Key accessible buildings.
- Engineering services for the Oatlands old pool demolition have been engaged.
- Final migration of data from existing database to new. Regression testing underway and OPAC interface to be finalised.
- Repairs to Gaoler’s Residence ceiling commenced.
- Finalisation of 2023-24 budget submissions.
- Consultation with Department of State Growth re reinstatement of Blackman River Bridge.
- Progressing partnerships for the delivery of the HESC Heritage Project Initiation and Management course.
- Stone is ordered for the installation of the Jericho Memorial Avenue installations.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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

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	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D Blackwell	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
Clr 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 PROGRAMS MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

DATE: 20 APRIL 2023

DETAIL

- Maria continues to be busy with works relating to the Mt Pleasant Recreation Ground change room upgrade project. Partitions for the toilets and shower cubicles were installed at the end of March. A small seat and two hooks per shower cubicle are to be installed today. Sewer pit access cover plates now in situ. Roller door installed. Concreting of part of the pathway and the gas unit base has been completed. Rear retaining wall outside the new building completed. Painting works – (volunteer component over and above the original project), completed last Sunday. Electrician works 95% completed. Water pump still to arrive at store – expected mid-May. Will run on temporary water supply until the pump is installed. Balance of pathway to be concreted and gas cylinder to be installed, which should be this week.
- In regard to the toilet block proposed for Callington Park. Hydraulic Engineer originally committed to doing the work advised that he is going away for some several weeks, and had no capacity to fit in the work for Callington Park. Spoke with Duo Design (who arranged the first engineer) and another Hydraulic Engineer is now on board. This is not ideal – as it has set back the project further in terms of time sorting these issues out.
- Helen and Mary spent time on Lake Dulverton checking for any cumbungi outbreaks. Maria, Helen and Mary spent considerable time on sections of the Dulverton Walkway to control a considerable outbreak of Broom following on from the very wet 2022 spring. More work to be done on the Broom.
- Maria arranged for a new table and seat combination unit to be installed at Callington Park on Saturday 15th April. Maintenance work on the railing at the former sheep yards was also undertaken. The work was done by Don Fish, Athol Bennett, Raz Simpson, Maria and John Weeding. The new table and seat unit replaced the original from January 1991!
- Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns – national judges are assessing the Oatlands Community submission on Thursday 20th April. As part of the assessment process, within the environmental section, Maria will be speaking to the judges about Lake Dulverton. Oatlands is the Tasmanian winner for 2023 hence the opportunity to be judged for a national award.
- NRM Unit staff away for Easter week.

Weeds Officer Report for the period 14 March – 18 April 2023 is as follows:

Enquiries/feedback

4 (horehound, mallow, ragwort, broom).

Site visits

Total = 9

Cut flower heads off a small patch of Evening primrose in Campania cemetery. Control to follow.

Cut flower heads off the isolated cumbungi plants adjacent the native Narrow-leaved cumbungi on Glen Morey Road.

Participated in a couple of broom control sessions with Maria and Helen along the Dulverton Walkway.

Circumnavigated Lake Dulverton controlling cumbungi and went back a couple of times for follow-up.

Sprayed around all the blackwoods at the Pound in Oatlands and I should have followed up sooner: some of the biggest, healthiest weeds I've seen in a while (especially capeweed and mallow). Majority of the blackwoods are still alive.

Sprayed a new cumbungi plant in a culvert adjacent the Lake Dulverton walking track.

Related and extra-curricular activities

Attended Nutrien Ag grower meeting on March 20th at Campbell Town with Maria to learn about the latest formulations of various herbicides. A most interesting and informative meeting.

Attended an information day at 5 Rivers Reserve (a Tasmanian Land Conservancy property near Bronte Park) on Saturday 25th March. It was excellent to have a look at some Highlands vegetation, animal tracks and regrowth after fires. It was also my first viewing of the iconic and rare Miena Cider gum (most of the latter were encased in large wire cages to keep deer and possums out!).

Checked out a private native plant nursery and gardens in northern midlands council area.

Weeds Action Fund funding

Stemless Thistle Grant application - results pending.

Communication

Article on edible weeds published in the April Southern Midlands Regional Newsletter.

Research

Researching control methods for the burgeoning numbers of Californian thistle around Lake Dulverton. Timing, sprays and follow-up roster ready to go for later in the year.

Roadside weeds data base

Contact has been made with Garmin Australia regarding faults in the hand-held device we use, and information requested by Garmin has been forwarded: awaiting final response.

Weed of the Week

Boxthorn, drain flat-sedge, prickly lettuce, and cotoneaster have been displayed in the Oatlands front office this reporting period. 3 booklets were taken.

Drain flat-sedge only displayed at Colebrook Roadhouse this month.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT the NRM Unit 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 Blackwell	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
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

15.6.1 Animal Management Report

AUTHOR: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RACHEL COLLIS)

DATE: 18 APRIL 2023

Enclosure:

Animal Management Statement 2023

ISSUE

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for April 2023

The purpose of the report is twofold:

1. To inform Council and the Community of infringements issued by Council Officers in relation to Animal Management for the period April; *and*
2. Provide a brief summary of actions and duties undertaken by Council Officers in relation to animal management.

This in turn informs the community of the requirements and expectations of the Council to uphold and enforce the relevant legislation. This reminds Council and the community of the importance of responsible ownership of animals.

The infringements detailed in this report were all issued under the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

Resource Sharing

Southern Midlands Council currently provide Animal Management services to the Central Highlands Council through resource sharing arrangements. Jobs of note are itemised in the enclosed statement.

INFRINGEMENT DETAILS:

21/3/23 – dog at large – Parattah area

30/3/23 – dog attacking person or animal causing non-serious injury- Oatlands area

ATTACK DETAILS:

25/2/23 – dog attacked another dog – infringement has been issued

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Animal Management report be received and the information noted.

DECISION

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

THAT the Animal Management Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 15.6.1

**YTD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
2023**

DOG IMPOUNDS	RECLAIMED	ADOPTED/DOGS HOME	EUTHANISED	OTHER IMPOUNDS
7	10			3 sheep – claimed 1 sheep – unclaimed

**JOBS ATTENDED
April 2023**

DOGS AT LARGE	DOG ATTACKS	DOG BARKING	DOG GENERAL
0	1	5	9
NEW KENNEL LICENCES	WELFARE	STOCK	Central Highlands
1 active licence	1	5	2

REGISTERED DOGS: 1807
KENNEL LICENCES: 61
INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED: 2

15.6.2 2023/24 Animal Management Fees (including Dog Registrations)

Author: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (RACHAEL COLLIS)

Date: 20 APRIL 2023

ISSUE

Adoption of the 2023-2024 Animal Management Fees.

BACKGROUND

Dog Registration fees are to be adopted in accordance with Council's *Dog Management Policy* and the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

DETAIL

For information, the following is a list of the fees and charges that were adopted for the current financial year (i.e. 2022/2023):

CLASS	EVIDENCE REQUIRED	AMOUNT
Dog Desexed	<i>(Vet Certificate or Stat Dec required)</i>	\$32.00
Dog Non-desexed		\$42.00
Greyhound/Working Dog/Purebred (for showing/breeding)	<i>Certificate required, TCA or GRT membership or ABN</i>	\$32.00
Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog	<i>Declared by General Manager</i>	\$95.00
Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs		No Charge
Pensioner	<i>Pension Concession Card Health Care Card</i>	50% discount off scheduled fee (one dog only)
Replacement Tag (metal lifetime tag)		\$11.00
Formal Notice of Complaint		\$63.00
Kennel Licence Application		\$126.00
Kennel Licence Renewal		\$53.00
Impound Fee (for all animals)		\$32.00
Feed/Care Fee (daily charge)		\$11.00
Dogs Home of Tasmania Impound Fee	<i>Paid directly to Dogs Home</i>	Refer Dogs Home

In reference to Council's *Dog Management Policy*, refund of registration fees will only be provided for dogs that have died in the current year of registration. Refunds are only available on completion of the appropriate form lodged with Council by the owner of the dog subject of the claim. Any refund provided is on a pro-rata basis as at the time of application.

