



Newsletter

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MAYORS REPORT



It is certainly a highlight at this time of the year to attend the various end-of-year School Assemblies & Presentations. It is wonderful to hear about the range of achievements and all the positive things that are happening within our four Schools.

These presentations not only provide an opportunity to recognise the successes of all students, but they also enable the broader school community to acknowledge those students that are excelling in their respective Award categories. I congratulate all Award winners and in particular, I would like to commend everyone that is involved in the operations of our Schools, whether they be Teachers; Teacher Aides; Administration; School Associations; Parents & all volunteers.

In addition to this highlight, it was also my extreme pleasure to join the Hon. Jane Howlett MLC, Member for Prosser, and Mr John Ibrahim (Director – Callington Mill Pty Ltd) for the 'turning of the first sod' associated with the construction and development of the Callington Mill Whiskey Distillery.

As a part of this event, I spoke about the significant economic benefits that will flow from such a major private investment, and the potential opportunities that will be created for Oatlands and the Southern Midlands through increased visitation & subsequent business investment.

In closing, on behalf of my fellow Councillors and employees of the Southern Midlands Council, I wish you all the very best for the Festive Season and a prosperous New Year.

Clr Alex Green
MAYOR



Melton Mowbray Community Association

Council would like to acknowledge & congratulate the following community members who were recently awarded with their **20 year life member** awards by the Melton Mowbray Community Association. These awards recognise their significant contribution to the Rodeo Committee and the community.

Steven Whelan, Adam Jones, Wayne Smith, Sally Whelan and Joy Smith.



2019 marked the 20th Annual Melton Mowbray Rodeo - Congratulations to all the dedicated & hardworking committee members who volunteer their time to make this yet another successful community event.



SOUTHERN MIDLANDS SES ROAD CRASH RESCUE UNIT

Congratulations to **Jason Robins & Tim Hoskinson** who were recently presented with the National Medal for 15 years of service with the SES and TFS.

In addition to the National Medals, the following unit members were recognised for their respective periods of long service with the State Emergency Service.

Jason Robins	25 years
Tim Hoskinson	15 years
Mark Shearing	15 years
Leonie Robins	10 years



Drowning happens quickly and silently!

Before building a swimming pool or spa, inflating a blow-up pool or spa and/or erecting related safety fencing, it's a good idea to check with a Building Surveyor or Council to find out what the regulations are ie:

Pool Fencing

Above-ground swimming pools and spas are required to have permanent safety barriers in the same manner as in-ground pools and spas, however, the walls of an above-ground swimming pool or spa may provide a barrier if they are at least 1.2m in height and do not have a surface which enables a child to gain a foothold and climb into the swimming pool or spa. Any objects that could be climbable by a young child, such as a pool ladder, pool filter, pump equipment or plumbing connection into the side of the pool, should be properly fenced or otherwise isolated.

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) defines a swimming pool as an excavation or structure that:

- is capable of being filled with water to a depth of 300 millimetres or more the maximum possible water surface is greater than 9 square metres
- is capable of being used for swimming, bathing, wading, paddling or other human aquatic activities
- is used, designed, manufactured or adapted for the purpose mentioned above, despite its current use includes spas and inflatable swimming pools



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NEW for 2020

LAMB BBQ COOKING COMPETITION

Special guest at the 2020 Festival will be the legendary Australian Lamb Ambassador, Sam Kekovich. The Lamb BBQ cooking competition will be limited to a maximum of 10 entrants who will be given a time limit in which to Prepare, cook and present a lamb shoulder for judging by a panel of three judges.

BILL BARWICK SUGARLOAF RUN

Sponsored by Kempton Post Office

A 'fun' run/walk to Sugarloaf Hill is to be conducted to honour one of Tasmania's best athletes and first Olympian who was, without doubt, the greatest athlete to come from the Green Ponds district.

Bill lived at Melton Mowbray and would run to Kempton to attend St Peter's Catholic Church.

