



Newsletter

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MAYORS REPORT



Once again I am pleased to inform the community of a new major development in the Southern Midlands at Pontville. Council has agreed to initiate a combined planning scheme amendment and approve a development application from Tas Racing for a large scale greyhound rehoming kennel. This is for the purpose of domesticating greyhounds that

have completed their life as a racing greyhound and their owners and trainers wish to retire them.

The application includes the rezoning of land off Rifle Range Road and Brighton Road. Council's decision is the first step in the combined amendment process. The application is now being exhibited for public comment and will then be forwarded to the Tasmanian Planning Commission for assessment.

There has been a growing demand identified by Tas Racing for retired greyhounds to become domestic pets and to be cared for by dog owners for the rest of their lives. This is indeed a positive initiative by Tas Racing to ensure that, following their racing career, greyhounds can be provided with a caring environment and become a family pet.

The Southern Midlands Council welcomes this initiative of Tas Racing and supports the project. The development will initially provide for 60 greyhounds, however, it can be expanded to 120 animals should there be a demonstrated demand. Expansion is however subject to further approval.

The development with kennels, managers residence and ancillary buildings has been estimated to cost approximately \$1.6 million and will also provide some local employment opportunities.

Recently we experienced a very heavy rainfall event with reports ranging from 100 to 125 mm. Whilst the rain was certainly welcome after an extremely dry winter and spring, it has caused some isolated local road problems, especially on the gravel road networks. The Council workforce are attending to these maintenance requirements as soon as possible but I would ask that residents have patience until all our local roads are brought back into good condition.

While this heavy rain event was somewhat unseasonable so close to the end of November, the creeks have started running again and the rain has certainly assisted farmers who are growing crops at the present time. Also it will hopefully mean a safe New Year from the threat of fires, at least until later in the summer.

Congratulations again to the organisers of the 2017 Oatlands Christmas Pageant. It was a great success

especially for the children with numerous colourful float displays – it is certainly a great event for the enjoyment of the whole community.

Wishing everyone a very happy New Year.

Anthony E Bisdee

Clr Tony Bisdee OAM
MAYOR



Southern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards

Friday, 26th January 2018 at 10.00 am
Oatlands RSL Club

Presentation of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year Awards

ALL WELCOME

Street numbers & Rural Property Addressing YOUR LIFE COULD DEPEND ON IT!

Recently Council have been requested by our emergency service providers (Ambulance/Police/Fire) to remind residents how important it is to make sure that the correct street address number is clearly displayed at properties. If your number is not displayed, it can cause confusion and lose valuable time in the event of an emergency.

Help Ambulance, Police and Fire services find your house quickly...



- Make sure your house number is displayed with good visibility at the mailbox/turnoff – whether rural or residential;
- If there is more than one house using the access, ensure all numbers are displayed;
- The initial rural addressing project was undertaken over 20 years ago so the original numbers and/or their posts may well have deteriorated, been damaged or otherwise disappeared so please ensure they're replaced;
- Understand how "rural addressing" works in Tasmania - talk to Council if you aren't sure what your rural address is. (Allocation of rural address numbers is based on the distance from the nominated start of the road and is the system used by all of Tasmania's emergency services to find rural properties). If your number isn't correct please contact Council.

Please take these simple steps to assist our emergency service providers and prevent any delays in trying to locate your property - they can't always rely on having a responder with local knowledge.

Colebrook - Review of public transport service



The Department of State Growth who is responsible for managing contract bus services met with the Colebrook community on the 16th November 2017 to talk about the Colebrook bus service.

After hearing the community's concerns, the Department will consider public transport options. No changes will occur to the existing Colebrook service until the beginning of 2019.

Soba@Callington- 25th February 2018

A preview of something very exciting happening at the Callington Mill precinct on the 25th February 2018. We are delighted to be welcoming 20 visiting Japanese Master Soba Noodle Chefs to Oatlands, accompanied by their supporters and a tour group.

