



# Newsletter

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## MAYORS REPORT

It is pleasing to see an unprecedented amount of activity throughout the Southern Midlands. For our farming communities we are witnessing one of the best harvests for decades, and an excellent season for our graziers

and fat lamb producers. As I write the fruit harvest is coming to an end, and the grape harvest about to commence. Echoing the activity on the land is the heightened activity in our townships and villages. A huge amount of activity is taking place, particularly in residential and commercial development.

In Campania the Southern Midlands largest land development is rapidly progressing ready for new home builders. From Bagdad, Campania, Kempton, through to Oatlands, there are many new homes and projects under-way.

The new distillery in Oatlands has taken shape, and we are all looking forward to it's opening in several months time. Your Council recently hosted representatives of the Commonwealth and State Governments, Senator Chandler and the Hon Jane Howlett MLC respectively, for a turning-the-sod ceremony to mark the commencement of construction of the new Oatlands Aquatic Centre. VOS Builders, a Tasmania Civil Contracting Company who was awarded the \$7.7m construction contract, has started work, and we look forward to seeing the former works depot site transformed over the next 12 months.

who has recently retired. Dr Myrle Gray AM retired in late 2020 after 38 years service to Tasmania as a GP. Starting in 1984, Dr Gray worked continually in the Midlands initially at Oatlands and later Campbell Town. Dr Gray was the founding patron of the MMPHC Auxiliary, a wonderful community organisation tirelessly raising funds for the Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre. In recognition of Dr Gray's contribution to rural medicine she was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2018. On behalf of the Southern Midlands and broader Midlands community I would like to extend our thanks to Dr Gray for her tireless work and service.

*Alex Green*

Clr Alex Green  
**MAYOR**

## Turning the first sod for construction of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre

The much-anticipated Oatlands Aquatic Centre reached an important milestone today with the start of earthworks – the first step in the construction process for the purpose-built facility for the Southern Midlands community.

Representatives from the three tiers of Government who provided funding towards this exciting project were all on hand to see work start.

Senator Claire Chandler, representing the Australian Government (\$2 million contribution); Minister Jane Howlett, representing the Tasmanian Government (\$2 million contribution); Alli McShane, representing the former Station Child Care Centre (\$80,000 contribution) and Southern Midlands' Mayor Alex Green.

The construction is expected to be completed early next year (2022).



At the February Council meeting at Tunbridge, the Council formally recognised and thanked one of our local doctors

## Is your dog registered?

It is Council's priority to reunite lost dogs with their owners, but we need dog owners to do their bit by keeping their dog registration and microchipping up to date.

Over the coming months Council officers will be conducting a door knock in the municipality checking for unregistered dogs.



Please ensure every dog over 6 months old is registered.

Failing to register your dog is an offence under the *Dog Control Act 2000* and may result in infringements being issued.

## PROTECTING WATERWAYS AND DAMS FROM THE THREAT OF CUMBUNGI

Cumbungi or Bullrush (*Typha latifolia*) is an introduced weed that can invade lakes, waterways and wetlands throughout Tasmania, mainland states and overseas. It loves slow moving water up to two meters deep with high nutrient levels and lack of shade. The dense stands and rapid growth of cumbungi make it is one of the most troublesome of the emergent aquatic weeds, causing restricted water flow and siltation. Decaying top growth can lead to anaerobic (no oxygen) conditions which foul the water and reduce water quality impacting the general aquatic habitat, including invertebrates and fish.



If you have a dam or wet area with cumbungi on your property please be proactive and at least prevent seeding this year by cutting off, bagging and safely disposing of the seed heads.

For more permanent removal, cutting the stems off at least 15cm below water level will cause the plant to decay.

Caution needs to be exercised using chemicals around waterways. Please read the label and seek professional advice if you intend to spray to control cumbungi

Please report any Cumbungi plants on public land to the Landcare Office on 6254 5046 (Monday and Tuesday) or email [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

## Oatlands Swimming Pool

8 Campbell Street Oatlands

Season Closes  
28th March 2021

## Playground Developments

Two playground development projects are nearing completion in Campania, one in Alexander Circle and the other in the Public Open Space between the Campania Recreation Ground and Justitia Court. This land in Justitia Court was contributed by the subdivision developers, Andrew Glover and Rod Scaiff for the benefit of the Community.

