

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2012 AT THE BAGDAD
COMMUNITY CLUB, BAGDAD COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M.**

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- Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy – Work Table - 17 April 2012. (A3 summary table of the overall review.) – Item 13.5.1
- Local Government Board Paper – Proposed Framework for the Assessment of Councillor Numbers – Item 17.2.1

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

1. PRAYERS

Mrs Christine Knight conducted Prayers.

2. ATTENDANCE

Mayor A E Bisdee OAM, Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, Clr A R Bantick, Clr C J Beven, Clr B Campbell, Clr M Connors, Clr D F Fish, Clr A O Green and Clr J L Jones OAM.

In Attendance: Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr A Benson (Manager – Community and Corporate Development), Mr D Mackey (Manager Strategic Projects) and Mrs K Brazendale (Executive Assistant).

3. APOLOGIES

Nil.

4. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. MINUTES

5.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on the 28th March 2012, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

C/12/04/005/10896 DECISION

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on the 28th March 2012, as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

5.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Nil.

5.3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MINUTES

5.3.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

The Minutes of the following Special Committee of Council, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- **Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee – meeting held 17th April 2012**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the above Special Committee of Council be received.

C/12/04/006/10897 DECISION

Moved by Clr D F Fish, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the minutes of the above Special Committee of Council be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

5.3.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

The recommendations contained within the minutes of the following Special Committee of Council are submitted for endorsement.

- **Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee – meeting held 17th April 2012**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the recommendations contained within the minutes of the above Special Committee of Council be endorsed.

C/12/04/007/10898 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the recommendations contained within the minutes of the above Special Committee of Council be endorsed.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

5.4 JOINT AUTHORITIES (ESTABLISHED UNDER DIVISION 4 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

5.4.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

The Minutes of the following Joint Authority Meetings, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- **Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – Nil**
- **Southern Waste Strategy Authority - Nil**

Note: Issues which require further consideration and decision by Council will be included as a separate Agenda Item, noting that Council's representative on the Joint Authority may provide additional comment in relation to any issue, or respond to any question.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the above Joint Authority meetings be received.

DECISION

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

5.4.2 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Reports (Annual and Quarterly)

Section 36A of the Local Government Act 1993 provides the following;

36A. Annual reports of authorities

(1) A single authority or joint authority must submit an annual report to the single authority council or participating councils.

(2) The annual report of a single authority or joint authority is to include –

(a) a statement of its activities during the preceding financial year; and

(b) a statement of its performance in relation to the goals and objectives set for the preceding financial year; and

(c) the financial statements for the preceding financial year; and

(d) a copy of the audit opinion for the preceding financial year; and

(e) any other information it considers appropriate or necessary to inform the single authority council or participating councils of its performance and progress during the financial year.

Section 36B of the Local Government Act 1993 provides the following;

36B. Quarterly reports of authorities

(1) A single authority or joint authority must submit to the single authority council or participating councils a report as soon as practicable after the end of March, June, September and December in each year.

(2) The quarterly report of the single authority or joint authority is to include –

(a) a statement of its general performance; and

(b) a statement of its financial performance.

Reports prepared by the following Joint Authorities, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- **Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – Nil**
- **Southern Waste Strategy Authority – Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports received from the Joint Authorities be received.

DECISION

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

It is reported that no Council workshops have been held since the last ordinary meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/12/04/010/10899 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

C/12/04/010/10900 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM

THAT Item 15.7.1 Midlands Recreation and Aquatic Centre be bought forward onto the agenda to enable Mr R Bzowy to present the revised Concept Plan.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

Council Address:

10.06 a.m. - Mr Rick Bzowy (Consultant Architect) briefed Council in relation to the revised concept plan for the Midlands Recreation and Aquatic Centre, prepared in consultation with the community based Swimming Pool Committee.

Mayor A E Bisdee OAM left the meeting at 10.15 a.m. to attend an Anzac Service at Campania District High School.

Mr D Cundall (Planning Officer) attended the meeting at 10.39 a.m.

The presentation concluded at 10.41 a.m.

15.7.1 Midlands Recreation & Aquatic Centre (Revised Concept Plan)

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER
DATE 18th APRIL 2012

ISSUE

Presentation of revised concept Plan for the Midlands Recreation & Aquatic Centre – submitted for Council review and endorsement.

BACKGROUND

Councillors will recall the initial design and plans prepared by East Design for the construction of the Midlands Recreation & Aquatic Centre. The design was fairly ambitious and a quantity surveyor estimated the total construction cost would be in the vicinity of \$6.5 million dollars.

Whilst there was general support for the overall design, it was acknowledged that there was a need to review the plans with the intention of reducing the capital construction cost.

DETAIL

Mr Rick Bzowy, being a recognised architect that has had considerable experience in the development and planning of recreation and aquatic centres, was subsequently engaged with the following brief:

- Create an alternative design concept footprint for an Aquatic and Recreation Centre aiming for say a \$4.0 m Budget (design concept limited to a site plan and floor plan only at this stage);
- Conceptual plans to be measured and a cost estimate calculated using the rates in the existing cost estimate.

In recent weeks, Mr Bzowy has been working in conjunction with the Pool Committee* to review the plans and prepare a revised design concept. This process also involved gaining an understanding of the community's needs and expectations (through the Committee members) and identifying the key infrastructure necessary to ensure optimum use.

Note: Committee Membership: Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM (Chair), Mrs J Isles, Mrs M Foster, Mr R Gardner, Mrs L Coppleman and Mrs K Dudgeon.

Mr Bzowy also prepared briefing notes following a review of the KPMG Business Plan prepared in 2010. No arrangements have been made with KPMG to update the Business Plan at this stage, however this will be a required step in the process.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The revised total capital cost (utilising the unit rates set by the original Quantity Surveyor) has been estimated at \$4.50 million, noting that there is a large sum for inflation and contingencies included.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Involvement of the Pool Committee has enabled considerable input into the development of the revised concept plans. Council will need to determine at what stage (and through what process) the plan is presented to the broader community.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Following review and endorsement by Council, it is intended to convene a meeting with the Minister for Sport and Recreation, including representatives from the Department of Sport & Recreation. This is consistent with the outcome of the discussions with the State Government Cabinet in January 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the revised concept plans for the Midlands Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

C/12/04/013/10901 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT:

- a) Council endorse the revised concept plans for the Midlands Recreation and Aquatic Centre; and
- b) It be noted that further discussion would be held ‘In Committee’ in regard to the property issues.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

Client: SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
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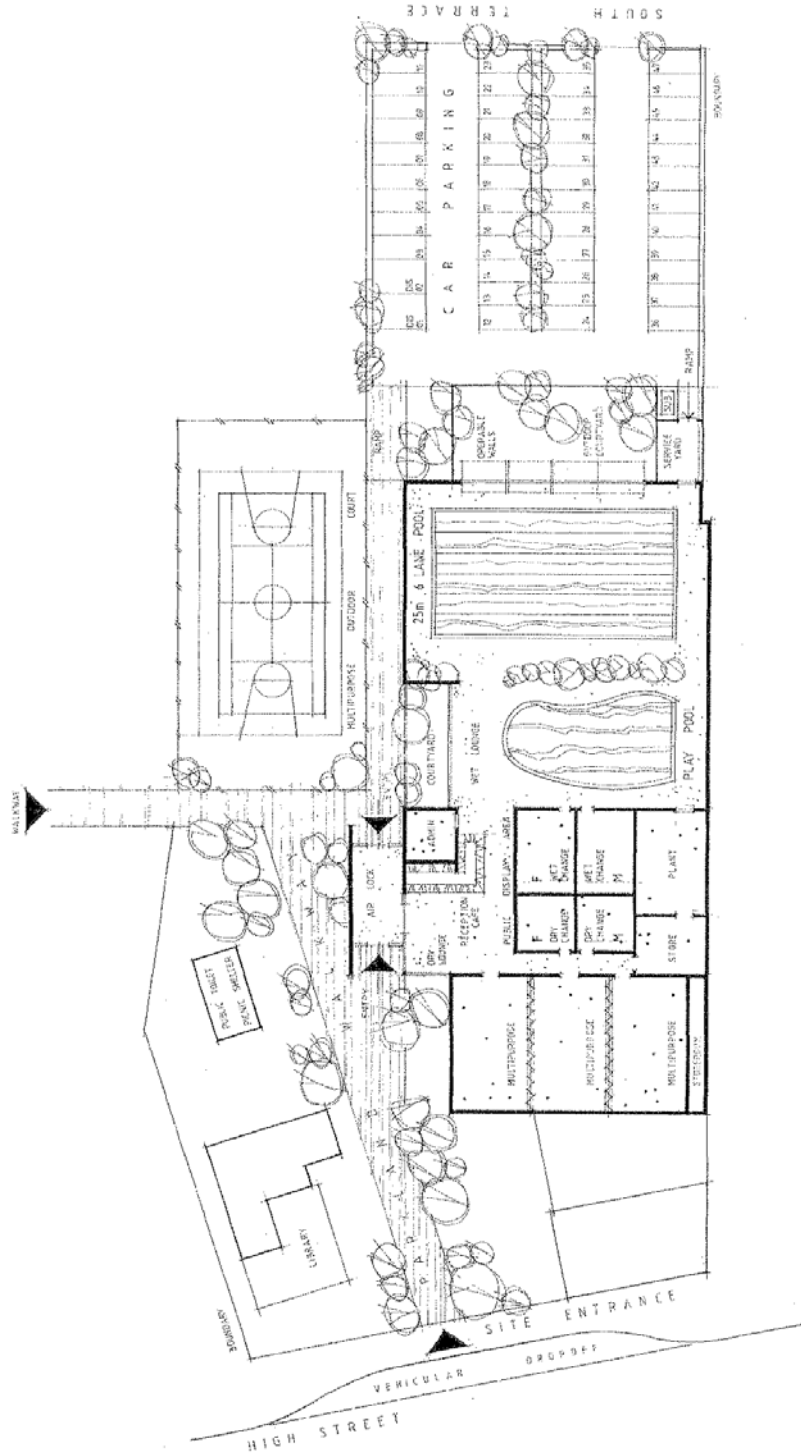
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CONCEPT PLAN



*SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
MIDLANDS AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE*

March 2012

UPDATED COST ESTIMATE

Introduction

In March 2009 the Southern Midlands Council commissioned a design for the Midlands Aquatic and Recreation Centre in High Street Oatlands. Prepared by Design East, the design was subsequently amended in 2010, and the cost estimate updated to a Total Development Cost of \$ 6.798 Million in January 2010.

That update appeared to involve a broad based additional cost in added floor area. There is a cautionary note in the accuracy of updated estimates being a continuation of previously assumed figures for a specific design solution to which Cost Inflation has been added.

The alternative conceptual design commissioned of Bzowy Architecture has consolidated the key components into what Council sees as a more realistic and achievable budget target and a more compact design proposal that Council believes is more likely to garner support from State Funding Authorities.

The general design intent has been to create amore cost effective approach to the overall footprint whilst creating additional programmable area. The strategic intention has been to reduce the capital cost, and improve the feasibility of the Centre by increasing programming opportunities in sport, recreation, education, leisure and social and community activity.

This most recent proposal has been assessed in the context of the original WT Partership rates and figures.

However, it must be stressed that this is only a broad indicative conceptual estimate; the Bzowy Architecture design is a conceptual floor plan only. There is no accompanying detail in elevations and sections, there is no architectural analysis in form, material and construction techniques, nor has there been any associated review of the siteworks and all integrated engineering services of this alternative direction.

It is therefore essential to appreciate that this indicative cost estimate simply suggests that given a conservative approach to the architectural envelope, and a prudent approach to construction techniques and finishes, an aquatic recreation facility of this order of magnitude could be achievable in the order of the \$4.5M construction cost.

This cost excludes all professional fees and charges.

RECOMMENDATION

The Capital Cost Estimate of \$4.5m suggests this target sum may be used as an aspirational target for funding. However it is highly likely that the final form of building adopted may yet require much more critical analysis, review and further consolidation of the project brief, and an assessment of the impact on programming requirements and resultant feasibility.

This necessarily cyclic process is likely to be repeated on numerous occasions before the final facility footprint and exact project budgets are adopted and implemented.

COST ESTIMATE

Trade	Cost
Substructure	505,000
Columns	25,000
Roof	345,000
External Walls and Windows	120,000
External Doors	25,000
Internal Walls	65,000
Internal Screens	30,000
Internal Doors	20,000
Wall Finishes	60,000
Floor Finishes	170,000
Ceiling Finishes	190,000
Fitments	80,000
Special Equipment	280,000
Sanitary Fixtures	40,000
Sanitary Plumbing	35,000
Water Services	40,000
Engineering Services	420,000
Special Services	15,000
Siteworks	480,000
Preliminaries	420,000
Inflation Update	880,000
Contingency	255,000
Estimated Cost	4,500,000

**UPDATED BUSINESS PLAN
BRIEFING NOTES**

Introduction

In 2010 the Southern Midlands Council commissioned a design for the Midlands Aquatic and Recreation Centre in High Street Oatlands.

Prepared by Design East, the design was subsequently costed by WT Partnership at a Total Development Cost of \$ 6.798 Million in January 2010.

An alternative design has since been commissioned of Bzowy Architecture in order to consolidate the key components with what Council sees as a more realistic and achievable budget target, and a more compact design proposal that Council believes is more likely to garner support from State Funding Authorities.

Objective of the Revised Business Plan

To that end, in order to present a unified Submission, the new design and the updated capital cost demand a revised business plan be modeled.

Since it's completion in 2010, the KPMG Business Plan has been widely circulated and debated. The following observations are seen as critical to the remodeling of the business plan.

They are scheduled below as Briefing Notes intended to form the basis of a KPMG Update of this Business Plan.

Reference

For ease of reference, these briefing notes are made in the context of the original Business Plan.

1 Executive Summary

Updated Capital Cost

Gross Area
Updated Gross Area

Demand
See comments on user numbers, programming options and usage patterns.

Operating Model
Council to appoint Management Body and will keep full control of all components. It is noted for example, that food and beverage revenue are integral to the viability of the Centre. It is considered that a body for example, such as the YMCA or the PCYC will be approached to Tender for the Management of the Centre in due course.

