



# Newsletter

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## MAYORS REPORT



Since my last report there have been a number of very positive and pleasing achievements within the Southern Midlands Council area.

Firstly, the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Tas), at its recent Awards ceremony held in Smithton, has announced that Oatlands is the winner of the 2018 Tasmanian Tidy Town Award. What a great

achievement for the Oatlands community and the broader Southern Midlands area. Whilst there is a separate article within this Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the

community organisations; individuals and Council staff that dedicate so much time to secure this type of Award. We look forward to participating in the national judging process.

The Bagdad Childcare and Early Learning Centre has also recently been awarded the 'Little Scientists Early Stem Award' for 2018. These awards celebrate Early Childhood Educators commitment and dedication to Early STEM education and inquiry-based learning.

The following comments were made in presenting the Award: *"The Bagdad Education and Care's project was an exploration of rain that led to an inquiry-based investigation into rainbows, lights and shadows. This beautiful project incorporated the children's interests and ideas and was sparked by a question about rain, flowing into other areas inspired by the children's conversations. The project displayed hands-on activities and involved optics as well as different aspects of water: what sinks and floats, rain harvesting and the water cycle"*.

The Centre's Manager, Tammy Bennett, said the award presentation coincided with a refurbished and re-branding of the service as a Nature Play Education and Learning Service.

Tammy, her fellow educators, and the children at the Bagdad Childcare Centre are to be congratulated. It is a great honour for them.

Recently the Oatlands Bargain Centre released their Annual Report for 2017/18. The Centre raised \$25,337.93, all of which was distributed to eleven community groups within the Southern Midlands. What a wonderful result for the Bargain Centre, and I congratulate the Coordinator Karen Dudgeon, and all her very dedicated volunteers. The Bargain Centre is staffed by volunteers who generously donate their time on behalf of the community organisations that they represent.

The community organisations include the MMPHC, Churches, Football Clubs, Radio Station and Hall Committees. The Midlands Multi-Purpose Health Centre Auxiliary

recently held their annual luncheon and again it was a 'sellout'. A record total of \$13,300 was raised at the luncheon by the Auxiliary, all for the benefit of the MMPHC and its patients. A huge thank you to all members of the Auxiliary for their hard work (and wonderful cooking skills). Since its inception, the Auxiliary has raised over \$750,000 – what an outstanding achievement and we have such a generous community who keep giving every year.

In a completely different field, Belgrove Distillery's Peated Rye Whiskey has claimed Whisky of the Year in Kim Murray's 2019 Whisky Bible. Murray's Whisky Bible is now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year and was one of the most comprehensive and thoroughly researched series of whisky tasting notes and scores. The Belgrove Distillery at Kempton is owned by Peter Bignell and prides itself on being a sustainable, using a copper still made by Peter that is run by biofuel sourced from used cooking oil from the Moodfood roadhouse adjacent to the property.

What a great achievement for our local whisky distilling industry which is growing so rapidly through significant investment, which the added benefit of local employment opportunities.

All in all a very rewarding and positive time for the Southern Midlands, with great potential for further advancements into the future.

*Anthony E Bisdee*

Clr Tony Bisdee OAM  
MAYOR



Australia Day

Southern Midlands Council  
Australia Day Awards

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

**Citizen of the Year  
Young Citizen of the Year  
Community Event of the Year**

*Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Southern Midlands community?*

If so, you are encouraged to nominate them for an Australia Day Award. These Awards recognise the outstanding contribution numerous individuals & community groups make in an effort to enhance our communities & making them a better place to live.

The awards will be presented by the Mayor in a presentation ceremony at Oatlands on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Further details and nomination forms are available from [www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au) or at the Kempton or Oatlands Municipal offices.

**Nominations close 2.00pm on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

## KEMPTON TOWNSHIP – Celebration Event for Stage 1 of the Recreation Ground Upgrade

Ratepayers & Residents are invited to a free community BBQ and fun day being held at the Kempton Recreation Ground on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**, commencing at **12.00 noon**.

