



One could have been excused for thinking that the Southern Midlands was the centre for arts and culture over the month of October. Firstly the launch of *The Southern Midlands a History* by His Excellency, the Honourable Peter Underwood AC, Governor of Tasmania.

In his speech he offered the following "This is a really beautiful book. I love it. As I have stated in my Foreword to the book, *The Southern Midlands a History* is meticulously researched and skillfully structured and does full justice to the rich and diverse history of the area". It was certainly a privilege for Council to host the Governor and the large number of Community members that participated in the event.



From left to right, the Mayor of the Southern Midlands, Tony Bisdee OAM, His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, author Dr Alison Alexander and the graphic designer, Julie Hawkins of In Graphic Design Hobart.

A week later was the Southern Midlands Arts Strategy Working Group's Forum titled *Creative Communities*, at the Gay Street Hall. This was an event to draw from the Community their ideas and thoughts on how Council can support arts related ideas. The term "arts" relates to any form of creative endeavour. It was amazing; many, many people in our Community are passionately involved in arts related activities, quite a number with economic benefits as well as social benefits. With over seventy participants, the event was a tremendous

success, Rachael Treasure along with Folko Kooper were guest presenters and they truly inspired the audience.

If you would like any further information in relation to Council's arts endeavours, please contact Andrew Benson at Council's Kempton office.



Internationally renowned author Rachael Treasure from Levendale one of the guest presenters at the forum

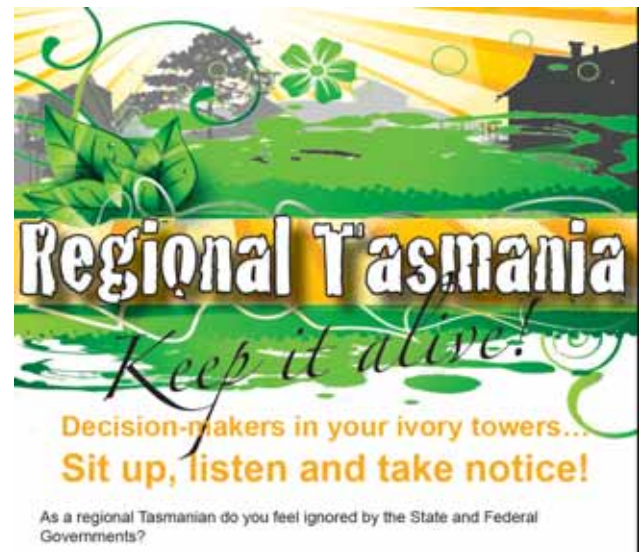
And finally the launch of the Tunnack History Book on the following Sunday at Tunnack, with over three hundred people in attendance. It is a fine book with a wealth of information about the village of Tunnack. I would like to congratulate all of those involved in the contributions and the writing of this fine volume.

"Regional Tasmania – *keep it alive*" this is the campaign theme of Southern Midlands Council along with ten other Councils who have banded together to ensure that the State Government as well as the Australian Government understands the impact of their respective decision making on rural Communities like ours.

For example

- the demise of the forestry industries is a graphic example of a great resource industry that has been brought to its knees. Forestry in the Southern Midlands Region is a vital resource industry providing both local employment and significant economic activity;

- the winding up of the timber giant Gunns Pty Ltd, by and large through the Inter-Governmental Agreement (the IGA). Gunns was a proud Company that has supported rural Tasmania since 1875. Their demise will have considerable impact both from an employment and economic view point from our Council area and we are yet to feel the full impact of that company failure. This company had extensive plantations in Southern Midlands and was a large ratepayer of plantation land;
- the IGA signed by the Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddings on 7 August 2011 purports to be a landmark agreement *that will provide certainty for Tasmania's forestry industry, support local jobs and communities, and protect more of Tasmania's high conservation value forests.* There are many in our Community that would question this statement;
- the recent reduction on policing, where we have seen two police officers at Oatlands being made redundant along with one at Kempton. One of the Oatlands officers will not be replaced. The massive geographical area of the Southern Midlands and the Central Highlands together now has only five police officers to service the area;



- other very important economic industries are also found to be under siege recently including the mining, aquaculture, tourism, agriculture, and agricultural related industries all of which are drivers of Tasmanian sustainability;

## Southern Midlands Business & Community Directory

2012/13

Coming soon but we need your help to put the final touches to it.