The strong link between the production and export of Tasmanian buckwheat and the making of Soba noodles for restaurants globally, is to be celebrated at Callington Mill with a showcase of the art of soba noodle demonstrations and associated goodies such as tempura prawns and vegetables.

The programme will include a variety of other associated activities and provide quite a host of experiences for visitors and our community. There will be Guided Tours of Callington Mill, Taiko drummers, a Japanese Opera Singer, the opportunity to explore the heritage vegetable garden, blacksmiths forge and other aspects of the historic Callington Flour Mill precinct. There will also be a range of family activities for children adjacent to the Mill grounds. Visitors will be encouraged to explore the heritage gem that is Oatlands with all its Georgian buildings and to explore our many businesses.

With a high degree of interest in the event the range of things to see and do may well increase prior to programme details being finalised immediately after the festive season.

We are delighted to be working with many individuals, business people and groups in our community, including the Rotary Club of Oatlands who are part of the organising team. Rotary (and their supporter team which will comprise such willing helpers as leaders of our Southern Midlands youth organisations) will be with the event management team and also provide some associated hospitality for our Japanese visitors, who will be staying in Oatlands for a few days prior to the event.

All the chefs and the tour group will be accommodated in Oatlands. This visit will provide a very real opportunity for businesses to make the most of the opportunity to welcome our guests and perhaps do a little something to showcase specific goods or services.

As well as the event which will be open to the public, the chefs generously wished to provide a Masterclass for interested students of Oatlands District High School and a

special time has now been set aside during the weekend for just that occasion.

With the degree of focus in the media on good food, people's interest in acquiring culinary skills, the export story behind Tasmanian buckwheat and the nutritional value of soba noodles we have a great story to tell which will be enhanced by the wonderful setting of Callington Mill and the beauty of Oatlands itself.

Full blown promotion will commence as soon as the Festive Season is over for maximum exposure, however media and tourism event sites are already featuring the interim programme. We wanted you to have a sneak preview – more details will be made available as the



promotion rolls out in January and will be available on the council website with all information as to how to register – so keep this in mind for 25th February 2018 – 12noon to 4.00pm!

This is just a quick reminder that the Southern Midlands Council supports *drumMUSTER*. The Campania and Oatlands waste transfer stations collect empty triple rinsed farming chemical containers ready for recycling. *drumMUSTER* have recently updated their website www.drummuster.org.au and it makes interesting reading. Did you know that since the program began in 1999 that more than 30 million drums have been collected and recycled across Australia!

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Department of Justice

New Building Laws (Tasmania)

The Building Act 2016 takes a risk-based approach to building approvals

Frequently asked question— Some building work is Low Risk. Most of these types are minor work and represent a low risk to occupants and the public.

Low risk work

<p>Building work Do I need building approval to build a garage / shed / carport of like (Non-habitable minor outdoor structures)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An owner builder can build a garage, small shed or the like up to 3m² x 6m² that is not a "kit" design without a building permit. An owner builder can build a prefabricated kit garage, shed 6m² x 6m² without a building permit.
<p>Do I need to notify Council?</p>	<p>Yes, details of some types of Low Risk work must be forwarded to Council so they have record of the erection of the structure.</p> <p><i>There is an approved Form 80—Notification of Low Risk Work. Forms are available on Councils web site or contact the Council Office and a form can be obtained.</i></p>

Medium risk work (notifiable work)

<p>Building work What if the new building work for a new Garage, Shed, Carport is larger than described sizes?</p>	<p>Can be carried out by a licensed builder with a regulatory oversight by a building surveyor and Council need to be notified that the work is taking place but does not need to give approval.</p> <p>Please consult a building surveyor to discuss the regulatory requirement.</p>
<p>Do Council provide Building Surveying Services?</p>	<p>Yes, Class 10a or 7b building work. For further information please contact Councils building department phone 62593011.</p>



For snake related emergencies in Tasmania, please call (03) 61651400 and maintain visual contact with the snake until our operative arrives but do not approach or disturb the snake, A minimum fee \$50 will apply.

