

COUNCIL MEETING

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Nil

18th January 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the

**Campania Hall
Wednesday 3rd January 2013
10.00 a.m.**

I certify under s.65(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 that the matters to be discussed under this agenda have been, where necessary, the subject of advice from a suitably qualified person and that such advice has been taken into account in providing any general advice to the Council.

COUNCILLORS PLEASE NOTE:

- **Public Question Time has been scheduled for 12.30 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,



**Mr T F Kirkwood
General Manager**

OPEN COUNCIL AGENDA

1. PRAYERS

Councillors to recite the Lords Prayer.

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APOLOGIES

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 12th December 2012, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

DECISION

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 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council held on the 12th December 2012, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

There are no decisions arising from the Annual General Meeting which require further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 12th December 2012 be confirmed.

DECISION

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 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Nil.

5.4 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MINUTES**5.4.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes**

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

- Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION**DECISION NOT REQUIRED**

5.4.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

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

- Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

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

5.5.1 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

5.5.2 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 – Quarterly Report – September 2012**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report received from the Joint Authorities be received.

DECISION

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	

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.

DECISION

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	

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*.

DECISION

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	

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*.

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, no Questions on Notice had been received from members of the Public.

Mayor A E Bisdee OAM to invite questions from members of the public.

9.1 PERMISSION TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

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

- 12.00 noon - Adrienne Picone - CEO of Volunteering Tasmania to do a presentation on their recently released document 'Volunteering in Tasmania'

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

10.1 BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Clr B Campbell has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“THAT Council seriously consider providing a cash donation and/or the provision of “in-kind” services to assist those that have been tragically affected as a result of recent fires in Tasmania. In particular, Council should consider a donation to both ‘Rural Alive and Well’ (for those facing trauma), or ‘Blaze Aid’ (for those who have lost fencing etc.)”

Background Comments (provided by Clr Campbell):

Rural Alive and Well

As many already know that there have been devastating fires in a number of areas in Tasmania where people have suffered lose and / or been trapped by fire. This type of experience is very hard to forget and people must move on with life and in doing so need the assistance of someone they can trust. Rural Alive and Well have built up a good name in helping others get back on track and they need our help (financially) to help others. An advantage in supporting RAW is we keep jobs in Southern Midlands.

Blaze Aid

An organization that came out of necessity. When landholders lose fences through fire and or flood it can be traumatic experience especially the fences are uninsured and the bank does not want to know. Blaze Aid have replaced many fences with the help of volunteers but sadly fencing materials from time to time have to be purchased it that requires donation of materials or cash to buy. When we are in drought others come to our aid it is our turn to return help to those in need.

General Manager’s Comments:

An offer has already been made to affected Councils, particularly Central Highlands and Tasman, to provide labour, plant and equipment to assist with removal of unsafe trees, clearance of road verges, and whatever other assistance may be required. It is likely that Council employees may already have commenced working in these areas prior to the meeting. Further advice and comment will be provided.

DECISION

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	

10.2 NATIONAL TIMBER COUNCILS TASKFORCE - MEMBERSHIP

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

“THAT the Southern Midlands Council become a member of the National Timber Councils Taskforce”.

Clr Green will provide further comment at the meeting, however the following is an extract of information obtained from the organisation’s Website (<http://ntct.org.au/>):

National Timber Councils

About the Organisation:

Unlike many of its competitor products, the Australian forest industry has traditionally been fragmented, with many communities, small companies and organisations acting alone. The result has been a lack of clear, coherent industry voices at every level.

The National Timber Councils Association Incorporated has been formed to provide local government with a peak national body advocating from a local perspective on issues affecting local communities, industry, the environment and government in timber regions.

Background

The NTCA was founded in 2007 following a request from the Howard Commonwealth Government to establish a national network of councils involved in forestry and plantation. The establishment of the NTCA provides a significant opportunity for local government to engage in effective dialogue with the Commonwealth Government on forestry related issues and to discuss their impact on councils and local communities.

Vision

The NTCA aims to promote vibrant, resilient communities, maintain regional investment, employment opportunities and responsible environmental practices.

Our role

In addition to advocating on forestry and plantation issues on behalf of our member councils, the NTCA will provide local government opportunities to:

- Access information regarding forest policy development and implementation at the Commonwealth level
- Review and contribute to forest and timber-related policy, planning and regulatory frameworks

- Network and exchange knowledge with other timber impacted councils
- Promote forest policies that involve and support local communities.

The NTCA is keen to assist with the development of State-wide associations across Australia in order to increase local government capacity to be effectively involved in forestry policy setting at the state and national level.

Cost of membership is \$1,500 per annum, but it would be charged on a pro-rata basis for the 2012/13 financial year (i.e. approx.. \$750).

DECISION

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	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	

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

Nil Report.

11.4 PLANNING (OTHER)

Nil.

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, CYCLE WAYS AND TRAILS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

1.3.1 Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of walkways, cycle ways and pedestrian areas to provide consistent accessibility.

Nil.

12.4 LIGHTING

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 14

1.4.1a Improve lighting for pedestrians.
1.4.1b Contestability of energy supply.

Nil.

12.5 SEWERS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

1.5.1 Increase the number of properties that have access to reticulated sewerage services.

Nil.

12.6 WATER

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 15

1.6.1 Increase the number of properties that have access to reticulated water.

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 16

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 OFFICER REPORTS – WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES (ENGINEERING)

12.12.1 Manager - Works & Technical Services Report

File Ref: 3/075

AUTHOR WORKS & SERVICES

DATE 17TH JANUARY 2013

ROADS PROGRAM

Roadside Slashing is being undertaken on cooler days with a small fire unit being setup on signage vehicle.

Road inspections are being conducted since return from Christmas. Most roads are in very good condition given the current dry period.

Details of the proposed Road reconstruction / resealing program will be submitted to the meeting for confirmation.

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Tenders are being prepared for the upcoming bridge programs

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Waste Transfer Stations are being collected twice weekly due to the holiday season.

Substantial works have been undertaken at the Dysart Waste Transfer Station to extinguish a fire within the green waste section of the station.

TOWN FACILITIES PROGRAM

Due to the amount of campers/visitors in the Municipality area, increased resources have been allocated to toilet cleaning and rubbish collection, which includes rostering a person over the weekend period.

Mowing of townships is being scheduled in conjunction with the above.

WORKS SERVICES PROGRAM

Staff Leave/Resignations/Appointments

➤ Nil.

Assistance will be provided to the Tasman Council commencing Monday 21st January 2013. Initially, this will involve three men (including truck and backhoe) working within the Murdunna area for a one week period and will focus on clearance of roads and road verges.

Should a fire eventuate in the Southern Midlands during this period, they will return straight away as most are in voluntary Brigades in our area.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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	

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 18

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

13.2.1 Proposed Targa Tasmania Road Closure Sunday 21st April 2013 - Woodsdale Road Between Tunnack Road and Cutting Grass Road from 12.00 to 16.30

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER (T KIRKWOOD)

DATE 16TH JANUARY 2013

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Octagon & Proposed Route

ISSUE

Consideration of a road closure application by Octagon Worldwide Pty Ltd (Octagon) for the 2012 Targa Tasmania stage at Woodsdale

BACKGROUND

In 2012 Targa Tasmania operated a stage of their event in the same location as planned for this year. It is understood that there was some damage to front fences, but this was repaired by Octagon and that there are no known outstanding matters relevant to the event activities in the Southern Midlands.

It is noted that Octagon complied with all of Councils conditions that were the subject of the 2012 approval.

The Manager Community & Corporate Development (Andrew Benson) and the Manager Works & Technical Services (Jack Lyall) undertook a comprehensive road/infrastructure risk assessment of the stage on the Friday prior to the event, a number of matters were documented that could be of concern when high speed vehicles use the roadway. These matters were e-mailed to Octagon's Sports Director (Stuart Benson) and he acknowledged/accepted the handover and the associated information.

CURRENT

The letter from Octagon requests Council's consideration of a road closure for one event in the Southern Midlands, ie Woodsdale Road between Tunnack Road and Cutting Grass Road on the 22nd April 2012 from 12.00 to 16.30 (refer to the attached map).

Risk management is one of the major issues in relation to the consideration of this particular event in the Southern Midlands. To that end, Council's risk management advisors, MAV Insurance scheduled a session at its Tasmanian Conference during 2012 for a representative of Octagon to provide a detailed overview of the risk management

measures and associated activities that Octagon engage to ensure that Council's and the public's interests are addressed. Octagon's Sports Director, Stuart Benson addressed the Conference with a comprehensive presentation, which demonstrated a high level of sophistication in the management of safety related issues across the whole spectrum of the event. Stuart has offered to address Council at a later Council meeting to fully inform Councillors of the manner in which the safety related issues are managed for the event and to address any questions that Councillors may have.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

1. **Congratulate the organisers of the Targa Tasmania event for the manner in which it was conducted in the Southern Midlands in 2012;**
2. **Support the Targa Tasmania event (noting that any road sweeping requirement will be the responsibility of Targa);**
3. **Approve the proposed closure of Woodsdale Road between Tunnack Road and Cutting Grass Road on the 21st April 2013 from 12.00 to 16.30 p.m.;**
4. **Require Targa Tasmania to undertake the supervision and control of the event/works as well as the closing and opening of the streets also arranging the provision of any traffic management equipment and staff required to safely implement the road closures;**
5. **Require unobstructed access to be provided for emergency vehicles at any time if required;**
6. **Require Targa Tasmania to indemnify the Council against injury or damage to person(s) or property during the period of the event;**
7. **Require residents and businesses affected by the proposed closure be notified in advance. This notification should be in the form of a letter (hand delivered) outlining as a minimum the road to be closed, date and times of closure, reason for closure and a contact name and number for further enquiries. It is Targa Tasmanian's responsibility to arrange for this letter to be delivered at least seven days prior to the closure;**
8. **Council officers undertake a risk assessment of the road prior to the weekend of the event.**

DECISION

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 December 2012

octagon

Mr Tim Kirwood
General Manager
Southern Midlands Council
PO Box 21
OATLANDS TAS 7120

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

Rec'd 19 DEC 2012

File no _____

REF: 11 _____

Dear Tim

Targa Tasmania 2013 – Road Closure Application

I wish to make application seeking in principal support of proposed road closures in connection with the international tarmac rally Targa Tasmania.