Closure of Existing Centre
The separate benefits of the expansion of the archaeological works at the existing pool site must be described as a key benefit to the overall development strategy in the Township of Oatlands.

Discuss with Council as to whether a cost benefit of the relinquishment of this land to alternative purposes should have a cash benefit assigned.

Principal Comment

The general discussion amongst local sport, community and social groups is that the facility has a significant role to play not only in providing sport and recreation opportunities, not only as a provider of educational programs, but also as a social facility; a hub for the interaction of the community.

The updated assessment of the viability of this Centre must take heed of this capacity as vital to the viability of the Centre.

2 Business Details

Amend Centre Structure to reflect appointment of independent Management Body.

All physical facilities will be centrally managed and no specialist providers will be contracted external to this structure.

3.2 Overview of the Centre

Key Elements of the Amended Layout

- A six lane 25m Pool
- A dedicated leisure and social pool
- Reception and Administration
- Café with both wet and dry lounge
- 3 x 120m² Multipurpose dry activity areas
 - Initially set up as a 120m² gym
 - 2 x activity rooms separated by an acoustic operable wall able to be programmed together or separately. The flexibility of this area to accommodate a diverse range of community, sport, recreation and social activity is seen as critical in the assessment of viability.

Programming options must be analysed by activity options, age and gender. For example; yoga for elderly, dancing, social workshops for men and women, and so on.

3.2.1 Layout

Refer revised architectural plan.

The revised areas must be used as basis for the re-analysis of the viability of the programs and visitor numbers. Of particular note is the updated approach to dry activity areas, and the increased area provided for Leisure water activity, a multipurpose water area that will provide shallow water for therapy, learn to swim and a social context for program such as 'parent and child' and so on.

The hydrotherapy facility has been removed; the capital cost not justified in the context of both the likely available budget and the minimal cost benefit to the operation of the overall centre.

In particular the necessity to provide dedicated plant and equipment, a separate zone and fully trained medical staff.

The central thesis proposition of the revised design is to provide the maximum amount of flexibility with ALL of the dry and wet activity areas in order to maximise their program and non program capabilities, and thus their viability.

3.2.2 Operational Model

In a facility such as this, it is demonstrably true that the aquatic component largely requires subsidy. It is likely that the remaining dry and retail components are in themselves viable. It is therefore essential to the maximized viability of this Centre that the viable components such as the dry activity area programs and food and beverage are retained in house.

4.1.1 Current Size

Include reference to all towns and localities within Southern Midlands Council area (to demonstrate wide ranging area) – not necessarily population figures

4.1.2 Growth Potential

It must be noted that "swimming" is but one activity available in an aquatic facility. This updated business plan must expand it's assessment of water based activities in sport, recreational, educational and social use, the diversity of which is far greater than the simple notion of swimming.

Additional Benefits

Discuss the impact on local and regional opportunities in community employment and training.

4.1.4 Customer Segments

The issue of local community must include an analysis of the social usage of the Centre, as well as a dedicated analysis of what should be a significant market usage pattern: that of recreation.

Not all activities are formal and structured, arranged through the programming capabilities of the management team. A significant attractor to a Centre such as this is it's ability of offer non structured recreational opportunities.

Health and Well Being

Whilst the hydrotherapy pool has been deleted for operational and capital cost reasons, the available wet and dry activity areas can still host a vastly diverse range of preventive, therapeutic and educational activities and programs in health care without the necessity to engage in specialised medically trained staff.

More reference needs to be made to the numerous local sports codes and their hierarchy of teams in all competitions and ages. For example, reference to all Football Clubs (i.e. Central Hawks Football Seniors; Woodsdale Football Club – Seniors, Campania Football Club – Seniors.

The diversity of program opportunities here is enormous in training, pre season work, recovery training and so on. Although some are identified as stakeholders, there is no integrated analysis of their contribution to viability.

Increased focus on 'youth' – the Bridgewater PCYC currently use Pool (but only limited times due to seasonal opening)

Visitors: review the number of visitors with updated data from Council.

Recognise the 'aged' as a customer segment

5.2 Attendance Projections

Update in the context of all the above expansion in activities programs and user segments.

5.3 Pricing Plan

Update to 2012 with 3 year forecast to 2015

6 Management and Organisation

Update to suit amended Management Model.

General Comments:

- facility will provide ongoing employment opportunities
- review attendance projections in light of the above, including critical review of financials
- take into account 'multiplier effect' in terms of interest in the Centre
- Employment opportunities provided

The meeting was suspended for a short break at 10.44 a.m. and resumed at 10.55 a.m.

7. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide at an ordinary meeting to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if the general manager has reported –

- (a) the reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- (b) that the matter is urgent; and
- (c) that advice has been provided under section 65 of the Act.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

The General Manager reported that the following items need to be included on the Agenda. The matters are urgent, and the necessary advice is provided (if applicable):-

- In-Committee (Item 21.2) – Midlands Aquatic and Recreation Centre

C/12/04/021/10902 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with the above listed supplementary item not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

8. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the Agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of a pecuniary interest they may have in respect to any matter on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

The following Pecuniary Interests were declared:

Clr J L Jones OAM – Item 17.3.2 - Rural Alive & Well Inc. - Request for Rate Remission

Clr A R Bantick - Item 21.2 'In-Committee' - Midlands Aquatic and Recreation Centre

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (SCHEDULED FOR 12.30 PM)

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

In particular, Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005* states:

- (1) *Members of the public may give written notice to the General Manager 7 days before an ordinary meeting of Council of a question to be asked at the meeting.*
- (2) *The chairperson may –*
 - (a) *address questions on notice submitted by members of the public;*
 - and*
 - (b) *invite any member of the public present at an ordinary meeting to ask questions relating to the activities of the Council.*
- (3) *The chairperson at an ordinary meeting of a council must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes of that meeting is made available for questions by members of the public.*
- (4) *A question by any member of the public under this regulation and an answer to that question are not to be debated.*
- (5) *The chairperson may –*
 - (a) *refuse to accept a question; or*
 - (b) *require a question to be put on notice and in writing to be answered at a later meeting.*
- (6) *If the chairperson refuses to accept a question, the chairperson is to give reasons for doing so.*

Councillors are advised that, at the time of issuing the Agenda, Questions on Notice had been received from the following:

- 1. D & H Griggs – Property Owner at Rhyndaston – refer letter dated 15th April 2012 – attached.**

General Manager’s Comments:

Three separate issues are raised in the correspondence:

- a) 2012/13 Rates and Charges – request to limit rate increase. Self explanatory and subject to Council decision as part of developing the 2012/13 Budget and associated Rates and Charges.

For information, the rate percentage increases quoted in the correspondence is a result of the minimum level of Rates and Charges being imposed on the Griggs property. (i.e. the minimum General Rate was increased from \$220.00 in 2009/10; \$250 in 2010/11 and \$275 in 2011/12. At the same time, the standard vacant allotment charge for Waste Management increased by \$1.00 over the same period; and the minimum Fire Service Levy has increased by \$1.00 per annum (\$34.00 in 2011/12).

- b) Rhyndaston Road – Dangerous section of road (steep embankment) – Council is ware of this location and it is to be considered as part of the 2012/13 Capital Works Program.
- c) Rhyndaston Road – Bitumen Repairs – Manager – Works & Technical Services has advised that whilst repairs are undertaken on an annual basis, they are not necessarily in the same location. Having said that, there are some isolated areas which continue to fail, which is due to the existence of sub-surface drains and associated sub-base failure. Unplanned heavy traffic, associated with train derailment, did impact on the integrity of the road.

C/12/04/024/10903 DECISION

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
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√	Clr A R Bantick	
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√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

No questions were raised by members of the public.

9.1 PERMISSION TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Permission has been granted for the following person(s) to address Council:

- 10.00 a.m. – Mr Rick Bzowy will attend the meeting to discuss Item 15.7.1.
- 11.30 a.m. – Graham Green, in his capacity as both STCA Joint Project Manager and Council's NRM/GIS officer, will attend the meeting to present the draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan (Note: This is an information session with the intention of presenting the Plan for formal endorsement at the May 2012 Council Meeting).
- 12.15 p.m. – Manager – Heritage Projects Brad Williams will give a presentation to the meeting entitled *Local Government Managing Historical Archaeology - The Southern Midlands Council Experience*, which was presented to the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology in Dunedin NZ last November

10. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005

10.1 MIDLANDS HIGHWAY

Clr A O Green has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

THAT:

- a) the Southern Midlands Council convey to the State and Federal Governments its dismay at the continuing carnage on the Midland Highway;
- b) the Southern Midlands Council confirm that it holds the safety of its residents paramount; and
- c) the Southern Midlands Council acknowledge the constant fear residents of Bagdad and Mangalore continue to live under due to the unsafe entry and exit conditions on the Midland Highway; and
- d) in accordance with local residents wishes', the Southern Midlands Council initiate discussions with the State Government with a view to reducing the speed limit on the Midland Highway between Pontville and Dysart to reduce the risk of death or injury to local residents.

C/12/04/026/10904 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr A R Bantick

THAT:

- a) the Southern Midlands Council convey to the State and Federal Governments its dismay at the continuing carnage on the Midland Highway;
- b) the Southern Midlands Council confirm that it holds the safety of its residents paramount;
- c) the Southern Midlands Council acknowledge the constant fear residents of Bagdad and Mangalore continue to live under due to the unsafe entry and exit conditions on the Midland Highway; and
- d) in accordance with local residents wishes', the Southern Midlands Council initiate discussions with the State Government with a view to reducing the speed limit on the Midland Highway between Pontville and Dysart to reduce the risk of death or injury to local residents.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
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√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

11. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 AND COUNCIL'S STATUTORY LAND USE PLANNING SCHEME

Session of Council sitting as a Planning Authority pursuant to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and Council's statutory land use planning schemes.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Nil.

11.2 SUBDIVISIONS

Nil.

11.3 MUNICIPAL SEAL (PLANNING AUTHORITY)

11.3.1 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION:- MUNICIPAL SEAL APPLIED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SUBDIVISION FINAL PLANS & RELATED DOCUMENTS

File Ref: (Refer PID numbers in table below)

Nil Report.

12. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

12.1 ROADS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 13

- 1.1.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of roads in the municipal area.

Nil.

12.2 BRIDGES

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

- 1.2.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of bridges in the municipality.

Nil.

12.3 WALKWAYS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

- 1.3.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of walkways and pedestrian areas.

Nil.

12.4 LIGHTING

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

- 1.4.1 Improve lighting for pedestrians.

Nil.

12.5 SEWERS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

- 1.5.1 Increase the number of properties that have access to reticulated sewerage services.
- 1.5.2 Ensure that sewerage treatment that meets the required environmental performance standards.

Nil.

12.6 WATER

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

- 1.6.1 Increase the number of properties that have access to reticulated water.
- 1.6.2 Continue to provide domestic drinking water that meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Nil.

12.7 IRRIGATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

- 1.7.1 Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.

Nil.

12.8 DRAINAGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

- 1.8.1 Maintenance and improvement of the town storm-water drainage systems.

Nil.

12.9 WASTE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16

- 1.9.1 Maintenance and improvement of the provision of waste management services to the Community.

Nil.

12.10 INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16

- 1.10.1 Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

12.11 SIGNAGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 16

- 1.11.1 Signage that is distinctive, informative, easy to see and easy to understand.

Nil.

12.12 PUBLIC AMENITIES

Strategic Plan Reference – Page

- 1.12.1 Develop a policy framework along with design guidelines for public amenities

Nil.

C/12/04/030/10905 DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT Item 12.13 be deferred pending the arrival of Mr J Lyall (Manager - Works & Technical Services)

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

13.1 RESIDENTIAL

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 17

2.1.1 Increase the resident, rate-paying population in the municipality.

Nil.

13.2 TOURISM

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 17

2.2.1 Increase the number of tourists visiting and spending money in the municipality.

13.2.1 Destination Southern Tasmania Board – Invitation to Nominate Director

File Ref:

ATTACHMENT: Destination Southern Tasmania Limited - Letter dated 16th April 2012

ENCLOSURE: Nil

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER

DATE 19th APRIL 2012

ISSUE

Council to consider nominating a person(s) for appointment to the Destination Southern Tasmania Board.

BACKGROUND

Councillors will recall the presentation made to the Council Meeting held 29th February 2012 by Mr Vincent Barron, accompanied by two other representatives. The purpose of that presentation was to detail the proposed structure for ‘tourism strategy and associated activities’ in Southern Tasmania.

Clr Alex Green may wish to provide further comment in respect to this matter recognising his role as Chair of the Heritage Highway Tourism Region Association and its involvement in the broader tourism portfolio.

DETAIL

Refer attached letter dated 19th April 2012 which is self explanatory.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Nil.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – To be considered.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Nominations are to be submitted by 13th June 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider nominating a person(s) for appointment to the Destination Southern Tasmania Board.

C/12/04/032/10906 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

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16th April 2012

Mr Tim Kirkwood
General Manager
Southern Midlands Council
PO Box 21
Oatlands TAS 7120

Dear Mr Kirkwood

Re: Destination Southern Tasmania Limited

Further to the update on the establishment of a new Regional Tourism Organisation provided on 29th February 2012, I am pleased to advise that Destination Southern Tasmania Limited has now been registered to assume that role.

The organisation is a Company Limited by Guarantee and will have membership drawn from industry operators, southern Councils and a non voting representation from Tourism Tasmania.

The thirteen Founding Members who are the current Directors, include two Council representatives, Gary Randall (Hobart) and Kate McCarthy (Tasman) and two Local Tourism Association representatives, Frank Pearce (Rivers Run) and Michael Higgins (Huon Valley Kingborough).

Within three months of its establishment, the Company is required to hold a Special General Meeting at which the formal eleven member Board will be elected and or appointed.

The Constitution provides for five Directors to be elected by the members; two to be appointed by the Board from nominees sought from Southern Councils; two to be appointed by the Board from nominees sought from the major Local Tourism Associations in southern Tasmania; one to be appointed by the Board, having the skills to be elected as chairman; and, a non voting Associate Director from Tourism Tasmania.

To facilitate this process we are writing to all Southern Councils and the STCA, seeking their joint selection of two nominees from Councils for appointment to the DST Board.