The Southern Midlands Council will transfer dog registrations from other Tasmanian Councils at no cost to the dog owner, provided the registration is for the same registration period.

Amendments

A 5% which is based on the estimated CPI for the period ending March 2023 - fees rounded up to the nearest dollar where applicable.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The last significant increase in fees (i.e. 5%) was for the 2021/22 financial year.

In reference to the 2022/23 Budget, the increased fees last financial year achieved approximately 64% cost recovery for the Animal Management Service. Acknowledging that animal management involves the management of all other animal related complaints and issues, this is considered reasonable. For this reason, fees could be kept at the same level for this coming financing financial year.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil

Southern Midlands Council Website - The adopted Fees will be displayed on the website.

Policy Implications - Policy position.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – It is normal practice for reminder Notices to be issued in late May of each year. Registration fees are due on 1st July.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the following Animal Management Fees for the 2023-24 period:

CLASS	EVIDENCE REQUIRED	AMOUNT
Dog Desexed	<i>Vet Certificate or Stat Dec required</i>	\$34.00
Dog Non-desexed		\$44.00
Greyhound/Working Dog/Purebred (for showing/breeding)	<i>Certificate required, TCA or GRT membership or ABN</i>	\$34.00
Dangerous Dog/Restricted Breed/Guard Dog	<i>Declared by General Manager</i>	\$100.00
Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs		No Charge
Pensioner	<i>Pension Concession Card Health Care Card</i>	50% discount off scheduled fee (one dog only)
Replacement Tag (metal lifetime tag)		\$12.00
Formal Notice of Complaint		\$66.00
Kennel Licence Application		\$132.00
Kennel Licence Renewal		\$56.00
Impound fee (per animal)		\$34.00
Feed/care fee (daily charge per animal)		\$12.00
Dogs Home of Tasmania Impound Fee	<i>Paid directly to Dogs Home</i>	Refer Dogs Home

DECISION

Moved by Cllr D Fish, seconded by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM

THAT Council adopt the following Animal Management Fees for the 2023-24 period:

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Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs		No Charge
Pensioner	<i>Pension Concession Card Health Care Card</i>	50% discount off scheduled fee (one dog only)
Replacement Tag (metal lifetime tag)		\$12.00
Formal Notice of Complaint (Refundable if validated)		\$66.00
Kennel Licence Application		\$132.00
Kennel Licence Renewal		\$56.00
Impound fee (per animal)		\$34.00
Feed/care fee (daily charge per animal)		\$12.00
Dogs Home of Tasmania Impound Fee	<i>Paid directly to Dogs Home</i>	Refer Dogs Home

CARRIED

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

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 Midlands Memorial Community Centre – 68 High Street Oatlands Proposed Minor Works on the Forecourt

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 19 MARCH 2023

Attachment(s):

Agreed Sketch Plan from the Council Workshop

ISSUE

The Oatlands Community Association Inc. (OCA) are the current leases of the Midlands Memorial Community Centre at 68 High Street Oatlands and they enquired if Council would consider some upgrading of the forecourt at the Centre.

BACKGROUND

There have been a number of proposals requested by the OCA to provide some outside space for the people who use the Centre. There was a proposed deck at the rear of the building, however after some consideration that was deemed to be inappropriate. Then there was a proposal for a deck on the side of the building, between the Oatlands Aquatic Centre and 68 High Street, which was rejected for a number of valid reasons.

DETAIL

The OCA executive were keen to explore a greater usage of the forecourt to the building and to request some changes be made to make the space more enticing to engage in.

The Deputy General Manager developed a Sketch Plan and it was presented to the Council Workshop on the 15th February 2023. Council agreed with the detail covered in the Sketch Plan and asked that the Deputy General Manager meet with members of the OCA Executive to share Council's view of the forecourt development at the site.

That meeting was undertaken with Nan Bray, who tendered apologies from Jenni Muxlow and Eleanor Bjorksten. Patricia Birchall was also in attendance.

The Plan was discussed and the OCA Executive provided a few further matters for consideration. The Deputy General Manager will provide feedback from the OCA site meeting for Council's further consideration.

The following correspondence was received from OCA.

Hi Andrew-

Thanks again for meeting with us to discuss a few remaining issues about the re-design of the forecourt and north side of the Centre.

*With regard to the **north side of the building**, we had a most productive meeting with Mary Smythe on Wednesday, and agreed that we would propose an ‘edible garden’ in that beautifully situated and sheltered spot. We’re thinking fruit trees, berries, vegetables, and even edible flowers! This is a bit of a variation on the flower bed that we discussed at our previous meeting with Wendy, but in the same spirit of using vegetation (under control!) to make use of the space.*

*The next area we looked at, and again with advice from Mary, is the **small rectangular area with the topiary bench** in it. We felt that would best be left as a nice lawn.*

At our meeting with you, we suggested removing the section of wall that extends beyond the building to open up the area visually.

We also talked about moving the rubbish bins farther away from the building than in your design, on advice from Wendy, though still in their small shed. We would like to put up matching storage areas for the BBQ and a parking place for prams, etc. These would be in the topiary yard, but adjacent to the ramp, and take up the full distance from the footpath to the building. In that case, presumably we would be able to eliminate the handrail on that side of the ramp.

*In the **forecourt** itself, we agreed with your suggestion of raising the height of the full apron to eliminate the drop near the front door, and hence to be able to get rid of the handrail in that section, that blocks access directly to the front door.*

We proposed that access via the wide stairs be eliminated, requiring everyone to use the ramp. If that is satisfactory to Council, it would give us an enclosed ‘garden room’ with plenty of space for seats and tables.

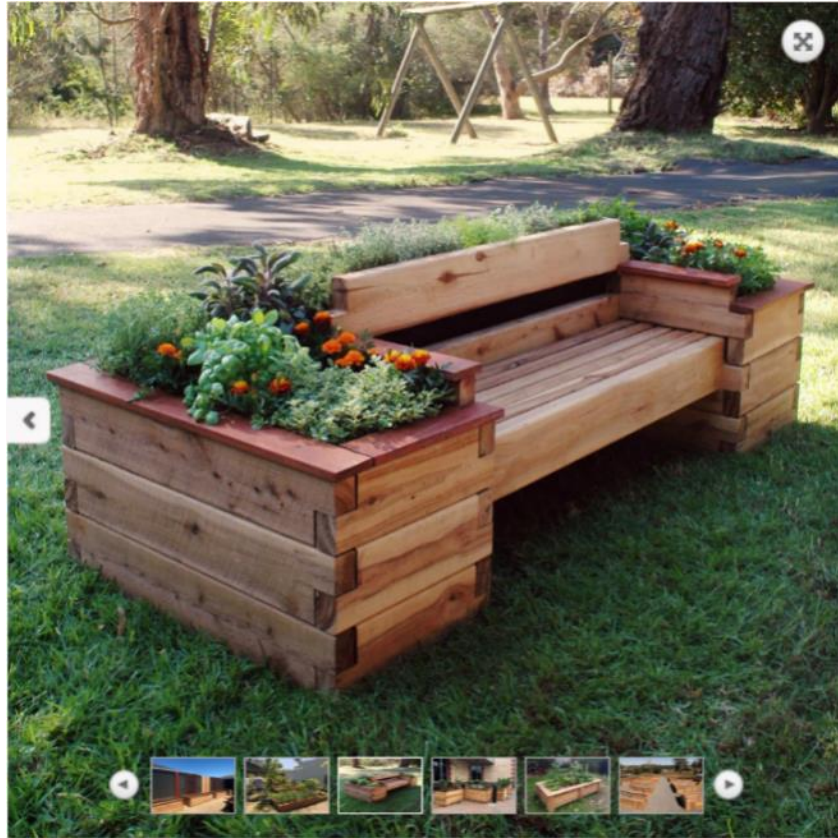
We further suggested using benches that incorporate wicking beds (made by the same company, ModBox, that makes the planters in your design). The link to the Living Furniture bench seats is here: <https://www.modbox.com.au/product-category/living-furniture/>. We envision using the benches to ‘wall’ off the top of the stairs, and create a beautiful, restful place to sit. If this concept is acceptable to Council, we would propose to go to ModBox and ask them to design a layout for us. Individual bench seats with wicking beds attached are in the range of \$2000.

