

## Mayors Report



Without doubt the most positive event has been the announcement by both the Federal and State Government that the Midlands Irrigation Scheme is proceeding and indeed construction has commenced on the pipeline itself along with the major holding dam at Epping Forest. This major infrastructure project will deliver reliable

irrigation water to many parts of the Southern Midlands as far reaching as Kempton in the South and Mt Seymour in the East along with all the agriculture areas along the pipeline.

With the significant agricultural development that has occurred for the Coal River Valley being a guide to the potential of such projects, then we can expect to see a major expansion of agricultural enterprises in and around the Midlands irrigation areas along with the associated benefits for employment and service industries. Just as important will be the availability of water to supplement Lake Dulverton with Council being able to maintain a viable level of water in the middle lake area behind the bund wall for the benefit of birdlife, flora, fauna and natural features as well as the aesthetic aspects of this important waterway. Many people have commented to me that they feel amazingly uplifted when they cast their eyes across Lake Dulverton, abundant with water and birdlife.

As you would be aware from considerable media interest over recent times, the question of amalgamation (reform) of Local Councils in Southern Tasmania has been the target of much debate, especially from vested interest groups such as the Property Council and the Tasmanians for Reform group. Much of the reform debate has centred on the issue of a greater Hobart model which would include Hobart City, Glenorchy, Kingborough, Clarence and Brighton in one large Council. The recommendations of the independent *Munro Report* did not advise the amalgamations of the rural Councils in Southern Tasmania as no financial or community benefit could be established to warrant such a recommendation.

While the debate will no doubt continue, it is pleasing to see that the independent report acknowledges that rural local Councils share a different set of priorities and aspirations

than those of the large urban Councils. We will continue to closely monitor this commentary.

Another major project for the Southern Midlands has been the commitment by the State Government to the reconstruction of a major part of the Mudwalls Road between Colebrook and Jericho. Council provided a detailed submission and evidence to the Parliamentary, Joint Standing Committee on Public Works in respect of this matter and we were very pleased to see works commence on site recently. This road, now heavily used by commuters and freight traffic, has fallen into considerable disrepair, even more so over the past two very wet winters and has become unsafe to travel on.

The State Government has committed \$8 million for this reconstruction. I have been advised by the Department of Infrastructure Energy Resources (DIER) that the majority of the reconstruction will have been completed by the end of the coming summer. This very important road re-construction work will be of great benefit to not only the local area traffic but also to the freight and tourism industries.

On the Community's behalf, I wish to thank the State Government for acknowledging this very important State road and providing funding from an extremely tight State budget to restore this important link road to a safer and trafficable road.

The Council's local roads have again been a major workload for staff to maintain during the past year. While considerable maintenance activities have been undertaken there are still some roads that need even more attention. We are committed to continue to fund the road maintenance program to the best of our ability to increase the standard for local roads.

Responsible management of Council's roads budget has provided the opportunity for Council to undertake reconstruction and re-sealing of a number of important roads over the past year, namely Huntingdon Tier Road to the Dysart Waste Transfer Station, a section of Stonor Road, a section of Brown Mountain Road and a part of Inglewood Road, have had the benefit of these works.

A major concrete bridge over the Jordan Rivulet at Broadmarsh has just been completed at a cost of \$850,000. This is the largest bridge ever built by the Southern Midlands Council and will be open in the next month with the old bridge being dismantled shortly after.

Council, with assistance from Sport & Recreation Tasmania has constructed a dirt bike jump park for our younger generation at Campania. This is similar to facility built at Kempton two years ago. These parks are being enjoyed by local young people and are a major addition to the recreation facilities in both of these villages.

I am pleased to report that our new history book "*The Southern Midlands – A History*" has now been published and is now on sale for a discounted price until the official launch by His Excellency, The Honourable Peter Underwood AC, Governor of Tasmania on the 5<sup>th</sup> October at Oatlands.

This history book is an important record of the history of Southern Midlands along with the pioneers who developed the agriculture areas, and built the towns & villages. It has been two years in the research and writing and I am sure that you will agree with me that this is an exceptional piece of work by Author, Dr Alison Alexander and Designer Julie Hawkins. I commend this excellent history book to everyone. This would not have been possible without the generous grant by the State Government to undertake this most important project.

The Southern Midlands Councillors and staff are committed to the continuous improvement in the provision of services required/requested by the Community along with the manner in which they are provided.