The event is scheduled to cover a statewide route from Tuesday 16 April to Sunday 21 April 2013, with all activities relating to the Southern Midlands municipality concentrated on Sunday 21 April.

In accordance with the conditions of the Tasmania Police motor sport permits policy; I request approval in principal for the use and closure of the following roads for a maximum period of four and a half hours:

LEG FIVE - SUNDAY 21 APRIL

MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTHERN MIDLANDS

'WOODSDALE'

Road Closure: 12:00 – 16:30

ROAD CLOSED:

Woodsdale Road

BETWEEN FOLLOWING ROADS:

Tunnack Road and Cutting Grass Road

I confirm that as has been past practice on targa stages within Southern Midlands, all residents affected by road closures will be contacted twice prior to the event, advising full details of the road closure and of the safety and emergency response plans. This information will be distributed under contract by Australia Post to ensure the greatest level of coverage. Additionally Octagon will also contact a wide variety of organisations and individuals including schools, harvesting contractors, transport companies, milk companies, tourism authorities and tourism operators advising details of the route and road closures as well as place advertisements in the three major newspapers and provide information to localised newspapers.

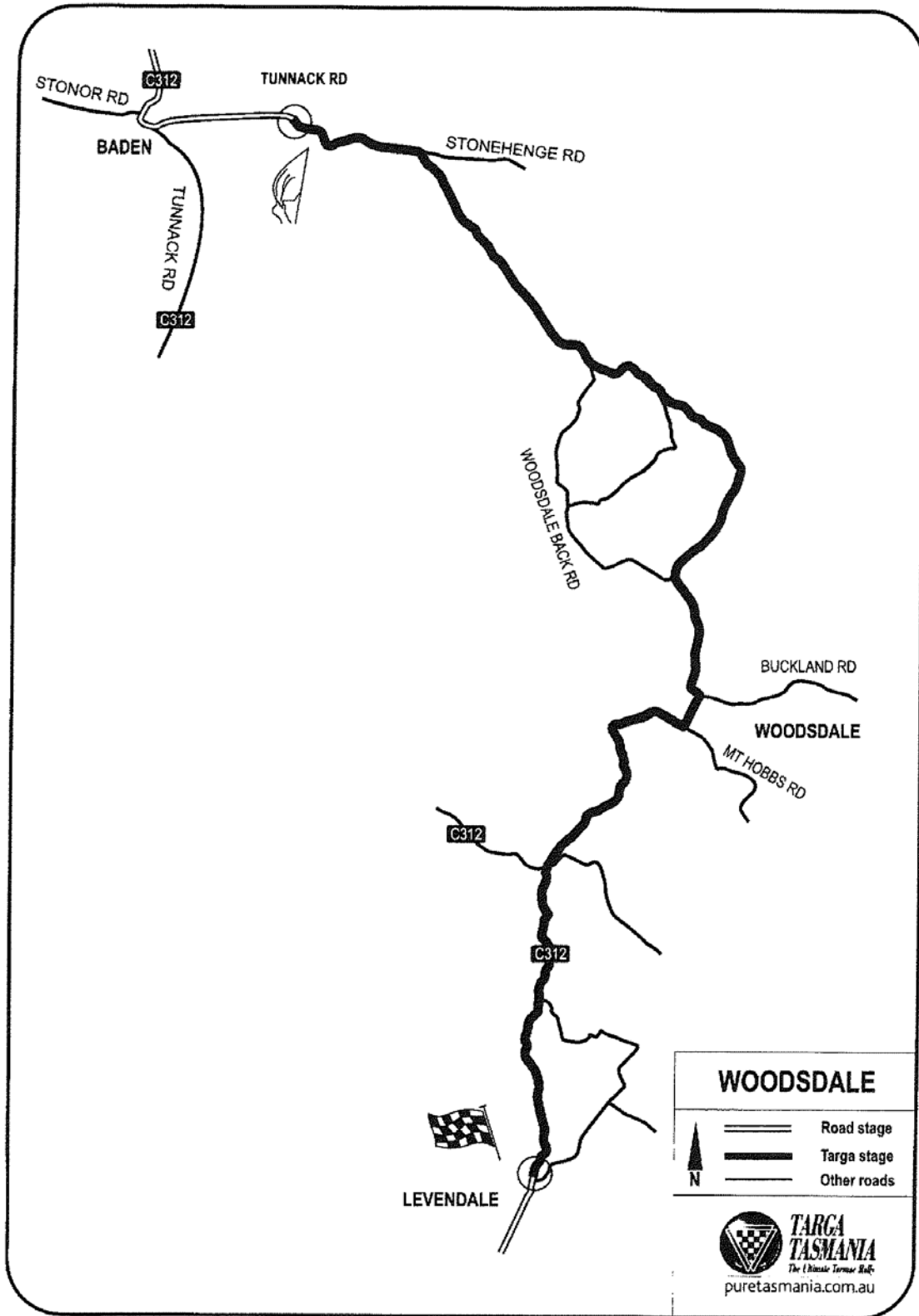
Targa Tasmania will remain in contact with council to ensure minimum disruption to community and council plans further to confirming specific road closure times closer to the event.

Thank you in anticipation, should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Benson
Event Director



13.3 BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 19

- 2.3.1a Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands.
- 2.3.1b Increase employment within the municipality.
- 2.3.1c Increase Council revenue to facilitate business and development activities (social enterprise)

Nil.

13.4 INDUSTRY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 20

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

Nil.

13.5 INTEGRATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 21

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

13.5.1 Roche Hall Property – Redevelopment of the Gaol Arch Site

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER (T KIRKWOOD)

DATE 18th JANUARY 2013

ATTACHED: 1999 Streetscape Plan (Page 6)

ISSUE

Council to determine an approach to seek ideas & suggestions from the community as an initial stage for the redevelopment of the Gaol Arch site at the Roche Hall property.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

By way of background information, an extract from the ‘Oatlands Streetscape Plan 1999’ prepared by Gilby Roussos Architects Pty Ltd which focussed on the ‘Town Square’ concept has been included.

It is suggested that as an initial stage, Council seek ideas and suggestions from within the community to gauge an understanding of the extent of development that may be envisaged.

Depending on the outcome of the above, all ideas and suggestions could then be referred to an appropriate design consultant for consideration, and subsequent referral to a community meeting.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Not applicable for this initial consultation stage.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The purpose of this report is to determine the consultation processes.

Policy Implications – N/A.

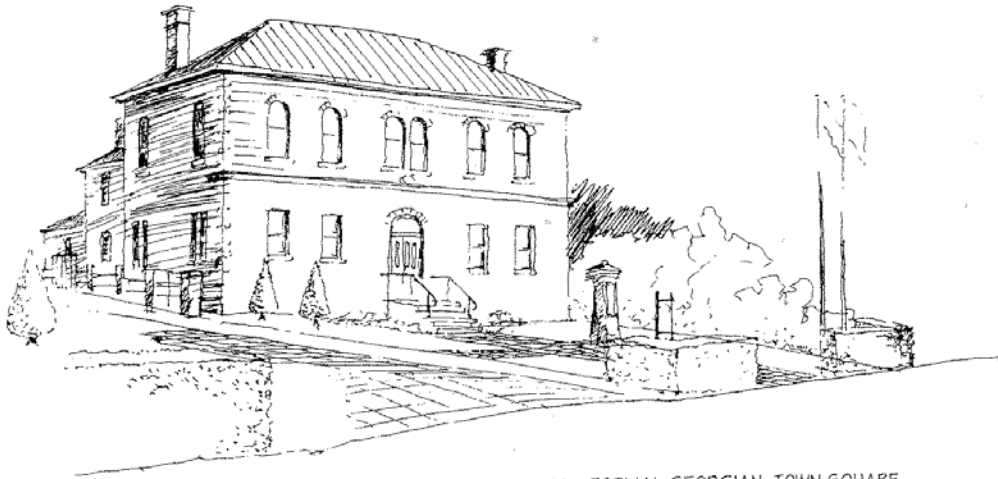
Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate. The aim would be to finalise plans in the forthcoming months with the intention of budgeting for the 2013/14 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

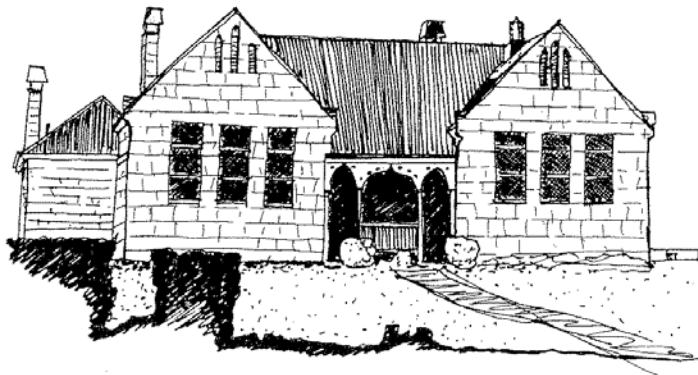
THAT Council proceed to invite ideas and suggestions from within the community relating to the redevelopment of the Gaol Arch site at the Roche Hall property.