We left the question of whether the stairs would remain to a later discussion.

I think that covers the issues we discussed. We’d appreciate your feedback on these ideas as soon as practicable. If you could provide us with a drawing that we could use for a final round of consultation, that would be most helpful.

Our intention is to put together a detailed plan, get it costed, then prioritise it for funding as we have money available.

*Best regards,
Nan, Pat and Jenni*



RECOMMENDATION

For Discussion.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT:

- a) a decision (and any action) be deferred pending an on-site inspection by Councillors (aim to schedule for the next workshop session);
- b) Council consider the development of this forecourt as part of the overall development of the area at the front of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre (i.e. not in isolation); and
- c) The Oatlands Community Association be informed accordingly.

CARRIED

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

16.1.2 Levendale Community Centre (former Levendale Primary School) – Disposal of Property (Deed of Surrender) – 1315 Woodsdale Road, Levendale (PID 1481598 – C/T 169535/1)

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 13 APRIL 2023

ISSUE

To formally advise Council that the ‘Surrender of Land’ process has been completed and ownership of the Levendale Community Centre (ex Primary School) will revert to The Crown in Right of Tasmania effective from 22nd April 2023.

BACKGROUND

Ownership of this property transferred to the Southern Midlands Council in February 2017.

The transfer from the Crown to the Southern Midlands Council was subject to the following conditions:

The estate and interest in the Land determines and reverts to the Crown upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- a) The Land is not or no longer being used for the Permitted Purpose; or*
- b) The Transferee enters into an agreement with any other person to sell or otherwise transfer the Land (or any part thereof)*

The Permitted Purpose means the use of the Land for community use and all reasonable ancillary purposes.

DETAIL

Following an extensive community consultation process mid-2022, it was determined that the property was no longer being used for the ‘permitted purpose’ and hence ownership should revert to the Crown.

Note: There are a number of reports that were considered by Council in the period May to July 2022 which provide considerable background information and detail. These can be referred to for if necessary.

It should also be noted that Council’s decision to advise the State Government (Property Services, formerly known as Crown Land Services) that the property is no longer being used for ‘Community Purposes’ as defined in the Transfer Deed which transferred ownership from the State to the Southern Midlands Council, included a number of other conditions. These included:

“That Council approach the State Government to negotiate the possibility of pursuing the following proposal:

- a. *Seek to have the reversionary cause removed on the understanding that Council will sell the property and the net proceeds from sale be returned to the State Government;*
- b. *Seek 'approval-in-principle' from the State Government to undertake a boundary adjustment prior to sale, which would transfer the netball/basketball court and an area of the playground to the community owned Levendale Hall. This would effectively expand the area contained within the Title of the Levendale Hall.*
Note: If approval in principle is granted, then formal consent would be required from the Levendale Hall Management Committee.
- c. *As part of the process, Council negotiate to recoup at the least the amount of 'capital funds' that has been expended at the property.*

Whilst these issues were raised with the Crown, the following update is provided:

1. Received confirmation that the State Government cannot remove the reversionary clause to enable Council to sell the property and return the net sale proceeds to the State;
2. Received confirmation that the State Government cannot undertake a boundary adjustment prior to sale, which would transfer the netball/basketball court and an area of the playground to the community owned Levendale Hall (Note: The State Government cannot transfer ownership to a non-government entity other than through commercial processes);
3. Received advice that the State Government will assess other options to provide for ongoing community use of the area identified above through a Licence or possibly a subdivision allowing for the creation of a separate Title; and
4. No compensation of any kind is payable by the Crown to the Council in respect of the surrender of the Land. This includes Council being unable to recover any monies (i.e. capital funds) expended on the property since taking ownership.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – As reported to the Council meeting held 14th December 2022, disposal of the property will reduce Council's Building Depreciation expense by approximately \$38,000 per annum and other operational costs by \$6-7,000 per annum.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Refer comment above.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Clr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Clr D Blackwell	✓	
Clr D F Fish	✓	
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: 4 APRIL 2023

ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator’s Report for the month ending 31st March 2023.

BACKGROUND

The Oatlands Aquatic Centre opened to the public on Monday 14th 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)	March 2023	YTD Total	% of Revised Budget (33% through the period for the revised Budget)
Pool – Admission Fees	Casual Fees	\$18,740	\$4,952	\$30,425	162.4%
	Memberships & Season Passes	\$108,068	\$4,487	\$22,366	20.7%
	Group Bookings & Learn to Swim	\$46,023	\$4,444	\$23,178	50.4%
	Sale of Goods	\$5,920	\$1,102	\$4,852	82.0%
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	50.0%
Sub-Total		\$228,389	\$14,985	\$154,797	67.8%
Original Income Budget for 2022/23 was \$311,805 – Revised Budget to reflect period of operation.					

Expenditure			2022/23 Revised Full-Year Budget	March 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	\$41,449	\$261,657	68.1%
Operating Costs – Other	Budget revised to reflect period of operation (i.e. 7.5 months)		\$66,075	\$7,165	\$71,801	108.7%
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	50.0%
Total Expenditure			\$499,693	\$48,614	\$362,093	72.5%
Original Expenditure Budget for 2022/23 was \$536,423 – Revised Budget to reflect the period of employee(s) engagement and commencement of actual operation						
Budgeted Deficit			(\$271,304)	(\$33,629)	(\$207,296)	76.4%
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 31 MARCH 2023**

	BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS
Total Expenditure to 31 March 2023		10,295,062		
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
Bzowy Architecture & Other Consultants				
2016/17		27,056		Best described as Project Revival
Contract No 1 (part of \$107,660)		16,227		
2017/18				
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
2018/19				
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 – March:

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Centre Hire / Student Visits	Oatlands District School	20 group or individual bookings
Learn to Swim Program	Swansea Primary School	Grade 3 to 5 students (30 kids)
Swimming Carnival	Swansea Primary School	Grade 3 to 5 students (30 kids)
Birthday Party	Private Booking	20 kids & 7 adults

**USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 13/3/2023 – 14/04/2023
PAID UPFRONT**

Type	Units
Gym & Fitness	
Gym & Fitness Class Passes/10 Sessions	0
Gym & Fitness Class Passes/5 Sessions	0
Gym & Fitness Class Session (17 years) PAYG	15
Gym & Fitness Class Session (Concession) PAYG	24
PAYG Class Pass (16 years)	0
Gym	
PAYG Gym (17 years)	7
PAYG Gym (Concession)	4
Personal Training	
Personal Training – 30 Mins	0
Personal Training – 1 Hr	0
Learn to Swim	
4 Day School Holiday Learn to Swim	0
5 Day School Holiday Learn to Swim	0
6 Week Learn to Swim	0
11 Week Learn to Swim	2
10 Week Learn to Swim	4
Adult Learn to Swim	6
Pool	
Pool Passes 10 Sessions (Child)	10
Pool Pass 10 Session (17 years)	2
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	2
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (concession)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	53
PAYG - Pool (5-16)	249
PAYG - Pool (17)	239
PAYG - Pool (Concession)	186
PAYG - (Family)	17
Pool/Gym Combo PAYG	2

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Type	Units
DD Pool/Gym	12
DD Class/Pool	38
DD Pool/Gym/Class	3
DD Gym	3
DD Class/Gym	9
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	5
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	4
DD 6 Months Pool – Family	7

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.
- Expression of interest has gone out on social media to the community for a Lifeguard course to be conducted at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre, we currently have 7 people listed.

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 Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT the information be received and noted.

CARRIED

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt	✓	
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr 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 Policy

Author: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JEMMA CROSSWELL)

Date: 19 APRIL 2023

Attachment(s)

Audio Recordings of Council Meeting Policy

ISSUE

All formal meetings of the Council (including Special Meetings) shall be audio recorded as provided for by Regulation 33 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, except for the proceedings of meetings or parts of meetings closed to the public in accordance with Regulation 15 (2).