This event will celebrate and open the recently completed Stage 1 upgrade works at the Recreation Ground such as the new entrance, new fencing, mural development and tree planting.

Come along & enjoy the bbq, time with friends, face painting, balloons and other children's activities.

Everyone will also get their chance to make their artistic (or not so artistic!) contribution to the mosaic on the back wall of the grandstand. The mosaic is a tree and we need to your help to make it grow. The tree mosaic will complement the amazing sheep mural that was recently completed. Work on the murals is being progressed by the Lower Midlands Arts Group in conjunction with local school children and other members of the community.

There will be a free BBQ to enjoy, with drinks available for purchase.

RSVP to attend the BBQ is not essential, but it would be appreciated for catering purposes.

Phone Councils Kempton Office on 6259 3011

## OATLANDS SWIMMING POOL

Campbell Street, Oatlands

re-opening for the 2018/19 season on

**Saturday, 24th November 2018 at 11.00 a.m.**

## OATLANDS NAMED TASMANIA'S TIDIEST TOWN



Oatlands has been named the Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) Tasmanian Tidy Town winner for 2018.

Judge Lesley Gardner, said Oatlands was a town that modestly and confidently ticked along. "Specifically, the recent completion of the stunning restoration of the Oatlands Commissariat on High Street further enhances the important heritage values of the town,"

"There are also many health and recreation opportunities offered on the shores of wonderful Lake Dulverton, including walking, fishing and bird spotting."

Ms Gardner also highlighted the contribution that the MMPHC made to the community, and recognised the contribution that Brian & Lyn Fish made to the collecting, preserving and demonstrating of heritage skills.

Ms Gardner said she felt very honoured to be invited to visit these communities and see the fabulous work that so many people did in their communities. "So much is achieved through enthusiasm, passion, persistence, partnership and in most cases volunteer hours," she said.

"In conclusion, I must say that from an outside observer's perspective the people of Oatlands along with the Southern Midlands Council have certainly worked energetically together in creating and maintaining an amazing partnership on so many levels which has added tremendous value to their unique location & rural lifestyle – Oatlands is a well-deserved Winner of the 2018 State title."



## WARNING OF WEEDS IN DROUGHT FEED

**Buying or selling (including free transactions) of stock fodder containing a declared weed.**

**Suppliers:** Be aware – it is an offence under the *Weeds Management Act* to supply product, such as stock food, that contains a declared weed.

**Purchasers:** If you are planning on bringing any stock fodder on to your property it is very important to check with the supplier that the product is free of declared weeds – eg Paterson's Curse. If you are not sure what you are getting then don't bring it on to your property.

Many landowners, often those with horses, are getting caught with a surprise Declared Weed that they are then obliged to manage into the future.



## Clarification - Road Name(s) Campania to Midland Highway (Jericho)

At a recent Council Meeting, it was requested that formal clarification of the road name(s) between Campania and the Midland Highway (at Jericho) be obtained and reported in a Council Newsletter. This was aimed at assisting people that may be required to report emergency situations. The following details are provided:

- ◆ **Colebrook Road** - commences at the junction with the Richmond Road and Bridge Street (approximately 60 metres from the town boundary of Richmond) and extends to the Town of Campania.
- ◆ At the southern end of the Town of Campania and through the Town of Campania, Colebrook Road is known as **Reeve Street**.
- ◆ After exiting the Town of Campania the road name reverts back to **Colebrook Road** through to the town of Colebrook.
- ◆ At the southern end of the town of Colebrook, and through the town of Colebrook the road is known as **Richmond Street**.
- ◆ After the road exits the town of Colebrook at the northern end, the road is known as **Mud Walls Road** to the intersection with the Midland Highway.



## CENTENARY OF THE PLANTING OF THE MEMORIAL AVENUE TREES AT KEMPTON

**Many Community Members joined us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018** when we commemorated the centenary of the planting of the Memorial Avenue trees by the Community at Kempton. We involved the whole Community, including the Mayor and Councillors of Southern Midlands Council, RSL Sub Branch Presidents & Members from the Southern Midlands, the Green Ponds Progress Association, SM Memorial Trees Committee, the Kempton Primary School and as many Community members.