DECISION

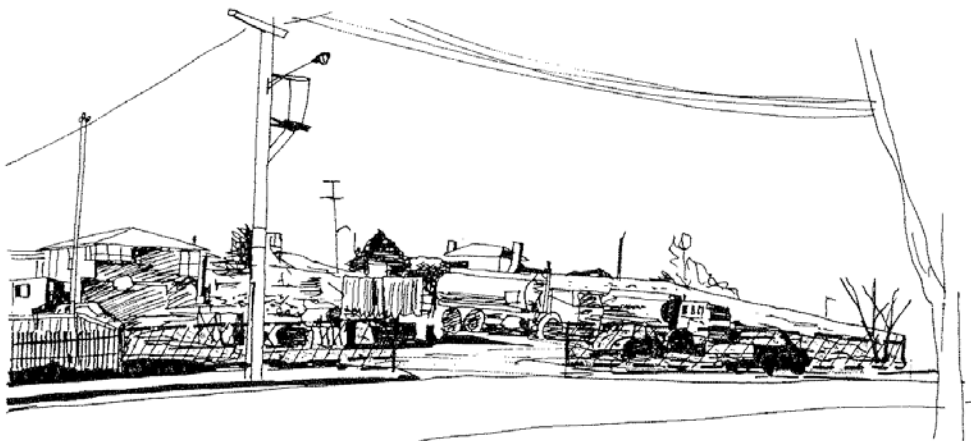
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TOWN HALL - FORMAL GEORGIAN TOWN SQUARE



ROCHES HALL FORECOURT COULD TIE IN WITH
TOWN HALL FORECOURT



SOME PROPERTIES NEED SCREENING

- At the northern end of the current tree landscaped area develop a small memorial to Galipoli by having the two cultivated lone pines set in a small paved area with appropriate signage.
- Tidy up the “Welcome” sign. Reduce the height of the dry stone wall and cap neatly. Extend wall and introduce a parking area and minimise maintenance.
- Large simple message signs
HERITAGE HIGHWAY
WELCOME TO OATLANDS
- Information Sign for the tourist/visitor. Detailed information on Oatlands to be read by a pedestrian.

TOWN SQUARE

- This is a sensitive issue with townfolk being divided on any proposal.
- We do not consider that traffic should be excluded from the lower part of Stutzer Street.
- Our recommendations are to build on a visually formal connection of School and Council properties creating pleasant central focus but not at great expense or change. These upgrading works should be gradual, designed to enhance the existing uses particularly the RSL/Anzac parade use but developing potential for future uses as a formal meeting/gathering space.
- The Town Hall forecourt should also connect with the Library space opposite with the potential to interconnect with any future development of the Council Works Depot property behind.
- Develop the Town Centre Square.
- Provide a pedestrian connection through to the Council Works Depot where redevelopment is intended.
- Remove the fence to the front yard of the Town Hall back to the Town Hall building in Stutzer Street.
- Tidy up the lawn to footpath connection to High and Stutzer Streets.
- Add flagstone paving to Stutzer Street from High Street to the side entrance, Town Hall. These would be laid over existing asphalt paving with a suitable asphalt ramp onto and off the new paving.
- Develop a hedge to High Street to match that already established in the grounds of Roches Hall.
- Develop formal paths on axis of main entrance and at right angles to this at Cenotaph.

OATLANDS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

- Plant more shade trees to lawn abutting High Street.
- Provide a strong capping element to the top of the low chain wire fence possibly extending the height also.
- Grow some creeper over the existing fence at the junction of high and low fences to define the junction and soften the asphalt court beyond.
- Paint NW end of the school elevations in more appropriate colours that compliment Heritage colours. Identify the school entrance gate onto High Street in a bold appropriate manner eg sandstone capping of brick piers well detailed and executed.
- Extend topiary trees along driveway

14 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

14.1 HERITAGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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| 3.1.1 | Maintenance and restoration of significant public heritage assets. |
| 3.1.2 | Act as an advocate for heritage and provide support to heritage property owners. |
| 3.1.3 | Investigate document, understand and promote the heritage values of the Southern Midlands. |

14.1.1 Heritage Project Officer's Report

File Ref: 3/097

AUTHOR MANAGER HERITAGE PROJECTS (B WILLIAMS)

DATE 17TH JANUARY 2013

ISSUE

Southern Midlands Landcare Unit and GIS Monthly Report

DETAIL

- The gaol arch deconstruction has been completed and the arch is now stored in the gaol yard and depot ready for commencement of rebuilding work in late January.
- The summer archaeology season will run from January 21st to February 10th. Eleven students and three volunteer supervisors will be running the program, as well as two students running a school and public education program. A public open day will be held on February 10th (invitations will be circulated to Councillors prior to that date).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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14.2 NATURAL**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23**

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

14.2.1 Landcare Unit & Climate Change – General Report*File Ref: 03/082*

AUTHORS NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER (M WEEDING)

DATE 14TH JANUARY 2013**ISSUE**

Southern Midlands Landcare Unit and GIS Monthly Report

DETAIL

- A ‘pre Christmas break’ track inspection was undertaken by the Landcare Unit in late December. A number of weed areas were sprayed out for the second time this spring/summer period due to late rains bringing on late season growth.
- Work on the Bushlinks 500 project continues. Detailed site management plans are being drawn up for landholders involved. A progress report on the project is due in February.
- The CEEP (Community Energy Efficiency Program) Project to retrofit the Town Hall for energy efficiency is progressing and is now awaiting commencement of work at the Town Hall.
- Following the meeting of the Little Swanport Catchment Committee held on Thursday 15th November a number of people expressed interest in continuing the committee into the future. A meeting will now be scheduled for March. As part of the meeting the roles and functions of the next phase of the catchment committee will be discussed.
- Work continues in relation to Lake Dulverton foreshore. The womens ‘glass quilt’ that hangs on the foreshore just off High Street is now ready to be reinstated on site. This work should be undertaken in the next two weeks.
- Graham Green has been to a GIS forum looking at the latest programs available to assist organisations with the management and access to GIS data. Graham has also updated the Councils’ flora, fauna and aerial photography data with the latest files available from DPIPWE.

- Helen Geard and Maria Weeding attended a briefing on the Australian Government’s Caring for Country Phase 2 investment priorities for the next year. It appears that there shall be some opportunities for funding for the Southern Midlands area.
- NRM Sth and the Midlands Tree Committee (MTC) have combined together to undertake a project that will outline the history and impact that the MTC has had over the past thirty years upon influencing the Midlands landscape. H Geard and M Weeding will be involved with the project.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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14.3 CULTURAL**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23**

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| 3.3.1a | Increase the retention, documentation and accessibility of the aboriginal convict, rural and contemporary culture of the Southern Midlands. |
| 3.3.1b | Ensure that the Cultural diversity of the Southern Midlands is maximised. |

14.3.1 Development of the Southern Midlands Arts Strategy

AUTHOR MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT
(A BENSON)

DATE 16TH JANUARY 2013

ATTACHMENTS: Included with the original report at the December 2012 meeting

1. Creative Communities Report
2. Draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy
3. Draft Terms of Reference - Proposed Arts Advisory Committee

ISSUE

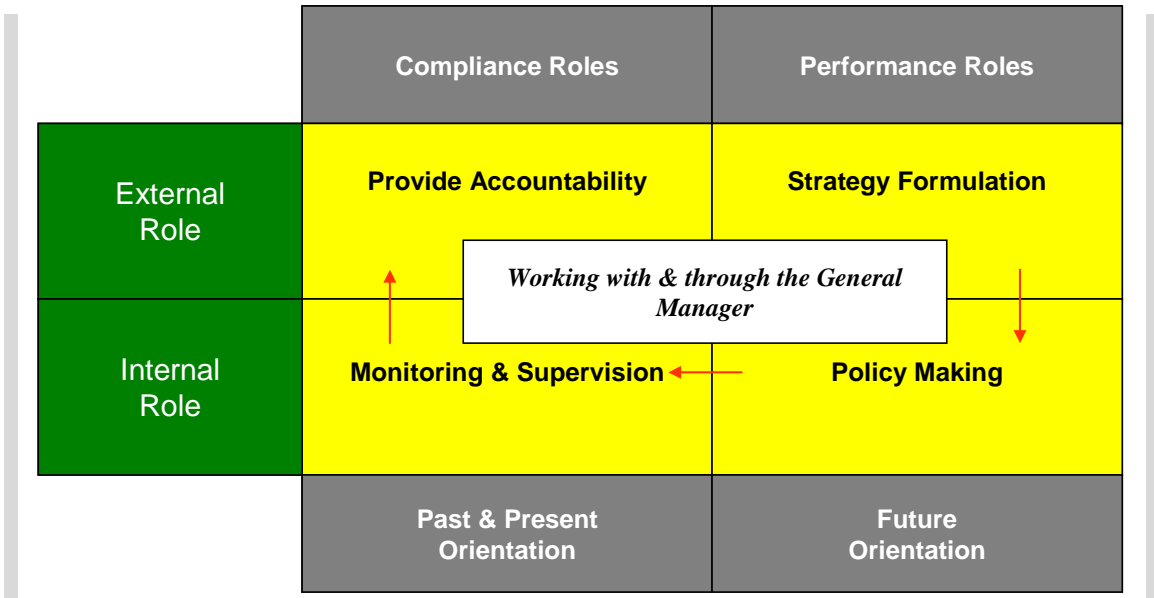
Development of an Arts Strategy for the Southern Midlands, along with its associated governance functions.

CURRENT

The draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy, along with accompanying documents; the Creative Communities Report and the draft Terms of Reference – Proposed Arts Advisory Committee were tabled at the December 2012 Council meeting for Council’s consideration. As Councillors are aware, the process for any policy document is, that it is tabled at one meeting and then “lays on the table” until the next meeting, to enable Councillors sufficient time to work through and consider all of the ramifications of the strategy/policy, before the document is finally considered for adoption at the following meeting.

REPORT TO THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING***FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSING COUNCIL’S GOVERNANCE FUNCTION***

The diagram below along with its explanation has been the subject of previous presentations to Council and whilst Councillors are fully aware of the governance framework in which Southern Midlands Council operates, it is important to reflect upon this framework with every new strategy and/or policy being considered by Council.



This framework has been drawn from Professor Robert Tricker’s work on International Governance, where he developed the model in the figure above which clarifies the twin responsibilities of conformance and performance Tricker, R., International Corporate Governance: Text Readings and Cases, New York: Prentice Hall, 1994, p.149.

BACKGROUND

Council advertised in the Council Newsletter for interested parties to nominate for a Working Group (called the Southern Midlands Arts Strategy Working Group) to develop an Arts Strategy for the Southern Midlands. A number of persons nominated and the first meeting was held on the 2nd May 2012.