The Audio Recording of Meetings of Council Policy is required to be reviewed every four years.

The existing version of the Audio Recordings of Council Meeting Policy is attached and no recommendations for change are included within the document. No legislative requirements have changed regarding Audio Recordings of Meetings since the last review and the existing Policy appears to have covered the relevant matters adequately over the last four years.

Councillors are however asked to review the document to ensure that it is relevant and appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider the ‘Audio Recordings of Council Meeting Policy’, and subject to any amendment(s), submit for endorsement at the May 2023 Council Meeting.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT Council:

- a) consider the ‘Audio Recordings of Council Meeting Policy’, and subject to any amendment(s), submit for endorsement at the May 2023 Council Meeting; and
- b) confirm the need to develop a Policy relating to the conduct of Council Workshops and this matter be listed for discussion at a future workshop in order to identify the relevant policy provisions.

CARRIED

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

17.1.2 Review and Amendment of Existing Policies
Recruitment Policy & Procedure
Selection Policy & Procedures

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 19 APRIL 2023

Attachment(s)

1. 23.03.16_Draft revision - Recruitment Policy & Procedures
2. 23.03.16_Draft revision - Selection Policy & Procedures

ISSUE

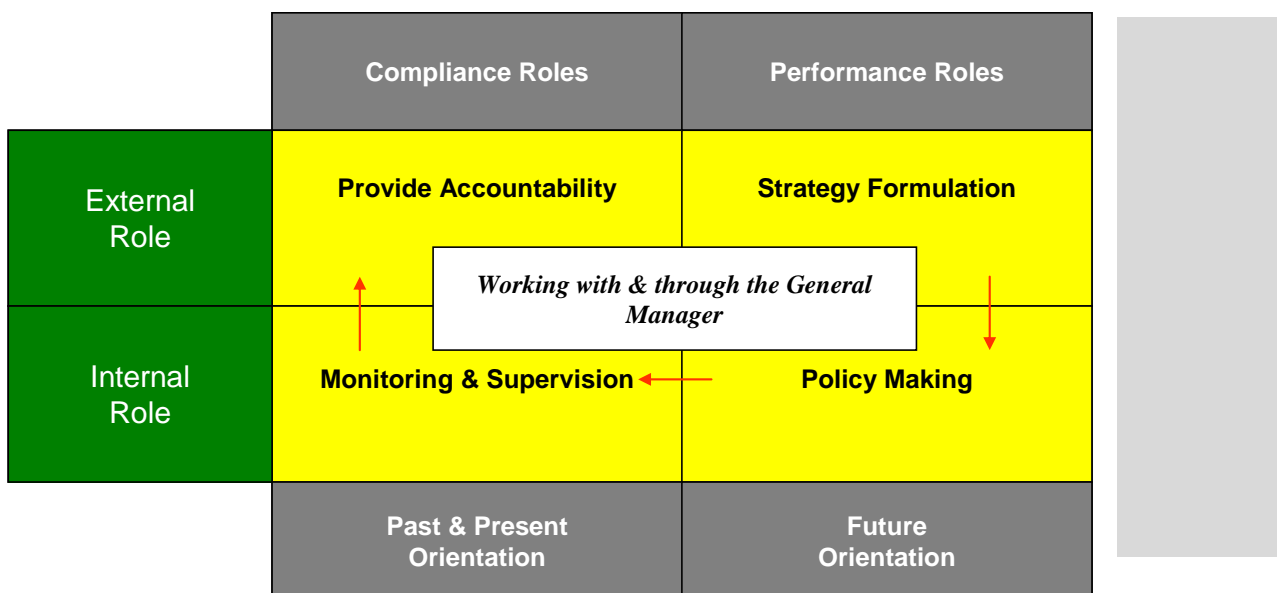
Council are required to review and update its various policies from time to time. The two nominated policies have been reviewed, amendments made, and now requires consideration, then adoption by Council.

BACKGROUND

EXTRACT from the March 2023 Council Minutes

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 Recruitment Policy & Procedures is attached and shows some minor changes to the document. There are no major changes required by legislation.

Draft revision of the Selection Policy & Procedures is also attached and likewise shows some minor changes to the document.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Consider the revised version of the Recruitment Policy & Procedures in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the April 2023 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments; and**
- 3. Consider the revised version of the Selection Policy & Procedures in preparation for the adoption of the revised policy, at the April 2023 Council meeting, subject to any Council amendments.**

END EXTRACT from the March 2023 Council Minutes

DETAIL

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 versions of the Recruitment Policy & Procedures and Selection Policy & Procedures are attached and the recommendations for change, albeit only minor, are included within the documents.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Consider the revised version of the Recruitment Policy & Procedures for adoption, subject to any Council amendments; and**
- 3. Consider the revised version of the Selection Policy & Procedures for the adoption, subject to any Council amendments.**

DECISION

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

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Adopt the revised version of the Recruitment Policy & Procedures; and**
- 3. Adopt the Selection Policy & Procedures.**

CARRIED

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

Nil.

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

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

Clr D Fish – Represented Council at the Oatlands Anzac Day Dawn Service and Service held at 11 a.m. a.m. Both services were well attended and commended the RSL Club.

Traffic management signage may be required for the Oatlands Dawn Service in future years.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Attended the Woodsdale ANZAC Day service. This was a very moving service with around 30 attendees.

Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon – Attendance at a meeting with Senator the Hon Anthony Chisolm (Assistant Minister for Regional Development) with the General Manager and Deputy General Manager. A presentation was made which highlighted projects partly funded by the Australian Government. The presentation also emphasised the importance of commonwealth funded grant programs. The meeting included a tour of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre.

17.2.3 Local Government Shared Services – Quarterly Update – Information Only

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 19 APRIL 2023

Enclosure(s):

Shared Services Report – Southern Midlands Council – January – March 2023

ISSUE

To inform Council of the Common Services Joint Venture activities for the period January to March 2023.

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.

Council now include a standard internal report for Council's information on SMC hours on a quarterly basis.

DETAIL

Refer to the enclosed summary of services provided by and provided to the Southern Midlands.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 17.2.3

**2022/23 Shared Services Report
to 31 March 2023**

PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL					Total Hours Mar 2023 Quarter	Total Hours Dec 2022 Quarter	Total Hours Sep 2022 Quarter	Total Hours to Date
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours				
Brighton Council	1/01/2023	P Krause	Planning Compliance	10.25				
	15/01/2023	P Krause	Planning Compliance	17.5				
	29/01/2023	P Krause	Planning Compliance	40.5				
	12/02/2023	P Krause	Planning Compliance	22				
	26/02/2023	P Krause	Planning Compliance	8.25				
			G Green	Environmental Assessment	13	111.50	135.25	98.25
Central Highlands	1/01/2023	L Brown	Regulatory	7.5				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	20				
	15/01/2023	D Dwyer	Animal Control	6.5				
		R Collis	Animal Control	6.5				
		L Brown	Regulatory	14				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	10				
	29/01/2023	L Brown	Regulatory	17.5				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	17				
	12/02/2023	R Collis	Animal Control	1.5				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	14				
	26/02/2023	L Brown	Regulatory	11				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	12				
	12/03/2023	L Brown	Regulatory	12.5				
		D Mackey	Regulatory	4				
26/03/2023	L Brown	Regulatory	5					
	D Mackey	Regulatory	12	171.00	192.75	224.00	587.75	
Derwent Valley	29/01/2023	B Williams	Heritage	2				
	26/02/2023	B Williams	Heritage	3	5.00	19.00	5.00	29.00
Glenorchy	Nil			0.00	5.00	12.00	17.00	
Tasman	29/01/2023	D Mackey	Regulatory	17				
	12/02/2023	D Mackey	Regulatory	11				
	26/02/2023	D Mackey	Regulatory	14				
	12/03/2023	D Mackey	Regulatory	5				
	26/03/2023	D Mackey	Regulatory	7	54.00	0.00	0.00	54.00
Total Hours Provided by Southern Midlands					341.50	352.00	339.25	1032.75
PROVIDED TO SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL								
Council	Fortnight Ending	Officer	Service Provided	Hours				
Brighton	11.12.22	L Wighton	Development Engineering	6.5				
	25.12.22	L Wighton	Development Engineering	10.5				
	08.01.23	L Wighton	Development Engineering	0.75				
	22.01.23	L Wighton	Development Engineering	4.75				
	05.02.23	L Wighton	Development Engineering	8				
	19.02.23	L Wighton	Development Engineering	4.75				
	05.03.23	L Wighton	Development Engineering	6.25				
	19.03.23	L Wighton	Development Engineering	1.25				
					42.75	58.75	35.50	137.00
	Total Hours Provided to Southern Midlands					42.75	58.75	35.50