The Army Band Tasmania and the Light Horse troopers along with their Australian Army Nursing Corps colleagues provided a fine spectacle of regimental appropriateness on the occasion of the centenary and the march along the Main Street to the tune of Waltzing Matilda was a sight to behold.

As a reflection, many residents would be aware that the Macrocarpa Pine trees in Memorial Avenue at Kempton as well as other Avenues across Tasmania were planted in 1918, just prior to the end of World War 1. They are a place that the families could grieve, pay their respects and mourn the loss of their loved ones. These places remain a significant memorial today, one hundred years on.

Council and the Committee has undertaken some development of the precinct, namely; Stage 1 has been the shaping up of the entrance to Memorial Ave from Main Street Kempton. Including the planting of traditional Rosemary plants by the Kempton Primary School students to skirt the kerbing as a visual cue to the entrance of the Memorial space. At the entrance to the Memorial space was installed a commemorative plaque mounted on a sandstone block which was unveiled during the ceremony. The new signage articulating the narrative of the trees and their linkage to the WW I Memorial Clock Tower in front of the Council Chambers was made possible by a very generous donation from a member of the Kempton Community. A flag pole was also installed at this site.

Stage 2 (Work in Progress) is the development of Memorial Park into a reflective and functional space for the Community to welcome visitors, family and friends to Kempton and keep alive this very important site. This land, adjacent to Memorial Avenue, was kindly donated to the project by Tim & Tania Hoskinson. A reflective shelter has just been erected in the Park and this was funded by the State Government through the Community Infrastructure Program. A silhouette sculpture created by Folko & Maureen Kooper, representing a Light Horseman and his horse has also been erected in Memorial Park. This has been funded by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. A garden will be created in the Park which will be a collaborative effort by Council and the Community. Later this year some historical interpretative panels will be created in the Park and also a formal entrance to the park from Memorial Avenue is to be constructed.



## Oatlands Aquatic Centre Update

Following the issue of a revised Planning Permit in June 2018 (as directed by the Resource Management And Planning Appeals Tribunal), the Southern Midlands Council has proceeded to engage Bzowy Architecture (Rick Bzowy) to proceed with preparing full design documentation and specifications for the facility. It is worthy of noting that preparing a full detailed design requires extensive input and advice covering a range of specialist areas including: architecture; civil engineering; mechanical engineering; hydraulic; energy; water treatment; air treatment etc.

It is anticipated that the full tender documentation will be finalised in the early part of the 2019 calendar year, which will then enable Council to invite tenders to construct the facility.

Assuming that tenders are consistent with the overall project budget, it is expected that construction will commence in the middle of the 2019 year, with a completion date of September 2020.

Grant Deeds have been finalised with both the Tasmanian and Australian Governments for their respective contributions of \$2.0 and \$1.5 million dollars, which has secured these funding contributions.

## 29th ANNUAL OATLANDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Friday, 14th December 2018—6.30 p.m.**  
High Street, Oatlands

Free BBQ in Callington Park following the pageant  
All welcome

For further enquiries or to book a float please contact  
Paul Wilson (0439 612 547) or Rachael Barwick (0417 596 261)

## MEETING ROOM/VENUE HIRE @ CHAUNCY VALE, BAGDAD

The recently refurbished Chauncy Vale public shelter is now available for hire for meetings & functions.

Set in a picturesque and quiet bush setting just 4km from Bagdad this venue offers a unique space for your group to use. There is an expansive deck and a BBQ perfect for indoor/outdoor functions (up to 30 people), and a cosy meeting room with a wood heater and kitchenette for up to 10 people. The daily hire fee for the venue is \$30.