A report was provided to the May 2012 Council meeting by the Manager Community & Corporate Development on the progress of the Southern Midlands Arts Strategy Working Group.

A further report was provided to August 2012 Council meeting, advising that there had been a number of meetings of the Southern Midlands Arts Strategy Working Group over recent months and that the Working Group had requested that an Introduction and Draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy be tabled at the Council meeting for consideration and endorsement. The Working Group believed that this would clearly articulate Council’s commitment during the early stages of the process. The Working Group had also requested that the Mayor participate in the Working Group, as a gesture to further consolidate Council’s commitment to the process. The draft Arts Strategy was unanimously endorsed at the August meeting and the proposed consultation framework articulated at the meeting was seen as a tremendous opportunity for the Community to be further engaged in the development process.

Councillors would also recall the presentation at the October Council meeting where colleagues from the Working Group, ie Lisa Rudd, Edwin Batt and Malcolm Hamilton provided a brief overview and an animated slide presentation for Council, of the theme of the consultation along with the participation at the forum.

CURRENT

The attached document titled the “Creative Communities Report” provides a comprehensive chronological exposé of the development of the Arts Strategy from its initial concept to its current form and it would be inappropriate to replicate that information in the body of this report.

Whilst the draft Arts Strategy that was endorsed by Council in the August meeting was a really meaningful starting point, the Community development process undertaken by the Working Group built upon and modified that document through the process. The “Creative Communities Report” is the precursor to the current draft Arts Strategy document and then subsequently the Terms of Reference for the proposed Arts Advisory Group.

The three documents, ie the “Creative Communities Report”, the draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy and the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Arts Advisory Committee are presented for Council’s consideration.

This has been an amazing journey of discovery and wonderment, both seeing first hand and hearing of the passion and talents of a wide spectrum of our Southern Midlands Community. It has been an extremely humbling experience.

The process that Council and the Working Group have undertaken has been well considered, thorough, engaging, high-spirited, productive and most of all fun. Regional Development Officer for Tasmanian Regional Arts, Kylie Eastley has made a significant contribution that has been pivotal in the delivery of the Strategy Document, through Kylie being the facilitator of the Community forum and the author of the “Creative Communities Report”, all of which provides a solid foundation for all of Council’s work in this space. Council acknowledges and appreciates the valuable contribution that Kylie and Tasmanian Regional Arts has played in the development process.

The Southern Midlands Arts Strategy Working Group, the architects of the Strategy document have been amazing. It is interesting to note that in some local government areas Councils establish working groups for defined term projects, after only a short period of time many tend to flounder a little, enthusiasm wanes and then numbers tend to fall away, with the project at hand nowhere near completion. This project, with the Southern Midlands Arts Strategy Working Group on the other hand was completely the opposite, enthusiasm has never waned participant numbers in the Working Group have in fact increased rather than decreased and everyone that is with the Working Group at the end of this journey is extremely committed to the outcomes of the rigorous process that was embarked upon. Images of the Working Group and recognition of their contribution have been included in the “Creative Communities Report”

It is noted that all policy documents presented for adoption by Council are required be tabled at a Council meeting, they then “lay on the table for a month” and are subsequently considered for adoption at the following meeting.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT Council**

- 1 Receive and note the report;**
- 2 Receive the “Creative Communities Report” by author Kylie Eastley;**
- 3 Receive the draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy for consideration at the January 2013 Council meeting;**
- 4. Receive the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Arts Advisory Committee for consideration at the January 2013 Council meeting;**
- 5. Endorse the Community consultation process that was undertaken for the development of the draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy**
- 6. Acknowledge the significant Community contribution of the Arts Strategy Working Group members; and**
- 7. Acknowledge the significant contribution of Tasmanian Regional Arts, through Kylie Eastley’s energetic participation in the Arts Strategy Working Group and the process**

DETAIL

Given the report and associated draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy, along with accompanying documents; the Creative Communities Report and the draft Terms of Reference – Proposed Arts Advisory Committee have been available for review by Councillors since the December Council meeting, it is recommended that final input be sought, amendments be considered, the documents be amended if required and then the draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy including amendments if agreed, be adopted as policy, as well as the draft Terms of Reference – Proposed Arts Advisory Committee including amendments if agreed, be adopted as policy.

Human Resources & Financial Implications –

The internal corporate responsibility of the Arts Strategy and the Arts Advisory Group will fall under the custodianship of the Community & Corporate Development business unit.

A Councillor is to be appointed as a member of the Arts Advisory Committee, along with a proxy (please note that the Mayor has been a member of the SM Arts Strategy Working Group and for continuance in the formative stages of this new Committee this arrangement of the Mayor’s participation could prove extremely beneficial)

Budget recommendations will be submitted to Council from the Arts Advisory Committee for the 203/2014 budget workshop sessions

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications –

Significant engagement has been undertaken as detailed in the Creative Communities Report and it is envisaged that this momentum will be maintained.

Policy Implications –

The new policy framework as proposed.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame –

As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Receive the “Creative Communities Report” by author Kylie Eastley;**
- 3. Receive adopt the draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy including any subsequent amendments, for adoption as Council’s Southern Midlands Arts Strategy;**
- 4. Receive and adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Arts Advisory Committee including any subsequent amendments, for adoption as Council’s Terms of Reference for the Arts Advisory Committee;**
- 5. Appoint a Councillor to be a member of the Arts Advisory Committee, along with a proxy;**
- 6. Endorse the Community consultation process that was undertaken for the development of the draft Southern Midlands Arts Strategy**
- 7. Acknowledge the significant Community contribution of the Arts Strategy Working Group members; and**
- 8. Acknowledge the significant contribution of Tasmanian Regional Arts, through Kylie Eastley’s energetic participation in the Arts Strategy Working Group and the process**

DECISION

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14.4 REGULATORY (OTHER THAN PLANNING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEMS)

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24

3.4.1 A regulatory environment that is supportive of and enables appropriate development.

Nil.

14.5 CLIMATE CHANGE

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 24

3.5.1 Implement strategies to address issues of climate change in relation to its impact on Councils corporate functions and on the Community.

Nil.

15 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING LIFESTYLE

15.1 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 25

4.1.1 Support and improve the independence, health and wellbeing of the Community.

Nil.

15.2 YOUTH

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 25

4.2.1 Increase the retention of young people in the municipality.

Nil.

15.3 SENIORS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26

4.3.1 Improve the ability of the seniors to stay in their communities.

Nil.

15.4 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26

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

15.5 VOLUNTEERS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26

4.5.1	Encourage community members to volunteer.
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Nil.

15.6 ACCESS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27

4.6.1a	Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands Community.
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4.6.1b	Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.
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Nil.

15.7 PUBLIC HEALTH

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27

4.7.1	Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.
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Nil.

15.8 RECREATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28

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

15.9 ANIMALS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28

4.9.1 Create an environment where animals are treated with respect and do not create a nuisance for the Community.

15.9.1 Management Strategy for Feral Cats in Tasmania (Draft) – Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER

DATE 17TH JANUARY 2013

ATTACHMENT: Draft Management Strategy for Feral Cats in Tasmania

ISSUE

- a) To provide Council with a copy of the draft 'Management Strategy for Feral Cats in Tasmania;
- b) Council to consider providing feedback (if any) to the LGAT on the draft Strategy; and
- c) Council to discuss any specific actions which may assist in achieving the identified objectives.

BACKGROUND

In 2012, recognising the growing concerns of the potential adverse impacts from feral cats, the Tasmanian Government enacted the *Cat Management Act 2009* and tasked the newly created Invasive Species Branch within the DPIPW with responsibility for developing a more effective coordinated response to the impacts of feral cats in the State.

This Management Strategy outlines the priorities for action in this area.

DETAIL

DPIPWE's Invasive Species Branch has released a draft Management Strategy for Feral Cats. The draft Management Strategy proposes the priorities for action for all organisations with an interest in addressing the impacts of feral cats. The draft has been released to LGAT and a number of other stakeholders for comment with the plan for DPIPW to finalise the Strategy in late February.

A copy of the draft Strategy is enclosed and is built around six objectives with twenty-six actions that the community can be involved in. The six objectives aim to:

- 1. Improve the knowledge of feral cats and their impacts
- 2. Encourage the adoption of best practice management techniques
- 3. Identify and protect High Conservation Value Islands through feral cat eradication projects

4. Reduce the impacts of feral and stray cats on other areas
5. Increase community awareness
6. Encourage responsible pet cat ownership

The draft Strategy recognises that feral cats are widespread in Tasmania. The most effective response needs further work to better understand the behaviour of feral cats and their impacts as well ensuring that efforts are focused on the highest priority areas that need protection.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Council has not been involved in any direct cat management/control programs to date, other than providing general advice and assistance where necessary.

It is suggested that Council could strongly focus on the education and community awareness objectives with the use of Council Newsletters and the Council Web Site would be a cost effective means of disseminating information.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – To be considered.