Send us your information to be included in the 2012 edition.

Business / Service-  
Name

Contact person  
Address

Phone Number

Service Type

Example of  
information to send:

Southern Midlands  
News

Diane Swan

68 High Street,  
Oatlands

6254 1300

Monthly Community  
News Publication

Please send your information to  
SM Community Directory

PO Box 70

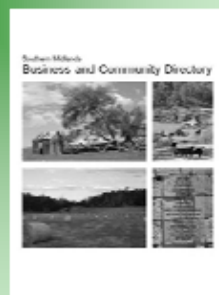
Oatlands TAS 7120

Or fax

6254 1333

Or Email

admin@mile.org.au



**Directory closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Let us not forget the school closure debacle when many Tasmanian rural and regional schools were to be closed. Thankfully the weight of outrage in the local communities deferred that decision by the Minister and the Cabinet until 2014.

We strongly believe that it is our obligation to raise these matters as they have, both individually and collectively, a profound impact on each and every member of our community. We are arguing for a more balanced approach to Government decision making rather than this current decision making that has the potential of the destruction of the rural Community economy and lifestyle.

The Regional Councils campaign will focus on not only the missed opportunities for economic development but just as importantly the retention of our Government services being provided in a sustainable manner within our rural regions of Tasmania. A major component of this campaign is to encourage a "can-do" culture to replace the existing lack of positive culture when making decisions regarding economic resilience and development.

On behalf of Sue and myself, my fellow Councillors and Staff of the Southern Midlands Council, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Tony Bisdee OAM  
Mayor



## 'Community Memories, Community Stories, Your Heritage'

Southern Midlands Community Heritage Archive Project 2012/13

In October and November there is a community heritage project happening in the Southern Midlands with community heritage days being held at local halls. We are inviting people to come along & bring their stories, memorabilia, photos - of the local area, of buildings, of families, local activities, of special events ...to be recorded for posterity! We will also be putting together an Exhibition for the 2013 National Heritage Festival.

Refreshments will be available. Please check the SMC website at <http://southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/heritage-projects-and-sites/> under Community Heritage Archive Project.

From 11am until 3 pm on the days below:



**Bagdad hall** Sunday October 28, 2012  
**Broadmarsh hall** Saturday November 17  
**Campania hall** Saturday October 6  
**Colebrook hall** Sunday October 7  
**Jericho hall** Saturday, October 13  
**Kempton hall** Sunday November 18  
**Levendale hall** Saturday October 20  
**Oatlands hall** Saturday November 3  
**Parattah hall** Sunday November 4  
**Stonor hall** Sunday October 14  
**Tunbridge hall** Saturday November 10  
**Tunnack hall** Sunday November 11  
**Woodsdale hall** Sunday October 21

+ REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE—  
check your Hall noticeboard for details

People from outside the Southern Midlands are welcome – as there are people who have left the area but have stories and photos about life in the area which they may like to have recorded.

## 'Community Memories, Community Stories, Your Heritage'

EXHIBITION National Heritage Festival

April 13, 2013 Oatlands Supreme Court House

April 20, 2013 Blue Place, Main St Kempton

*For further information*

contact Rowena on 0418 175 272

email: [heritage@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:heritage@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au) web: <http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/heritage-archive-project/>

Project funded under the 'Your Community Heritage' Program by the **Australian Government**, Dept. of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities, with assistance from the Southern Midlands Council



## Climate change social research being undertaken in the Midlands

A new study is being undertaken as part of a PhD by Christine Materia from the University of Tasmania's Department of Rural Health. The study will investigate the relationship between a person's connectedness to nature and the psychological health impacts of climate change in rural Tasmania. Christine is looking for participants from the Southern Midlands to be involved in the study.

Information gained from the study will help provide decision makers with information to develop community-based programs to support communities in managing the psychological health impacts of climate change. The outcomes from the study will assist health and allied health practitioners, policy-makers and local government to respond to community anxiety about climate change.

If you are interested in participating in this research please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PsychHealthClim>

or contact Christine Materia on

03 6226 6627 or

[Christine.Materia@utas.edu.au](mailto:Christine.Materia@utas.edu.au)



## STOLEN

First incident – four rose bushes stolen sometime around Sept from the Lake Dulverton foreshore, the screen next to the exercise equipment. The Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee and community volunteers had planted the plants.