COMPETTIVE FERRET RACING

Following the success of the Annual Sheep Racing Championship, and favourable response to the 2019 exhibition, Ferret Racing has been added to the program. Witness some of Tasmania's fastest ferrets and be part of the action by sponsoring a ferret.

KEMPTON FESTIVAL AN HISTORIC EVENT

In the 1890s Kempton was known for its annual agricultural show, which today takes the form of the Kempton Festival. Prizes are no longer awarded for the best chook or pumpkin, but new innovations such as the very popular sheep racing event are continuing a venerable tradition.

MOOD FOOD

KEMPTON FESTIVAL BIG DAY OUT

SUNDAY 16 FEB 2020

SPECIAL GUEST Sam Kekovich

ATTRACTIONS ACTIVITIES

- *Horse-drawn Carriage Rides *Wood Chopping
- *Archery *Sheep Shearing *Reptiles
- *Gumboot Throwing *Sheaf Tossing *4WD Display
- *SES & Fire Brigade Displays *Dog Displays
- *Spinning and Weaving *Craft & Market Stalls
- *Laser Skirmish *PCYC Activities *Face Painting
- *Rock Painting *Music *Sideshowes *ATM
- *Animal Nursery *Sideshowes
- *Move an Isuzu D-MAX

sponsored by **Jackson Hobart Isuzu UTE**

AND MUCH MORE

FOOD

LOCAL WINES & WHISKIES

DRAWING OF THE MAJOR RAFFLE

First Prize Helicopter Sightsceing tour of Hobart and surrounds plus ELEVEN OTHER PRIZES

Books of tickets available from
Catherine Johnson 0438 591 138
candtjohnson@hotmail.com

SHEEP RACING

The Tasmanian Sheep Racing Championship is a highlight of the Festival and is proudly sponsored by our local stock agent - **Livestock Consulting Tasmania Pty Ltd**. Sheep may be sponsored for \$50. The winner of each heat will win a \$50 petrol voucher. The winner of the final will receive \$500 cash plus a trophy

FREE STALLS for LOCALS

There is no charge for local residents wishing to promote their organisation or club or to sell home-made or home-grown products at the Festival.

**VEGETABLES FRUIT JAM RELISH
SWEETS ARTWORK CLOTHING**

Residents may prefer to have a home Garage Sale

STALLS AND ATTRACTIONS

Gabrielle Watkins 0419 385 010
gabrielle.watkins@bigpond.com

RAFFLE & BBQ COMPETITION

Catherine Johnson 0438591 138
candtjohnson1@hotmail.com

BBQ COMPETITION

Sandra Hay 0409 932 727
sandra186@bigpond.com

ALL OTHER INQUIRIES

John Hay 0407 526 895
johnhay@bigpond.net.au

The Mood Food Kempton Festival

is a project of the Green Ponds Progress Association promoting the rural activities in the area as well as food and beverages produced locally and is proudly sponsored and supported by the

Southern Midlands Council



30th Annual Oatlands Christmas Pageant 13th December 2019

Float Winners:-

Float of the Year:	30 Years (Browns/Greens)
Encouragement Award:	RAT Mobile
Most Entertaining Float:	Life's a Beach
Best Presented Float:	Steam Engine & Cart
Best Presented Childrens Float:	Diary of a Wombat
Best Combined Float:	Happy 30 th Birthday
Childrens Encouragement Award:	Naughty Elves
Best School Float:	Lil Bee Happy
Best Junior Float:	Ginger Bread House



Council's 'Happy 30th Birthday' Float

The Oatlands Christmas Pageant Committee wishes to thank the following sponsors for their support of the 2019 Christmas Pageant & wishes everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Sponsors: Commonwealth Bank, Oatlands; Roxy IGA Supermarket; Parattah Railway Restoration; Parattah Fire Brigade; Roger & Janette Fish; Tim & Felicity McShane; Richard & Maree Ward; Max & Myrle Gray; Tom & Sarah Burbury; Oatlands Community Hall; Oatlands Newsagency; Danny & Josie Blyth; Dale & Jane Figg; Oatlands Lodge; Molly & Darren Jones; Andrew & Jo Fish; Southern Midlands Council; Ilwoo Park; Bruce Livingston; Chris & Anne Schofield; Feisty Hen Café & Pantry; Bill Moore; Don Fish; Fiona Freeman; Rebecca White MP; Blossoms B&B; Jane Howlett MP; Chris & Debbie White; Brian & Lyn Fish; Roberts Ltd, Oatlands; and Kevin Keane.



