



# Newsletter

Issue 4 | November 2019



## MAYORS REPORT

At the time of writing this report, the Tasmania Fire Service has just introduced a statewide fire permit period which will remain in place until the end of the bushfire season. This is a clear indication of the fire risk that exists for this coming summer period. It is also a timely reminder that property owners should take every practical measure to prepare your property for any potential bushfire. The most important job is to create a defensible space around your home which makes it easier to defend. A defensible space is where you have modified the vegetation and removed most flammable material to reduce the fire's radiant heat intensity. Flames & radiant heat from an approaching bushfire will be reduced, so sparks and embers will have less fuel to ignite when they land, and any spot fires will be easier to put out. It goes without saying that the increased potential for bush fires is largely due to the drought circumstances that we are experiencing in the Southern Midlands and surrounding areas. Whilst some areas of Tasmania have received reasonable levels of rainfall, this is certainly not the case in the Southern Midlands and East Coast regions. Rest assured that we are certainly aware of the drought circumstances & strongly encourage those that may be experiencing hardship to access the various support programs that are available through either the Tasmanian or Federal Governments.

On a more positive note, I am pleased to report that Council has received advice from the Australian Government that it has honoured the various Grant commitments that were given in the lead-up to the Federal Election. These commitments were:

- Oatlands Underground Power Project - \$250,000
- Campania Bush Reserve shared pathway project - \$100,000
- Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary pedestrian bridge - \$55,000
- Lake Dulverton Conservation Area walkway upgrade - \$220,000
- Kempton streetscape project - \$75,000
- Callington Park destination playground project - \$500,000
- Oatlands Aquatic Centre - \$500,000
- Broadmarsh streetscape project - \$230,000

In addition to the above, the Oatlands District Historical Society has been granted \$55,000 to assist in the upgrade of the Society's premises.

Council must now go through a process of providing more specific detail in relation to each of these projects and enter into Grant Deeds which will enable on-ground

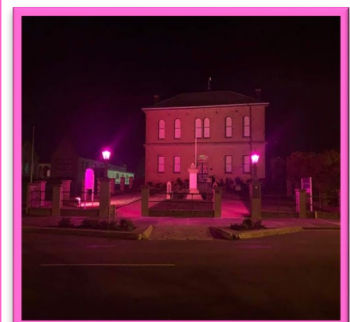
commencement of works. Subject to finalising the Grant Deeds, it is anticipated that all projects will be advanced through the 2020 calendar year.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Oatlands community, and in particular Denise Smith, on the success of the "Pink Up Oatlands" fundraiser held in October to benefit the McGrath Foundation.

1 in 8 Australian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 85. The McGrath Foundation funds specialist Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia, & at the time of writing, in excess of \$10,000 has been raised by the Oatlands community. Congratulations to all of those involved and who have supported this campaign.

In closing, I recognise this is the last Newsletter for 2019. Whilst it seems premature, I take this opportunity on behalf of Council to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe.

Clr Alex Green  
**MAYOR**





OATLANDS BOWLS CLUB PRESENTS  
**THE 30<sup>TH</sup> OATLANDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Starting at 6.30 pm**

**From Oatlands Recreation Ground, down High Street  
 ending at Callington Mill Park**

**Free BBQ & Spinning Wheel**

This will be our 30<sup>th</sup> Pageant. As in the past, we rely on your support and generosity. Any donations appreciated and may be left at the Oatlands Newsagency, Oatlands RSL Club or alternatively direct deposit into Pageant Bank Account BSB 067-004 Account 28005758

All funds received go wholly into running the Pageant.

**Being our 30<sup>th</sup> pageant we are hoping for the largest pageant ever!**  
**We invite participants from ALL parts of the Southern Midlands and beyond.**  
**(No entry fee)**

**To register your float, please phone or text  
 Paul Wilson - 0439 612 547**

*Merry Xmas to all, and hope you will support us on this special occasion*

**Streetscape Project - have your say!**  
**Victoria Memorial Hall,**  
**89 Main Street, Kempton**

Council is seeking feedback from community members about a proposed upgrade to the **streetscape/landscape** around the Victoria Memorial Hall at Kempton.