We are available to discuss this request, but would appreciate Councils defining the process to make these nominations. The retiring Directors are of course eligible for appointment.

We would appreciate receiving the nominations by 13th June 2012.

The Articles provide that in electing a person to be an Elected Director of the Company the members should seek to elect, and in appointing a person to be an appointed Director of the Company the members should seek to appoint, persons who have one or more of the following attributes:

- High-level skills and extensive experience in commerce, accounting, finance or the law, or in a combination of one or more of these fields of expertise and preferably coupled with experience in or exposure to the tourism industry
- Skills and experience in marketing-related businesses
- Skills and experience in a travel, tourism or convention-related businesses
- Skills and experience to enable DST to meet its objectives
- Skills and experience in Local Government.

In the interim period the current Board will appoint a CEO. We also envisage the appointment of two staff in the medium term. During this period the organisation will also be seeking a commitment from industry operators and all Councils to become members effective from 1st July 2012.

I trust this provides sufficient background and we look forward to the involvement of STCA and your Council members in the governance of DST. We also look forward to working in partnership with STCA and Councils to increase the benefits of visitation to the whole region.

Yours sincerely



Vincent Barron
Chairman
Destination Southern Tasmania

13.3 BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 18

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| 2.3.1a | Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands. |
| 2.3.1b | Increase employment within the municipality. |

Nil.

13.4 INDUSTRY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 19

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| 2.4.1 | Retain and enhance the development of the rural sector as a key economic driver in the Southern Midlands. |
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Nil.

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager) left the meeting at 11.16 a.m. and returned 11.19 a.m.

13.5 INTEGRATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 19

2.5.1 The integrated development of towns and villages in the Southern Midlands.

13.5.1 REVIEW OF THE OATLANDS INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2008

File Ref:

AUTHOR MANAGER STRATEGIC PROJECTS (D MACKEY)
DATE 16TH APRIL 2012

ATTACHMENT 1. Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy – Summary of Key Outcomes and Actions – 17 April 2012.

ENCLOSURE 1. Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy – Work Table - 17 April 2012. (A3 summary table of the overall review.).

ISSUE

Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy, October 2008.

BACKGROUND

In late 2011 Council resolved to review the actions and initiatives recommended within the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy 2008.

A working group was established consisting of senior Council officers and three elected members; Cr Green (chair), Cr Campbell and Cr Bantick.

DISCUSSION

From December 2011 to February 2012 the working group met three times to work through the review process.

Attached is the document *Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy – Summary of Key Outcomes and Actions, 22 March 2012.*

This document is now recommended to full Council for consideration and discussion, and for confirmation of the key outcomes and actions.

For a more detailed level of information, Councillors are directed to the enclosed document *Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy – Work Table - 22 March 2012*. This provides a comprehensive review of all parts of the OIDS and constitutes a full record of the considerations of the working group.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- A. Endorse, in principle, the key outcomes and actions contained with the document “*Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy – Summary of Key Outcomes and Actions, 22 March 2012*”,
- B. Direct Council officers to progress the key actions on an issue-by-issue basis, through further officer reports to Council as necessary.

C/12/04/037/10907 DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr M Connors

THAT Council:

- A. Endorse, in principle, the key outcomes and actions contained with the document “*Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy – Summary of Key Outcomes and Actions, 22 March 2012*”,
- B. Direct Council officers to progress the key actions on an issue-by-issue basis, through further officer reports to Council as necessary.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

Review of the Oatlands Integrated Development Strategy 2008 – Summary of Key Outcomes & Actions – 17th April 12

ACTION	PRIORITY	KEY ORGANISATIONS (COUNCIL OFFICERS)
<p>Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the learning experiences from the successful “Imagine Campania” process and its possible translation to Oatlands. • Support the ODHS re: being the primary community group for an “Imagine Campania” type of initiative in Oatlands. • As with Campania, include activities and programs for different youth group ages. 	<p>Now</p>	<p>ODHS</p> <p>(AB / GH)</p>
<p>Disabled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support proposed Group Home for people with disabilities in Oatlands. • Support the MMPHC / CAC and the ODHA in pursuing this initiative. 	<p>Now</p>	<p>MMPHC/CAC</p> <p>ODHA</p> <p>(TK / AB)</p>
<p>Marketing, Economic Activity, Business Skills - Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council continue to strongly support the Heritage Highway Regional Tourism Association. • Council to continue the marketing and promotion of Callington Mill as the key attractor to the town, and the region. 	<p>As and when opportunities arise or approaches</p>	<p>Council</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to remain open to considering requests from community organisations to provide assistance to help facilitate new events. • Council to encourage the private sector to provide more visitor accommodation. • Council to continue to inform business of training and skills opportunities. • Council to investigate running a “Main Street” program. 	<p>made to</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>(TK / AB / SR / DM)</p>
<p>Marketing, Economic Activity, Business Skills and an Oatlands Business & Tourism Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a broadly representative and appropriately structured Oatlands Business and Tourism Association, (OBTA). Liaise with the OBTA with a view to reaching agreement on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The OBTA using and developing the Oatlands web domain name (oatlands.com.au) for marketing and promoting the town. (Council to allow use of the domain name free of charge.) ○ Transferring the role of the Oatlands Marketing Committee to the OBTA. ○ Joint marketing initiatives between Council and the OBTA. ○ Council assisting the OBTA to find information to enable it to organise skills training courses for its members, should it wish to do so. 	<p>As and when an OBTA presents to Council ready, willing and able to commence discussions.</p>	<p>An OBTA</p> <p>(TK / AB)</p>

<p>The Proposed Midlands Aquatic Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool committee to continue to work with consultant to review overall aquatic centre concept with a view to creating a more cost effective concept, then redraft plans and derive new cost estimates. • Include community consultation in the development of the concept. • Once the new concept is confirmed, the proposal is to be progressed through a development application process so that there is certainty. This will strengthen any subsequent grant application. • Council to continue to lobby higher levels of government for funding. • Ensure Council is ready for a possible RDA grant program later in 2012. • Budget allocation for progressing the planning stages of the project. • Explore whether Council should purchase the 5-metre wide strip of land along the north boundary of the existing depot now. 	<p>Now</p>	<p>Council Pool Committee</p> <p>(TK / AB)</p>
<p>The Gaol Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek permission to use the thesis recently developed by an architecture student for the Gaol site as a starting point for developing the new Gaol vision. • Include community consultation in the development of the vision. • Develop both the Gaol site redevelopment project to ‘shovel-ready’ status, including seeking planning approval for the demolition of the pool and the archaeological excavation of the site. 	<p>Now</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>(TK / BW)</p>

<p>The Proposed New Depot Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit the master plan for the new depot site, which is now out of date. Conduct an officer-level workshop to scope out a re-design of the new depot site. • Include planning for an artefacts storage facility. 	<p>Now</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>(AB / JL / CW)</p>
<p>Development of an Oatlands Urban Design Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options to develop an Urban Design Framework for Oatlands, possibly through a university student thesis project; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revise the High Street streetscape plan – which is now 13 years old. The priority component of this - the undergrounding of power lines – is almost complete. It would be timely, therefore, to fully review the other components before further major works. ○ The Framework should deal with the whole town, not just High Street, and include consideration of formalising walking / riding paths on some Reserved Roads. ○ Include examination of the mooted town square and civic hub concepts. ○ Include an examination of possible site-specific design parameters for new development on key development sites within the town. ○ Include determination of which streets to be subject to soft 	<p>Now</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>(DM / BW)</p>

<p>infrastructure and which hard infrastructure, (e.g. grassy swales or concrete footpath, kerb, gutter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include establishment of standard engineering designs for the various street infrastructure treatments. ○ Consider additional street trees, particularly in streets off High Street. ○ Include consideration of public spaces, street furniture and passive recreation opportunities. ○ Include consideration of further pedestrian linkages, where necessary. ○ Include consideration of the precinct design work previously done as part of the Callington Mill project. ○ Include public consultation for all of the above. 		
<p>High Street Underground Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to work with Aurora to obtain design concepts and costings for Stage 5 of the High Street underground power project. 	<p>Now</p>	<p>Council Aurora (AB)</p>
<p>Stone Masonry Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to continue its active search for the establishment of a stone masonry works and a sandstone quarry in or near Oatlands. 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Council (BW / AB / DM)</p>

<p>Agriculture and a proposed Municipal Integrated Development Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to develop a Municipal Integrated Development Strategy, incorporating the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding, supporting and facilitating the potential significant increase in intensive agriculture expected to flow from the advent of the Midlands Water Scheme. ○ Understanding the likely demand and providing for new and/or expanded rural support industries that result from the above point, including the necessary arrangements for Oatlands. ○ Understanding and facilitating opportunities that may to arise for down-stream processing and service industries for agriculture, and other spin-off industries. ○ Renewing and reinvigorating Council’s long-held strategy for identifying and attracting industries that require sites with large attenuation distances and ready access to major transport routes, for which Southern Midlands’ rural districts are uniquely placed. This would include potentially identifying favourable areas / locations and providing for their protection in the new planning scheme. ○ Identifying opportunities for attracting new businesses and expanding existing businesses generally, by further exploring the region’s unique competitive advantages and building on existing initiatives. ○ Assessing the outcomes of the recently completed Tasmanian 	<p>Now</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>(DM)</p>
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<p>Historic Heritage Tourism Strategy (developed by Tourism Tasmania) to 'ground' its recommendations within Southern Midlands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewing population growth strategies for the municipality, in light of new information and new developments, such as the Brighton Bypass, the Brighton freight hub and the associated rapidly expanding industrial precinct, and the Midlands Irrigation Scheme. ○ Explore possible ways of facilitating accommodation for seasonal workers in rural areas, such as fruit pickers in the Coal River Valley. ○ Consider the scope and potential for a business incubator. 		
<p>Horse Training / Equestrian Facility at the Oatlands Racecourse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council to stand ready to facilitate the development of a management structure once the number of users increases to the point one is required. ● Council, in liaison with users, to develop a concept and overall site plan for improved horse training and equestrian facilities at the site ● Council to create an overlay within the new planning scheme similar to the 'horse racing overlay' at Brighton, providing for horse usage and associated development. ● The planning scheme overlay is to ensure any new dwellings in the vicinity of the racecourse are associated with horse training or other equestrian uses in order to avoid future land-use conflicts in the area. 	<p>As the need for a more structured management approach arises from increased number of users</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Horse trainers and other equestrian groups.</p> <p>(TK / AB / DM / DC)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Crown Land Services to recognise dedicated bridle tracks on key reserved roads in the vicinity, providing linkages to the racecourse. 		
<p>MILE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to acknowledge MILE as the lead community group in Oatlands and promote its growing role as the ‘umbrella organisation’ for other community groups and initiatives. 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Council MILE</p>

14 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

14.1 HERITAGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 20

3.1.1	Maintenance and restoration of significant heritage structures.
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3.1.2	Retain and enhance the heritage values of towns within the municipality.
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14.1.1 Heritage Project Officer's Report

File Ref: 3/097

AUTHOR MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS (B WILLIAMS)

DATE 18TH MARCH 2012

ISSUE

Southern Midlands Heritage Projects – report from Manager Heritage Projects

DETAIL

During the past month, Southern Midlands Council heritage projects have included:

- Interpretation fitout of the Oatlands Gaol is continuing. Gabion walls are completed.
- Council has provided in-kind support to the Jillett Crypt restoration (Oatlands Anglican Cemetery), and the restored monument was unveiled by Hon. Dick Adams MP on 16th April.
- Investigations are being undertaken at the Picton Road Station Site (between Kempton and Melton Mowbray) - working proactively with the property owner to achieve good heritage outcomes without disrupting farming activities.
- The Heritage Education and Skills Centre ran an archaeological survey course on April 14-15, with practical sessions involving a survey of the Lovely Banks Probation Station.
- Todd England (student at Flinders University) has been undertaking an internship with the heritage program, assisting with survey work. Jennifer Hull (student at Australian National University) has just commenced a two-month internship working on heritage collections management.

- SMC/Centre for Heritage are providing a venue and in-kind support for an upcoming Blue Shield Australia (heritage collections disaster recovery organisation) workshop (May 8).

Brad Williams will give a presentation to the meeting entitled *Local Government Managing Historical Archaeology - The Southern Midlands Council Experience*, which was presented to the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology in Dunedin NZ last November.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/12/04/047/10908 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
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14.2 NATURAL

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 20

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| 3.2.1 | Identify and protect areas that are of high conservation value |
| 3.2.2 | Encourage the adoption of best practice land care practices. |

14.2.1 Landcare Unit & Climate Change – General Report

File Ref: 03/082

AUTHORS NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER – M WEEDING

DATE 17TH APRIL 2012

ISSUE

Southern Midlands Landcare Unit & Climate Change Report.

DETAIL

- The NRM Staff have met twice to consider the Draft Biodiversity Offsets Guidelines document. This included a meeting with the nominated Councillors to discuss a number of issues. See separate report.
- The Southern Midlands Climate Change Adaptation Plan has been developed. An overview of the plan will be provided to Council at the meeting. It is intended that at the May Council meeting, Council will be provided with a full report seeking endorsement of the plan..
- Helen attended a Weeds Officers meeting to have input into the Statewide priorities for the management of WONS weeds (Weeds of National Significance).
- Helen attended a meeting of the Macquarie Water Management Plan Consultative Group. See separate report.
- Maria has been busy with Lake Dulverton & Callington Park matters, the Midlands Water Scheme and the Wealth from Water Program.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Landcare Unit Report be received and the information noted.

C/12/04/049/10909 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr C J Beven

THAT the Landcare Unit Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

14.2.2 Landcare Unit –Biodiversity Offsets Guidelines – SMC Response to the STCA.

File Ref:

AUTHOR NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER – (M WEEDING)

DATE 17th April 2012

ATTACHMENT: Draft letter – Southern Midlands Council’s submission to the STCA.

ISSUE

Submission to the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) regarding the Draft Biodiversity Offsets Guidelines document – public comment response.

DETAIL

Council are aware that the *Guidelines for the Use of Biodiversity Offsets* document have been released for public comment. At the March meeting of Council, Councillor Fish and Councillor Jones OAM were nominated to participate in a staff/councillor working group to consider the guidelines in detail. A draft Southern Midlands Council response has subsequently been compiled for Council to consider submitting to the STCA.