Second incident – taken around Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 80 mixed native plants + a number of bags, mulch mats and stakes, + hammers from a landholder site on the corner of Mud Walls Road and Midlands Highway. (These plants etc were funded from a Southern Midlands Council Landcare Unit project).

Council is asking for any public information to come forward.

Please contact Maria on 6254 5000

### Stonemason Apprentice Wins First Year Apprentice Award

Heritage Building Solutions stonemason apprentice, Simon Bryant, was recently awarded *Best First Year Stonemason Apprentice* by Holmesglenn TAFE (Vic), one of the largest providers of vocational education. Heritage Building Solutions also received an Employer Award for Simon as *Best First Year Apprentice in Stonemasonry*.



Award winning stonemason apprentice, Simon Bryant, of the Southern Midlands developing valuable heritage skills on the job

Growing up on a heritage property in the Southern Midlands, Simon has always had an interest in heritage. Through his apprenticeship, Simon has already worked on some high-profile, historic properties such as the Oatlands Gaol, Kempton Watch House and Port Arthur (where stone repairs on the Penitentiary chimneys had Simon and Rob working 16 metres above the ground). The variety of work also appeals to Simon. "You're moving around all the time and no two jobs are the same," he said.

As an initiative of the Southern Midlands Council, the Centre for Heritage, which incorporates Heritage Building Solutions, is an important contributor to the passing on of heritage trade skills into the future. Centre for Heritage Director, Martin Farley, says that apprentices such as Simon are vitally important to the continuation of traditional heritage skills. "The trade skills and, more importantly, the knowledge required for the restoration and maintenance of historic buildings are more specialised than those required for mainstream building work," he said. "It takes considerable time and appropriate on-the-job training to attain the necessary level of skill. Currently, opportunities and incentives to undertake such training are declining."

Through the Centre for Heritage, Southern Midlands Council is aiming to pass on as much knowledge as possible to the future generations by employing apprentices and utilising its own heritage assets as a part of this.

For further information, please visit [www.centreforheritage.com.au](http://www.centreforheritage.com.au).

A promotional poster for ChemClear. At the top, there's a photo of various agricultural chemical containers. Below that, the ChemClear logo is on the left. In the center, a yellow box says "TAS COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER" with "Booking line closes 13 November 2012" below it. The main heading reads "DISPOSE OF YOUR UNWANTED AG CHEMICALS". Underneath, it lists "FREE COLLECTION for chemical that meets the following:" followed by four bullet points: "in its original container (drumMUSTER eligible)", "product label is readable", "has not been mixed with any other product", and "within two years of its expiry date." A note at the bottom left says "Collection is available for chemical that does not meet these requirements, a fee is applicable." On the bottom right is a circular logo with a recycling symbol and the text "AG CHEMICALS". At the very bottom, it says "Register at www.chemclear.com.au" and "1800 008 182".

Chem Clear is coming

A ChemClear collection will be held in Oatlands in December 2012 (date TBA), but bookings must be made with ChemClear by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Register [www.chemclear.com.au](http://www.chemclear.com.au)

ChemClear is supported by the Southern Midlands Council

For queries contact Council's  
Development & Environmental Service Office on  
6259 3011





2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the first screening of the film *They Found a Cave*. To celebrate this occasion, Friends of Chauncy Vale invite you to a public screening of the film on 18th November at 3pm at the Philip Smith Centre on the Domain in Hobart. Entry is by gold coin donation. The film *They Found a Cave* was produced from the book of the same name by Nan Chauncy. The bushland setting and sandstone caves and cliffs of her home in the Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary at Bagdad provided Nan with the inspiration to write her award winning children's books. Further details about the film screening and the Sanctuary can be obtained from the Chauncy Vale caretaker on 6268 6365 or by email to [cwscaretaker@gmail.com](mailto:cwscaretaker@gmail.com).



Central Hawks Football Club

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Friday 23rd November 2012

7.00 PM

**CLUBROOMS**

Main Street Kempton

**FAMILY DAY AND PLAYER REGISTRATIONS**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

BBQ – 12.30 PM

Kempton Recreation Ground

Main Street Kempton

ALL CURRENT AND NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Enquiries – Nick 0427 333 665

**FREE ONLINE & INTERACTIVE FOOD  
SAFETY TRAINING  
I'M ALERT FOOD SAFETY  
NOW AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE**

*Southern Midlands Council* provides FREE and unlimited access to I'M ALERT, an exciting new training product for food handlers, to assist them in gaining valuable skills and knowledge in food safety and hygiene.