This Council is committed to put its shoulder to the wheel, when and where required, no matter what the challenge. Council's significant and comprehensive support for the local Southern Midlands schools when the School Viability "challenge" was in full flight is a tangible example of how we are responsive and supportive in the face of adversity. Southern Midlands was one of only three Councils that took such a strong and decisive stance shoulder to shoulder with our School Communities. As there are challenges, so are there opportunities and we are equally willing to explore those for the benefit of our Community. We look forward to working with the whole Southern Midlands community to continue to build upon our opportunities and advantages.

Tony Bisdee OAM  
Mayor



## 2012 Fine Food Awards Local Winners



The Wrest Point Royal Hobart Fine Food Awards are a key event in the Australian culinary calendar. The event is organised by The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania (RAST) to promote excellence in the production of different food types. Held each year in August, entries have grown continuously since 1996.

Entries for the Awards are submitted from all over Australia, and include well known makers and producers, as well as, cottage craft producers whose recognition through the Awards helps to build business, sales and marketing opportunities.

Judges with Tasmanian, national and international experience work their way through more than 1550 entries over three days. All entries are judged against stringent criteria and standards.

**Callington Mill is proud to announce at the 2012 Awards they received:**

**5 Gold Awards and 1 Silver Award** for the following:



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| Gold Award   | Callington Mill Organic lightsifted Spelt Flour |
| Gold Award   | Callington Mill Organic Wholegrain Spelt Flour  |
| Gold Award   | Callington Mill Organic lightsifted Flour       |
| Gold Award   | Callington Mill Organic Wholegrain Flour        |
| Gold Award   | Callington Mill Tasmanian lightsifted Flour     |
| Silver Award | Callington Mill Apricot & Sultana loaf          |

# RATES AND CHARGES RESOLUTION 2012 / 2013

The following rates and charges have been levied upon rateable land within the municipal area under the Local Government Act 1993 and the Fire Services Act 1979:

## General Rates

1.
  - (a) Under section 90 (3) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (“the Act”) Council makes a general rate of 7.362 cents in each dollar of Assessed Annual Value for all rateable land within the municipal area shown on the valuation list prepared under the Valuation of Land Act 2001 (“the valuation list”), subject to a minimum amount of \$275.00
  - (b) Under section 107 (1) (c) of the Act the Council declares that the general rate is varied according to the locality of the land, and a rate of 7.612 cents in each dollar of Assessed Annual Value applies for all rateable land in the locality shown as the areas numbered 1,2,3,4,8 and 9 indicated by the heavy black lines on plan 2756 in the Central Plan Register, subject to a minimum amount of \$275.00

## Waste Management Charge

2. Under section 94 (1) of the Act, Council makes a separate services charge in respect of the service of waste management called the Waste Management Charge upon all rateable land, which is capable of use for residential purposes, and Council declares that the charge is to be calculated in accordance with the following formulae:
  - a) for rateable land upon which a dwelling or dwellings are constructed:  
Waste Management Charge = \$110 x D, where D is the number of dwellings on the rateable land, capable of being occupied.
  - b) for rateable land upon which no dwelling is constructed:  
Waste Management Charge = \$37.00

## Garbage Removal Charge

3.
  - a) Under section 94 (1) of the Act, Council makes a separate services charge of \$116.00 in respect of the service of waste management called the Garbage Removal Charge upon all rateable land.
  - b) Under section 107 (1) (c) and section 94 (3A) of the Act the Council declares that the Garbage Removal Charge is varied according to the locality of the land and the level of service provided as follows:
    - (i) for the land identified by Property Identification Number 7462339 the charge is \$2,436.00;
    - (ii) for land in the Broadmarsh/Elderslie areas to which the Council provides a fortnightly garbage removal service (utilising wheelie bins) and kerbside recycling service, the charge is \$176.00.
    - (iii) for land in the Tunbridge area to which the Council provides a fortnightly garbage removal service (utilising wheelie bins) and kerbside recycling service, the charge is \$176.00.
    - (iv) for land to which the Council does not provide either a weekly garbage removal service and kerbside recycling service, or a fortnightly garbage removal service (utilising wheelie bins) and kerbside recycling service, the charge is zero.

## Fire Service Contributions

4. For the Council’s contribution to the State Fire Commission:-
  - (a) for land within the Oatlands & Kempton Volunteer Brigade Rating District an amount of 0.3600 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all rateable land subject to a minimum amount of \$36.00;
  - (b) for all other land in the municipal area an amount of 0.2885 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land subject to a minimum amount of \$36.00.