From the response, it is clear that the SMC Council reply does not support the proposed Guidelines. The group felt it was of value to provide suggestions on two alternative options to address biodiversity conservation matters. Both these alternative solutions have had considerable thought from the group, with reasons provided as to why either of these approaches would be a better solution, rather than having the proposed Guidelines prevail.

It should be noted that public submissions closed on the 16th April, however the STCA has acknowledged that responses from Councils will be accepted on a longer time frame. This is due to the submissions normally needing to pass through Council meetings. Southern Midlands was granted an extension to the end of April.

Human Resources & Financial Implications

N/A

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications

Submitting the attached comment paper to the STCA may have some negative implications from ratepayers that potentially disagree with the sentiment of the submission.

Web site Implications – There should be no implications for the web site.

Policy Implications – N/A

RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

1. the draft submission to the STCA regarding the Biodiversity Offsets Guidelines be endorsed by Council
2. Council lodged the document with the STCA at the earliest opportunity.

C/12/04/051/10910 DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT:

1. the draft submission to the STCA regarding the Biodiversity Offsets Guidelines be endorsed by Council, subject to the inclusion of the following final paragraph:
"In closing, the Southern Midlands Council does not believe that there is a current threat to biodiversity in the southern midlands in land subject to the Land Use Planning and Approval Act 1993."
2. Council lodged the document with the STCA at the earliest opportunity.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

DRAFT ONLY

DATE

The Project Manager
Biodiversity Offset Guidelines
Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority
GPO Box 503
HOBART TAS 7001

Email: biodiversityoffsets@stca.tas.gov.au

Dear Project Manager,

Re: Southern Midlands Council - Response to the Draft Biodiversity Offset Guidelines

In response to the public opportunity to review the recently released Biodiversity Offset Guidelines, the Southern Midlands Council submits the following comments to the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA).

It is recognised that with the currently evolving development of the Southern Regional Model Planning Scheme, a biodiversity code may be included that incorporates a set of higher level commonly agreed provisions to guide planning schemes. It is also recognised that the Biodiversity Offset Guidelines cover a regulatory gap that has been left by the amendments to the Forest Practices Act.

The Southern Midlands recognises the value of high priority vegetation, having supported and promoted four recent Natural Resource Management related programs securing just under 10,000 hectares of high priority vegetation in the municipality. The vegetation was voluntarily preserved under conservation covenants. This represents close to 4% of our municipality's total land being in private ownership covenants. A further 9,600 hectares, or 3.5 % is in other formal reserves such as Nature Reserves and Conservation Areas, owned by either private individuals or government.

Having reviewed the Biodiversity Offset Guidelines, Southern Midlands Council does not endorse the guidelines because the endorsed 'offsets' program appears to be fraught with problems related to: assessment and implementation; ongoing management and resourcing; and potential associated legal issues.

Southern Midlands Council demonstrates its concerns of the Biodiversity Offset Guidelines below through consideration of the process required in: compiling a development application for submission to Council; assessment of the application; and the on going offset site obligations, after a development has been completed. The issues demonstrated below are a sample only of the problems envisaged that the Offset Guidelines would generate.

Action: Legal verification of the process:

Fact: There are a number of legal issues and/or current legislation matters that have either not been addressed or pose a significant problem.

Issue A: The primary way proposed for Councils to secure an offset site is through a Part 5 Agreement. The only way to enforce a Part 5 Agreement is through the Supreme Court. This is therefore a potentially costly mechanism into the future. Also, using a Part 5 Agreement in respect to the conservation of vegetation is currently untested in court generally.

Issue B: Part 5 Agreements do not provide for the security of the off-set in perpetuity. A Part 5 Agreement can be nullified by agreement between the landholders and the Council.

Issue C: The system as described in the Guidelines would struggle to work in the field of science. The document does not provide any outline of methodologies, assessments and monitoring systems that are repeatable, defensible and scientifically rigorous. This leaves the system to be open to challenges legally at all stages. Any process must have the ability to remain robust and defensible

from a legal perspective in terms of the methodology and for the proponents involved.

Action: Compiling a Development Application (DA) to submit to Council

Fact: For an Offset site to be considered it would need to form part of the DA.

Issue A: There will be circumstances whereby the developer would not be certain that an offset site is required. In these instances, a developer may seek to secure an offset site when in fact there is no need to secure such a site, resulting in significant unnecessary costs.

Issue B: Potentially there could be a circumstance whereby neither the Developer nor Council Officers are certain that an offset is required. This may arise where identification of a vegetation community type is borderline in what makes up that vegetation community type – as in reality this does occur as you move from one vegetation type to another type. This uncertainty could lead to a DA being declared invalid at the Tribunal or the Supreme Court level, in the event the Tribunal or Supreme Court make a different determination as to whether an offset is required. Provisions in the Planning Scheme must be clear and knowable to be enforceable without fear of failure should it be queried or challenged legally.

Issue C: For a vegetation community to be viable and function ecologically it should be at least 10 hectares in size. Therefore to find a site that will retain its values in perpetuity is beyond a reasonable task when the development could conceivably relate to a very small footprint area – a shed or a house site for example.

Issue D: How could developers and Councils be sure that a proposed off-site offset included in a DA is actually acceptable in terms of ‘like for like’, representative, comprehensive and adequate to meet requirements?

Issue E: With a DA application Councils could only impose a requirement to enter into a Part 5 Agreement, not compliance with that agreement. This is because all the conditions on the DA must be satisfied in total for Council to be able to sign off on the final approval, such as sealing the final plan. Compliance with a Part 5 Agreement, such as protecting biodiversity values remains an ongoing task so therefore could never be part of the DA conditions.

Issue F: There is now an expectation in the community that landholders will be paid an incentive bonus for preservation of high priority vegetation sites that are conserved for long term/ perpetuity. These expectations have developed through past State and Australian Government programs. People are aware of the value of preserving high priority native vegetation through these incentive programs. It is unlikely, therefore, that landowners will be able to be convinced by a developer to enter into a deal to allow their land to be used as a offset site for development elsewhere.

Issue G: For some developments, if there is a need to include an offset as part of the DA then this will add in costs to the applicant/purchaser. Even if there is not a need, it is likely to cost a developer significantly simply to prove that. In a number of areas, more particularly in rural areas but also in the more affordable suburbs around the edge of metropolitan Hobart, this added cost could make sites unviable/unaffordable to develop. This, in turn, will have a large impact on housing affordability, which will have real impacts on lower socio-economic groups. Providing opportunity by having affordable land parcels for residential development is something that most Councils would likely wish to preserve. Imposing more regulations that potentially could preclude purchasers securing land also runs against a program of providing economic development opportunities.

Action: Assessing a site for values through an onground assessment.

Fact: Assessing a site, no matter what framework or quantitative metric may be adopted is difficult. A history of past programs involving site assessments has shown that assessments are subject to variations in interpretations no matter what the skill level of the assessor.

Issue A: For an offsite offset - finding a 'like for like' site that is virtually the same is almost impossible. Even when the vegetation community is assessed as the same, there are other considerations such as topography, patch size, landscape context and potential threats, (eg weed incursions), to the area that will determine the long term viability of a site.

Issue B: In the unlikely scenario that a 'like for like' site is found, it should not be considered a valid offset unless that site was at risk of being cleared. The proposed guidelines appear fundamentally flawed on this principle. The reality is that many, if not most, sites that might be indentified for offsets would probably not be in any danger of being cleared anyway, due to their recognised conservation values. In such cases there would be no real net conservation benefit.

Action: Assessment of a DA once submitted to Council that involves or possibly should involve inclusion of an offset site.

Fact: The Guidelines adopt the principle of 'like for like' vegetation communities meeting offset requirements. It is recognised that for Council to consider an application then the offset site needs to be within the municipality for a Council.

Issue A: Determining if an offsite offset proposed in a DA is going to meet the needs of retaining the required long term biodiversity values is a specialist skill. Although Southern Midlands could cover this task, due to officer skills developed during past programs focused on vegetation communities in the Midlands, it is not a skill or area that could be covered by many Councils. This means many Councils would have to engage suitably skilled consultants to cover this task. The

cost of this would be born by either the ratepayers or some Councils might add this cost to the DA fees.

Issue B: Over time the area of specific vegetation type communities suitable as offsite offsets will diminish, to the point that there are no more sites available. Unless Councils can consider sites beyond the municipal boundary – which is not possible, then the scheme proposed under the Guidelines is not sustainable and will eventually stifle development in certain areas.

For example, in the case of Southern Midlands, many of the high priority threatened biodiversity areas have already been preserved within covenants on private land, (almost 10,000 hectares to date).

Issue C: The discussion paper proposed that Councils primarily use Part 5 Agreements as a means of securing an arrangement to conserve offset sites. Securing sites through use of Part 5 Agreements will place an ever increasing burden on Councils because of the managing and monitoring requirements that accumulate into the future.

Action: Managing a site post the DA Process

Fact: The monitoring and management of sites to ensure they continue to retain their biodiversity values, will ultimately rest with Councils.

Issue A: Enforcement actions relating to a breach of conditions of a Part 5 Agreement are problematic for Councils to pursue, and would involve considerable time and costs. Managing vegetation communities through Part 5 Agreements is likely to run into problems over time given the complex requirements of maintaining a vegetation community.

Issue B: A Part 5 Agreement can be abolished with agreement of a council and the landowner, without the need for a public consultation process. It is therefore difficult to say that an offset site would be secured in perpetuity.

Issue C: Difficulties arise with the ongoing monitoring of the health and status of the natural values of the site. Monitoring details must be recorded and questions arise about how the monitoring is to be conducted and secondly, who does the monitoring – Council or the landowner? Either way, each site will be a long-term on-going cost to the community, either in actual management of the site itself or in the enforcement of Part 5 Agreement responsibilities of the landowner.

Issue D: The site would always require some level of management for weeds (established or new incursions). Control of weeds is only achieved through ongoing commitment, time and funds to manage a landscape in perpetuity.

Alternative Options.

Alternative A: Lobby the State Government to change the Forest Practices Regulations back to the original format.

This is because of the following:

- The Forest Practices Authority is an expert body able to perform the functions required in assessing the loss of any biodiversity (high priority vegetation type).
- Local Government should not have to duplicate the expertise that is already held in another Authority level.
- Each particular Local Government authority only has responsibilities and powers within its borders, Offsets could only be secured within the boundary of a municipal area. Under a State system the municipal boundaries would not apply, thus making the achieving of suitable offsets more likely.
- Assessment of sites under one jurisdiction, such as the Forest Practices Authority, provides the best chance of a consistent application of any

rules/guidelines. If dealt with at local government level, no matter how clear and unambiguous standard planning scheme provisions may be written, the variable nature of this issue and of individual assessments by different practitioners will mean that interpretation, implementation and approach will vary markedly from one municipality to another.

- Compensation for refusal of a proposal is available under the Forest Practices System, but not under refusals through the Land Use Planning & Approvals Act. This runs counter to the principle of public goods being paid for by the public.
- Protection of high priority biodiversity sites are important to people across the State. Conservation of the values in these sites should therefore be the responsibility of the State.

Alternative B: Adopt a spatial strategy approach involving pre-determined target offset sites and cash levies on developers of land with high priority vegetation. This option eliminates the need for the Biodiversity Offset Guidelines as proposed.

The following steps are proposed:

1. Each Council should determine where its high priority vegetation communities are and where these areas overlap with existing and potential development areas, such as undeveloped residential zoned land, or areas within identified future greenfield development precincts.
2. The Council should then determines which of the intersect areas should be preserved for their biodiversity values, and which should be developed. In doing this, the cost to the community of keeping native vegetation within settlement footprints needs to be properly weighed – such as the additional costs of pushing water, sewer, roads, public transport, etc. further out from the fringe, the potentially greater environmental impact of new suburbs further out, and the ongoing management costs of more reserves to the public purse.

3. The Council then identifies areas of private land with high conservation values that it believes should be conserved, and for which it is prepared to fund the long term on-going management costs. Ideally, such land would link existing State or Local Government reserves, thereby creating sustainable-sized reserved areas and potentially piggy-backing on existing management structures.
4. The Council then establishes a funding mechanism to purchase this land. This should include cash levies collected from developers of land identified in step 2, above.

Summary

The loss of biodiversity is an issue. However the loss of biodiversity 'through 1000 cuts' can not be cured by an approach of 'looking after 1000 bandaids'. This is what would happen under the Guidelines as proposed.

Yours faithfully,

Southern Midlands Council

Council Address:

11.38 a.m. - Mr G Green (NRM/GIS Officer) attended the meeting to present the draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The Plan will be submitted for formal endorsement at the May 2012 Council Meeting.

Mr J Lyall (Manager – Works and Technical Services) attended the meeting at 11.50 a.m.

Mayor A E Bisdee OAM returned to the meeting at 11.54 a.m.

Mr B Williams (Manager – Heritage Projects) attended the meeting at 11.54 a.m.

The Council Address concluded at 12.13 p.m.

The meeting was suspended for lunch at 12.25 p.m. and resumed at 12.40 p.m.

Council Address:

12.40 p.m. - Mr B Williams (Manager – Heritage Projects) gave a presentation to the meeting entitled *Local Government Managing Historical Archaeology - The Southern Midlands Council Experience*, which was presented to the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology in Dunedin NZ last November

The presentation concluded at 1.25 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1.30 p.m.

14.2.3 Draft Water Management Plan for the Macquarie Catchment to be released for public consultation

File Ref:

AUTHOR NRM OFFICER –NRM UNIT (H GEARD)
DATE 16TH APRIL 2012

ISSUE

In accordance with the Tasmanian *Water Management Act 1999*, Water Management Plans set out the management arrangements for a given water resource, taking into account the needs of water users and the environment. Water Management Plans are prepared under a statutory process and involve consultation with local communities in determining water allocations and arrangements. A draft Water Management Plan for the Macquarie River Catchment will be released in early May 2012 for public consultation.

DETAIL

In October 2009, the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) commenced the development of a Water Management Plan for the Macquarie River Catchment. A Consultative Group was established to provide advice and views on all local water management issues. The Group had no statutory power to make decisions in relation to any issue discussed.