**Bookings can be made online at**

[www.chauncyvale.com/book-online](http://www.chauncyvale.com/book-online)

For enquiries or information regarding Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary please visit

[www.chauncyvale.com](http://www.chauncyvale.com) or contact Graham Green on

6259 3011 or 0422 936 027

[ggreen@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:ggreen@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



In conjunction with Hobart City Mission & Salvation Army Communities for Children, we held our recent activities during the October School Holiday period. Day 1 was a play session at Inflatable World in Rosny & Bellerive All Abilities Playground. Day 2 was climbing & tunnelling fun at Rockit Climbing Centre in Hobart followed by a stroll & play in the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens. All up 77 children came along across the two days & we had a great time together. It is a free service we offer to families with children aged 9-16 in the Southern Midlands.

## COMMUNITY WALKS

Every month, both the Central Highlands & Southern Midlands combine with our community buses & head out to locations around Greater Hobart to walk the trail & tracks. We always seem to get sunshine but we do go out in all weather. We have a great time, get active & always manage to squeeze in a coffee somewhere nice as a treat.

**The next walks are at Bellerive Beach & The Wall in Derwent Bridge.** It costs \$10 per person, spaces are limited & anyone of any age is welcome to come along.

Please contact Michelle on 0403 893 257 to book your space.



## WEED UPDATE FOR SPRING

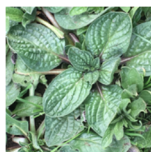
**Now is the time to control your weeds, while they are seedlings and before they flower and set seed.**

This is a reminder that landholders should continue efforts to address priority weeds across the municipality. Our priority weeds include Paterson's curse, Spanish heath, cotton/ saffron/ nodding thistle, boneseed, pampas grass and serrated tussock.

In early September annual reminder letters were sent to all landholders with known Spanish heath and Paterson's curse infestations. Additional surveys for Spanish heath in the Woodsdale/ Levensdale area have now been completed and the database updated ready for mapping.

Follow up property visits provided landholders with identification and control advice. We are planning to visit landholders with Paterson's curse in the Mangalore, Bagdad, Elderslie, Broadmarsh and Dysart areas to provide advice on identification and control options. In addition, our annual boneseed control program at Dysart and Bagdad has now been completed for another year with the number of plants controlled now decreasing quite dramatically.

Council's roadside spraying program has begun with Spanish heath treated on Council roadsides and land in



Paterson's curse seedling



Paterson's curse Flower



Spanish heath flowers



Spanish heath



Boneseed



Cotton thistle

the Woodsdale/ Levensdale area. Paterson's curse control will commence shortly whilst most plants are at the rosette or seedling stage and regular follow up control will continue into autumn in an effort to again prevent plants from seeding this season. Annual follow up spraying of gorse, broom and blackberry control has also begun.

Please note: Spraying these weeds with the 'good old Roundup' **WILL NOT** be the answer to controlling these plants. Control detail was provided in a letter to many affected landholders in September. If you would like to receive a copy of this letter please email [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au) with your contact details.

The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) have comprehensive weed information and control guides on their website [dPIPWE.tas.gov.au/weeds](http://dPIPWE.tas.gov.au/weeds)

Alternatively, Council's Landcare Office has a range of weed brochures available—Ph: 6254 5046

## Calling all Artisans of traditional & heritage skills...

### HERITAGE HUB, OATLANDS

Council are seeking artisans for our new shop, studio & workshop spaces located at 79 High Street, Oatlands.

Contact Michelle on 0403 893 257 or [mwebster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mwebster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au) for further information.

## COMMENT INVITED SMC Historic Heritage Strategy

Comment is invited on the Southern Midlands Council Historic Heritage Strategy for 2019-2023.

The document is available for review on Council's website (*follow 'Heritage Projects'*) or available at Council's Oatlands & Kempton Offices.

Comments or questions to Brad Williams, 0418 303 184 or [bwilliams@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:bwilliams@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)



## What better place for a Heritage & Bullock Festival could there be but Oatlands?



Over the weekend of the 11th and 12th August 2018, the Heritage & Bullock Festival was held in Oatlands. The event was a major success and it is estimated that in the order of 5,200 people attended the Festival over the two days. Brian Fish, Chairman of the Heritage & Bullock Festival said "There were so many high points in the event that they are too numerous to mention, suffice to say that everyone put in a major effort and should rightly be very proud of Oatlands and the Heritage & Bullock Festival 2018".