For non-emergencies Contact (03) 61651400 email: natalie@reptilerescue.org.au

In the event of a snake bite immediately apply a pressure immobilization bandage to the bitten limb and call 000. Monitor the patient and keep the patient calm and still, and apply CPR and treat for shock if or where appropriate.

Community Walks 2018



Monday 19th February
Seven Mile Beach



Monday 19th March
Blessington Track, South Arm



Monday 18th June
Risdon Brook Track

Monday 9th July
Clarence Foreshore Trail – Lindisfarne to Montagu Bay



Monday 8th October
Mt Field National Park

Monday 12th November
Cornelian Bay to Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens

Monday 9th April
Hobart Rivulet Track

Monday 13th August
Mystery Bus Tour

Monday 10th December
Bellerive Beach

Monday 14th May
Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary

Monday 10th September
Summit Loop – Knocklofty Reserve
Followed by a visit to Cancer Council Tasmania - 10 Princes Street, Sandy Bay (includes a light lunch)

See greater Hobart Trails for maps & details.

Contact Michelle Webster mwebster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au or Tracey Turale tracey.turale@ths.tas.gov.au for more details & bookings.



Tasmanian Health Services
Health Promotion South



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Lake Dulverton Matters:

Weeds or Native Plants? There has been a few enquiries to Council regarding the brown semi submerged plant that is in a section of Lake Dulverton, and the amount of aquatic vegetation in general. The brown plant is actually a native species, most likely *Myriophyllum salsgineum* (lake watermilfoil), or *Myriophyllum simulans*. Records of *Myriophyllum* plants in Southern Midlands waterways have been recorded by Parks and Wildlife since at least the 1970s. The green reeds that are currently above the water surface are *Triglochin procera* (water ribbons plant), another native aquatic plant to the lake.

History and Description Lake Dulverton is owned by the Crown and was proclaimed a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1929. The Wildlife Sanctuary is now designate and referred to as a Conservation Area – under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*. Southern Midlands Council is the managing authority for the Lake and surrounding foreshore under terms of a lease with the Tasmanian Government's Parks & Wildlife Service. Lake Dulverton remains listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands Australia* as it supports taxa or communities that are nationally threatened. At least 77 different bird species have been recorded in and around the lake.

The catchment area is 3430 hectares, which includes most of the Parattah and Oatlands townships. The Lake bed area is 233 hectares, of which 16 hectares is privately owned.

The Lake Dulverton Committee and Council wish to make people aware of the recreational activities that can occur on the Lake, given that it is a proclaimed Conservation Area. More detail can be found on the Council's web site, under the NRM section / Nature Reserves/ Lake Dulverton/ *Lake Dulverton Management Strategy 2002*.

A basic summary is provided as follows:

- **Fountain Zone:** Birdwatching and shore based fishing only (no boats).
- **Township/Recreation Zone:** Fishing, Boating

(allows for Motorised* and non motorised vessels- including rowing, canoeing and wind surfing, sailing), Birdwatching.

- **Conservation Zone:** Birdwatching (shorebased only).

Natural Zone: Same as Township/Recreation Zone but motorised vessels are excluded.

Note:

- * **A limit of 5 knots applies to all motorised vessels.**
- * **Jetskis are prohibited in all areas of the lake.**

A sign with this information is at the boat ramp (near the Stop Over Area). It is planned that the Conservation and Natural Zones will be identified by buoy markers should enough recreation activity occur on the lake and warrant the expense and time in maintaining the markers in position. (which will have some difficulties). Because the lake is very shallow, the aquatic plants flourish. They help in keeping the shallow water cool and healthy, provide habitat for the wildlife and provide a functioning ecosystem. It is recognized that at times of the year it is difficult or not possible to have a motor boat due to the aquatic plant vegetation. However the vegetation is



less prolific in the winter months. It is not an easy lake to fish in for keen anglers. A small weed cutter machine was purchased by Council for use by the local fishers. It was bought on the understanding that it would be used to enable small fishing areas to be cleared of the aquatic vegetation. Often this has been done with a sythe in the past. A down side to the clearing of the vegetation is that as the vegetation rots away it depletes the lake of oxygen for the fish, and provides for more nutrient for the remaining plants. It is a matter of balance between recreational use for people and the lake being a wildlife sanctuary conservation area in a complex and somewhat difficult environment with many challenges.