Organisations represented on the Consultative Group included, TFGA, Poppy Growers, farmer productivity groups, Anglers Alliance Tasmania, Hydro Tasmania, NRM North, Northern Midlands Council, Ben Lomond Water, Southern Water, Tasmanian Irrigation Development Board and Irrigation Trusts. Helen Geard, NRM Officer, was nominated by Council to attend the meetings and represent Southern Midlands.

The Consultative Group met on an ad hoc basis providing input as required. A considerable number of reports were written trying to provide an over-view of the Catchment and environmental values. In the development of the Plan, DPIPWE officers were balancing research findings, extensive knowledge provided by local farmers and statutory requirements.

A number of significant changes to water allocations, particularly during the summer months, are proposed and farming representatives have already expressed a number of concerns.

In early May (date subject to change) the draft Water Management Plan will be formally distributed and available for public consultation for a minimum of 60 days. The Southern Midlands Council will receive the Plan and are able to submit a written representation.

The feedback provided during the public consultation process will be captured in a report for review by the Tasmanian Planning Commission. The Commission will then report to

the relevant Minister. The Minister will then make a determination about the Water Management Plan in accordance with the Act.

Human Resources & Financial Implications

The Southern Midlands Council may wish to comment on the Draft Water Management Plan. Human resources may need to be allocated to support the development of an appropriate response.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications

DPIPWE are responsible for contacting stakeholders, advertising the release of the draft Water Management Plan and conducting the community consultation process. A public meeting about the Plan will be conducted by DPIPWE. Details about the public meeting will be provided at a later date.

The Council will, however, be asked to make the draft Plan available for public exhibition at the Council offices.

Web site Implications

The draft Water Management Plan will be available on the DPIPWE website and a link to that site could be established on the Southern Midlands Council website.

Policy Implications – NA

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- 1. Council note that a draft Water Management Plan for the Macquarie Water Catchment will be released during May 2012.**
- 2. Council put on public exhibition draft Water Management Plans for the Macquarie Water Catchment at Council offices once the Plan is released by DPIPWE.**
- 3. Council create a link between the DPIPWE website and the Southern Midlands Council website regarding the draft Water Management Plan for the Macquarie Water Catchment.**

C/12/04/064/10911 DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT Council

1. note that a draft Water Management Plan for the Macquarie Water Catchment will be released during May 2012.
2. put on public exhibition draft Water Management Plans for the Macquarie Water Catchment at Council offices once the Plan is released by DPIPWE.
3. create a link between the DPIPWE website and the Southern Midlands Council website regarding the draft Water Management Plan for the Macquarie Water Catchment.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

12.13 OFFICER REPORTS – WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES (ENGINEERING)

12.13.1 Manager - Works & Technical Services Report

File Ref: 3/075

AUTHOR MANAGER – WORKS & SERVICES

DATE 19TH APRIL 2012

ROADS PROGRAM

Rehabilitation of Brown Mountain Road, Campania has been completed – awaiting suitable weather conditions to apply the seal.

Rehabilitation works on Stonor Road to commence.

Maintenance Grading is being undertaken at Native Corners Road, Estate Lane, Campania and New Country Marsh Road, Levendale.

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Two bridges at Inglewood Road have been replaced with concrete structures and the installations of the guard rails and omni stops will commence next week.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

No Issues

TOWN FACILITIES PROGRAM

Works commenced at the Town Hall Oatlands for the Anzac Service.

The following Works and Technical Services issues were raised for discussion:

Roads Program – Brown Mountain Road – works scheduled for 27th April 2012 (subject to weather). Stonor Road – works scheduled to be undertaken – considering the application of a primer seal with 10 mm seal to be applied 2012/13.

Use of Polycom – treatment method to be monitored.

Bridge Program – KHEME Road Bridge – to be inspected (maintenance required). Eldon Road Bridge replacement is the remaining project on the Capital Works Program.

Update provided in relation to the Elderslie Road Bridge replacement.

Chauncy Vale Road Bridge – review engineering inspection / report detail.

Town Facilities – Le Compte Place, Bagdad – reinstatement of driveways/footpath sections – works scheduled.

Oatlands Township – tree / shrub plantings etc. – unknown cause of damage – to be assessed. Additional trees/shrubs to be ordered for winter planting.

Miscellaneous – Anzac Day – Road closures advertised etc.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/12/04/066/10912 DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

14.3 CULTURAL

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 21

3.3.1 Increase the retention, documentation and accessibility of the aboriginal convict, rural and contemporary culture of the Southern Midlands.

14.3.1 The Lisa Rudd Community Terracotta Artwork - Callington Mill

File Ref:

AUTHOR MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT
(A BENSON)

DATE 19TH APRIL 2012

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Graphics of Possible Location & General Arrangements
2. Pricing Considerations (to be provided at the meeting)

BACKGROUND

[Extract – Council Minutes October 2011]

*10. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER
REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING
PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005*

10.1 Callington Mill – Clay Mural (L Rudd)

Deputy Mayor J L Jones OAM has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“THAT the Southern Midlands Council accept Lisa Rudd’s offer to display the clay mural within the community and that an appropriate display location be determined in consultation with the community.”

Background Comments (as provided):

The promotional material attached provides the background for the creation of the clay mural. A photograph has also been provided.

*Artwork measures: Height (with terracotta signage under the art work)
2800 mm*

*Height (without terracotta signage) 2200 mm (signed
could be installed to the right of the artwork to reduce
overall height)*

Width 1400 mm

C/11/10/016/10721 DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT the Southern Midlands Council accept Lisa Rudd's offer to display the clay mural within the community and that an appropriate display location be determined in consultation with the community.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	<i>Dep. Mayor J L Jones OAM</i>	
√	<i>Clr C J Beven</i>	
√	<i>Clr B Campbell</i>	
√	<i>Clr M Connors</i>	
	<i>Clr D F Fish</i>	√
√	<i>Clr A O Green</i>	
√	<i>Clr M Jones OAM</i>	
	<i>Clr H M Scott OAM</i>	√

CURRENT

Given the aforementioned decision, this report is seeking to provide Council with a *way forward* in respect of this matter.

The Lisa Rudd Community Terracotta Artwork (the artwork) is being stored at the Council Depot at Kempton. The Kempton Works Co-ordinator, (Ray Cooper) has been asked to price the construction of a glass faced framework, to accommodate the artwork.

The Manager Community & Corporate Development (Andrew Benson) has been asked to work with the Kempton Works Co-ordinator to develop a proposal for Council's further consideration.

Whilst the pricing of the encasing along with the supporting frame is not available to be included in the Agenda Report, however the figures should be available for the Council meeting and information will be circulated at the time of the presentation of the report.

The attached photos and graphic representations provide a concept for Council's consideration. Rotary Park in Oatlands, adjacent to the Midlands Memorial Community Centre is the suggested location, with of the artwork in the centre rear of Rotary Park providing symmetrical relationships in the park, the centre of the entrance pathway to Council Chambers across the road, plus the road crossing and existing park signage. The attached graphics show that the existing Rotary signage which is a significant "structural" component in the park, it is therefore proposed that the existing Community Notice Board in the park be framed in a similar manner to that of the Rotary signage, to reinforce the symmetry and that the new artwork be framed in a similar styled structure to that of the Rotary signage.

This of course would be subject to a Planning Application under the Southern Midlands Planning Scheme 1998 and it would be a discretionary application.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

1. Consider the concept plan
2. Consider the associated costs
3. Agree the manner in which a Community engagement process be undertaken

C/12/04/069/10913 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr J L Jones OAM

THAT this project be considered as part of the 2012/13 budget process.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

Attachments to Council Agenda Report

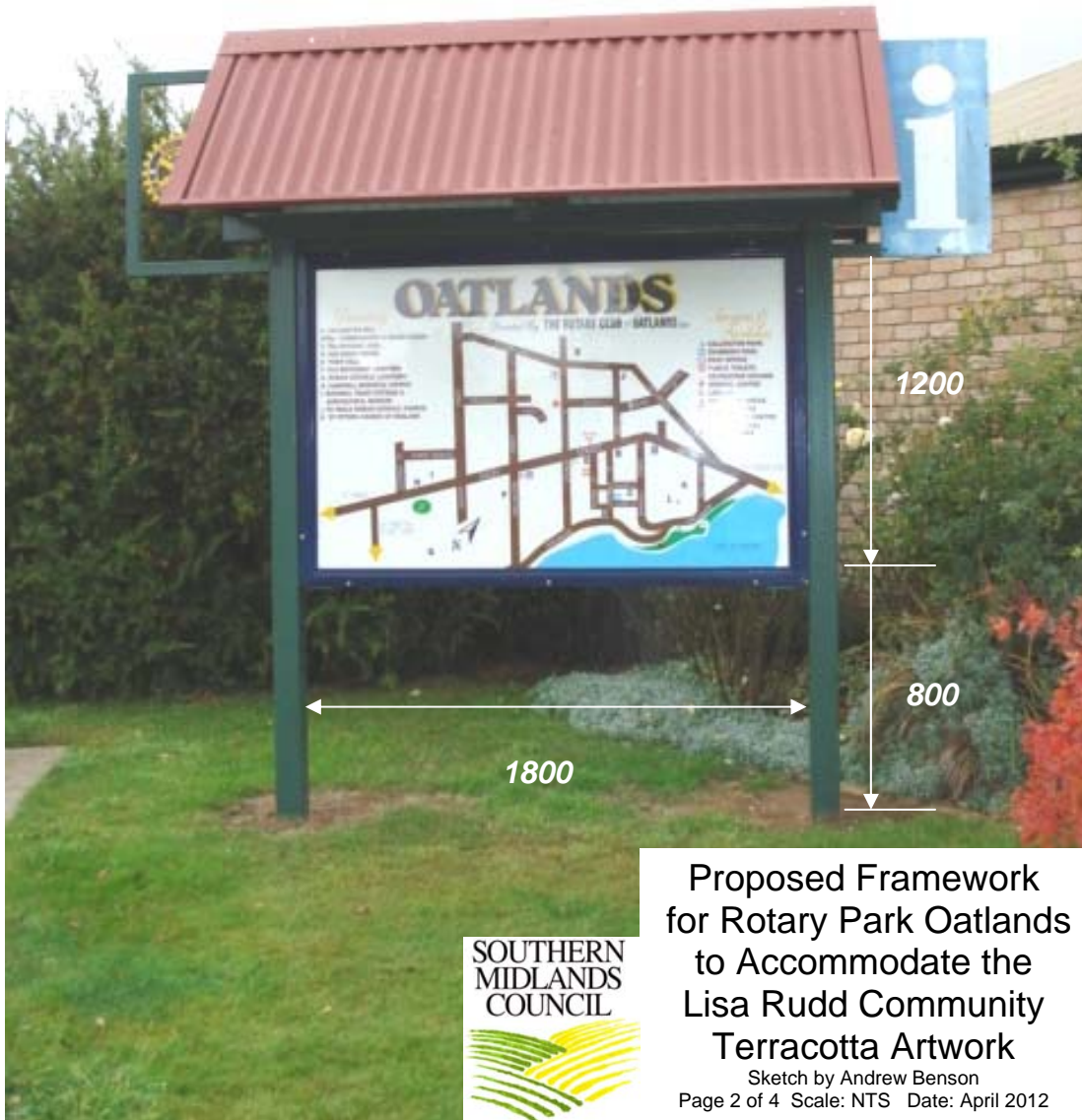
The Lisa Rudd Community Terracotta Artwork



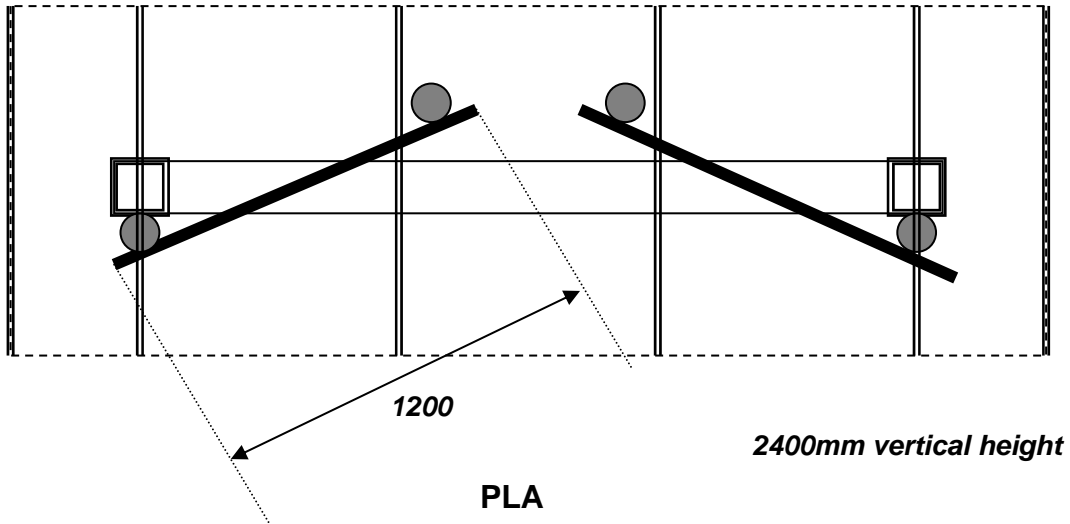
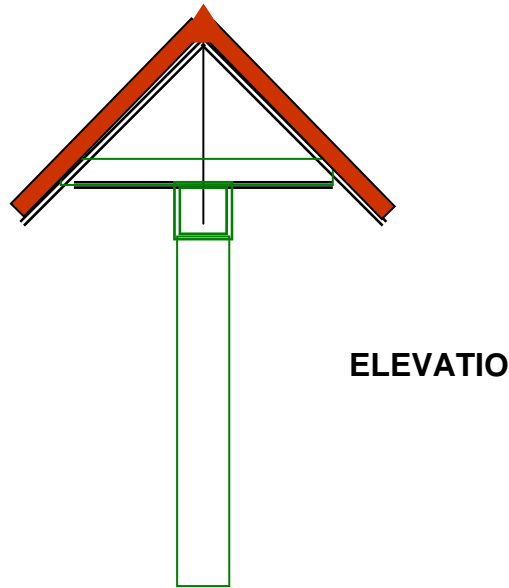
Proposed Framework
for Rotary Park Oatlands
to Accommodate the
Lisa Rudd Community
Terracotta Artwork

Page 1 of 4 Scale: NTS Date: April 2012

Existing Sign in Rotary Park Oatlands



**Proposed
Sign in
Rotary Park
Oatlands**



NOTE:
Refer to the existing sign in Rotary Park
Oatlands for the general design of 45°
pitched roof, with a frame of 90 x 90 RHS



**Proposed Framework
for Rotary Park Oatlands
to Accommodate the
Lisa Rudd Community
Terracotta Artwork**

Sketch by Andrew Benson
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General View of the Proposed Structure to Accommodate the Terracotta Artwork in Rotary Park Oatlands



Proposed location of the art works in the centre of Rotary Park with the symmetrical relationships with the centre of the entrance to the Council Chambers plus the road crossing and existing signage in the park.