Policy Implications – Policy position.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – LGAT is seeking comment by 15th February 2013, and is particularly keen to receive feedback from those Councils with an interest in this area or currently undertaking cat control projects.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

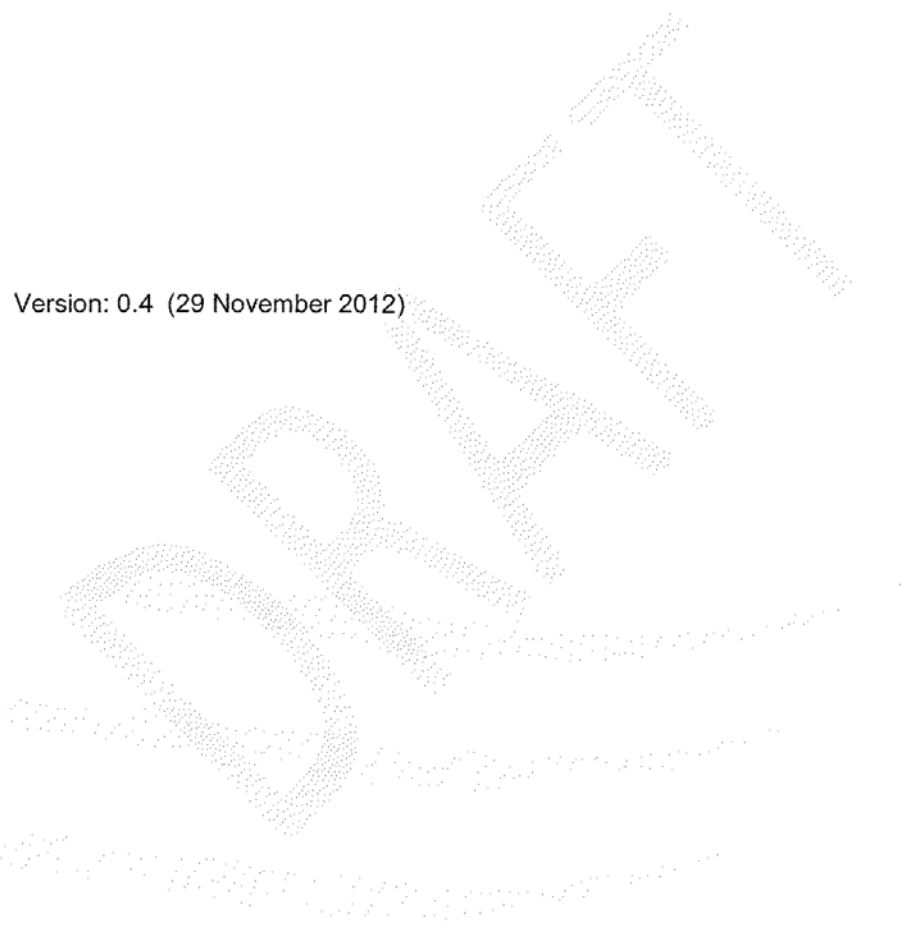
- a) **The information be received; and**
- b) **Council utilise its newsletters and website to disseminate information to the general community as it is developed through implementation of the Management Strategy.**

DECISION

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Management Strategy for Feral Cats in Tasmania

Version: 0.4 (29 November 2012)



Invasive Species Branch
Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment



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Version Control

Version	Date Released	Comments
1.1	04/10/2012	Draft
1.2	09/11/2012	Drafting
1.3	30/11/2012	Draft for internal comment

1 Introduction

The management of feral cats can be a contentious issue. Community interest in this issue is high with polarised views of cats evident. Whilst many in the community recognise cats as a valued companion animal, others regard cats as a predator causing significant impacts on native wildlife and acting as a vector for significant diseases affecting native species, livestock and humans. As an invasive species, the potential impacts of feral cats can cross the boundaries of economic impacts with livestock and poultry losses being caused through disease transmission and predation. Environmental impacts occur through disease transmission and predation on a wide range of native species, as well as competition with native carnivores. Cats are implicated in social and human health issues through disease transmission. Conversely, cats also predate on other invasive species such as rabbits and rodents and may have a positive effect on controlling those populations and limiting the environmental and economic impacts of those animals.

In 2012, recognising these growing concerns of the potential adverse impacts from feral cats, the Tasmanian Government enacted the *Cat Management Act 2009* and tasked the newly created Invasive Species Branch within the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment with responsibility for developing a more effective coordinated response to the impacts of feral cats in the State. This Management Strategy outlines the priorities for action in this area.

From the outset, it was clear that the Management Strategy directing this response needed to address existing knowledge gaps about feral cats and consider the long-term effort that will be required to address any impacts that feral cats cause. It was also recognised that cats have existed in Tasmania for approximately two hundred years and that broadscale landscape change has occurred during that period that supports the feral cat population and other invasive species. Eradication of cats from mainland Tasmania is not considered practically or economically feasible with the methods currently available, however targeted and well planned programs may reduce the impacts of feral and stray cats in many areas.

2 Purpose of this Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to outline key activities to:

1. Guide stakeholders, with an interest in feral cat management, in identifying priority areas for action and how they can contribute to the Objectives in this Strategy
2. Identify and address knowledge gaps about feral cats in Tasmania
3. Identify and promote best practice techniques for managing feral cat impacts

This Management Strategy for Feral Cats in Tasmania is adapted from, and follows the format and recommendations of, the Australian Government National Feral Cat Threat Abatement Plan (DEWHA 2008) and is consistent with the Australian Pest Animal Strategy (DEWHA 2007).

3 Current Situation

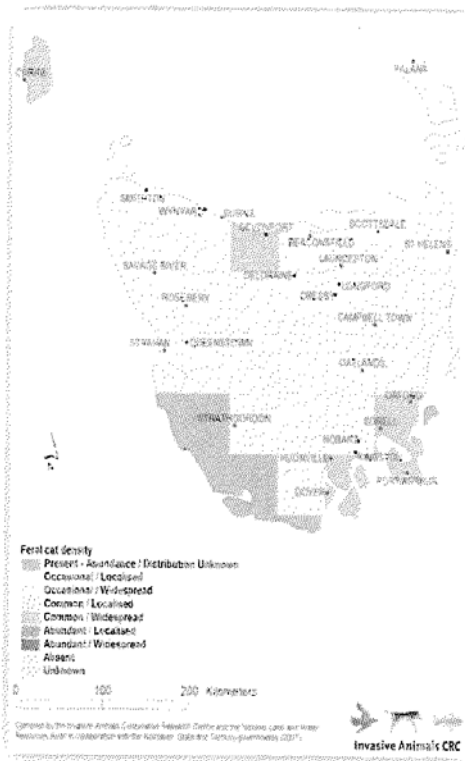
Distribution

The first record of cats being brought to Australia was by English settlers in the 18th century, although cats may have arrived much earlier with other human visitors (Baldwin 1980). At the turn of the century there were an estimated 18 million feral cats in Australia (McLeod 2004), distributed through all habitats (except some of the wettest rainforests) and on many offshore islands.

In Tasmania, feral cats are believed to be widely distributed throughout all ecosystems with the highest densities likely to occur in urban and peri urban areas, and lowest in the more remote and wetter regions of the southwest. Domestic cats were introduced to Tasmania in 1804 (Abbott, 2008) and by the 1840s were 'feral in some parts of the Colony' (Breton, 1846). Records of predation on native animals were made in the 1840s and 1850s (Abbott, 2008). There has not been a definitive statewide survey or analysis of feral cat abundance and distribution attempted although, in 2007 a distribution map (Figure 1) was produced by the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre.

Potential Impacts

Feral cats are considered to be a serious and widespread vertebrate pest in Australia, and are believed to have significant negative impacts on native fauna, ecosystems and agricultural productivity (eg. Denny and Dickman 2010). Their invasiveness and impact is characterised by the ability and adaptability to colonise and survive in a wide range of habitats. As carnivores, cats are opportunistic, with a diverse diet and the ability to survive with limited access to drinking water if necessary. The survival rate of kittens is not high in the feral population, but cats can breed in any season with litters of up to six, allowing rapid increases in numbers during favourable environmental conditions. As a result, predation by feral cats is listed as a key threatening process under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (C'wealth).



The impacts from feral cat predation are wide ranging and may not be restricted to those species directly preyed, with competition and associated changes in ecosystem function also being significant outcomes of feral cat presence. Cats also impact ecosystems as hosts for disease. Cats are known to directly predate on vertebrates weighing up to 3kg (Dickman 1996) but preferentially kill mammals weighing less than 220g and birds less than 200g.

Appendix A outlines Tasmanian species potentially at risk from predation on this basis. Bird species which forage or nest on the ground are the most vulnerable. Much of the Tasmanian fauna, particularly mammals less than 3 kg and burrowing seabirds, are considered to be key targets for predation. Feral cats may also kill and eat a broad range of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates (Dickman 1996). Indirectly, feral cats impact native fauna, livestock and humans by carrying and transmitting infectious diseases (Tidemann 1994, DEH 2004) most notably toxoplasmosis and sarcosporidiosis.

The specific impacts of cats on small islands are well documented (Campbell *et al.* 2011), but there is less information on the broad scale impacts of cats within the more complex ecosystems of mainland Tasmania. The impact of feral cats at a landscape scale is unclear in terms of actual impacts. Despite cats having been in Tasmania for approximately 200 years, no extinctions of small mammals has occurred (Copson 1991).

With respect to changes in native fauna populations and their distribution over this time, it can be difficult to separate the specific impacts of feral cats from those such as habitat loss, wildfire, disease and other invasive species. Feral cats are likely to contribute to localised extirpations through exacerbating the effects of habitat loss by preying on vulnerable remnant populations, but the primary reason for that vulnerability is likely to be the loss of habitat (Schwarz 1995). For mainland Australia, the combination of foxes and feral cats has resulted in the extinctions of several mammal species. Tasmania has been very fortunate in not having endured two centuries of high fox density.

4 Management Options

The management response adopted for feral cats must acknowledge the polarised views of the community towards this species. Whilst some sectors of the community may regard cats negatively due to perceived environmental and other impacts, other sectors of the community have a positive perception of cats due to their role as a companion animal and predator of other invasive species.

Observational data indicate that cats are widely established in Tasmania. Eradication state-wide is not feasible with current resources and techniques. Although the eradication of feral cats may be achievable in areas such as offshore islands or fenced (predator proof) reserves where biosecurity may be achievable, permanent eradication on mainland Tasmania is not possible due to the inability to prevent immigration into these sites from existing feral populations and recruitment from the domestic population.

For the most effective outcomes, the management of feral cat populations must focus on mitigating impacts in specific areas (eg. islands, small reserves) (Dickman *et al.* 2010) or on priority species where there are significant threats to biodiversity or agricultural production. In high conservation value (HCV) areas where measurable declines in native fauna populations have occurred (eg. burrowing seabird colonies, coastal strips with shore birds) protection and improved breeding success can be achieved through programs aimed at controlling several threats at the same time (eg. rats and mice, vehicle and dog access, habitat loss, weeds) as well as feral cats. Similarly, addressing disease transmission rates affecting livestock production may be best achieved by implementing measures to restrict cat access to stock feed rather than targeting cat numbers and potentially reducing predation on rodents in the vicinity of that feed.