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 31 March 2023)

AUTHOR: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

DATE: 19 APRIL 2023

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 31st March 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 31 March 2023.
- Operating Expenditure Report – 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- Capital Expenditure Report – 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- Cash Flow Statement – 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of February was \$6,592,819 which represents 99.5% 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 (\$1,292,243 – 128.08%). 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 (\$71,941 – 116.26%). 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 (\$363,805 – 178.29%). 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	To be completed by 30 June 2023 (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 Cllr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Cllr D Fish

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 Blackwell	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	
Cllr F Miller	✓	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date as at 31 March \$	%	Comments
Income				
General rates	6,405,004	6,395,382	99.8%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,094,687	1,502,837	137.3%	Includes Private Works
Interest	48,000	289,143	602.4%	
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
Sub-Total	7,849,929	8,403,914	107.1%	
Grants - Operating	3,785,930	968,473	25.6%	
Total Income	11,635,859	9,372,387	80.5%	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	-4,802,251	-3,130,752	65.2%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
Materials and contracts	-3,432,747	-3,243,670	94.5%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-3,521,000	-2,635,940	74.9%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	-58,919	-32,054	54.4%	Interest
Contributions	-258,156	-129,078	50.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	-154,951	-120,082	77.5%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
Total expenses	-12,228,024	-9,291,576	76.0%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-592,165	80,812	-13.6%	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	3,795,990	1,634,517	43.1%	
Contributions - Natural Disaster Relief Fund	80,000	0	0.0%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	124,045		
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		
Surplus / (Deficit)	3,283,825	1,922,795	58.6%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023

NOTES	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date as at 31 March \$	%	Comments
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	795,241	817,636	102.8%	
- Private Works	299,446	632,665	211.3%	
- HBS interest on New Business Funds (since 30.08.2010)	0	52,535		
	<u>1,094,687</u>	<u>1,502,837</u>	137.3%	
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%	
- LRCI - 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
- Tas Govt - Tunbridge Club Toilets	0	40,000		
- Tas Govt - Transfer of Brighton Road	0	147,565		
- ChargeSmart (Second instalment)	0	36,000		
- Mens Shed Grant (Shipping Container)	0	6,600		
	<u>3,795,990</u>	<u>1,634,517</u>	43.06%	
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 31 Mar 23)	YTD BUDGET (as at 31 Mar 23)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - REVISED INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	1,292,243	1,008,926	-283,318	128.08%	3,317,298
Bridges	15,189	33,048	17,858	45.96%	448,063
Walkways	206,112	195,957	-10,154	105.18%	239,610
Lighting	53,903	61,130	7,226	88.18%	81,506
Public Toilets	71,941	61,880	-10,060	116.26%	80,478
Sewer/Water	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	4,559	22,961	18,402	19.86%	81,948
Waste	831,994	820,145	-11,848	101.44%	1,217,693
Information, Communication	-	-	-	-	-
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	2,475,942	2,204,048	-271,894	112.34%	5,466,596
GROWTH					
Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	27,039	36,350	9,311	74.38%	42,200
Business	363,805	204,047	-159,757	178.29%	272,063
Industry	-	-	-	-	-
GROWTH TOTAL:	390,843	240,397	-150,446	162.58%	314,263
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	232,732	342,394	109,662	67.97%	453,974
Natural	157,132	158,778	1,646	98.96%	201,271
Cultural	173	14,625	14,452	1.18%	19,500
Regulatory - Development	483,463	721,667	238,205	66.99%	962,224
Regulatory - Public Health	9,235	16,875	7,640	54.72%	22,500
Regulatory - Animals	91,819	86,945	-4,875	105.61%	115,386
Environmental Sustainability	-	7,500	7,500	-	10,000
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	974,553	1,348,784	374,231	72.25%	1,784,855
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	194,767	242,271	47,504	80.39%	315,178
Recreation	627,284	724,833	97,549	86.54%	954,884
Access	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers	26,365	41,250	14,885	63.91%	45,000
Families	6,608	9,875	3,267	66.92%	11,500
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity & Sustainability	43,691	44,254	562	98.73%	54,405
Safety	14,787	29,775	14,988	49.66%	39,700
Consultation & Communication	10,496	16,100	5,604	65.19%	17,300
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	923,999	1,108,358	184,359	83.37%	1,437,967
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	42,365	82,494	40,129	51.36%	72,642
Sustainability	1,579,028	1,441,487	-137,541	109.54%	2,809,812
Finances	206,088	203,127	-2,961	101.46%	341,888
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	1,827,481	1,727,108	-100,373	105.81%	3,224,342
TOTALS	\$6,592,819	\$6,628,696	\$35,877	99.5%	\$12,228,023

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		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION DEADLINE
INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	500,000	175,286	324,714		
	Oatlands - Interlaken Road Resheeting 5km	100,000	0	100,000	RTR	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	130,000	0	130,000	(RTR \$75K)	30 June 2023
Reconstruct & Seal	Reconstruct & Seal Program (includes \$270K budget from Roads Reseal Program)					
	Campania - Native Corners Road (to complete section)	260,000	199,711	60,289	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	108,013	61,987	RTR 21/22 c/f WIP \$9,264 (RTR \$150K)	30 June 2022
	Oatlands - Stoney 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)	461,202	553,672	-92,470	RTR - \$255K	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 Hway)	130,000	209,959	-79,959	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 - Interlaken Road (Year 1/3 - Total contribution \$300K)	1,169,236	0	1,169,236	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

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		\$	\$	\$		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	16,831	183,169	WIP \$16,209 Vulnerable Road Users	31 March 2023
	Colebrook - Junction Craighourne 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)	65,000	24,585	40,415	RTR	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		
		4,687,044	2,170,395	2,516,649		
BRIDGE ASSETS	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	
		182,218	163,223	18,995		

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		\$	\$	\$		
WALKWAYS	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	16,000	0	16,000	Budget \$84K c/f	
	Bagdad - East Bagdad Road	160,000	158,486	1,514	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	4,270	55,730	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	79,992	8	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	47,490	2,510	Budget c/f WIP \$42,970	
		983,597	380,193	603,404		
LIGHTING	Nil	0	0	0		
PUBLIC TOILETS	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	
		45,000	0	45,000		
DRAINAGE	Kempton - Erskine Street - Stormwater Upgrade & Footpath	60,000	0	60,000		
		60,000	0	60,000		
WASTE	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		
		30,000	4,150	25,850		

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		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
GROWTH						
TOURISM						
	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)	
		39,545	42,438	-2,893		
LANDSCAPES						
HERITAGE						
	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	5,705	-5,705	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	
		359,500	22,213	337,287		
NATURAL						
	Chauncy Vale - Wombat Walk	39,250	29,438	9,812	Includes \$29,250 grant WIP 3\$24,547.59	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	
		56,250	45,175	11,075		