### BURNING TYRES IS ILLEGAL.....

Council's Environmental Health Officer (Leon McGuinness) advises that the burning of tyres is **strictly prohibited** in Tasmania, and in this regard the Director of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Warren Jones, advised the following, earlier this year, after a fine of \$600 was imposed for a tyre-burning incident on the East Coast:

*Mr Jones said that "the maximum penalty for this type of offence is \$6,000 if prosecuted through the courts, and tyres are a controlled waste under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPCA). Burning tyres emit offensive and potentially harmful smoke and it is simply not acceptable to dispose of them in this way. This fine serves as a timely reminder to the community that burning tyres is illegal."*

Tyre disposal is the responsibility of tyre resellers or owners, and if you burn tyres then expect a visit from the fire brigade (initially) and they will ensure that the fire is extinguished quickly. You can also expect a visit from Council's Environmental Health Officer who is an authorised officer under (EMPCA) and can issue Infringement Notices, just like the EPA.

## FIRE HAZARD

Owners & occupiers of properties in the Southern Midlands are reminded that with the fire season fast approaching **it is now time to assess your property & clear any potential fire hazards.**

Inspections of properties will be undertaken in coming weeks, and where considered necessary, Fire Abatement Notices will be issued for the clearing of fire hazards in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Failure to comply with a Fire Hazard Abatement Notice will result in Council undertaking the work at the owner's expense. Council seeks the co-operation of residents in ensuring that their property does not constitute a fire risk during the coming months.

Further information: contact Council on 6254 5000 or email [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

## Have your say on Tassie's next iconic multi-day walk

The Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania is seeking ideas on Tasmania's next multi-day walking experience. As part of this process, the public has been invited to develop and lodge submissions by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Tasmania is famous for its multi-day wilderness walks, such as the Overland, South Coast and Three Capes tracks. In contrast, the Midlands region offers something unique in Australia: a walk through the countryside, stopping at heritage villages and sites along the way. Many Australian walkers go overseas for that type of experience.

**The Southern Midlands Council is seeking to identify possible options that could be developed into a submission, and in doing so, wish to involve any interested persons.** Should you have any specific ideas, or are generally interested in walking activities, please register your interest with Council by contacting Elisa Lang on 6254 5004 or [elang@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:elang@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

It is anticipated that a general discussion forum will be held in mid-November and those that have registered their interest will be notified accordingly. Ultimately, the aim is to progress a proposal by the nominated deadline for submissions.

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 & Rekuna.**

## Contact Us!

### Oatlands Office

Corporate Services, Infrastructure & Works, Natural Resource Management, Heritage Projects, Information Technology

71 High Street, Oatlands Tasmania 7120

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[www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

### Kempton Office

Development & Environmental Services, Community & Corporate Development

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### Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary

345 Chauncy Vale Road, Bagdad

Phone 03 6259 3011

[www.chauncyvale.com](http://www.chauncyvale.com)

### Oatlands Swimming Pool 2018/19 Opens Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

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.

Fees & charges details are available on councils website

## Councillors

Mayor & Councillor enquiries can be directed to:  
Elisa Lang (Executive Assistant) Ph: 6254 5004

### PLEASE NOTE:

Council Elections are currently in progress at the time of going to print.

Further updates regarding the outcome of the Council elections will be published on Council's website and Facebook page.

### Christmas Closure Arrangements

Council Offices will  
close for the  
Christmas/New Year  
period at 2.00 p.m. on  
Monday 24/12/2018,  
and re-open on  
Wednesday,  
02/01/2019



### Service Tasmania

#### Oatlands

71 High Street

Oatlands Tas 7120

#### Opening Hours

Monday to Friday

11.00am—4.00pm

Phone 1300 13 55 13

**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](mailto:webmaster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

## WASTE TRANSFER STATION HOURS

### OATLANDS WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Inglewood Road, Andover

(via Tunnack Main Road Oatlands to Parattah)

- 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 - 5.00pm
- Thursday 1.00 pm - 5.00pm
- 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