**Proposed Framework
for Rotary Park Oatlands
to Accommodate the
Lisa Rudd Community
Terracotta Artwork**

Sketch by Andrew Benson
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14.4 REGULATORY (OTHER THAN PLANNING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEMS)

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 21

- 3.4.1 A regulatory environment that is supportive of and enables appropriate development.
Identify and protect areas that are of high conservation value

Nil.

14.5 CLIMATE CHANGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 21

- 3.5.1 Develop strategies to address issues of climate change in the Southern Midlands.

15 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING LIFESTYLE

15.1 YOUTH

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

- 4.1.1 Increase the retention of young people in the municipality.

Nil.

15.2 AGED

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

- 4.2.1 Improve the ability of the aged to stay in their communities.

Nil.

15.3 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

- 4.3.1 Ensure that appropriate childcare services as well as other family related services are facilitated within the Community.

Nil.

15.4 VOLUNTEERS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

4.4.1 Encourage community members to volunteer.

15.4.1 Volunteer Recognition – Volunteers Week 14th to 20th May 2012

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER

DATE 13th APRIL 2012

ISSUE

Council to consider an appropriate event to recognise Volunteers within the municipal area.

BACKGROUND

Volunteers are presently recognised through the annual Australia Day Awards, however it is recognised that this limits Council's ability to acknowledge the valuable work undertaken by a broad range of other volunteers within the municipal area.

DETAIL

Acknowledging the need to conduct a separate activity(s) to enable recognition of volunteers, Council allocated \$2,000 in the 2011/12 Budget.

Volunteers Week is planned for the week commencing 14th May 2012 and this would be an ideal time to arrange an event to which all volunteers could be invited.

Given the broad range and number of volunteers, it is suggested that a barbecue may be an option.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Budget allocation of \$2,000.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Positive

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

Submitted for discussion.

C/12/04/076/10914 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campebl

THAT an event (i.e. barbecue) be held on the 20th May 2012 at the Kempton Recreation Ground, commencing at 1.00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

15.5 ACCESS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

4.5.1 Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Nil.

15.6 PUBLIC HEALTH

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23

4.6.1 Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

15.7 RECREATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23

4.7.1 Provide a range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the Community.

Nil.

15.8 ANIMALS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23

4.8.1 Create an Environment where animals are treated with respect and do not create a nuisance for the community.

15.8.1 Animal Control Officer’s Report

File Ref: 3/027

AUTHOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (G DENNE)

DATE 16TH APRIL 2012

ISSUE

Consideration of Animal Control Officer’s monthly report.

DETAIL

Refer Monthly Statement on Animal Control for period ending 16th April 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Animal Control Officer’s Monthly report be received.

C/12/04/078/10915 DECISION

Moved by Clr M Jones OAM, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT the Animal Control Officer’s Monthly report be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
MONTHLY STATEMENT ON ANIMAL CONTROL
FOR PERIOD ENDING 16/4/2012**

Total of Dogs Impounded: 4
Dogs still in the Pound: _____

Breakdown Being:

ADOPTED	RECLAIMED	LETHALISED	ESCAPED
4	-	-	-

MONEY RECEIVED

Being For:

Pound	
Reclaims	
	\$250.01
Dog Registrations	
Kennel Licence Fee	
Infringement Notices	
Complaint Lodgement Fee	
TOTAL	\$250.01

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FOR PERIOD ENDING 16/4/2012

Dog at Large: 7
Dog Attacks: 0
Request Pick-ups: 3
After Hours Calls: 5
TOTAL 15

Number of Formal Complaints Received: _____ -
Number of Infringement Notices Issued: _____ -

Animal Control Officer: **Garth Denne**

15.9 EDUCATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23

4.9.1 Increase the educational and employment opportunities available in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

16 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 RETENTION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24

5.1.1 Maintain and strengthen communities in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

16.2 CAPACITY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24

5.2.1 Build the capacity of the Community to help itself.

16.2.1 Southern Midlands Community Radio Station Inc. (97.1 MID FM) - Update

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER
DATE 20th APRIL 2012

ATTACHMENT: Nil
ENCLOSURE: Nil

ISSUE

To provide Council with a progress report following completion of the six-month period which was permitted to enable the Station to determine the level of community support and viability of an ongoing operation.

BACKGROUND

The attached report submitted to the Council Meeting held 27th July 2011 provides the background detail to this issue.

In reference to the report, Council resolved as follows:

“THAT:

- a) the information be received;*
- b) Council provide a commitment to maintain the current level of financial support (capped at \$5,000) for a six-month period (ending February 2012), at which time a review is to be undertaken to determine the level of community support and interest (at that time), and whether the Station can continue to operate without ongoing financial support (unless provided by way of sponsorship to secure promotional advertising etc).”*

DETAIL

Subsequent to the community meeting held in July 2011, the Southern Midlands Community Radio Station Inc. held its Annual General Meeting and the following persons were appointed to the Management Committee:

President: Dr Myrle Gray

Vice-President: Mr Graeme Raphael
 Treasurer: Mr Max Gray
 Secretary: Anne Tudor
 Station manager: Mr Mark Conway
 Committee: Bob Campbell (since resigned); Ms Deborah Pearce; Ms Robyn Ashman.

The Management Committee has basically met on a fortnightly basis since the Annual General Meeting to prepare plans and strategies aimed at developing the Station; initiating a number of activities to achieve financial sustainability (i.e. fundraising events); and securing sponsorship opportunities.

The Committee Meetings are also attended by other members of the community.

In relation to the financial performance of the Station, the following is a summary of costs which have been subsidised by Council:

Internet & Phone (9 months)	\$ 900.00
Telephone	\$ 537.10
Electricity	\$3,639.41
Insurance Premiums (Council owned Equipment)	\$ 157.79
Total	\$5,234.30

The following is a summary of the Radio Station's financial transactions for the nine months:

Opening Balance (as at 1st July 2011)		\$ 899.29
General Receipts	\$4,228.40	
Grant	\$9,778.00	
Sub-Total		\$14,006.40
General Operational Expenditure	\$2,277.72	
Grant Expenditure	\$1,000.00	
Sub-Total		\$3,277.72
Balance (as at 31st March 2012)		\$11,627.97

Note: The Station has further financial commitments relating to the Grant of approx. \$8,880.

It can be seen from the summary of the Station's finances, that the newly established Committee has been very active in achieving financial sustainability, including the pursuit of grants. However, at this stage it is evident that Council assistance is still

required to maintain a subsidy for electricity. In relation to the Aurora Accounts, the Station incurs expenses associated with both the transmitter tower, and the Station premises at 85 High Street, Oatlands.

In relation to the latter account, there is a real issue with apportionment of the electricity charges at 85 High Street, Oatlands. Investigations have shown that there are a number of appliances associated with the Stables Restaurant and adjoining museum/conference facilities which are connected to the Station's meter (previously the Visitor Centre). Correspondence has been sent to the property owner requesting that this situation be remedied through the need to re-wire (or similar), however a reply has not been received to date. Whilst the Station acknowledges that it is occupying the premises rent-free, it is difficult for it to continue to meet these costs. This matter is to be followed up accordingly.

It should also be noted that the Station has now obtained a permanent licence which not only has a commercial value, but also enables the Committee to now access grants which were not available with a temporary licence.

Premises:

As identified previously and acknowledged by Council as part of submitting a grant application for the development of the Aquatic Centre (grant unsuccessful), there are still a number of significant operational issues with the current premises. Access is a primary concern, which has the potential to limit community involvement in the Station.

Reference is made to the attached letter sent by the President of the Radio Station, Dr Myrle Gray. This letter is submitted for discussion and further comment will be provided at the meeting.

Forward Plans etc:

The Committee continues to pursue sponsorship opportunities from a number of sources, and have secured ongoing support from a number of organisations / businesses (including Government agencies).

In addition, fundraising activities are held on a regular basis as opportunities arise.

In summary, it can be seen that the Management Committee has been extremely proactive in working towards the future sustainability and viability of the Radio Station, and as such, there is strong justification for Council to continue to subsidise the operation for a further period to enable the Committee to consolidate and progress the various strategies in progress.

In the first instance, the Committee will assume responsibility for its own internet / telephone costs, on the basis that Council continue to fund the electricity. Again, this situation should be reviewed in a further six months.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

- a) Council continue to allocate funds to meet the Aurora costs associated with running the Radio Station for a further six-month period (to be reviewed at that time); and
- b) Council negotiate and sponsorship and advertising arrangement to offset (or partly offset) this cost. Advertising to focus on the Callington Mill and Council's other business activities (e.g. Centre for Heritage Training Cours).

C/12/04/084/10916 DECISION

Moved by Clr A O Green, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT:

- a) Council continue to allocate funds to meet the Aurora costs associated with running the Radio Station for a further six-month period (to be reviewed at that time) – capped at \$4,000. Part of the allocation is to meet the cost of installing a separate metered supply (if achievable); and
- b) Council negotiate and sponsorship and advertising arrangement to offset (or partly offset) this cost. Advertising to focus on the Callington Mill and Council's other business activities (e.g. Centre for Heritage Training Cours).

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27th JULY 2011

16.2.2 Southern Midlands Community Radio Station Inc. (97.1 MID FM) - Update

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER

DATE 18th JULY 2011

ATTACHMENT: Nil

ENCLOSURE: Nil

ISSUE

To brief Council on the outcome of a community meeting held 14th July 2011 to discuss the ongoing viability of the Station.

BACKGROUND

The following background comments were provided to the meeting:

- Station commenced operation approximately 9 years ago;
- Station currently operates on a temporary licence - an application has been made for a permanent licence which is currently being assessed by the ACMA - supplementary information provided
- Southern Midlands Community Radio Station Inc. is a separate Incorporated body (i.e. legal entity) under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964, which has a membership base from which a Management Committee is elected;
- the elected Management Committee has responsibility to manage the affairs of the organisation and in particular, has to ensure that the organisation remains viable from a financial perspective i.e. to ensure that it is solvent (often used term – the organisation is able to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due).

It was emphasised that individual members of the Management Committee can be held personally liable if it is found that the organisation is incurring debts in the full knowledge that it is unable to meet those debts.

- without the current financial support from the Southern Midlands Council., the Radio Station would be insolvent.
- the future of the Station will be a Management Committee decision (in consultation with the members), but is taking this opportunity to try and determine the level of community support prior to considering its position.

- In reference to the Constitution, the Management Committee consists of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Station Manager; and
- 2 Members

- in recent months, the Station Management Committee has gone through a fairly rigorous strategic planning process to establish future business plans for the organisation, but there is clear evidence that there are many challenges facing the organisation, and at the present time, it does not have the necessary support to achieve its aims and objectives.

Examples: Premises, Licence, management, operational and financial capacity

DETAIL

The meeting was attended by approximately 15 members of the community, most of which spoke in favour of trying to secure the future of the radio station. It was also indicated that there were other members of the community that were prepared to become involved with the Station that were unable to attend the meeting for whatever reason.

Attendance List: Mark Conway (Station Manager), Diana Langley (Treasurer), Leigh Blake, Graeme Raphael, Chris Jackson, Clr Mark Jones OAM, Tim Kirkwood (Public Officer), Deb Pearce, Clr Bob Campbell (Vice President), Fergus Paterson, Leonard Willsher, Clr John Jones OAM, Danny Burrow, Hugo Speer.

In summary, the outcomes of the meeting were as follows:

- finalise financials for the 2010/11 period and obtain audited statement;
- advertise and conduct Annual General Meeting by mid August 2011 (i.e. evidence that a full Management Committee can be secured);
- 28th July 2011 – convene a further meeting in the interim with the aim of identifying a sufficient number of people that are prepared to participate in sub-committees that can address the priorities identified in the Strategic and Operational Plans (i.e. to ensure viability and sustainability).
- Request the Southern Midlands Council to maintain its level of financial support for a six-month period to enable the Station to demonstrate that there is a sufficient level of community support to operate and manage the Station without ongoing financial support (unless provided by way of sponsorship to secure promotional advertising etc).

Human Resources & Financial Implications – The Southern Midlands Council is currently subsidising the following operational expenses of the Station:

- a) electricity costs at 85 High Street, Oatlands (was connected to the same power supply as the Visor Centre) – now estimated at approx. \$750 per quarter;
- b) electricity costs for the transmitter tower (located on Weeding’s Hill) – estimated at \$1,000 per quarter; and
- c) internet and telephone costs (part of Council’s Telstra contract) – estimated at \$500 per quarter.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Community meeting held to determine level of community support and interest.

Council Web Site Implications: N/A

Policy Implications – N/A.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate issues.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- a) **the information be received; and**
- b) **Council provide a commitment to maintain the current level of financial support for a six-month period (ending February 2012), at which time a review is to be undertaken to determine the level of community support and interest (at that time), and whether the Station can continue to operate without ongoing financial support (unless provided by way of sponsorship to secure promotional advertising etc).**

C/11/07/083/10638 DECISION

Moved by Clr M J Jones OAM, seconded by Deputy Mayor J L Jones OAM

THAT:

- c) the information be received;
- d) Council provide a commitment to maintain the current level of financial support (capped at \$5,000) for a six-month period (ending February 2012), at which time a review is to be undertaken to determine the level of community support and interest (at that time), and whether the Station can continue to operate without ongoing financial support (unless provided by way of sponsorship to secure promotional advertising etc).