Save money on Solar panel systems & Efficient Hot Water

Southern Midlands and other southern Councils have teamed up with Sustainable Living Tasmania's ecohomeguide.com.au to bring you the Home Energy Bulk Buy. Available are solar power systems in January, followed by efficient hot water systems in February 2018. The Home Energy Bulk Buy brings down the cost per item and products chosen for the buy are based on quality, price and performance.

Visit ecohomeguide.com.au to find out more.

Solar and battery bulk buy on now!



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SUMMER TOUR 2018
CYGNET FOLK FESTIVAL TO ILLAWARRA FOLK FESTIVAL
WOODFORDIA INC. PRESENTS

18th January 2018
Broadmarsh Hall
1218 Elderslie Rd

Festival of Small Halls

COMING TO A SMALL TOWN NEAR YOU

Enquires / ticket bookings
<https://smallhalls.iwannaticket.com.au/event/festival-of-small-halls-summer-tour-2018-cygnnet-to-illawarra-MTQxODg?>
<http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com/>



2018 Council Meeting Schedule

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday, 24 th January 2018	Colebrook Hall	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Tuesday, 27 th February 2018	Tunbridge Hall	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 28 th March 2018	Tunnack Hall	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 25 th April 2018	Bagdad Community Club	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 23 rd May 2018	Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 27 th June 2018	Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 25 th July 2018	Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 22 nd August 2018	Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 26 th September 2018	Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 24 th October 2018	Kempton	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 28 th November 2018	Oatlands	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time – 12.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 12 th December 2018	Kempton	2.00 p.m. <i>Public Question Time – 3.30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, 12 th December 2018 - AGM	Kempton	5.00 p.m.



OATLANDS HERITAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

11TH & 12TH AUGUST 2018
10AM - 4.00PM

We are pleased to announce that Oatlands will be hosting the two day Heritage Arts Festival in August 2018. The festival will showcase the unique history of the region, interactive displays of artisan skills and rural activities, Bullock team demonstrations down the main street, as well as stalls selling artisan wares, local food and beverages. The weekend is about demonstrating and sharing skills, knowledge, techniques and providing creative experiences.

The weekend activities are being coordinated by the Southern Midlands Arts Advisory Committee, together with the Bullock Festival Committee and they have pleasure inviting all businesses throughout the township to participate in this exciting event which was so successful in 2016, bringing more than 3000 visitors over the weekend.

Your thoughts and ideas are welcomed. Whether you have space to host a workshop, an evening event, provide a stall/demonstration or wish to help on the organising committee, please complete the form on the Southern Midlands Council web page and return to Michelle Webster via email

mwebster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au or forms can be left at the council offices, Oatlands or Kempton.
Or contact Michelle directly to discuss further on 0403 893 257.

New Caretaker at Chauncy Vale

A new caretaker is on board at Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary after completion of some of the upgrade works at the reserve. The gate to the reserve is open every day from about 8 am to 6 pm. Chauncy Vale is a great location for picnics and a range of bushwalks. The shady walk along Browns Caves Rivulet is perfect during the warmer weather. Day Dawn Cottage museum is open every Tuesday morning, however it is necessary to make an appointment by phoning Council at the Kempton office on 62593011.



CTST is offering shopping and social runs to Sorell and Hobart for people in the Levensdale, Woodsdale, Tunnack, Colebrook and Campania areas.

Trips are planned to pick people up who would normally struggle for transport every fortnight, with one fortnight going to Sorell shopping and the second fortnight to Eastlands and return.