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		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
CULTURAL	Nil	0	0	0		
		0	0	0		
REGULATORY	Kempton Council Chambers - Clock Restoration Works	10,672	1,384	9,288	Budget c/fwd WIP \$726.5	
- DEVELOPMENT	Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	5,000	7,766	-2,766		
		15,672	9,150	6,522		
REGULATORY	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980	0	7,980	Budget c/f	
- PUBLIC HEALTH		7,980	0	7,980		
REGULATORY	Nil					
- ANIMAL CONTROL		0	0	0		
ENVIRONMENTAL	Oatlands Aquatic Centre - Electric Vehicle Charge Station	40,500	40,500	0	ChargeSmart Grant	
SUSTAINABILITY		40,500	40,500	0		
COMMUNITY						
FAMILIES	Bagdad - Child Care Centre Building	237,314	23,429	213,885	Council Commitment (\$100K grant funded)	
		237,314	23,429	213,885		

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		\$	\$	\$		
RECREATION	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"	83,977	83,977	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	51,005	9,326	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)	16,000	16,984	-984	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	161,876	97,124	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	9,186,168	491,958	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	3,372	47,928	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	
		11,572,387	10,601,322	971,065		
ACCESS	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	
		70,000	200	69,800		

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		\$	\$	\$		DEADLINE
CAPACITY & SUSTAINABILITY	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300,000	63,612	236,388	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	
		404,990	144,560	260,430		
SAFETY	SMC Flood Mapping Project (subject to external Grant Funding)	40,000	0	40,000		
		40,000	0	40,000		
ORGANISATION SUSTAINABILITY	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	167,947	-105,147	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	40,250	-40,250	\$64,400 paid in 2021-22	
		211,800	237,430	-25,630		

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WORKS					
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		
Plant Replacement Program					
Heavy Vehicles	714,199	269,206	444,993		
Light Vehicles	354,086	309,109	44,977		
(Trade Allowance - \$218K & \$229)					
	1,180,785	692,289	488,496		
GRAND TOTALS	20,224,582	14,576,667	5,647,915		

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CASH FLOW 2022/2023	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jul 2022 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Aug 2022 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Sept 2022 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Oct 2022 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Nov 2022 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Dec 2022 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jan 2023 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Feb 2023 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Mar 2023 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Year to Date) \$
Cash flows from operating activities										
Payments										
Employee costs	(280,887)	(470,851)	(307,392)	(304,949)	(331,818)	(334,886)	(408,269)	(356,164)	(361,577)	(3,156,793)
Materials and contracts	(372,338)	(282,093)	(259,278)	(153,830)	(414,310)	(406,884)	43,089	(261,725)	(633,007)	(2,740,376)
Interest	(3,244)	0	0	0	(1,266)	(27,544)	0	0	0	(32,054)
Other	(48,103)	(68,139)	(128,628)	(71,252)	(64,186)	(124,969)	(45,113)	(68,919)	(48,422)	(667,731)
	(704,572)	(821,083)	(695,298)	(530,030)	(811,580)	(894,282)	(410,293)	(686,809)	(1,043,005)	(6,596,953)
Receipts										
Rates	90,401	1,757,594	1,473,724	191,542	469,284	376,779	467,576	355,853	540,818	5,723,571
User charges	94,343	417,276	1,595,316	63,774	91,723	65,942	57,849	315,126	145,111	2,846,460
Interest received	2,867	78,065	27,557	22,069	37,842	40,150	44,101	42,518	46,509	341,678
Subsidies	0	0	0	0	0	23,976	0	0	11,658	35,634
Other revenue grants	0	304,265	52,500	0	305,931	1,514	0	304,265	0	968,473
GST Refunds from ATO	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)	192,066
	150,654	2,460,067	3,229,265	223,988	968,537	640,341	588,257	1,096,263	730,510	10,107,882
Net cash from operating activities	(553,918)	1,638,984	2,533,967	(306,042)	176,957	(253,941)	177,964	409,454	(312,495)	3,510,930
Cash flows from investing activities										
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)	(6,139,599)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	134	54,250	33	39,339	4,505	0	117,421	164	(8,378)	207,467
Proceeds from Capital grants	208,968	77,600	665,531	0	0	0	0	505,000	177,418	1,634,517
Proceeds from Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repayment of Investments	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200,000
Net cash used in investing activities	10,270	(733,722)	(437,469)	(165,919)	(633,604)	(1,096,103)	(220,740)	(199,821)	(620,508)	(4,097,616)
Cash flows from financing activities										
Repayment of borrowings	(7,965)	0	0	0	(16,278)	(115,845)	0	0	0	(140,088)
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(7,965)	0	0	0	(16,278)	(115,845)	0	0	0	(140,088)
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)	(726,774)
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	14,355,848
Cash at end of reporting period	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	13,629,074

17.3.2 Request for Rate Remission – Oatlands District Historical Society – 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354)

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 14 APRIL 2023

Enclosure:

Letter from Oatlands District Historical Society dated 22 March 2023.

ISSUE

Council to consider a request from the Oatlands District Historical Society for a remission of rates and charges for the 2020/21; 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It states:

129. Remission of rates

“(1) A ratepayer may apply to the council for remission of all or part of any rates paid or payable by the ratepayer or any penalty imposed or interest charged under [section 128](#) .

*(2) An application is to be –
(a) made in writing; and
(b) lodged with the general manager.*

(3) A council, by absolute majority, may grant a remission of all or part of any rates, penalty or interest paid or payable by the ratepayer.

(4) A council, by absolute majority, may grant a remission of any rates, penalty or interest paid or payable by a class of ratepayers.

(5) The general manager is to keep a record of the details of any remission granted under this section.”

DETAIL

The Oatlands District Historical Society was last granted a remission of rates and charges for the 2019/20 financial year.

As part of that decision, it was determined that the Society would need to make application on an annual basis.

In reference to the attached letter dated 22nd March 2023, the Historical Society has now submitted a formal request for a rate remission, noting that consideration will need to be given to a remission for the prior years (being 2020/21 and 2021/22). No payments have been received for these periods.

Human Resources & Financial Implications –

Rates and Charges:

Description	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
General	\$613.36	\$613.36	\$461.53	\$1,688.25
Garbage	\$178.00	\$195.00	\$207.00	\$580.00
Waste Levy	\$180.00	\$220.00	\$245.00	\$645.00
Fire	\$41.00	\$42.00	\$44.00	\$127.00
Total	\$1,012.36	\$1,070.36	\$957.53	\$3,040.25
<i>Interest & Penalties imposed</i>				\$290.09
Total Outstanding				\$3,330.34

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil

Policy Implications – Policy position

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT, in accordance with section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

- a) Council, by absolute majority, grant a remission of rates and charges to the Oatlands District Historical Society for its property at 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354); and
- b) The remission relates to the 2020/21; 2021/22; and 2022/23 financial years, inclusive of penalty and interest (total amount as at 20 March 2020 being \$3,330.34).

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Blackwell, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT, in accordance with section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

- a) Council, by absolute majority, grant a remission of rates and charges to the Oatlands District Historical Society for its property at 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354); and
- b) The remission relates to the 2020/21; 2021/22; and 2022/23 financial years, inclusive.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE
Agenda Item 17.3.2



OATLANDS DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
Preserving Our Heritage

107 High Street,
Oatlands TAS 7120

22 March 2023

The General Manager
Mr. T. Kirkwood
Southern Midlands Council
Oatlands

RE: RATE REBATE FOR THE YEARS 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23

Dear Tim,

Following our meeting with you on Monday 20th March 2023, we are formally writing to you seeking a rate rebate for the Oatlands District Historical Society Inc.

We are a not-for-profit organisation providing a service to many historians, authors and researchers, both local and Australia wide. We also provide tourism information, thus hopefully offering tourists a better experience of out town and surrounds.

Our museum is one of the few attractions in Oatlands that is open seven days a week, and we have received many favourable comments from local, interstate as well as international visitors.

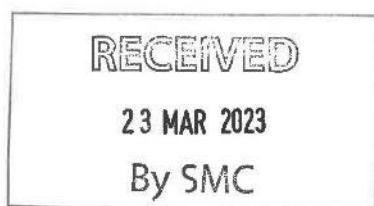
In light of the above, we would greatly appreciate the Southern Midlands Council's assistance in the above matter, keeping in mind their assistance in the past.