These are both local play spaces with playground equipment to accommodate the very young in our Community. The only remaining works are to fully mound and finish off the areas around the slides so that they are easily maintained by the Council works teams. Well done to Works Coordinator, Paul Lang and his team and we look forward to the completion of the works in the next few weeks. The assistance of the local Community members in the development of the design of these play spaces is greatly appreciated.



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Playing | Learning | Growing

We enable learning and growth through adventure based play

Adventure Patch are delighted to announce that our Campania Outside School Hours Care service is here.

Operating 5 days a week, with before school hours starting from 7.15am to 9.15am and after school hours from 2.45pm or when school finishes to 6.15pm.

Conveniently located at Campania District School - "The Mill" 53 Reeves Street, Campania, Adventure Patch offers a fun, play-based learning environment for your child/ren.

Encouraging outdoor and self-directed play, getting messy and having fun within caring and safe boundaries. Adventure Patch recognises that your child/ren's development can be enhanced if they are guided by compassionate Educators who promote play, fun and adventure. Inspiring children to learn through exploration is at the core of our philosophy. For enrolment enquiries please contact:

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(03) 6135 4384  
[www.adventurepatch.org.au](http://www.adventurepatch.org.au)

## Property & Rates Change of Details

If your current postal address is different from the address on your rates notices please let us know in writing or in person at Council offices at:

- 71 High Street, Oatlands Tas 7120
- 85 Main Street, Kempton Tas 7030
- Email: [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)
- Post to PO Box 21, Oatlands Tas 7120



Consumer, Building and Occupational Services  
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Extract

## Owner Builder Work

### Building or renovating without hiring a builder – Low Risk Work

There is a category of work called “Low Risk Work by an owner”. This type of work does not require an Owner Builder Permit.

This category has no formal building approvals and does not need a licensed builder, but its scope is limited. Examples of work in this category are:

- repairs to habitable buildings
- small outbuildings, garages, sheds (domestic or commercial) maximum size 36m<sup>2</sup> floor area (prefabricated) and a maximum size of 18m (non-prefabricated).
- Class 7b farm sheds (land used for primarily farming production—this does not include land used for hobby farming)

#### Who can do this work?

The land owner, or anyone hired to do work including tradespersons – no Owner Builder Permit required.

#### Owner building a bigger shed/ garage than allowed as Low Risk Work, or owner considering building a retaining wall or pool

This includes:

- a non-prefabricated shed greater than 18m and a storage shed or garage greater than 36m
- Class 7b farm shed
- Class 10 retaining wall
- Class 10 swimming pool

#### Before starting owner builder work

CBOS recommends you read the following:

- Director’s Determination of Categories of Building or Demolition Work
- Explanatory Checklist before using that Determination
- CBOS Fact Sheets which are available at [www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/resources-tools/builders-trades](http://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/resources-tools/builders-trades)
  - Sheds and similar structures
  - Low Risk Building work by an Owner or Competent Person
  - Consumer Guide to Low Risk Building Work

Other types of Building Work and Demolition Work ie Building a new home or adding a new room to an existing home would fall under the *Building Act 2016* as either:

- Category 3 Notifiable Work or
- Category 4 Permit Work

To assist you through this approval process please engage a Building Designer or Building Surveyor to facilitate your approvals in accordance with the Act or for further information Ph: 1300 654 499 | PO Box 56, Rosny TAS 7018 □ [cbos.info@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:cbos.info@justice.tas.gov.au) □ [www.cbos.tas.gov.au](http://www.cbos.tas.gov.au)

## Walking Path—Broadmarsh

Council were successful in gaining funding support from the Australia Government for the Broadmarsh Village walking path. This was a project that was a high priority for the Broadmarsh and Elderslie Progress Association. Currently it is work in progress, with contractors WWTas Pty Ltd, through Bruce and Michael Whelan. This project will made a significant difference to the Village streetscape and provide safe access to the Community Hall, including a footbridge over Stoneyhurst Creek for the residents of the Village. There are yet to be constructed traffic calming islands at each end of the Village precinct, with hopefully a reduction of the speed limit down to 50kph through the Village. Council have also designed some additional drainage works to mitigate future flood events in the Village. WWTas are doing a wonderful job and we look forward to the completion of the works over the next couple of months. Council appreciates the support of the Broadmarsh & Elderslie Progress Association and the local Community in the development of this project.