Council is now pleased to be able to offer this **FREE** training to any interested community member. This program is presented in an interactive, easy to follow, and entertaining format and includes the ability for the user to print off an acknowledgement form and a certificate upon completion of the program.

Although aimed at food handlers there is no reason why anyone with an interest cannot undertake the training, which is in modules and can be undertaken in the privacy of your own home. This is a great opportunity for community members to access this free, on-line, food hygiene/food safety training, if they are interested.

Visit [www.southernmidlands.imalert.com.au](http://www.southernmidlands.imalert.com.au) and then follow the simple on screen instructions to complete "your" training.

A link to I'M ALERT Food Safety Training is also available from Council's website: [www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au). Follow the link at Services - Development & Environmental Services – Environmental Health.

Further information on the food safety topics available and the training program can be obtained from Council's Environmental Health Officer, Leon McGuinness at Council's Development & Environmental Services office, 85 Main Street, Kempton on 6259 3011, or by email [lmcguinness@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:lmcguinness@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au). Leon is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**IT'S BACK**

## Kempton Festival

Proudly supported by the Southern Midlands Council

**Bigger and Better**



To be opened by His Excellency,  
The Honourable Peter Underwood AC  
Governor of Tasmania

**So what's new?**

## SHEEP RACING



**Fabric art demo's  
& Competition**

**Mini Dog Games**



**Photo Competition**

Sheep Dog  
Trials

**and your old favourites**

**Pull a Territory; Sheaf tossing; Arts Café; Bagdad Singers; Art n' stuff for kids of all ages; Sand sculpture; Craft stalls and demonstrations; Music; Dancing; Food & drink—and more!**

## Kempton Residents

In the Festival program, there will be a 'where to find it directory.' We will advertise your garage sale, stall or event **free**. All you have to do is fill in the registration form on the next page and return to Julie at The Kempton Post Office.

Midlands Initiatives for Local Enterprise Inc



presents the

*Southern  
Midlands  
Art*

2012

The Prizes for this exhibition will be  
Overall Winner - \$250  
People's Choice - \$50



*Proudly sponsored by The Southern Midlands News*

Overall Winner will be announced at the Opening night on  
Fri Dec 7 in the Midlands Memorial Community Centre,  
68 High Street, Oatlands at 7pm.  
Supper provided

Exhibition of all art will be held in the Midlands Memorial  
Community Centre from Dec 7 till Dec 14 2012

Entry forms with conditions of entry will be available from  
MMCC as of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012.

Midlands Initiatives for Local Enterprise Inc  
Midlands Memorial Community Centre  
68 High Street, Oatlands TAS 7120  
P: 03 6254 1300 F: 03 6254 1333  
admin@mile.org.au



**COAL RIVER NEIGH-  
BOURHOOD WATCH  
HELPING TO MAKE  
THE COAL VALLEY  
SAFER**

The next meeting of the Coal Valley Neighbourhood Watch will be held at Anton's Pizza Restaurant, 42 Bridge St Richmond on 15 November at 7.00pm.

*All are welcome. Call Frances 6260 4453 if you would like a lift to the meeting or for further details.*

Come and have your say about issues such as safety, vandalism or theft that affect us. Southern Midlands Council and Tas Police representatives are usually in attendance to provide immediate feedback on these and any other issues of importance to you.

All residents of the greater Coal River  
Valley area are welcome.

Chris Adams, Co-ordinator  
0408 335585

## Man's Best Friend – *not necessarily your neighbour's best friend*



Many dogs throughout the Southern Midlands continue to cause varying degrees of tension in our villages. The Southern Midlands Council is committed to encouraging the responsible ownership of dogs. To achieve this Council is required under legislation to enforce its responsibilities set out in the Dog Control Act 2000 as well as the Dog Control Amendment Act 2009 and abide by its commitments set out in its own Dog Management Policy 2011.

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

Within its Dog Management Policy 2011, Council has a *Code of Responsible Dog Ownership*, with the objective of aligning the responsibilities of dog ownership with acceptable Community expectations, designed to encourage a compatible relationship between dog owners and non-dog owners.