Progress in control programs must be monitored to ensure that objectives are achieved and to allow management options to be adapted to changing circumstances. In parallel to managing impacts, it is desirable to limit the number of cats entering the feral population through a range of community education and awareness programs and the enforcement of cat management legislation.

On 1 July 2011 the *Cat Management Act 2009* was enacted in Tasmania. This Act provides the statutory right to control feral and stray cats in specific circumstances. The Act declares specific areas of land, such as National Parks and other reserved land and private land under conservation covenants, as 'Prohibited Areas' and enables land owners and managers to control cats found on rural land used for primary production involving livestock and in remote areas. The Act also enables Councils to declare additional 'Prohibited Areas' and 'Cat Management Areas' where control activities may occur. The Act also provides tools to manage the domestic cat population with compulsory registration of cat breeders and a directive for cat owners to microchip and desex pet cats unless statutory exemptions apply. More information on these provisions can be found at www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasivespecies.

5 Objectives and Actions

The goal of this Management Strategy is to minimise the impact of feral cats on biodiversity and agriculture in Tasmania by:

1. identifying and protecting affected native species and ecological communities
2. preventing further species and ecological communities from becoming threatened
3. raising awareness of the impacts of feral cats on native species and livestock, and the methods for managing those impacts

To achieve this goal, the Management Strategy has six objectives:

1. Improving the knowledge and understanding of feral cats and their impacts
2. Adopting best practice management techniques for feral cats
3. Protecting high conservation value islands
4. Reducing the impacts of feral and stray cats
5. Increasing community awareness
6. Encouraging responsible pet cat ownership

Twenty-six actions have been developed to achieve the six objectives. Each action nominated stakeholders with an interest and capacity to contribute to the action. Performance indicators are given for each objective. There is a degree of inter-relationships between the Objectives and Actions. It is recognised that some actions, such as effective monitoring and control activities, are reliant on others such as the delivery of research projects and high levels of community support. The objectives and actions should be considered and implemented recognising these dependencies.

Priorities for each action are given below and categorised as 'very high', 'high' or 'medium'. Timeframes for actions are listed as immediate, short term (i.e. within three years), medium term (i.e. within three to five years) or long term (i.e. five years or beyond).

Objective 1. Improving the Knowledge of Feral Cats & their Impacts

Desired Outcome: Key knowledge gaps, in relation to the distribution, impacts and behaviour of feral cats are addressed

Despite feral cats being firmly established in Tasmania, the depth of understanding of the role cats play as a predator and competitor with other species, native and invasive to Tasmania, is not strong. The approach to addressing these knowledge gaps is intended to be collaborative with the aim of bringing educational institutions, government, industry and community-based organisations together to collect and analyse information on feral and stray cats, their distribution and impacts. It is recognised that in some situations feral cats may exert a level of population control over other invasive species. Reducing cat numbers may cause localised perverse outcomes as a result. There has been limited research into the disease, predation, and competition impacts of feral and stray cats in Tasmania. This limits the certainty and reliability of project outcomes. Improving the understanding of feral cats and their impacts and the most effective control techniques, both direct and indirect, is critical to ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently.

Key actions for Objective 1 include, through direct investigation or by supporting other institutions, developing simple, cost-effective methods for monitoring impacts; improving knowledge of interactions between feral cats and native carnivores; identifying the potential impacts of cat-borne diseases and identifying the unintended effects of feral cat control in isolation from other actions. Care should be taken that feral cat programs do not lead to unintended effects and that control activities are targeted strategically, through better understanding of the impacts of feral cats and their interactions with other species.

Action	Priority	Timeframe	Stakeholders
1.1 Identify research priorities relating to feral cats in Tasmania	High	Short	
1.2 Determine the effectiveness of feral cat control programs by using cost-effective methods for monitoring the level of impact of cats on affected species and ecological processes before and after control actions	High	Immediate	
1.3 Research interactions between feral cats and native carnivores to improve understanding of the impact of feral cats on these species (and vice versa) in terms of competition and predation	Medium	Long	
1.4 Research interactions between feral cats and other invasive mammals (rabbits, rats, mice) to effectively integrate control activities for all three species	Medium	Long	
1.5 Monitor invasive mammals (rabbits, rats, mice) before, during and after cat management programs: identify any negative effects feral cat control may cause.	High	Immediate	
1.6 Research the role of feral and stray cats in the transmission of disease to livestock and native species and effective methods of limiting transmission	High	Long	

1.7	Publish and promote research findings relating to feral cats	High	Short
1.8	Develop a reporting portal for monitoring feral cats to facilitate community data collection and engagement	Medium	Medium

Performance indicators	
1.	Feral cat management supported by the ISB involves pre and post-control monitoring of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cat distribution, abundance and movement b. Cat impacts on native species and other values c. Other invasive species
2.	Negative effects of feral cat control are avoided
3.	Key research priorities and knowledge gaps identified
4.	Research published in peer-reviewed journals and available through local information resources for adoption in control activities

Objective 2. Adopting Best Practice Management Techniques for Feral Cats

Desired Outcome: Effective, efficient and humane control techniques are used to control feral cats with a focus on eliminating or minimising the negative impacts of feral cats

The need for efficiency and effectiveness in selecting control techniques is self-evident. Strategically focused invasive species control and eradication programs work beyond concentrating on 'culling' a feral cat population to first identify the impacts of the target species and the most effective and efficient methods to reduce or eliminate those impacts. These methods may include trapping and shooting but also range from using alternatives to lethal control measures through to activities designed to develop more resilient native species populations or encouraging post-control recovery of the native species. Where feral cats are eradicated or controlled in an area, rehabilitation may be needed to promote the recovery of native species and ecological communities. Interactions between species also need to be considered, with an integrated approach including habitat rehabilitation and management of potential prey, competitors and predators. Such integrated control methods link with the identification of unintended effects. Exclusion fencing, which has been successful in some areas such as Queensland where eradication campaigns within exclusion areas have protected bilby colonies from feral cats and other predators, may present long-term management options for Tasmania. Fencing can be more cost-effective than shooting and trapping (which require ongoing resourcing) for particular habitats or topography whilst providing long-term protection for native species from predation and competition.

Awareness of animal welfare issues in invasive species management has been a growing area of attention in the past decade and the adoption of humane control is equally evident in terms of meeting community expectations and legal obligations. To address animal welfare concerns, best practice as outlined in the model Codes of Practice and Standard Operating Procedures (IACRC 2012) for the humane management of feral cats should be adopted.

Action	Priority	Timeframe	Stakeholders
2.1 A strategic and holistic approach, including consideration of habitat restoration and management of potential prey, competitors and predators of feral cats, is considered in feral cat control programs	medium	medium	
2.2 Effective and efficient alternatives to trapping and shooting, such as exclusion fence designs, will be identified, tested and promoted	medium	long	
2.3 Adoption of model codes of practice and standard operating procedures for the humane management of feral cats will be promoted	medium	Immediate	

Performance Indicators
1. Feral cat management supported by the ISB adopts a strategic approach focusing on reducing or eliminating the impacts of feral cats and possible off-target responses
2. The model Codes of Practice and Standard Operating Procedures relating to humane management of feral cats is promoted
3. Alternatives to lethal control techniques are identified, tested and promoted

Objective 3. Protecting High Conservation Value Islands

Desired Outcome: *Feral cats are not established on high conservation value (HCV) islands*

Tasmania has significant areas of land with high conservation values. Many of these are on 'off-shore' islands or areas where fencing and other exclusion work could create a 'virtual island' on a peninsula. The protection of these areas from the impacts of cats is a high priority. Islands are particularly significant within this Strategy due to the likelihood that reinvasion may be prevented. These actions are designed to identify and prioritise HCV islands where feral cats exist and develop programs, where it is feasible, to eradicate them in the long-term or lessen their impacts in the shorter-term. The approach adopted will consider potential adverse impacts of removing feral cats from an area and the focus will remain on designing projects that will protect and enhance the HCV of the target area. The actions also aim to prevent feral cats from reaching and establishing (or re-establishing) on islands that are currently 'cat-free'. Effective monitoring of cats and other species before and after management action is required (eg. Mitchell and Balogh *et al.* 2007) to ensure the effort and outcome is sustained.

Action	Priority	Timeframe	Stakeholders
3.1 Data on islands are collected and collated to identify those of HCV and where cats are known to, or likely to have, a significant impact	high	short	
3.2 The feasibility and cost effectiveness of eradicating cats from islands is considered within integrated pest management frameworks and projects are developed on priority islands and within resource constraints	very high	long	
3.3 Effective monitoring is undertaken for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • informing eradication planning and operations decision-making • identifying post-eradication changes 	high	immediate	
3.4 Biosecurity plans, in support of eradication projects, are developed and implemented to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prevent feral cats from establishing or re-establishing on Tasmanian islands • detect and respond to future incursions 	very high	medium	
3.5 Information is provided to managers and stakeholders of HCV islands about the threat posed by cats. Community awareness and support for invasive species control and biosecurity for HCV islands is developed to minimise the risk of incursions	high	short	

Performance indicators
1. No further establishment of feral cat populations on HCV islands
2. Number of successful 'island cat eradications' achieved
3. The community recognise the importance of HCV islands being cat free and support biosecurity for these areas

Objective 4. Reducing the Impact of Feral and Stray Cats

Desired Outcome: Land owners and managers are aware of the potential impacts of feral and stray cats and are actively managing those impacts

The eradication or control of feral cats over the whole of Tasmania is not considered feasible, even without attempting a benefit-cost analysis, due to the distribution and population size of feral cats, expected ongoing immigration into the feral population from domestic cats, and the expected cost of attempting large-scale eradication or control. Therefore, it is necessary to identify priority areas for control based on evidence of the significance and the degree of impact posed by feral and stray cats. These impacts may be on native species and ecological communities or on livestock production. Understanding these impacts and how to best manage them is critical to designing control programs.