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor J L Jones OAM	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr M Jones OAM	

16.3 SAFETY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24

5.3.1 Increase the level of safety of the community and those visiting or passing through the municipality.

Nil.

16.4 CONSULTATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24

5.4.1 Improve the effectiveness of consultation with the Community.

Nil.

16.5 COMMUNICATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 25

5.5.1 Improve the effectiveness of communication with the Community.

Nil.

17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 IMPROVEMENT

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26

6.1.1 Improve the level of responsiveness to Community needs.
6.1.2 Improve communication within Council.
6.1.3 Improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and user friendliness of the Council asset management system.
6.1.4 Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and use-ability of Council IT systems.
6.1.5 Improve the Council records management system and processes.
6.1.6 Develop an overall Continuous Improvement Strategy and framework.

Nil.

17.2 SUSTAINABILITY**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27**

6.2.1	Retain corporate and operational knowledge within Council.
6.2.2	Provide a safe and healthy working environment.
6.2.3	Ensure that staff and elected members have the training and skills they need to undertake their roles.
6.2.4	Increase the cost effectiveness of Council operations through resource sharing with other organisations.
6.2.5	Continue to manage and improve the level of statutory compliance of Council operations.
6.2.6	Ensure that suitably qualified and sufficient staff are available to meet the Communities needs.
6.2.7	Work co-operatively with State and Regional organisations.
6.2.8	Minimise Councils exposure to risk.

17.2.1 Local Government Board – Proposed Framework for the Assessment of Councillor Numbers (Information Only)*File Ref:*

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER (T KIRKWOOD)
 DATE 19th APRIL 2012

ENCLOSURE: Local Government Board Paper – Proposed Framework for the
 Assessment of Councillor Numbers

ISSUE

To provide Council with a copy of the Local Government Board Paper “Proposed Framework for the Assessment of Councillor Numbers”.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Board is a statutory body established under the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)*.

The Act provides that the role of the Board is:

1. to conduct reviews of councils or reviews that concentrate on a specific topic or topics at the request of the Minister for Local Government;
2. to carry out reviews of single and joint authorities; and
3. to provided general advice to the Minister at his or her request.

Under Section 210(2) of the Act, the Board consists of the chairperson; one person nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT); one person nominated by the Local Government Managers Australia (Tasmania) (LGMA); and the Director of Local Government or his or her nominee. Under Section 210(5A), the

Minister may appoint one or two additional persons to be members for the purposes of a particular review.

DETAIL

In September 2011, the Minister for Local Government, Bryan Green MP, asked the Board to conduct a review into the number of councillors, which commenced in November 2011.

The Board will consider and make recommendations on the number of councillors to be elected to the Break O’Day, Central Coast, Devonport City, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Kingborough, Glenorchy City and Tasman Councils, as those councils have requested that their numbers be considered.

The broad objective of the review is to determine the appropriate number of councillors required to undertake the core roles and responsibilities of councils, including effective representation of the community.

As part of the review process, the Board has also considered generic criteria to assist councils, government and the community in their future decision-making about councillor numbers and effective representation.

The terms of reference state that the Board is to consider the potential impact of any change on the following matters: representation of the community; the ability of the council to make decisions; any financial impacts; the ability of the council to deliver services; electoral arrangements; and statewide consistency.

The enclosed Paper provides comment and information in respect to these matters.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Comment to be provided.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications - N/A.

Policy Implications – The issue regarding the number of elected members has not been raised or discussed by Council, however this paper is designed to provide background information on some of the matters that will be considered by the Board.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – N/A. Whilst Council has not been directly involved, it is appropriate to circulate the Paper for information purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/12/04/092/10917 DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

17.2.3 Midlands Memorial Community Centre – Lease Arrangements (MILE Inc.)

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER (T KIRKWOOD)
DATE 19TH APRIL 2012

ISSUE

Council to consider and confirm the proposed Lease arrangements for the newly named / constructed Midlands Memorial Community Centre situated at 68 High Street, Oatlands.

BACKGROUND

Councillors would be fully aware that the extension to the newly named Midlands Memorial Community Centre has been completed and operational for a few months.

It is necessary to formalise the lease arrangements with Midlands Initiatives for Local Enterprise Inc.

DETAIL

A formal Lease Agreement has been drafted and in summary, incorporates the following terms and conditions (full copy can be provided on request):

- Lease Commencement: 1st January 2012;
- Lease Term – 3 years (with an option for 3 year extension);
- Rental of \$80 per week (indexed by CPI on an annual basis);
- MILE Inc. to be responsible for all outgoings, included reimbursement for annual rates and charges, land tax, Southern Water charges etc); and
- Standard insurance provisions.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – A loan borrowing of \$150K was taken out in early 2010 for a fifteen year period. The State Government is subsidising the interest component for the first three years. Annual loan servicing costs (principal and interest) total \$16,158 and the proposed rental of \$4,160 will cover approximately 26% of this amount. In addition, Council will transfer the cost of property charges to MILE Inc. as part of the proposed arrangement.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A.

Policy Implications – Policy position.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council confirm the proposed Lease arrangements for the newly named / constructed Midlands Memorial Community Centre situated at 68 High Street, Oatlands and proceed to formalise the Lease Agreement.

C/12/04/094/10918 DECISION

Moved by Clr J L Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT Council confirm the proposed Lease arrangements for the newly named / constructed Midlands Memorial Community Centre situated at 68 High Street, Oatlands and proceed to formalise the Lease Agreement.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

17.3 FINANCES**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28**

6.3.1	Maintain current levels of community equity.
6.3.2	Major borrowings for infrastructure will reflect the inter-generational nature of the assets created.
6.3.3	Council will retain a minimum cash balance to cater for extra-ordinary circumstances.
6.3.4	Operating expenditure will be maintained in real terms and expansion of services will be funded by re-allocation of service priorities or an increase in rates.
6.4.4	Sufficient revenue will be raised to sustain the current level of community and infrastructure services.

17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (March 2012)

File Ref: 3/024

AUTHOR FINANCE OFFICER

DATE 19th APRIL 2012

Refer enclosed Report incorporating the following: -

- a) Current Expenditure Estimates
- b) Capital Expenditure Estimates

Note: Refer to enclosed report detailing the individual capital projects.

- c) Rates & Charges Summary – Period Ending 13th April 2012
- d) Cash Flow Statement - completed to 31st March 2012.

Note: Expenditure figures provided are for the period 1st July to 31st March 2012 - approximately 67% of the period.

Comments**A. Current Expenditure Estimates (Operating Budget)****Strategic Theme – Infrastructure**

- **Sub-Program –Roads** - expenditure to date (\$1,138,974 – 96.73%). This program will be monitored in the coming months.

Strategic Theme – Growth

- **Sub-Program – Business** - expenditure to date (\$85,061 – 164.37%). This Program is Private Works undertaken on a recharge basis.

Strategic Theme – Landscape

- **Sub-Program – Heritage** - expenditure to date (\$152,953 – 91.42%). This program will be monitored in the coming months.
- **Sub-Program – Natural** - expenditure to date (\$99,785 – 98.69%). This program will be monitored in the coming months. ‘One-off’ annual costs have been paid.

Strategic Theme – Community

- **Sub-Program – Consultation** - expenditure to date (\$22,902 – 451.72%) Additional expenditure associated with the Southern Midlands Education Working Group and school viability project. Budget to be closely monitored.

B. Capital Expenditure Estimates (Capital Budget)

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

C/12/04/096/10919 DECISION

Moved by Clr C J Beven, seconded by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : CURRENT EXPENDITURE 2011/12
SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	TOTAL	REVISED BUDGET (GRANTS & OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	ACTUAL AS AT 31 MARCH 2012 75%	VARIANCE (+/-)	% BASED ON REVISED BUDGET 100%
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	1177492	1177492	1138974	38518	96.73%
Bridges	103225	103225	42968	60257	41.63%
Walkways	164055	164055	129559	34496	78.97%
Lighting	77792	77792	42782	35010	55.00%
Irrigation	2450	2450	0	2450	0.00%
Drainage	32090	32090	8814	23276	27.47%
Waste	472642	472642	286171	186472	60.55%
Public Toilets	49710	49710	37837	11873	76.11%
Communications	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Signage	12300	12300	8825	3475	71.75%
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	2091756	2091756	1695931	395825	81.08%
GROWTH					
Residential	2900	2900	25	2875	0.85%
Mill Operations	910348	910348	575252	335097	63.19%
Tourism	33610	33610	12391	21219	36.87%
Business	51750	51750	85061	-33311	164.37%
Agriculture	11548	11548	1055	10493	9.13%
Integration	11548	11548	0	11548	0.00%
GROWTH TOTAL:	1021704	1021704	673784	347920	65.95%
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	167308	167308	152953	14355	91.42%
Natural	101107	101107	99785	1322	98.69%
Cultural	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Regulatory	696156	696156	516407	179749	74.18%
Climate Change	35754	35754	29725	6028	83.14%
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	1000324	1000324	798870	201454	79.86%
LIFESTYLE					
Youth	176541	176541	80363	96178	45.52%
Aged	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Childcare	16535	16535	5237	11298	31.67%
Volunteers	41757	47945	25186	22759	52.53%
Access	1405	1405	0	1405	0.00%
Public Health	7258	7258	3404	3853	46.91%
Recreation	334317	334317	306829	27488	91.78%
Animals	66375	66375	38021	28355	57.28%
Education	0	0	106	-106	0.00%
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	644188	650376	459146	191230	70.60%
COMMUNITY					
Retention	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Capacity	27025	27025	16245	10780	60.11%
Safety	51400	51400	34527	16873	67.17%
Consultation	5070	5070	22902	-17832	451.72%
Communication	21125	21125	8340	12785	39.48%
COMMUNITY TOTAL:	104620	104620	82014	22606	78.39%
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	5850	5850	352	5498	6.02%
Sustainability	1317109	1317109	977848	339261	74.24%
Finances	227529	227529	164947	62583	72.49%
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	1550488	1550488	1143147	407341	73.73%
TOTALS	6413080	6419268	4852891	1566376	75.60%

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INFRASTRUCTURE	ROAD ASSETS	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	Resheeting Program	\$ 600,000	\$ 419,354	\$ 240,646	
	Reseal Program	\$ 362,460	\$ -	\$ 362,460	
	Reconstruct & Seal	\$ 45,000	\$ 1,163	\$ 43,837	
		\$ 50,000	\$ 2,326	\$ 47,674	
		\$ 60,000	\$ 3,490	\$ 56,510	
		\$ 45,000	\$ 1,136	\$ 43,864	
		\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	
		\$ 110,000	\$ 2,192	\$ 107,808	
		\$ 55,000	\$ 45,466	\$ 9,534	
	Minor Seals (New)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	Unsealed - Road Widening	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,814	\$ 7,186	
		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
		\$ 60,000	\$ 53,363	\$ 6,637	Includes \$40K Budget 2010/11
	Other:				
	Edon Road - Slip Repairs (incl. Guard Rail)	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000	
	Inglewood Road - Sight Improvements	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	
	Woodstale Rd & Stonehenge Road (Junction)	\$ 10,000	\$ 300	\$ 9,700	
	Woodstale Road - Landslip Areas) - Engineering Assessment	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	Development Infrastructure Roads	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 1,880,460	\$ 541,604	\$ 1,338,856	
	BRIDGE ASSETS				
	Daneels Road - Marshalls Crk	\$ 26,440	\$ -	\$ 26,440	
	Eddington Road - Bagdad Rivulet (Bridge 2097)	\$ -	\$ 82,634	\$ 82,634	
	Elderslie Road - Jordani Rv (Bridge 486)	\$ 804,160	\$ 270,149	\$ 534,011	
	Edon Road - Burns Creek (Bridge 436)	\$ 111,220	\$ 5,283	\$ 105,927	
	Mosquito Valley Road (Bridge 5300)	\$ 59,430	\$ 19,110	\$ 40,320	
	Inglewood Rd - Little Swampport River (B 3277)	\$ 73,830	\$ 2,964	\$ 70,866	
	Inglewood Rd - Little Swampport River (B 3278)	\$ -	\$ 2,172	\$ 2,172	
	Levendale Back Road - Prosser River (B 1300)	\$ 91,840	\$ 55,929	\$ 34,911	
	White Kangaroo Rd - White Kang Rivulet (B 204)	\$ 125,480	\$ 12,757	\$ 112,723	
	Carried Forward:				
	York Plains Road - Tin Dish Rvt	\$ -	\$ 6,515	\$ 6,515	Capitalised 30/6/11
	Wilsons Road - Bagdad Rvt	\$ -	\$ 6,243	\$ 6,243	Capitalised 30/6/11
	Swanston Road (Little Swampport River - 1716)	\$ -	\$ 15,474	\$ (15,474)	WIP - Carry Forward 2010/11
	Fields Road (No. 1851)	\$ -	\$ 1,459	\$ 1,459	WIP - Carry Forward 2010/11
	Rotherwood Road Bridge (No. 1137)	\$ -	\$ 1,653	\$ 1,653	WIP - Carry Forward 2010/11
	Elderslie Road (Grahams Creek Bridge)	\$ -	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,231	WIP - Carry Forward 2010/11
		\$ 1,282,400	\$ 484,594	\$ 807,806	