The Code states that it is the responsibility of every dog owner whilst in the municipal area of Southern Midlands to:

- \* Ensure that the dog is registered and that registration is maintained, as well as ensuring that the dog is micro chipped in accordance with the Dog Control Act 2000;
- \* Ensure that the dog is kept under effective control at all times and not allowing a dog to be at large;
- \* Ensuring that the dog is collared and on a lead in public places and that it is properly restrained when in or on a vehicle;
- \* Ensure that the dog does not cause a nuisance to any other person, whether by persistent or loud barking, howling or by any other means;
- \* Ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, intimidate, or otherwise cause distress to any Person.

*An owner is responsible for the actions of a dog;*

- \* Ensure that the dog does not damage or endanger any property belonging to any other persons;
- \* Ensure that dogs are not allowed to roam unsupervised;
- \* Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any livestock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife;
- \* Ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter;
- \* Ensure that the welfare of the dog is protected as required by the Animal Welfare Act 1993;
- \* Ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise; and
- \* Clean up after the dog should it defecate in a public place and dispose of waste in a responsible way.

An owner can be held liable for the actions of a dog and can be fined or penalised for dog control offences. Owners can also be liable to pay compensation for injury or damage caused by a dog in their charge. An owner's failure to properly control a dog may in some circumstances result in the dog being destroyed.

It is a minority group of irresponsible dog owners that make it necessary to have legislation in place to govern the keeping of dogs in our Community. Council is committed to maintaining Community standards by means of positive education, open discussion between parties, mediation, and wherever possible to work through acceptable solutions, even though this may take some time. However, at times it is necessary to instigate legal proceedings to change some people's attitudes and unacceptable behaviour. Council is equally committed to "Education by Prosecution" if required. On its web site Council has information in respect of animal management and the Community are invited to visit the site [www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/animal-management/](http://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/animal-management/).

It must also be said that Council recognises the significant contribution that responsible dog owners (whether village, rural or working dogs) can make within society. For further information in relation to this article please contact Councils Animal Control Officer Tues or Thurs on 62593011.



### Council Meetings 2012

Date	Venue
Wednesday 28 Nov 2012	Kempton Council Chambers
Wednesday 12 Dec 2012	Oatlands Council Chambers - AGM—5.00 pm
Ordinary meeting commencing at 10.00 a.m. with Public Consultation 12.30 p.m.	



### Heritage Highway Visitor Centre & Callington Mill

1 Mill Lane, Oatlands Tas 7120  
 Phone: 03 6254 1212 Fax: 03 6254 1467  
 Email: [tourism@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:tourism@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

**Opened 9am to 5pm Daily**  
 (Closed Xmas Day & Good Friday)

Our team are on hand to assist you with local and state-wide travel information, maps, local accommodation bookings, tours through the fascinating Callington Mill, and the surrounding historic buildings plus general enquiries.

Located within the Visitor Centre is our gift shop and Mill keepers Café.

The gift shop offers a wide range of gifts, crafts and of course, our popular unique Callington Mill stoneground local and organic flours.

After a tour of the Mill, indulge yourself with delicious snacks made with the Callington Mill Flour accompanied by a hot or cold drinks.

## How to contact us!

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 Monday-Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm

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### Tourism & Recreation Facilities

Heritage Highway Visitor Centre  
 Callington Mill,  
 1 Mill Lane, Oatlands 03 6254 1212

Oatlands Swimming Pool,  
 Campbell Street, Oatlands 03 6254 5024

Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary  
 350 Chauncy Vale Road, Bagdad 03 6268 6365

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## HOUSEHOLD WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS OPERATING HOURS Southern Midlands Council

OATLANDS Tunnack Main Road	DYSART Huntingdon Tier Road	CAMPANIA Brown Mountain Road
<b>Tuesday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b> 11.00 am to 3.00 pm		<b>Thursday</b> 1.00pm to 5.00 pm
<b>Saturday</b> 8.00 am to 12 noon	<b>Saturday</b> 12 noon to 5.00 pm	<b>Saturday</b> 8.00 am to 12 noon
<b>Sunday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm	<b>Sunday</b> 10.00 am to 5.00 pm	<b>Sunday</b> 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm
<b>Closed</b> Mon, Wed & Thurs	<b>Closed</b> Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday	<b>Closed</b> Mon, Wed & Friday