Identification of priority areas may involve mapping the distribution of susceptible species, high-risk habitats and the feral cat population to produce an overview of priority areas in accordance with the approach outlined in Dickman (1996). Once priority areas have been identified, control actions can be implemented. Organisations implementing control programs will be encouraged to focus on areas where feral cat control will help to reduce the threat to native species and primary industries. The success of control programs should be monitored using techniques applicable to the area. Actions other than direct removal, which reduce impacts from cats, should be investigated (eg. fencing, weed control, habitat restoration, appropriate fire regimes, improved storage of stock feeds). To assist in this effort, a decision-tree is proposed (Appendix D) to guide decision-making.

The cost-effectiveness of control programs must also be considered with the recognition that the benefit achieved by control will diminish over time after the control activities cease and the feral population begins to re-build naturally or from immigration from adjoining populations.

It is important to promote cat control and habitat restoration in priority areas and in adjacent areas to reduce reinvasion. Assistance may be provided for control actions on private and leasehold lands within and adjacent to priority areas.

Feral cats are considered to be a vector for diseases like toxoplasmosis and sarcosporidiosis that affect native species, livestock and humans. This objective assists with limiting disease transmission through developing a better understanding of the impacts and rates of diseases in feral cat populations and the potential for transmission to livestock and wildlife as well as identifying and promoting measures to reduce transmission rates.

Action	Priority	Timeframe	Stakeholders
4.1 Priority areas for feral and stray cat control are identified and promoted based on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significance of the ecological community or the regional population of the native species threatened by feral cats • degree of threat posed by feral cats to species or ecological communities relative to other threats • cost-effectiveness of maintaining feral cat populations below an identified threshold • feasibility of effective control action 	very high	medium	
4.2 Feral cat control is undertaken and monitored through new or existing programs in identified priority areas	high	medium	

4.3 Assistance and support to promote and maintain on-ground feral cat control on private or leasehold lands within or adjacent to priority sites identified in Action 4.1 is available	high	medium
4.4 Support research into the : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates of toxoplasmosis and sarcosporidiosis infection in livestock and feral cat populations • Inter-relationship between feral cats, livestock and native species and transmission pathways • Impact on native species posed by cat-borne diseases 	medium	long
4.5 Develop information resources for livestock owners and managers on methods to reduce disease transmission rates	medium	long

Performance indicators
1. Land owners and managers are active and supported in managing cats within identified priority areas
2. The community recognises the potential impacts of feral and stray cats on environmental and economic values and support cat control
3. Rates of disease infection in livestock and native species are quantified and reduced

Objective 5. Increasing Community Awareness of Feral & Stray Cat Issues

Desired Outcome: The Tasmanian community has a strong awareness of the Actions of this Management Strategy and the need to control and manage feral and domestic cats

Successful management of feral and stray cat impacts revolves around effective community support and involvement. The nature of the issue, especially in consideration of the existing domestic cat population, requires the community to properly understand the most effective approaches to managing cat impacts. This in turn relies on an awareness of those impacts and the range of techniques available and ultimately adoption of those techniques and responsible pet ownership.

Key actions for Objective 5 focus on integrating effective information to cat management actions. A range of public information and extension material is already available in relation to pet ownership and cat management. Adaptation of material for local issues and incorporation of Tasmanian research findings will make this material more relevant and accessible. Public sensitivities are expected in response to feral and stray cat control, especially with the risk that roaming pet cats are subject to control. Specific communication campaigns to accompany control programs, supported by ongoing communications to encourage responsible pet ownership, are recommended to ensure pet owners are aware of the programs and develop a better understanding of the potential impacts of stray and feral cats.

Action	Priority	Timeframe	Stakeholders
5.1 Information materials are developed and distributed to support and promote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective and humane feral cat control techniques • broad understanding of the threat to biodiversity posed by feral cats and support for their control • the specific actions to be undertaken under this plan • best-practice effective cat control in all tenures • understanding of predation by feral cats as a key threatening process 	medium	Short	
5.2 Develop, where necessary, specific communication campaigns to accompany cat control programs in order to address public sensitivities about cat control	medium	immediate	

Performance indicators
1. Increased awareness of the impacts of feral and stray cats in the community
2. Widespread use of effective and humane control and monitoring techniques and adoption of best practice
3. Increased awareness of the Objectives and Actions of the Management Strategy

Objective 6. Encouraging Responsible pet cat ownership

Desired Outcome: Pet cat owners have a high level of awareness of the potential negative impacts of stray cats and act responsibly to prevent their cats contributing to those impacts.

Pet cats are recognised as a valued companion animal for many people. With an aspirational target of preventing additional cats joining the stray and feral populations, this objective focuses on education of cat owners in relation to their responsibilities and the potential impacts of their pets on the environment.

Action	Priority	Timeframe	Stakeholders
6.1 Develop public information material in relation to responsible pet ownership and preventing impacts of domestic cats within local communities and on native species	medium	short	
6.2 Encourage microchipping and desexing of pet cats and enforce the requirements of the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i> in relation to the sale and breeding of cats	high	immediate	
6.3 Review the legislative framework governing pet ownership to identify further improvements to the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i> relating to the keeping of cats and the impacts of abandoned and stray cats	high	short	

Performance indicators
1. Public information is readily available on responsible pet cat ownership and the requirements of the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i>
2. High levels of awareness exist within pet owners of the requirements of the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i> and the risks posed by stray cats
3. The <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i> is reviewed after implementation to assess its effectiveness and identify desirable amendments

6 Implementation

This Strategy follows the recommendations and objectives of the National Feral Cat Threat Abatement Plan (DEWHA 2008) and is consistent with the Australian Pest Animal Strategy (DEWHA 2007). Both of those documents aim to reduce the impacts of feral cats on native species and ecosystems. This Strategy identifies that the threat abatement process will be ongoing, as there is no likelihood of eradicating feral cats state-wide in the foreseeable future in a cost-effective manner, and implementation will therefore be a long-term effort. The Strategy is purposefully designed to be scalable with the ability to implement the actions over an extended period and in a variable manner to adjust to the availability of resources. The extent of research or monitoring for example will be variable dependent on the availability of resources and this Strategy identifies the intent and direction for those activities. The Strategy provides a framework for undertaking targeted priority actions. Budgetary and other constraints may affect the achievement of the objectives, and as knowledge changes, proposed actions may need to be modified.

DPIPWE will work with other state agencies and levels of government, regional industry and community groups to facilitate the implementation of the plan. There are many different stakeholder interests and perspectives to take into account when managing cats. For example, Indigenous communities' views need to be fully considered and acknowledge the relationship traditional owners have with the land and the flora and fauna within it. It will be important to consult and involve the range of stakeholders in implementing the actions in this plan.

The ISB will actively promote activities being undertaken in support of this Strategy and liaise with stakeholders and their organisations to identify opportunities to collaborate to achieve the intended outcomes. This is a community issue and all sectors of the community have a role in managing the impacts of feral and stray cats. As a result, implementation of this Strategy will be a collaborative effort.

The successful implementation of this strategy will depend on a high level of cooperation between landholders and managers, community groups, industry groups, local government, and state conservation and biosecurity agencies. Success will depend on an accurate assessment of cat impact and allocating adequate resources to achieve effective on-ground control of feral cats at critical sites, improving the effectiveness of control programs, and measuring and assessing outcomes of the programs. A cooperative coordinated approach will provide the most effective and efficient results. Isolated actions, without considering wider issues, will be ineffective relative to what may be achieved by stakeholders working in partnership. Various programs in natural resource management at state and regional levels can make significant contributions to implementing the strategy.

7 Review

Performance indicators and outcomes will be documented through a variety of means including reports and published articles. Key activities, where the ISB will take a lead role, will be incorporated into future Branch Business Planning Specific Projects. Operational data obtained through species monitoring will be recorded in the DPIPWE *Natural Values Atlas* database.

The Management Plan will be reviewed five years after its release to

- assess progress
- update and improve the Actions
- encompass new technologies and advances in feral cat management

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Appendix A – Snapshot of 'At-Risk' Species

Mammal species susceptible¹ to impact from feral cats in Tasmania²

Species	Common name	Status (State or C-wealth Listing)	Cat density	Weight (g)	Weight score	Endemic?	Habitat use	Behaviour	Mobility	Fecundity	Overall risk ³
<i>Antechinus swainsonii</i>	Dusky Antechinus		2	38-170	3	No	1-Feb	3	2	1	H
<i>Antechinus minimus</i>	Swamp Antechinus		2	28-100	3	No	1-Feb	3	2	1	H
<i>Sminthopsis leucopus</i>	White-footed Dunnart		2	19-27	3	No	2-Mar	3	0	1	H
<i>Isodon obesulus</i>	Southern Brown Bandicoot		2	M 500-1500, F 400-1000	2	No	2-Mar	3	1	1	H
<i>Perameles gunnii</i>	Eastern Barred Bandicoot	VU	2	500-1100	2	No	2-Mar	3	1	0	L
<i>Pseudocheirus peregrinus</i>	Common Ringtail Possum		2	660-900	2	No	1-Feb	3	1	2	L
<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	Sugar Glider		2	90-150	3	No	1-Mar	2	1	2	H
<i>Cercartetus nanus</i>	Eastern Pygmy-possum		2	15-38	3	No	2-Mar	3	1	1	H
<i>Cercartetus lepidus</i>	Little Pygmy-possum		2	6-Oct	3	No	2-Mar	3	1	1	H
<i>Potorous tridactylus</i>	Long-nosed Potoroo		2	660-1600	1	No	2	3	1	2	L
<i>Bettongia gaimardi</i>	Tasmanian Bettong		2 (3?)	1000-2300	1	confined to Tas	3	3	1	1-Feb	H
<i>Nyctophilus timoriensis</i>	Greater Long-eared Bat		2(3?)	Nov-20	3	No	2	2	1	2	L
<i>Nyctophilus geoffroyi</i>	Lesser Long-eared Bat		2	6-10.2	3	No	1-Mar	2	1	2	H
<i>Chalinolobus gouldii</i>	Gould's Wattled Bat		2	Oct-20	3	No	1-Mar	2	1	2	H
<i>Chalinolobus morio</i>	Chocolate Wattled Bat		2	5.5-10.3	3	No	2-Mar	2	1	2	H
<i>Falsistrellus tasmaniensis</i>	Tasmanian Pipistrelle		2 (3?)	14-26	3	No	1-Mar	2	1	2	H

¹ Note: Species of negligible risk not listed

² Risk score calculated using Dickman 1996, from Lazenby 2012.