Detailed plans are available on Council's website or at the Council offices in Kempton and Oatlands.

**HOW TO REPORT A WEED**

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:

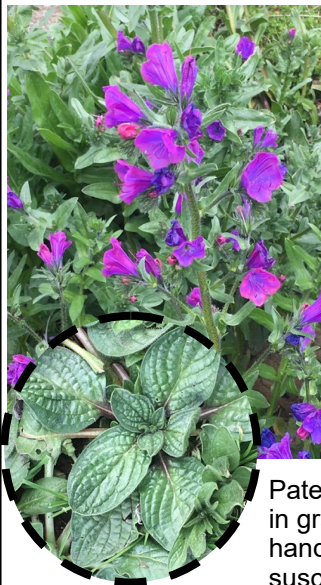
**SMS:** 0458 793 855 with a picture and details on its location

**SMC Website:** 'Report a Weed' form on the homepage of Councils website

**Phone:** Oatlands office on 03 6254 5000



**Paterson's curse**



Southern Midlands Council (SMC) and Brighton Council are working together to reduce the spread of Paterson's curse (*Echium plantagineum*) on the border we share along the Jordan River, in the Brighton/Elderslie/Broadmarsh area. We are currently mapping the extent of the weed in this area and aim to control all roadside infestations. As a declared weed, landowners have obligations to control Paterson's curse under the *Weed Management Act 1999* and we will be discussing control with landowners.

Paterson's curse can cause liver damage in grazing animals, though sheep can handle some grazing. Horses are highly susceptible to Paterson's curse poisoning and should be removed from pastures dominated by the weed. It is estimated to cost Australian sheep and cattle producers \$250 million annually through lost productivity in pastures, control costs, and wool contamination. In Tasmania it is in relatively small scattered infestations of agricultural areas and roadsides and by working together we can prevent the impacts we have seen on the mainland.

SMC also have a focus on Paterson's curse across the whole municipality. We are actively working with land managers to contain and prevent this weed from spreading, with a particular focus on sites adjacent to roadsides or properties free of the weed.

Please contact the Southern Midlands Weeds Officer if you need advice on managing this weed, or to report new occurrences.





## Reduce your Fire Hazard

Every summer, bushfires threaten homes and businesses throughout Tasmania.

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

Inspections of properties will be undertaken, 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 owners expense. Council seeks the co-operation of residents in ensuring that their property does not constitute a fire risk during the coming months.

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

To help make a plan "Prepare Act Survive Bushfire" information is available on the Tasmania Fire Service website [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)



SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

## 2020 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

### Nominations are now open

Southern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards recognise the outstanding achievement and excellence of members of our local community.

Being nominated for an Australia Day Award is a great honour and is therefore a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to someone who makes you proud to be an Australian.

All residents are invited to nominate a member of the community whose outstanding contribution is deserving of recognition. This could be a friend, family member, workmate or someone you have met while serving the community.

Nomination forms are available at Council Offices (Oatlands & Kempton) or online at [www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/community-awards/](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/community-awards/)

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL



## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Citizen of the Year

Person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Southern Midlands.

### Young Citizen of the Year\*

Young person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Southern Midlands.

\*Person must be under the age of 26 as at 26 January 2020.

### Community Event of the Year

Local group or organisation which has provided the most outstanding contribution to the community; this includes projects & events.



### NOMINATIONS CLOSE

5pm | 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019



**Congratulations to the Mt Pleasant Football Club** on their premiership in the 2019 Odfa Grand Final against Campania on the 7th September 2019 at Oatlands.

Mt Pleasant (91) defeated Campania (39).