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## Instalments

5. These rates and charges are for the year commencing 1st July, 2012 and ending 30th June 2013 and are payable by 4 equal instalments, the first payable 30 days after the issue of the rates notices, the second by 4.30 p.m. on 30th November 2012, the third by 4.30 p.m. on 31st January 2013 and the fourth by 4.30 p.m. on 29th March 2013.

Where a ratepayer elects to enter into an arrangement to pay the current rates and charges by monthly, fortnightly, or weekly instalments via one of the electronic payment options (including direct debit), then the instalment amounts will be calculated to settle the debt by 30th June 2013. Penalty and interest will not be applied on any of the 2012-13 rates and charges at the relevant date, provided that the instalment arrangements are adhered to. In the event of default, penalty and interest is to be calculated on the outstanding amounts.

## Late Payments

6. **Penalty:** A penalty of 5% applies to any rate or charge that is not paid on or before the date it falls due.  
**Interest:** In addition to the penalty, interest under section 128 of the Local Government Act 1993 will be charged at the rate of 9.5% per annum.

## Discount

7. A discount of 1.3% will apply to all rates and charges paid in full within 30 days after the date of issue. This discount is not applicable to rates and charges which are paid in instalments. The payment due date will appear on the rates notice.

## 2012 /2013 Budget—Capital Works Program—Highlights

Project	Estimated Cost \$	Project	Estimated Cost \$
Unsealed Roads - Gravel Resheeting Program	700,000	<b>Other Misc Road Works:</b>	
		Eldon Road, Tunnack	35,000
		Hall Lane, Bagdad (Widening)	15,000
		Woodsdale Road, Woodsdale	30,000
		Green Valley Road, Bagdad	10,000
Sealed Roads – Resealing Program	350,000	<b>Footpaths:</b>	
		General footpath Improvement Program	130,000
		East Bagdad Road, Bagdad	50,000
		Kempton Township	24,000
		Blackbrush Road, Mangalore	16,500
		Swan Street, Bagdad	25,000
		Reeve Street, Campania	10,000
<b>Road Reconstruction Projects:-</b>		<b>Stormwater/Drainage Projects:</b>	
Green Valley Road, Bagdad	20,000	Swan Street, Bagdad	51,000
Cliftonvale Road, Dysart	80,000	Louisa Street, Kempton	21,700
Ballyhooly Road, Mangalore	45,000		
Inglewood Road, Andover	80,000		
Stanley Street, Oatlands	45,000		
<b>Junction Improvements:</b>		<b>Recreation Projects:</b>	
Campania – Reeve Street / Climie Street	25,600	Campania Recreation Ground – Cricket Nets	24,500
Campania – Reeve Street / Hall Street	5,000	Campania Hall / Flour Mill Park – Car Park	35,000
Broadmarsh – Church Road (Survey)	6,000	Various Projects	70,000



The Centre for Heritage at Oatlands was established by Southern Midlands Council in 2010. The Centre aims to practice and promote best heritage outcomes through on-ground works to heritage places as well as advocacy and education through two new enterprises: the Heritage Education and Skills Centre and Heritage Building Solutions.

The Heritage Education and Skills Centre (HESC) is an exciting new educational resource for people interested in or involved with heritage properties. HESC provides education and training in all aspects of traditional heritage building skills, reducing skill shortages and filling skill gaps and creates the opportunity for participants to learn practical skills in an authentic heritage environment. Using real life examples, our courses focus on the interpretation, repair, conservation, restoration and maintenance of heritage properties.

Courses are specifically tailored to the needs of trades, heritage professionals, homeowners and students wishing to develop an understanding, practical skills and in some instances accreditation in heritage. We are committed to providing courses that are practical and relevant.

Upcoming courses for September are:

Date	Course	Location
6th / 7th Sept	Conservation Management Planning	Hobart
9th /16th Sept	Interior Finishes	Oatlands
22nd / 23rd Sept	Historic Landscapes, Gardens and Settings	Oatlands
29th Sept	Timber Detailing and Interiors	Oatlands



Heritage Building Solutions (HBS) provides professional heritage conservation and restoration services to property owners, specialising in heritage property assessment and special restorations, additions and renovations.