Kind regards

Charles Burbury
Treasurer

22.3.23

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17.3.3 Saint Regina Limited – 2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook – ‘Hardwick House’ (PID 3606737) – Application for Rates Exemption (Charitable Purposes)

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 20 APRIL 2023

Attachment(s):

Saint Regina Limited – Letter dated 11 September 2019
Southern Midlands Council - Letter dated 9 October 2019
Saint Regina Limited – Letter dated 19 November 2019

ISSUE

Council to further consider a request for rate exemption (General Rate only) received from Saint Regina Limited for the property at 2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook.

Note: Council is now only required to consider a request for a remission for the property at 2495 Colebrook Road, Colebrook. The property at 515 Rhyndaston Road, Rhyndaston has since been sold and all rates and charges paid at the time of settlement.

BACKGROUND

Section 87 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides the following:

“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)*;
- (ba)*;
- (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)*

This matter was originally considered by Council at its meeting held in November 2019 and as an outcome of that meeting it was resolved as follows:

“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).”

The November 2019 Council report did confirm 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. Based on the statements made in the letter(s), Council

was satisfied that the occupation of the land (or part thereof anyway) was for charitable purposes.

DETAIL

In addition to seeking further advice in respect to this matter, it was suggested that a discussion take place with the property owner to ascertain whether they may be prepared to make some contribution based on section 87(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (refer extract from the Act above). This would only be relevant should it be confirmed that Saint Regina Limited was entitled to the exemption.

This discussion never eventuated for a number of reasons and hence the matter not progressed through Council.

The need to formally consider this matter at this meeting is due to a pending settlement relating to this property whereby some of the adjusted titles are being sold.

For Councillors information, a formal request has been sent to Saint Regina Limited's legal representative asking them to provide advice as to whether their client may be prepared to make some contribution based on section 87(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (as mentioned above).

At the time of finalising this report:

1. a response has not been received from Saint Regina Limited (via legal representative) in relation to any proposed contribution however advice may be received prior to the meeting; and
2. Abetz Curtis, acting on behalf of Council has been requested to clarify one issue. This advice will be available prior to the meeting.

A recommendation has been withheld pending receipt of the advice from Abetz Curtis.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The following rates and charges are levied on the property:

Rate Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
General	12,941.54	12,941.54	12,488.32	12,345.06
Waste Management Levy	330.00	360.00	440.00	490.00
Fire Levy	556.25	550.20	577.24	584.59
Total(s)	13,827.79	13,851.74	13,505.56	13,419.65

The total cost of the exemption (or loss of revenue) equates to \$50,716.46 (General Rate only).

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – refer periods mentioned above.

RECOMMENDATION

To be submitted.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

THAT based on advice received from Abetz Curtis (and the need to clarify some of this advice) and the need for further information from Saint Regina Limited, a decision be deferred in respect to this matter.

CARRIED

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

17.3.4 SMC External Grant Projects – Quarterly Update

Author: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ANDREW BENSON)

Date: 20 APRIL 2023

Enclosure:

Report to Council on Various SMC Grant Projects as at 19th April 2023

ISSUE

Council have a quite a number of external grants that are in various stages of implementation and it is meaningful to provide Council with a status report in respect of the external grants on a quarterly basis.

BACKGROUND

The application of grants is a major contributor to Council's infrastructure budget. Some grants are fully funded by the Grant body, for example 'election promises realised', others require part funding, ie Communities Sport & Recreation (Tasmanian State Government), with a minimum of 50% funding by Council, and others require matching funding.

All Council Business Units are focused on bringing in funded projects that meet the objectives of the Strategic Plan and that add value to our Community. That way the budget goes further and we are able meet, to some extent the expectations of the Community.

DETAIL

This update is provided for Councillors information only and will be updated on a quarterly basis.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and note the report.

DECISION

Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

THAT Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

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

ENCLOSURE

Agenda Item 17.3.4

Report to Council on Grant Funded Projects as at 19th April 2023

Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Oatlands Aquatic Centre	Development of the proposed Aquatic Centre in Oatlands	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australian Government 2. Tasmanian Government 3. Station Child Care Centre 4. Loan Funds by SMC 	\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$80,350	\$5,920,000	Tim Kirkwood <i>(Project Financials)</i> Andrew Benson <i>(Project Delivery)</i>	Design & Documentation completed, Tender awarded. Construction completed Apart from Sandstone and solar panels	Changed again to the end of October 2022 for Practical Completion (PC) Soft opening 14 th November 2022 and Official Opening 10.30 Wed 15 th March 2023	<p>Australian Government Grant Deed – Variation signed to include both \$1.50 million and \$0.5 million. Another Deed of Variation required by the State.</p> <p>VOS Constructions commencement on site 1st Feb 2021.</p> <p>The Defects Liability period has commenced and will be in place for 12 months from PC date.</p>
Mt Pleasant Recreation Ground – Change Room Upgrade	New change rooms including shower and unisex toilet facilities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Communities Tasmania, 2021-22 Improving the Playing Field 2. Southern Midlands Council 3. Mt Pleasant Football Club 4. Mt Pleasant Cricket Club 	\$200,000 \$5,000 \$3,000	\$25,000	Maria Weeding	95%	March 2023	Project commenced early November 2022 and has progressed well to date. Mainly internal fit out works still to be done to complete the project.
South Central Sub-region – Workforce Development Coordinator Project	The submission of grant for a workforce coordinator for the Southern Midlands, Central Highlands, Brighton and Derwent Valley to (three year contract). The	Tasmanian Community Fund	\$400,000 over three years	\$15,000	Andrew Benson	85%	July 2023	Contract targets of people to be employed are being significantly exceeded, plus working with schools and employers on a range of activities

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Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
	coordinator works under the guidance of an Advisory Board. This is a partnership with the three other Councils.							Project funding for a Jobs Hub for \$M1.625 by Tas State Government and the project will run until October 2024.
Elderslie Rd / Bluff Rd Junction Improvements	Junction Improvements	Blackspot Roads Program Department of State Growth	\$150,000		Andrew Benson	100%	August 2022	All works completed apart from fencing
Southern Midlands Drought Weeds Grant 2020 – Support for Farmers	\$30,000 for on ground works, \$25,000 for wages.	State Government of Tasmania	\$55,000	\$0	Mary Smyth Weeds Officer and Maria Weeding	80%	2023	More on ground work to be planned.
Reeve St / Native Crns Rd Junction plus carpark at Campania	Reeve Street Junction with Climie St plus carpark	Department of State Growth, under the Vulnerable Road User Program	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	Andrew Benson	15%	June 2023	Engineering Survey completed, Engineering Design commenced. TIA undertaken. Community consultation undertaken. Light redesign required.
Wombat Woodland Walk	Nature interpretation and adventure trail for children at Chauncy Vale	Healthy Tasmania Fund	\$29,250	\$10,000	Graham Green	80%	April 2023	All work complete except for rope bridge.
2019-20 Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program	Support impacted Communities – Refurbishment of the Broadmarsh Hall as a Emergency Management Recovery Centre	National Recovery and Resilience Agency	\$M1.55	Nil (<i>in-kind</i>)	Andrew Benson/ Donna Blackwell Broadmarsh Elderslie Progress Association (BEPA)	5%	2024	SMC will work in partnership with the Broadmarsh/Elderslie Progress Assn Inc on this grant program to maximize the benefits to the Community. Tenderer about to be contracted.