Congratulations also to Matthew Triffett of Campania Football Club who was the recipient of the Mayors Trophy on the day.

Mt Pleasant Football Club is sponsored by the Old Kempton Distillery.

## DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Ordinary Council Meeting</b> Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Municipal Office 85 Main Street, Kempton	2.00 p.m. Public Question Time – 2.30 p.m
<b>Annual General Meeting</b> Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Municipal Office 85 Main Street, Kempton	5.00 p.m.

Note: Agenda's and Minutes can be located on Council's website <https://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/agendas-and-minutes/>

## OATLANDS SWIMMING POOL

8 Campbell Street, Oatlands

**Opening: Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 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.

*Note: Pool closed on Christmas Day.*

### 2019/20 FEES & CHARGES

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

## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

### OFFICE CLOSURE (OATLANDS & KEMPTON)

Oatlands & Kempton Municipal Offices will close on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 2.00 pm and re-open on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 9.00 am.

### WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Campania, Dysart & Oatlands Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Christmas Day & New Years Day.

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please note that there will be changes to some household garbage Collection dates during this period - residents will be notified once finalised.

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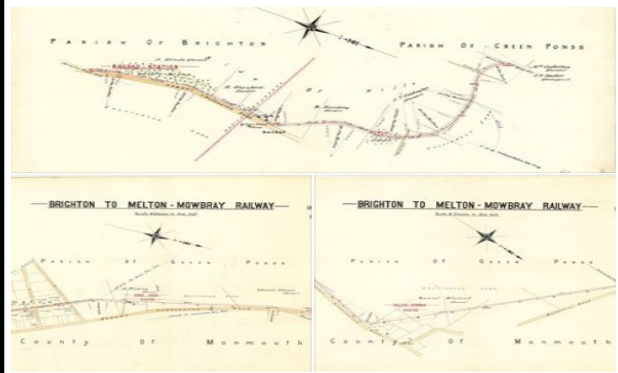
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*The Mayor, Councillors and Staff of the Southern Midlands Council wish all ratepayers & residents a happy and safe Christmas and New Year!*



### Southern Midlands Heritage & Collections

A very useful resource is found in the Tasmanian Government Railways **survey plans** from the 1870s to 1890s. Examples below show parts of the townships of Bagdad, Kempton & Melton Mowbray. Search on either the 'National Archives' or 'Libraries Tasmania' websites for the **P1330 series** (together with the area you are looking for). Many have high-quality scans available to download.



### PAMPAS CONTROL 2019

## THANKS FOR YOUR REPORTS!

Your eyes on the ground are helping us reduce priority weeds in the Southern Midlands. Below is a pampas bush on Elderslie Rd, before and after removal. Thanks to the Broadmarsh residents who reported this weed.



BEFORE



AFTER



Reptile Rescue Incorporated is a not for profit organisation specialising in the relocation of errant snakes, education & awareness regarding Tasmanian reptiles, and advice on living in areas where snakes inhabit.

For all **snake related** emergencies, advice, enquiries or bookings in Tasmania, please call **0499 116 690**

In the event of a snake bite, apply a pressure immobilisation bandage and call **000** immediately.



**Advice on Planning Directive No 6  
Summary of Exemption and standards for Visitor Accommodation in planning schemes**

**PERMITTED REQUIREMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

For Visitor Accommodation use that does not meet the 'home-sharing' exemption, it must meet the following requirements to be a 'Permitted' use for the purposes of Planning Directive No. 6:

**Interim Planning Schemes**

- located within the General Residential Zone; Inner Residential Zone, Low Density Residential Zone, Rural Living Zone, Environmental Living Zone, or Village Zone
- not located in the Battery Point Heritage Precinct (BPI);
- guests are accommodated within existing habitable buildings (not just houses);
- the use occupies not more than 200m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area per lot;
- it is not part of a strata title arrangement that includes another dwelling; and
- all other requirements are met that are necessary for a 'Permitted' use.

**Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme 1997**

- located within Activity Area 1.0 Inner City Residential (Wapping);
- guests are accommodated within existing habitable buildings (not just houses);
- the use occupies not more than 200m<sup>2</sup> floor area per lot; and
- all other requirements are met that are necessary for a 'Permitted' use.

**Note:**

*Approval may be granted (Discretionary) if the 'Permitted' requirements are not met.*

*Other requirements apply for proposals in other zones.*

**CALLINGTON PARK PLAYGROUND – see the proposed upgrade plans!**

Council have received grant funding from the Australian Government under the Community Development Program for a significant upgrade to the playground area at Callington Park, Oatlands. The aim of the upgrade is to have a quality 'destination playground' that will be enjoyed by locals, and many people travelling in the area.

The design concept has been developed under the direction of professional playground consultants. Consultation to date has been with students from the primary school in Oatlands. The wider community are now invited to see the play equipment that the students have selected and the overall site concept plan.

This information will be displayed at the Council office in Oatlands in the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and also be available on the Council website.

**Written comments about the proposed playground can be forwarded to Council's General Manager by the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019** (email to [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au) or post to PO Box 21, Oatlands).

Comments received in writing will be considered by the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee and Council.



## SMC Community Small Grants Program

Well done to the following community groups who were successful in their applications for grant funding under Council's Community Small Grants Program. Grant requests ranged from \$749 to the maximum amount of \$3000.

The Community Small Grants Program provides assistance to community groups to provide programs, improve safety, undertake minor capital works, facilitate small seminars, conferences and forums or purchase equipment.

The Southern Midlands Council recognises the immense community benefit provided to our residents and visitors by local community organisations.



Successful grant applicants:-

- Levendale Hall Committee
- Central Hawks Junior Football Club
- Bagdad Community Club
- Tunbridge Community Club
- Runnymede Cricket Club
- Colebrook Progress Association
- Oatlands RSL & Community Club
- Brighton & Green Ponds RSL Sub-Branch
- Campania District School
- Surf Lifesaving Tas (Learn to Swim)
- Oatlands Progress Association
- Mt Pleasant Football Club
- Oatlands District Historical Society



Through a careful analysis it is estimated that in the order of **4,500 people attended the Festival** over the two days 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The feedback on the event was amazing.

There were an **estimated 718 volunteer hours** provided by the Community in the planning, activities and windup of the Festival. To calculate the estimated benefit to the community from this event, we have based the assumption that an estimated spend in accordance with the Report 'Reinventing Rural Places', for the 2018 Festival was \$50/ person (5,200 attended in 2018) which is acknowledged as quite a conservative estimate, therefore using that base to gain a longitudinal understanding of a consistent rate we have multiplied the \$50.00 (2018) by the CPI for the following twelve months (CPI 1.6% June quarter 2018 to June 2019) equates to \$0.80 increase, therefore **\$50.80 x the number of attendees 4,500 = \$228,600.00** that stays in the Community as an economic benefit from the Festival. What a great effort by our Community!

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 2019"*.



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 & 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!

### OATLANDS OFFICE 71 High Street, Oatlands 7120

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

Customer Service Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday - 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

**Phone:** 03 6254 5000 (Mon-Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm)

**Fax:** 03 6254 5014

**Email:** [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

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

### KEMPTON OFFICE 85 Main Street, Kempton 7030

Development & Environmental Services and Community & Corporate Development

Customer Service Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday - 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

**Phone:** 03 6254 5050 **\*Phone Number Changed**

**Fax:** 03 6254 5014

**Email:** [mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

### Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary

345 Chauncy Vale Road, Bagdad

**Phone:** 03 6254 5050 \*

**Web:** [www.chauncyvale.com](http://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](mailto:webmaster@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

## COUNCILLORS

Mayor & Councillor enquiries can be directed to  
Elisa Lang (Executive Assistant) - 6254 5004  
or via contact details below

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