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WALKWAYS	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
Footpaths - General (Program to be confirmed)	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000	
Bagdad Township				
- School Rd Bagdad	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Campania Township				
- Nil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Colebrook Township				
- Nil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Kempston Township				
- Nil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Oatlands Township				
- Nil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Tunbridge Township				
- Nil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Tunnack Township				
- Nil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Carried Forward:				
Bagdad Township	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
- Swan Street				
Campania Township				
- Reeve Street (Vicinity of Store)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
- Review Management Plan (Site Plan) / Walking Tracks (Bush Reserve)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Oatlands Township				
- High Street (Tree Planting)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
Tunnack Township				
- High Street	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
\$ 184,000	\$ -	\$ 184,000		
LIGHTING	\$ 270,000	\$ 336,503	(\$ 66,503)	\$270K Grant Funded Final Costs
Nil Projects	\$ 270,000	\$ 336,503	(\$ 66,503)	
DRAINAGE				
Bagdad	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 18,000	
- Hall Lane (Junction with Midland Highway) - Pipe Open Drain				
- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
- Winstood Road - SW Drainage Imp's	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000	
Campania				
- Reeve Street (Open Drain - north of Telephones Box)	\$ 28,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 24,250	
- Jones Subdivision - check with A.B (requirements?)	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,460	\$ 1,540	
Colebrook				
- Franklin Street - Stormwater	\$ -	\$ 10,598	\$ (10,598)	
Kempston				
- Nil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Oatlands				
- Stanley St LHS - between Albert Terrace & Nelson St - Pipe Open Drain	\$ 6,140	\$ -	\$ 6,140	
- High St/Wellington Street Junction	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
\$ 191,140	\$ 19,809	\$ 81,331		
WASTE	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,030	\$ 5,470	Carried Forward:
Oatlands WTS - Capital Improvements	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,030	\$ 5,470	
PUBLIC TOILETS				
Colebrook - Power Connection & Lighting	\$ 5,600	\$ -	\$ 5,600	
\$ 5,600	\$ -	\$ 5,600		

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	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
GROWTH	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
SIGNAGE				
Oatlands Signage				
RESIDENTIAL				
Kandara Court - Stage 1	\$ -	\$ 33,612	\$ (33,612)	
Kandara Court - Stage 2	\$ -	\$ 3,942	\$ (3,942)	Prelim Survey & Engineering Design
	\$ -	\$ 37,554	\$ (37,554)	
TOURISM				
Avenues of Honour	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
History of Southern Midlands	\$ -	\$ 35,927	\$ (35,927)	Grant Funded
	\$ 4,000	\$ 35,927	\$ (31,927)	
HERITAGE				
Court House (Restoration - Toilet & Kitchenette Fac's)	\$ 22,767	\$ 3,855	\$ 18,912	
Court House (Landscaping)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Kempton Watch House (Fitout)	\$ 45,000	\$ 36,766	\$ 8,234	Includes \$30K Budget 2010/11)
Callington Mill (Master Precinct Plan)	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,116	\$ (1,116)	
Gaol (Interps & Landscaping) - commitment to TCF application	\$ 25,000	\$ 69,269	\$ (44,269)	Balance Grant Funded
Gaol (Furnishings & Fitout)	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,607	\$ 4,393	
Collections Management - Equip / Supplies / Labour Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Paratiah Railway Station	\$ -	\$ 831	\$ (831)	
	\$ 110,767	\$ 125,444	\$ (14,677)	
LANDSCAPES				
Jericho Trees	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
REGULATORY				
Kempton Council Chambers - Building & Office Improvements	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Kempton Council Chambers - Office Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000	

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
LIFESTYLE				
RECREATION				
Recreation Committee	\$ 35,000	\$ 230	\$ 34,770	
Playground Equipment	-	-	-	
Kempson Memorial Hall	\$ 10,000	-	\$ 10,000	
Campania - Dirt Track	\$ 5,000	\$ 38,310	\$ (33,310)	Balance Grant Funded
Colebrook Recreation Ground (Amenities)	\$ 18,367	-	\$ 18,367	
	\$ 66,367	\$ 39,040	\$ 27,327	
RLCIP Projects				
Community Library Extension	\$ 290,000	\$ 279,145	\$ 10,855	Includes \$45K RLCIP2 Funds & \$65K Grant
Mellon Mowbray Roadside Park	-	\$ 750	\$ 750	RLCIP Round 3
Bagdad Walking & Riding Path	-	\$ 691	\$ 691	
Stalton Park Kempion	-	\$ 244	\$ 244	
Flour Mill Park Redevelopment	-	\$ 146	\$ 146	
Turnbridge Coach Restoration	-	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Dulverton Corridor Walkway	-	\$ 43,185	\$ 43,185	
	\$ 290,000	\$ 334,161	\$ (44,161)	
COMMUNITY				
Road Accident Rescue Unit	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,451	\$ 1,549	
	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,451	\$ 1,549	
ORGANISATION				
SUSTAINABILITY ADMINISTRATION				
Computer System (Hardware / Software)	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,520	\$ (2,520)	
Town Hall (External Windows - Repair)	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	
Town Hall (Chairs)	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	
Town Hall (General)	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,714	\$ 8,286	
Town Hall (Upstairs) - Rewiring	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	
Asset Management - Computer Software	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,269	\$ (2,269)	
	\$ 45,500	\$ 5,969	\$ 4,550	
WORKS				
Depot - Church Street - palling fence - South Parade boundary	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,969	\$ 561	
Minor Plant Purchases	\$ 2,000	-	\$ 2,000	
Radio System	\$ 6,000	-	\$ 6,000	
Security Key System	\$ 3,000	-	\$ 3,000	
Depot - Glenelg Street (Security Fencing)	-	-	-	
Land Acquisition (General disposal / storage area)	\$ 734,152	\$ 602,829	\$ 131,323	
Refer separate Schedule (Net Changeover)	\$ 180,000	\$ 182,608	\$ (2,608)	
Light Vehicles	\$ 60,000	-	\$ 60,000	
Excavator (Approx. 2.70 tonne)	-	-	-	
Water Tank Replacement (Truck)	-	-	-	
	\$ 1,066,202	\$ 852,879	\$ 213,323	
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 5,121,836	\$ 2,810,995	\$ 2,310,841	

SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED, REMITTED AND COLLECTED

	13/04/2012	13/04/2011
Arrears Brought Forward	\$212,537.06	\$244,859.30
ADD Current Rates and Charges Levied	\$3,749,767.48	\$3,531,501.58
ADD Current Interest	\$48,594.56	\$49,002.19
TOTAL Rates and Charges Demanded	\$4,010,899.10	\$3,825,363.07
LESS Rates and Charges Collected	\$3,320,555.38	\$3,201,765.41
LESS Pensioner Remissions	\$185,871.41	\$172,332.22
LESS Other Remissions	-\$8,567.09	-\$10,252.13
LESS Discounts	\$13,009.28	\$11,441.58
TOTAL Rates and Charges Collected and Remitted	\$3,510,866.98	\$3,375,287.08
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES	\$500,030.12	\$450,075.99
	12.47%	11.77%
	87.53%	88.23%
	82.79%	83.70%
	4.63%	4.50%
	-0.21%	-0.27%
	0.32%	0.30%

	(July 2011)	(August 2011)	(Sept 2011)	(Oct 2011)	(Nov 2011)	(Dec 2011)	(Jan 2012)	(Feb 2012)	(March 2012)	(Year to Date)
Cash flows from operating activities										
Payments										
Employee costs	361,843.26	242,430.63	239,666.71	235,416.16	240,288.52	264,770.30	269,445.85	250,685.09	226,933.34	2,331,479.86
Materials and contracts	422,272.33	406,661.77	261,552.09	320,240.90	261,426.83	315,856.31	196,945.43	395,680.41	88,100.59	2,668,736.66
Interest	1,134.37	-	-	-	10,451.74	18,312.57	-	-	-	29,898.68
Other	9,030.87	16,960.94	70,256.75	16,757.49	19,139.30	56,321.94	34,800.53	17,676.48	62,684.12	303,628.42
	794,280.83	666,053.34	571,475.55	572,414.55	531,306.39	655,261.12	501,191.81	664,041.98	377,718.05	5,333,743.62
Receipts										
Rates	42,056.70	385,831.55	1,341,089.15	148,102.79	383,455.78	178,030.51	368,289.25	174,679.18	392,298.94	3,413,833.85
User charges	124,241.49	48,334.99	79,680.21	71,292.83	57,562.90	43,554.43	72,194.90	82,830.46	53,367.88	633,060.09
Interest received	25,369.29	42,111.25	28,758.03	34,709.61	35,699.50	22,268.21	22,120.20	16,775.30	23,895.80	251,707.19
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,699.00	-	19,699.00
Other revenue grants	3,198.00	540,880.72	4,500.00	6,636.36	552,245.70	-	9,374.25	543,671.45	2,300.00	1,644,057.98
GST Refunds from ATO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	63,206.37	92,601.90	37,253.54	27,156.20	45,986.05	4,294.52	13,362.97	108,107.22	26,398.04	246,872.69
	258,071.85	1,109,760.41	1,491,280.93	287,897.79	982,977.83	248,147.67	439,867.13	945,762.61	445,464.58	6,209,230.80
Net cash from operating activities	536,208.98	443,707.07	919,805.38	284,516.76	451,671.44	407,113.45	61,324.68	281,720.63	67,746.53	875,487.18
Cash flows from investing activities										
Payments for property, plant & equipment	61,243.40	160,457.10	25,981.10	149,223.56	162,179.09	319,285.10	373,836.34	411,048.43	293,331.94	1,956,586.06
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	-	14,275.45	-	25,642.00	343.48	-	177,977.73	94,744.35	-	312,983.01
Proceeds from Capital grants	-	41,006.25	-	-	47,100.00	-	-	-	317,325.00	405,431.25
Proceeds from Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment for Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash used in investing activities	61,243.40	105,175.40	25,981.10	123,581.56	114,735.61	319,285.10	195,858.61	316,304.08	23,993.06	1,238,171.80
Cash flows from financing activities										
Repayment of borrowings	4,197.41	-	-	-	8,973.19	41,214.71	-	-	-	54,385.31
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	4,197.41	-	-	-	8,973.19	41,214.71	-	-	-	54,385.31
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	601,649.79	338,531.67	893,824.28	408,098.32	327,962.64	767,613.26	257,183.29	34,583.45	91,739.59	508,809.52
Cash at beginning of reporting year	8,152,371.61	7,550,721.82	7,889,253.49	8,783,077.77	8,374,979.45	8,702,942.09	7,935,328.83	7,678,145.54	7,643,562.09	8,152,371.61
Cash at end of reporting year	7,550,721.82	7,889,253.49	8,783,077.77	8,374,979.45	8,702,942.09	7,935,328.83	7,678,145.54	7,643,562.09	7,735,301.68	7,643,562.09

Clr J L Jones OAM declared an interest and left the meeting at 3.04 p.m.

17.3.2 Rural Alive & Well – Request for Rate Remission

File Ref: 5465798 BWELL

AUTHOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (K BRAZENDALE)

DATE 18TH APRIL 2012

ISSUE

Consideration of a request for a Rate Remission from Rural Alive and Well Incorporated.

BACKGROUND

Rural Alive and Well Inc is a not for profit incorporated body which runs a suicide prevention program within the Southern Midlands, Central Highlands Municipal and the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council areas.

DETAIL

The details of the two properties occupied by Rural Alive and Well Inc are as follows:-

Property Id 5465800 – 11 Blackwell Road, Melton Mowbray (Church Hall)

General Rate	275.00
Waste Management	34.00
Fire Levy	35.00
TOTAL	307.30

Property Id 5465798 – 9 Blackwell Road, Melton Mowbray (Church Building)

General Rate	275.00
Garbage Service	110.00
Waste Management	104.00
Fire Levy	35.00
TOTAL	453.00

Human Resources & Financial Implications - Dependant on the level of remission (if any) granted by Council.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications - N/A.

Policy Implications - Reference Policy No. 5.6.2.2 – ‘Remissions – Charitable, Community and Sporting Bodies’.

Rural Alive & Well Inc., as an Incorporated body, it is not recognised in the existing Policy.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant a fifty percent (50%) remission of the General Rate only.

C/12/04/105/10920 DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, seconded by Clr A O Green

THAT Council grant a fifty percent (50%) remission of the General Rate only.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	

Clr J L Jones OAM returned to the meeting at 3.05 p.m.

18. INFORMATION BULLETINS

Refer enclosed Bulletin dated 19th April 2012.

Information Bulletin dated 4th April 2012 circulated since previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Information Bulletins dated 4th and 19th April be received and the contents noted.

C/12/04/106/10921 DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr M Connors

THAT the Information Bulletins dated 4th and 19th April be received and the contents noted.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

18.1 QUESTION TIME (COUNCILLORS)

An opportunity is provided for Councillors to ask questions relating to Council business, previous Agenda items or issues of a general nature.

Comments / Update will be provided in relation to the following:

1. Budget Workshop Timetable – Amended Program adopted.
2. Seniors Week – Walk to Parattah – draft program tabled – ‘in principal’ support with further detail to be submitted and considered through the budget process.
3. Heritage Guidelines – preparation of a guidelines manual - letter to be issued to each property owners within the Heritage Precinct(s).
- 4 Weeds - Handbook available – to be promoted through the Council Newsletter
5. Commonwealth Bank, Oatlands - Signage – No feedback received from applicant to date.
6. Midland Highway, Bagdad – Signage re: Use of Engine Breaks – update to be sought from DIER.
7. Policy Manual – progress with updated Manual.
8. Integrity Commission Seminar(s) – encourage attendance at free seminars.
9. Action List / Customer Complaints List – schedule time to review list.
10. Streetlight – Church Street, Oatlands – yet to be installed. Confirmed authorisation and order has been provided to Aurora.

Clr J L Jones OAM left the meeting at 3.41 p.m. and returned 3.43 p.m.

19. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

20. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Council to address urgent business items previously accepted onto the agenda.

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move into “Closed Session” and the meeting be closed to the public.

C/12/04/108/10922 DECISION

Moved by Clr Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT Council move into “Closed Session” and the meeting be closed to the public.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr A R Bantick	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES

21. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION “

EXCLUDED FROM THE MINUTES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005.

**T F KIRKWOOD
GENERAL MANAGER**

EXCLUDED FROM THE MINUTES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2005.

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**T F KIRKWOOD
GENERAL MANAGER**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

C/12/04/113/19025 DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor M Jones OAM, seconded by Clr B Campbell

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the decision made in “Closed Session”.

C/12/04/114/19026 DECISION

Moved by Clr B Campbell, seconded by Clr D F Fish

THAT Council endorse the decisions made in Closed Session.

CARRIED.

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
√	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
√	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
√	Clr C J Beven	
√	Clr B Campbell	
√	Clr M Connors	
√	Clr D F Fish	
√	Clr A O Green	
√	Clr J L Jones OAM	

Clr A R Bantick returned to the meeting at 4.27 p.m.

22. CLOSURE 4.28 P.M.