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Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
					Wendy Young (Project Finances)			
2019-20 Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program	Support impacted Communities – Waste Water Reuse for Fire Services from the Oatlands Aquatic Centre	National Recovery and Resilience Agency	\$290,000	\$85,000 (from 2021/2022 budget)	Andrew Benson	100%	2023	SMC will provide a waste water reuse facility storing firefighting resource of 500,000lts to maximize the benefits and resilience of the Community. One month extension of time due to OAC being behind time. Deed of Variation required Works completed and signed off from the Australian Government.
Electric Vehicle ChargeSmart Grants – Fast Charging	The proposed charger will be capable of charging two cars simultaneously with up to 100 kW total capacity shared between the two vehicles. This offers a faster charging rate than typical 50kW. Location at the OAC.	Tasmanian Climate Change Office - Department of Premier and Cabinet	\$45,000 <i>(EHT to provide balance of approximately \$100,000 and undertake a lease with SMC on the two spaces in the OAC)</i>	Nil The OAC Project had an allowance for the pre-provisioning of conduits for EV Charging	Andrew Benson / Clive Attwater (EHT)	100%	Sept 2022	A strategic alliance with Electric Highway Tasmania. Installation completed and operational, Awaiting final payment
Premier's Fund for Children and Young People	Equipment for the Oatlands Aquatic Centre	Department of Premier & Cabinet	\$50,000	Nil	Adam Briggs	30% Equipment side of the funding has been delivered, with	October 2023	Letter from the Premier received on 14 th July 2022 advising success

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Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
						the program side to be completed in 2023.		
Encouraging Active Ageing	Ageing members of our community activity program	Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal	\$10,000	Nil	Wendy Young	75%	June 2023	Letter from the FRRR received on 20 th June 2022 advising success
Healthy Lift - Expression of Interest	Lift Local grants are for local government to support activities that strengthen planning for health and wellbeing.	Healthy Tas (Dept. of Health Tas)	\$20,000	Nil	Andrew Benson / Wendy Young	0% EoI submitted in December 2022 Final submission March 2023		Invoice should have been paid by LGAT
Road Infrastructure Upgrade	Reconstruction of Interlaken Road from Oatlands to Central Highlands Council boundary	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communities and the Arts	\$5,346,180	\$300,000	David Richardson	Design work commenced	June 2024	Proposing to go to tender prior to December 2023
COMPLETED PROJECTS								
Lake Dulverton Conservation Area Walkway Upgrade Project	New path from High Street along foreshore to stop over area. Upgrade of existing path from Aquatic building to just past school. Total distance 1500M approx..	Community Development Grant Australian Government (<i>Election Commitment</i>)	\$ 220,000		Maria Weeding	100%	20 April 2022.	Completed. Letter from Aust Govt – 14 th May 2022 advising that the final report accepted and grant acquitted.

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Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Come on, DIVE into Southern Midlands	Community Sports Day event at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre	Sports Australian	\$6,000	Nil	Adam Briggs	100%	November 2022	Completed
Campania Bush Reserve Shared Pathway	Widening the 650m walking track within the Reserve. Pathway surface is to be upgraded to polymer hardened aggregate gravel.	Community Development Grant Australian Government (Election Commitment) and Southern Midlands Council	\$100,000		Jack Lyall (Helen Geard)	100%	June 2021	Completed.
Kempton Town Development Project	Alteration to Victoria Memorial Hall entrance and landscaping forecourt area. Clock tower – lettering works as required.	Community Development Grant Australian Government (Election Commitment) and Southern Midlands Council	\$75,000	\$25,000	Maria Weeding	100%	1 st October 2021	Completed. Letter from Aust Govt – 5 Jan 2022 advising that the final report accepted and grant acquitted.
Oatlands Destination Playground.	Upgrade of the playground and adjacent ground area (including installation of underground watering system) at Callington Park	Community Development Grant Australian Government (<i>Election Commitment</i>)	\$ 500,000	\$7,400	Maria Weeding	100%	Feb 2021	Completed
Mt Pleasant Recreation Ground Facilities Upgrade	Addition of a new unisex toilet block to existing club rooms (3 toilets including D/A toilet)	Australian Govt. Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science- Stronger Communities Program Round 5	\$20,000	\$78,000	Maria Weeding	100%	Dec 2020	Completed
Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary	Design and construction of two (2) pedestrian bridges across the Browns	Community Development Grant Australian	\$55,000	Nil	Graham Green	100%	Sept 2020	Completed.

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Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
Pedestrian Bridge Project	Cave Creek. The bridges allow for a permanent, safe and pleasant crossing of the creek as part of the overall walking track(s).	Government (Election Commitment)						
Day Dawn Creek Riparian Rehabilitation	Erosion control, bank stabilization and vegetation plantings for improved biodiversity and ground stability in vicinity of the "Day Dawn Creek".	Communities Environment Program (Australian Government)	\$15,000	Nil	Graham Green	100%	June 2021	Completed
Mangalore Recreation Ground Twin Arenas Project	Two new arenas for the pony clubs that call Mangalore Rec Grd home	Major Sport & Rec Grants Program Communities Sport & Recreation (Tas Government)	\$36,784		Andrew Benson	100%	Completed	Grant acquitted
Kempton Medical and Community Centre	Conversion of the former Principal's Residence and establishment of car parking	Department of Communities (Tas) Election Commitment	\$75,000	\$25,000	Tim Kirkwood / Andrew Benson	100%	Completed	Grant Acquittal Received from Tas Audit Office
Oatlands Underground Power Project	Undergrounding the overhead power cable on the Esplanade and Barrick Street	Community Development Grant Australian Government (<i>Election Commitment</i>)	\$250,000		Andrew Benson	100%	Completed	Acquittal submitted and Australia Government have signed off. Project Completed
Broadmarsh Streetscape Project	Construction of footpath and bridge construction as well as traffic calming	Community Development Grant Australian Government (<i>Election Commitment</i>)	\$230,000		Andrew Benson	100%	Completed	Acquittal submitted and Australia Government have signed off. Project Completed

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Project Title	Brief Description	Grant Body	Project Value Grant Funds	Project Value SMC Funds	Project Manager	Current Project Status (% complete)	Anticipated Completion Date	Remarks
	within the Broadmarsh Village							
Kempton Skate Park Facility	Green Pond Progress Assn applied for funding with TCF and Council contributed \$5,000	Tasmanian Community Fund	\$50,000 <i>(Administered by the GPPA)</i>	\$5,000	A Benson	100%	June 2022	Construction completed of the Skate Board structure by the Contractor. Project Completed
Tunbridge Community Hall – Repair Works	Repair works following vehicle damage.	DPAC (Local Government Division)	\$17,500	\$12,500	Tim Kirkwood	100%	Dec 2021	Final acquittal of Grant submitted. Project Completed
Rejuvenation of the Runnymede Recreation Ground playing surface	Installation of a bore, pumps and 100,000 ltr tank, sprinklers and surface treatment	Major Sport & Rec Grants Program Communities Sport & Recreation (Tas Government Tas Fire Service Contribution SMC Community Small Grants Program	\$35,142 \$1,000	\$40,000 \$ 3,000 <i>(from SMC Community Small Grants Program for Runnymede Cricket Club)</i>	Andrew Benson	100%	Dec 2021	Acquittal submitted and signed off by the Grant body.
UNSUCCESSFUL GRANTS APPLICATIONS								
Improving the Playing Field	New Practice Cricket Nets and upgrading of toilets to comply with DDA requirements at Kempton Rec Grd	Department of Communities (Tas)	\$156,605	\$27,636	Wendy Young	0%	Dec 2023	Covered off in the Master Plan for the Kempton Rec Grd. Grant Application submitted but unsuccessful

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Nil.

DECISION

Moved by Clr A E Bisdee OAM, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

THAT the meeting be suspended at 12.41 p.m. to provide an opportunity for a discussions with Luke Edmunds MLC (Shadow Minister for Local Government) who was in attendance at the meeting.

CARRIED

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

Clr F Miller left the meeting at 12.52 p.m.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Clr D Blackwell

THAT the Council Meeting reconvene at 1.09 p.m.

CARRIED

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

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

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	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference</i>
<i>Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation</i>	15(2)(g)
<i>Applications for Leave of Absence</i>	15(2)(h)
<i>Property Matter – Oatlands</i>	15(2)(e)(ii)
<i>73 High Street, Oatlands (Roche Hall Property)</i>	15(2)(e)(ii)

CARRIED

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

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 Cllr D Blackwell, seconded by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon

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	✓	
Cllr A E Bisdee OAM	✓	
Cllr D Blackwell	✓	
Cllr D F Fish	✓	

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)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.3 Property Matter – Oatlands

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.

20.4 73 High Street, Oatlands (Roche Hall Property)

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 A E Bisdee OAM

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

CARRIED

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

OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

21. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.