HBS delivers practical, affordable options to heritage property owners, including down to earth advice from professionals, access to qualified building and stonemasonry craftsmen and the repair and reproduction of fittings and joinery.

We also offer heritage property facility management service to owners and managers.

The service can be designed to meet specific needs, including condition and defects identification; maintenance and remediation plans, reports, methods, specifications and remediation works program design; budget estimation; works delivery and technical supervision; heritage approval facilitation; Conservation Management Plans; and archaeology management.

For further details, please visit: [www.centreforheritage.com.au](http://www.centreforheritage.com.au) or email [holly.f@centreforheritage.com.au](mailto:holly.f@centreforheritage.com.au).

#### Expression of Interest

Council has a small number of redundant computers to give away to any not for profit organisations within the Southern Midlands Municipality. The computers are Acer brand and are approximately 5 years old with 17 inch monitors. All council software has been removed and a fresh copy of Windows XP has been installed. They come with a copy of Microsoft Office 2003. The computers will be offered on a first in basis. You will need to provide details of your organisation. The computers will be given away on an as is where is basis and no guarantee will be given.

For further enquiries, please contact Councils IT Officer Nick Wilson on 03 62545000 or email [nwilson@southernmidlands.tas.gov](mailto:nwilson@southernmidlands.tas.gov)



## YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – SEPTEMBER 2012

Southern Midlands Council, in conjunction with Rural Primary Health Service - Oatlands, and the "Connecting Families and School Communities" Program are once again pleased to announce an exciting array of excursions being held during the upcoming September 2012 school holiday period .

### Day 1

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012**



A fun filled day to be had by all starting with a visit to **ZOO DOO** at Richmond, where participants will be wowed by the array of exotic animals on display at this popular venue. Lunch will be catered for at the Campania Hall on the way to the Grote Reber Museum of Science and the Giant Telescope at Cambridge where we'll check out the Telescope control room, tour the Museum and watch a 3D film on outer space .Maybe even a quick stop in at the Richmond lolly and ice cream shop if time permits [bring own funds for any purchases here].

**Cost is \$10.00 per child**

### Day 2

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012**



A coach trip to Launceston where we will enjoy the **Cataract Gorge** [ including a return Chairlift ride if desired – please note this on permission form] and its many interesting sights . BYO lunch will be eaten at the Gorge while we enjoy the picturesque view. Then we move up to the Launceston Aquatic Centre for plenty of water activities and fun and games.

**Cost is \$10.00 per child**

**Bookings are essential and open on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 . Get in early as spots fill quickly.**

**Age limits of 9 – 16 apply and numbers are limited. Please dress appropriately for the relevant activities. BYO snacks, drinks, sun hat and sunscreen for both days. If you have any special dietary needs please bring own food with you. Any participants with significant medical conditions should provide a full emergency plan and appropriate medication/treatment – Failure to do so will result in exclusion from program/s.**

Bookings can be made through Council's Kempton office on **6259 3011** during office hours [please note opening date above], and will be on a "first come – first served" basis. Parent permission forms are required [Please note whether your child wishes to use the Gorge chairlift where indicated] for all excursions and medical history forms are also required for all children. NB. Current medical forms held expire after 6 months. Payment is to be made at the time of booking. If you find that your child is unable to attend prior to the day's excursion, please let us know immediately as we invariably have waiting lists for each day.

## Community Small Grants Program 2012/2013

Notice is hereby given that Council's Community Small Grants Program opens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July and closes on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012

### 2012/2013 Grant application kits and guidelines are available on

Council's website [www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au) or by calling into Council's Oatlands or Kempton offices during normal business hours .

For further information call Greg Hunt on 62593011

## Development & Environmental Services Fees & Charges

Council's Development & Environmental Service office at Kempton provides an integrated planning and development service which deals with the way any land and/or buildings within the Southern Midlands local government area may be used and developed. The office manages a variety of issues relating to planning, subdivision, change of use of buildings, heritage, building works (new and alterations), plumbing, septic tanks, Place of Assembly licenses, food premise licenses, environmental health matters and the like. The Development & Environmental Services team has established a good reputation when working with the community and developers alike in respect to these matters and prides itself in delivering value for money for all services provided.