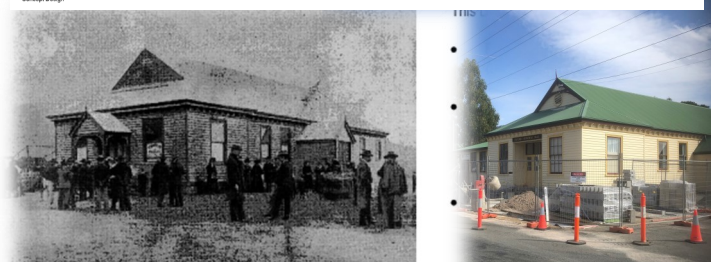
## Improved access—Victoria Memorial Hall—Kempton

Works have commenced at the Kempton Memorial Hall which will see reinstatement of the entry verandah (as per photograph below), together with improved access and egress to the Hall building.

Landscaping and paving will also be undertaken to create an appealing and multi-purpose building forecourt. This project is an outcome of Council working in conjunction with the Town Streetscape Committee, which consists of representatives from the various organisations within Kempton.



Victoria Memorial Hall  
Proposed Verandah Addition, Civil and Landscaping Works  
Concept Design



Photos above show original 1920 Victoria Memorial Hall with Main Entry Verandah

## The benefits of Home Composting

Around half of our household garbage is made up of food and garden waste. Composting instead of putting this waste in your rubbish bin stops it from going to landfill and creates a useful product instead. Compost improves your soil structure and nutrient levels and holds moisture in your soil so it saves on watering.

Composting accelerates the natural process of decomposition to convert organic waste matter into a nutrient-rich soil you can use on your garden. Composting can be the perfect solution for most garden waste and food scraps that cannot be eaten.

### How to compost

- Choose a shady spot in your garden to start your compost heap or to put your compost bin;
- Add to your compost in layers of food scraps, garden clippings and paper;
- Keep your compost moist, but not wet, and aerate it about once a week;
- When your compost is dark and crumbly dig it into your garden or spread it on top as mulch.

### What to put in your compost

#### Daily (nitrogen rich)

- bread (please note: bread may attract mice)
- egg shells
- fresh grass clippings
- human and animal hair
- manure
- old newspapers (wet)
- sawdust (not from treated timber) and wood ash
- tea leaves, tea bags and coffee grounds
- used vegetable cooking oil
- vacuum cleaner dust
- Weeds vegetable and fruit peelings and scraps

#### Weekly (carbon rich)

- bark
- cane mulch
- dry grass clippings
- dry leaves
- egg cartons
- hay
- paper
- shredded paper and cardboard
- straw
- tree pruning's
- Other useful ingredients

blood and bone

dolomite

lime

wood ash

Avoid the following items to keep your compost healthy.

- bread or cake (may attract mice)
- dairy products
- diseased plant material
- fat
- large branches
- magazines
- meat scraps and bones (Bokashi bins can accept these)
- metals, plastic and glass
- pet droppings

### Compost troubleshooting

- **Smelly** = too wet, not enough air, too acidic  
Solution = add dry material, turn heap, add lime
- **Slow** = not enough air, no active ingredients  
Solution = turn heap, add water, add manure
- **Maggots** = faeces, seafood, meats, fats  
Solution = cover with lime or soil
- **Vermin** = breads, grains, too dry  
Solution = remove, cover entry with wire, turn



### What to do with your compost

The type of composting option you choose will affect the time it takes to produce some great compost you can use on plants and gardens, mixed with soil or as mulch. If you don't have a garden, try mixing compost with soil in pot plants.



## Better Bus Services for Tasmania

Simpler, faster and more frequent intercity bus services for Tasmania are now here.

Services between Devonport and Launceston/Hobart have increased. There are now 6 services a day on weekdays and 4 a day on Saturday and Sundays.