If any residents are interested in the service please contact Richard from CTST on 0488 105 584 to discuss the details. It is proposed the service will cost \$15 per return trip and is expected to commence in January.



Welcome to the Southern Midlands of Tasmania, where a blend of good old fashioned values and modern ideas co-exist. The Southern Midlands Council is a rural local government authority with approximately 3400 rateable properties and 6000 persons scattered throughout the districts.

Towns and localities include Mangalore, Bagdad, Broadmarsh, Elderslie, Dysart, Kempton, Melton Mowbray, Oatlands, Tunbridge, Tunnack, Parattah, Woodsdale, Levendale, Runnymede, Colebrook, Campania and Rekuna.

Contact Us!

Oatlands Office

Corporate Services, Works and Technical Services, Natural Resource Management, Heritage Resources and Management, Information Technology

71 High Street, Oatlands Tasmania 7120

Customers Service Opening Hours (Mon - Fri 9.00am - 4.30pm)

Phone 03 6254 5000 (Mon - Fri 8.30am - 5.20pm)

Fax 03 6254 5014

mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Kempton Office

Development and Environmental Services, Community and Corporate Development

85 Main Street, Kempton Tasmania 7030

Customers Service Opening Hours (Mon - Fri 9.00am - 4.30pm)

Phone 03 6259 3011 (Mon - Fri 8.30am - 5.20pm)

Fax 03 6259 1327

mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Oatlands Swimming Pool 2017/18

Opening Hours:

During School Terms (Mon-Fri) 3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

During School Holidays 11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Weekends 11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Public Holidays 11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Chauncy Wildlife Sanctuary

345 Chauncy Vale Road Bagdad

Phone 03 6259 3011

mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Councillors

Mayor and Councillor enquiries can be directed to:

Elisa Lang Executive Assistant - 6254 5004

mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Mayor Tony Bisdee OAM	0418 355158
Deputy Mayor Alex Green	0429 604153
Councillor Tony Bantick	0419 340157
Councillor Edwin Batt	0400 009471
Councillor Robert (Bob) Campbell	0404 260 026
Councillor Donald Fish	6255 5157
Councillor David Marshall	6260 4300

Or visit www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au for further contact details.

2017/18 FEES & CHARGES	
Season Ticket:	
Family	\$110.00
Adult	\$55.00
Child/Student	\$42.00
Daily Tickets:	
Family	\$12.00
Adult	\$5.00
Child/Student	\$4.00
Complex Hire Fee:	
For out of hour bookings phone 6254 5000	

For all Council after hours emergencies, please phone 0419 325 405

For all after hours Water & Sewerage emergencies, please phone 13 6992

For all after hours Tasmanian Gas Pipeline emergencies, please phone 1800 195 666 Gen Enq 1300 241 820

For all road issues relating to the Midland Highway, Mudwalls Road or Tunnack Main Road should be directed to State Growth on **1300 139 933**

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

For Information in relation to placing items on the Community Notice Board, please contact Councils IT Officer Nick Wilson at the Oatlands Office or Email webmaster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Waste Transfer Station Hours

OATLANDS WASTE TRANSFER STATION
Inglewood Road, Andover, Tasmania
(Via Tunnack Main Road Oatlands to Parattah)


- Tuesday 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm
- Friday 11.00 am - 3.00 pm
- Saturday 8.00 am - 12.00 pm
- Sunday 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

CAMPANIA WASTE TRANSFER STATION
Brown Mountain Road, Campania, Tasmania

- Tuesday 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Thursday 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Saturday 8.00am - 12.00pm
- Sunday 1.00pm - 5.00pm

DYSART WASTE TRANSFER STATION
Huntingdon Tier Road, Dysart, Tasmania

- Tuesday 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Saturday 12.00pm - 5.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm



Tasmanian Government

Service Tasmania

Oatlands
71 High Street
Oatlands Tas 7120

Opening Hours
Monday to Friday
11.00am—4.00pm

Phone 1300 13 55 13