The provision of these services is mandated under State government legislation and as such Council is required to charge certain service delivery fees. *In that respect Council has the view that the fees charged for all services shall encapsulate the actual cost of the delivery of those services and that the community should not underwrite or subsidise any individual request for service.* The amount of such fees depends upon the type and scope of use or development being proposed. A copy of the schedule of fees can be downloaded from Council's web site [www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au). *A review of fees in other local government areas has shown that Southern Midlands is cost effective and comparable with the average of the scale of charges across Tasmania.*

There is often discussion in relation to the cost of development/building fees, however it should be noted *that many of the fees that are required by State government legislation and collected by Council are not fees that Council retain.* For example, some Planning applications require to be advertised (cost from the Mercury), require Heritage Tasmania assessment/approval, Environment Protection Agency assessment/approval and

Southern Water assessment/approval. Likewise many building applications require Council to collect the Tasmania Construction Industry Training Fund levy and the Building Act 2000 Building Permit Levy on behalf of other organisations.

*From a Planning/Building perspective Council fees for Council services provided, is in many cases a mere component of the overall cost of the Planning/Building application.*

Unfortunately, the Southern Midlands Council is no longer in a position to offer a Building Surveying service. Developers and community members will therefore need to engage the services of a private Building Surveyor before lodging an application for a building permit. A list of private Building Surveyors is contained in the yellow pages directory (pge 176) and is also available by visiting the Workplace Standards website <http://www.wst.tas.gov.au> and searching for the Accredited Building Practitioner Register.

The Council will continue to operate in the statutory role of Building Permit Authority (i.e. issuing the permit after all relevant documentation and Building Surveying assessment has been satisfactorily completed and provided).

It should be noted that Council Fees & Charges are reviewed every year.

Please contact the Council's Development & Environmental Services office on (03) 62593011 for further information in relation to fees or general development matters.

It is always a good strategy to talk to our team before embarking on any project; in fact there have been a number of cases where considerable dollars and significant time could have been saved by talking to our Development & Environmental Services in the early planning stages of projects.

### Council Meetings 2012

All commencing at 10.00 a.m. with  
Public Consultation 12.30 p.m.

Date	Venue
Wed 26 Sep 2012	Municipal Council Office 85 Main Street Kempton
Wed 24 Oct 2012	Municipal Council Office 71 High Street Oatlands
Wed 28 Nov 2012	Municipal Council Office 85 Main Street Kempton



### Heritage Highway Visitor Centre & Callington Mill

1 Mill Lane, Oatlands Tas 7120  
Phone: 03 6254 1212 Fax: 03 6254 1467  
Email: [tourism@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:tourism@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

**Opened 9am to 5pm Daily**  
(Closed Xmas day & Good Friday)

Our staff are on hand to assist you with local and state-wide travel information, maps, local accommodation bookings, tours through the fascinating Callington Mill, and the surrounding historic buildings plus general enquiries. Located within the Visitor Centre is our gift shop and Mill keepers Café. The gift shop offers a wide range of gifts, crafts and of course, our popular unique Callington Mill stoneground local and organic flours. After a tour of the Mill, indulge yourself with delicious snacks made with the Callington Mill Flour accompanied by a hot or cold drink.

### How to contact us!

#### Head Office: Oatlands

Monday-Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm

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**03 6254 5000**

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#### Tourism & Recreation Facilities

#### Heritage Highway Visitor Centre

1 Mill Lane, Oatlands

**03 6254 1212**

#### Oatlands Swimming Pool

Campbell Street, Oatlands

**03 6254 5024**

#### Development & Environmental

**Services: Planning, Building, Health, Animal Control**

85 Main Street, Kempton

**03 6259 3011**

Facsimile 03 6259 1327

#### Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary

Chauncy Vale Road, Bagdad  
Tasmania 7030

**Caretakers Cottage 03 62686365**

#### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICE

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### HOUSEHOLD WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS OPERATING HOURS Southern Midlands Council

OATLANDS Tunnack Main Road	DYSART Huntingdon Tier Road	CAMPANIA Brown Mountain Road
<b>Tuesday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b> 11.00 am to 3.00 pm		<b>Thursday</b> 1.00pm to 5.00 pm
<b>Saturday</b> 8.00 am to 12 noon	<b>Saturday</b> 12 noon to 5.00 pm	<b>Saturday</b> 8.00 am to 12 noon
<b>Sunday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm	<b>Sunday</b> 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	<b>Sunday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm
<b>Closed</b> Mon, Wed & Thurs	<b>Closed</b> Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday	<b>Closed</b> Mon, Wed & Friday