The new North West Express goes from Burnie to Devonport via Ulverstone and Penguin. It travels hourly, 7 days a week.

This means your appointments can be more flexible and you have more travel

options. You can travel when you need to because there are 30 services a week in each direction, which is 19 more than before.

#### Key intercity routes

700/702 Launceston – Hobart

705 Devonport – Launceston

708 Devonport – Burnie

740 Launceston – East Coast

747 Burnie – West Coast

768 Burnie – Smithton

#### Devonport Interchange

All urban and intercity bus services use the new Devonport interchange. Use new modern shelters or visit the paranaple

centre and Providore Place opposite.

The paranaple centre offers a library, shops, toilets, parenting room, cafes and more. You can store luggage and buy intercity tickets at the Visitor Information Centre.

#### More information

[www.transport.tas.gov.au\\_public\\_transport\\_ptscontracts@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au_public_transport_ptscontracts@stategrowth.tas.gov.au)

or phone 6166 3343 (9 am–5 pm)



Tasmanian Government

## Kempton Allied Health Community Centre

The former Principal's Residence at the Kempton Primary School has now been transformed into a modern allied health medical and community Centre. It also includes a new staff room for the school. This project has been supported by the State Government through funding from the Department of Communities.

The Centre is basically at the final 'sign-off' stage with all renovation and buildings works completed and only some minor access and car park works to be undertaken. Basic landscaping will then follow.

During the development period, Council has been consulting with a number of potential service providers and these discussions can now be progressed given that the facility will be available in the short term.

In relation to services, whilst the aim is to provide a range of allied health services, at this stage it has not been possible to attract a General Practitioner. This continues to be an objective going forward.

Furniture and fit-out of the facility will also be ongoing as items are identified and the need arises.

Should you, or your business/organisation be interested in using the facility please contact Tim Kirkwood (General Manager) on telephone 62 545000.

As service providers (and the type of services) are confirmed, the intent is to promote their availability through future council newsletters and councils Web site and Facebook page.



## Runnymede Cricket Club



Council is committed to encouraging health and well-being activities throughout the Southern Midlands. Drought proofing is one of the ways that we can achieve that with our Recreation Grounds.

With that in mind and support from the local Runnymede Community, Council submitted a Grant Application for the Major Refurbishment of the Cricket Ground at the Runnymede Recreation Ground under the Department of Communities, Sport & Recreation Major Grants Program 2019. This application demonstrated a strong collaboration between the Runnymede Cricket Club Inc, the Runnymede Community and the Southern Midlands Council.

Deputy General Manager, Andrew Benson said that there is a long and enduring history of the Runnymede Cricket and its focus of strong Community participation. Clubs like the Runnymede Cricket Club are the heart of their rural communities and represent the crucible of the cricketing heritage that we are so proud of as Tasmanians. Small Clubs like Runnymede are able to unite and uplift the Tasmanian community through their passion for cricket, by supporting the 'grass roots' of the sport as the game grows at all levels right across the State acknowledging that cricket remains Tasmania's favorite sport.

Council acknowledge the support of the Runnymede Volunteer Fire Brigade, Andrew Walter Construction Pty Ltd, the Runnymede Cricket Club as well as contractors, Hobart Irrigation & Turf, KMR Drilling as well as Jonesey's Electrical. This project was required to be carried out during the major flood events of late 2010 and proved to be a challenging period for all concerned. The image above is an enduring testament to all concerned that they have achieved an excellent result. A ground that Ricky Ponting and David Boone would have loved to have been playing on at the start of their illustrious careers. I am sure that the Runnymede Cricket Club will go from strength to strength with such a wonderful facility in their patch at Runnymede, in the Southern reaches of our local government area.

For further information contact Andrew Benson or Paul / Chris Tate (RCC).

The Southern Midlands of Tasmania is 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.*

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**Service Tasmania** 71 High Street, Oatlands

Monday to Friday **11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.**

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

To place items on the Community Notice Board,  
contact IT Officer Nick Wilson or email  
[webmaster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:webmaster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

## COUNCILLORS

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Council emergencies  
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For all after hours  
**Water & Sewerage TasWater**  
**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** please phone  
Dept. of State Growth  
on **1300 139 933**