Lisa Lampkin from the Commonwealth Bank (Oatlands branch) presenting Mr Paul Wilson & the organising committee a cheque for \$500.00 towards the Pageant.

2020 Council Meeting Schedule

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday, 22 nd January 2020	Colebrook Memorial Hall 45 Richmond Street, COLEBROOK	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 19 th February 2020	Tunbridge Hall 99 Main Road, TUNBRIDGE	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 25 th March 2020	Tunnack Hall 2147 Tunnack Main Road TUNNACK	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 22 nd April 2020	Bagdad Community Club 1661 Midland Highway, BAGDAD	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 27 th May 2020	Municipal Office 85 Main Street, KEMPTON	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>
Wednesday, 24 th June 2020	Municipal Office 71 High Street, OATLANDS	10.00 a.m. <i>Public Question Time 10.30 a.m.</i>



Mobile Food Vendors / Food Trucks in the Southern Midlands

In recent times mobile food vendors have become an increasingly common & popular element of the food industry in Tasmania and further afield. Southern Midlands Council have experienced an increase in enquiries from food vendors

wanting to operate in the area.

SMC is considering if food vans are appropriate for our municipality and if so, what types of guidelines a policy for operation of mobile food vendors in the area should contain.

When managed appropriately, mobile food vendors can provide economic, social & cultural benefits to the community including additional diversity and choice in the food sector for locals and visitors and small business opportunities. Currently, mobile food vans can operate at festivals, markets, fairs and the like without further approvals, and this would not change. It is also possible for a mobile food vendor to obtain a planning permit to set up on private property on a permanent or semi-permanent basis, provided that the zoning of the property allows for it.

A mobile food vendor policy would provide guidelines for regular and casual operators in public spaces. The types of things a policy could address are:

- Where mobile food vans can operate & areas to avoid
- Time/frequency limits
- Basic requirements for mobile food van operators such as Food business licence, vehicle registration, public liability insurances
- Fees and registration process
- Management of potential conflicts such as avoiding competition with existing fixed address food businesses, amenity issues for homes and safety issues around roads, parking and traffic
- Ensuring equitable access for mobile food vendors
- Making sure any mobile food van policy is consistent with the Councils broader goals, particularly that it is consistent with the Strategic Plan.

Council would like hear what the community think about this idea before moving forward. An information flyer and questionnaire will be available in January 2020 – please keep an eye out for them on facebook & around SMC and take the time to let us know what you think!

Please direct any enquiries to Jacqui Tyson (Senior Planning Officer)
Phone: 6254 5050 or email: mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

OATLANDS SWIMMING POOL

8 Campbell Street, Oatlands

Opening Hours:

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.

2019/20 FEES & CHARGES

Season Ticket:	Family	\$120.00
	Adult	\$60.00
	Child/Student	\$45.00
Daily Tickets:	Family	\$13.00
	Adult	\$5.00
	Child/Student	\$4.00
Complex Hire Fee:	All supervised (out of hours) \$65.00 per hour	



Southern Midlands Council
Australia Day Awards

THURSDAY
23RD JANUARY 2020

6.30 p.m.

Oatlands RSL Club
Albert Street, Oatlands

followed by a light supper

Congratulation to the following recipients who will be presented Australia Day Awards by Mayor Alex Green

Citizen of the Year:

MR PAUL WORLDON

Young Citizen of the Year:

MR SAMUEL BANKS

Community Event of the Year:
'PINK UP OATLANDS'

~ ALL WELCOME ~



Thanks for your reports!

Your eyes on the ground are helping us identify and locate priority weeds in the Southern Midlands.

Reporting Weeds

If you spot a known priority weed in the Southern Midlands (such as the ragwort pictured) or need help identifying a plant, you can report this to council via:

- SMS 0458 793 855 with a picture and details on its location
- Website Report a Weed form on the homepage of the Southern Midlands Council website
- Phone: Oatlands Council office, 03 6254 5000



Secure Your Load

It is important that you transport your waste to your local waste transfer station responsibly.

Not only is it illegal to transport unrestrained loads on public roads, covering your load also prevents dust, soil and litter escaping and polluting our environment. Heavier items such as construction waste or furniture may dislodge if not secured properly which, apart from degrading our environment, can cause an accident or damage other vehicles on the road.

- waste that is transported by a motor vehicle or trailer, must be transported in a manner that avoids the waste spilling, leaking or otherwise escaping
- waste must be covered during transportation unless the waste consists solely of waste tyres or scrap metal
- the motor vehicle or trailer used to transport the waste must be constructed and maintained so as to avoid the waste spilling, leaking or otherwise escaping from the motor vehicle or trailer.



It is the responsibility of the transporter of the waste, the owner of the vehicle used to transport waste and the owner of any trailer used to transport waste to ensure that the load is secure.

STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

20th December 2019
until end February 2020

Stage 1 water restrictions will be introduced in the greater Hobart region from 20 December 2019 and are expected to be in place until February 2020.

These restrictions affect the following towns within the Southern Midlands.

Pontville; Mangalore; Bagdad; Dysart; Kempton; Campania and Colebrook.

What do stage 1 water restrictions mean?

Stage 1 restrictions encourage sensible water use and to prevent inefficient watering practices by reducing non-essential use of water by approximately 20 per cent.

Please go to
www.taswater.com.au
for further details



2020-2025 Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy

There has been considerable work undertaken on weed control in the Southern Midlands since the development of the first Southern Midlands Weed Management Strategy in 1999.

The updated 2020-2025 Weed Management Strategy is now available online via the SMC website.

Amendments have been made to recognise progress as well as making the prioritisation for weed control actions clearer. There are also maps of known locations of priority weeds & photographs to assist with identifying these.

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 3800 rateable properties and 6000 persons scattered throughout the districts.

Towns & localities include *Mangalore, Pontville, Bagdad, Broadmarsh, Elderslie, Dysart, Kempton, Melton Mowbray, Oatlands, Tunbridge, Tunnack, Parattah, Mt Seymour, Woodsdale, Levendale, Runnymede, Colebrook, Campania & Rekuna.*

Contact Us!

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Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary

345 Chauncy Vale Road, Bagdad

Phone: 03 6254 5050 *

Web: www.chauncyvale.com

REMINDER - Phone Number Change Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre

Oatlands - Reception
(03) 6135 0540

Oatlands Doctors Surgery
(03) 6135 0520



**Service Tasmania
Oatlands**
71 High Street
Oatlands Tas 7120

Opening Hours
Monday to Friday
11.00am - 4.00pm

Phone 1300 13 55 13

WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS

OATLANDS WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Inglewood Road, Andover
(Via Tunnack Main Road, Oatlands)

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

CAMPANIA WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Brown Mountain Road, Campania

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

DYSART WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Huntingdon Tier Road, Dysart

Tuesday 1.00 pm - 5.00pm
Saturday 1.00 pm - 5.00pm
Sunday 1.00 pm - 5.00pm

**For all AFTER HOURS
Council emergencies
please phone
0419 325 405**

For all after hours
Water & Sewerage emergencies
please phone 136 992

For all after hours
**Tasmanian Gas Pipeline
emergencies**, please phone
1800 195 666

For all road issues relating to the
**Midland Highway, Mudwalls
Road or Tunnack Main Road**
phone Department of State
Growth on **1300 139 933**

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

To place items on the Community
Notice Board, contact IT Officer Nick
Wilson or email
webmaster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

COUNCILLORS

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