³ See Dickman 1996 for full explanation of calculating 'Overall risk'. H = High, L = Low, N = Negligible.

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Species	Common name	Status (State or C-wealth Listing)	Cat density	Weight (g)	Weight score	Endemic?	Habitat use	Behaviour	Mobility	Fecundity	Overall risk ⁴
<i>Vespdelus regulus</i>	Southern Forest Bat		2	3.6-7.0	3	No	1-Mar	2	1	2	H
<i>Vespdelus vulturnus</i>	Little Forest Bat		2	3-6.8	3	No	1-Mar	2	1	2	H
<i>Vespdelus darlingtoni</i>	Large Forest Bat		2	6-8.3	3	No	2-Mar	2	1	2	H
<i>Pseudomys higginsii</i>	Long-tailed Mouse		2	50-90	3	Yes	0/2	3	1	1	H
<i>Pseudomys novaehollandiae</i>	New Holland Mouse	E	2(3?)	15-25	3	No	3	2	0	0/1	H
<i>Pseudomys fuscus</i>	Broad-toothed Mouse		2	95-145	3	No	1-Feb	3	0	2	H
<i>Rattus lutreolus</i>	Swamp Rat		2	55-160	3	No	1-Feb	3	0	1	H

Endemic bird species susceptible to impact from feral cats in Tasmania

Species	Common name	Cat density	Weight (g)	Wt Score	Habitat use	Behaviour	Mobility	Fecundity	Overall risk ⁴
<i>Acanthiza ewingii</i>	Tasmanian thornbill	2		3	1	1	1	1	L
<i>Sericornis humilis</i>	Tasmanian scrubwren	2	18	3	1	1	1	1	L
<i>Acanthornis magnus</i>	Scrubbit	2		3	1/2	1	1	1	L
<i>Strepera fuliginosa</i>	Black currawong	2	374	2	1/3	0	0	2	N
<i>Anthochaera paradoxa</i>	Yellow wattiebird	2	175	3	1/2	1	1	1/2	L
<i>Lichenostomus flavicollis</i>	Yellow-throated honeyeater	2	31	3	2/3	1	1	1	H
<i>Melithreptus affinus</i>	Black-headed honeyeater	2		3	1/3	1	1	1	H
<i>Melithreptus validirostris</i>	Strong-billed honeyeater	2	25	3	1/2	1	2	1	L
<i>Melanodryas vittata</i>	Dusky robin	2	27	3	3	1	1	1	H
<i>Platycercus caledonicus</i>	Green rosella	2	140	3	2/3	1	2	1	H
<i>Gallinula mortierii</i>	Tasmanian native hen	2		2	3	2	2	1	L

⁴ See Dickman 1996 for full explanation of calculating 'Overall risk'. H = High, L = Low, N = Negligible. Management Strategy for Feral Cats in Tasmania Invasive Species Branch

Appendix B - Snapshot of Tasmanian Off-shore Islands

There are over 300 islands around Tasmania with a large number having invasive mammal issues recorded. Those with cats recorded or suspected are listed below. This list will be developed over time as a part of Action 3.1

Island	Area (ha)	Status ^a	Cat	Rat	Mouse	Rabbit	Live-stock	IBA ^e
Wedge	42.58	NACL	*					
Little Green	86.62	CA, PP	Y		Y			
Courts	15.83	NP	Y	?	?	?		Y
Chappel	323.26	PP	Y	?	Y			
Prime Seal	1220.76	NACL, Lease	Y		Y		Y	
Fulham	10.14	PP	Y					
Pelican	6.67	NACL	Y					
Badger	1242.83	PP	Y		Y		Y	Y
Waterhouse	287	Lease, NACL	Y		Y		Y	
Deal	1576.75	CA	*	Y		Y		
Maria	10127	NP	Y	Y	Y			Y
Three Hummock	6966	NR, Lease	Y		Y			Y
Great Dog	353.84	PP	*	Y	Y			
Swan	239	PP, NACL	Y			Y	Y	
Flinders		NP, PP, NACL	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Cape Barren		PP**	Y	?	?		Y	
Clarke		PP**, NR	?	?	?		?	
King		NP, PP, NACL	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Bruny		NP, PP, NACL	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y

* - Status unconfirmed as feral cats have been previously recorded may the population may have been eradicated or natural attrition has eliminated the population.

?- status needs confirming.

^a Status: NACL Non-Allocated Crown Land, PP Private property, PP** Private property (Aboriginal Land and Sea Council), CA Crown Land, NP National Park, NR Nature Reserve.

^e IBA: Listed as (or part of) an 'Important Bird Area' by Birdlife Australia

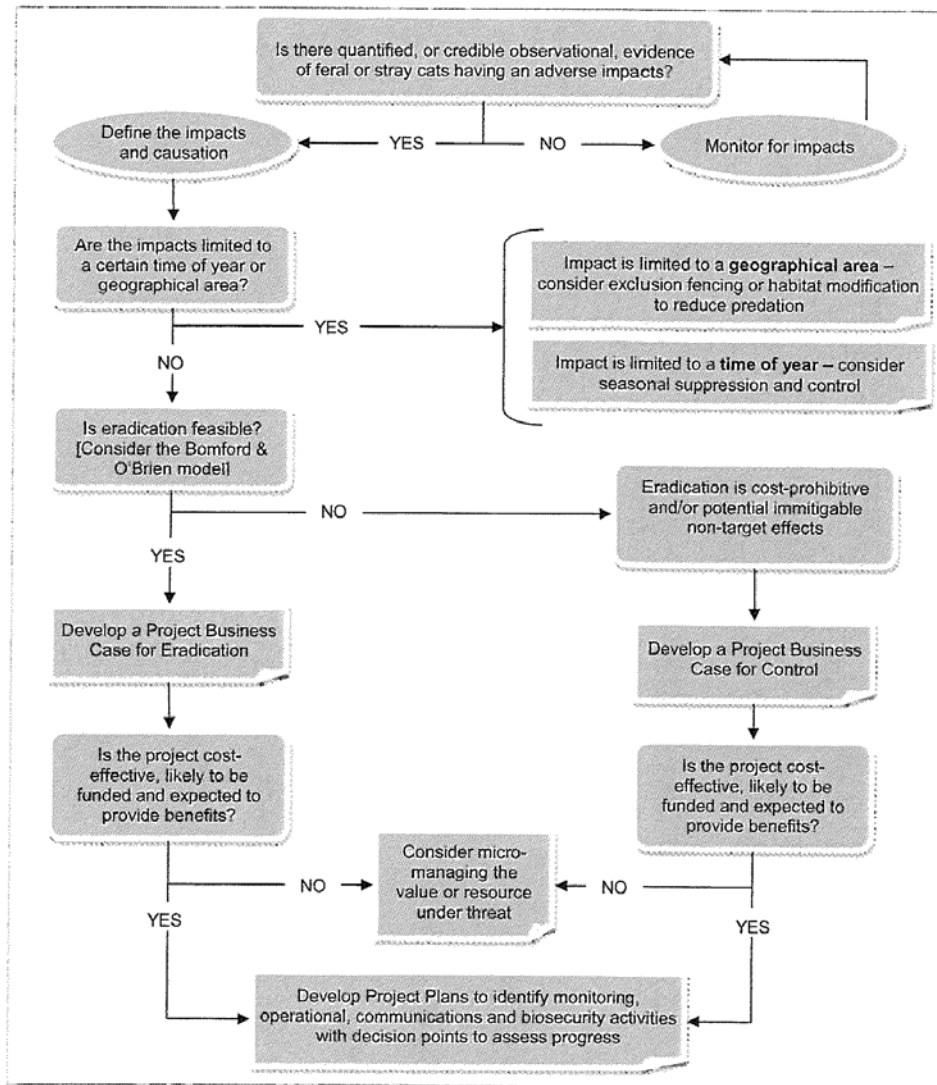
Appendix C - Snapshot of 'Important Bird Areas'

The full list of Tasmania IBAs and key species is available at www.birdsaustralia.com.au/our-projects/iba-results.html

Important Bird Areas		
Ben Lomond	Orford	Melaleuca to Birch's Inlet
Cape Portland	Robbins Passage & Boullanger Bay	Moulting Lagoon
Cradle Mountain	Rubicon Estuary	North-west Tasmanian Coast
Douglas-Apsley	South Arm	St Helens
Marion Bay	South-east Tasmania	Tamar Wetlands

Inhabited islands	IBA (all or part)	Important species, groups and sites
King	IBA	Orange bellied parrot, KI scrubtit, KI thornbill, seabirds, shorebirds
Maria	IBA	Swift parrot, forty-spotted pardalote, seabirds, shorebirds
Bruny	IBA	Seabirds, shore birds, forty spotted pardalote,
Flinders	IBA	Ramsar sites, seabirds, shorebirds, forty spotted pardalote
Cape Barren		Seabirds, shorebirds

Appendix D – Decision Tree for Cat Management Options



(adapted from Lazenby 2012)

15.10 EDUCATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28

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

15.9.1 Bagdad Primary School – School Chaplaincy

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER
DATE 14th January 2013

ATTACHMENT: C Knight – Letter dated 18th December 2012
ENCLOSURE: Nil.

ISSUE

Council to consider a request for funding to enable continuation of the school chaplaincy program at the Bagdad Primary School.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

Refer letter dated 18th December 2012 (attached) which is self-explanatory.

Essentially, a contribution of \$700 is sought from Council, which in conjunction with a similar financial commitment from the local Parishes and School Council, would ensure continuation of the School Chaplain role at the Bagdad Primary School for two days per week for the full year.

Whilst there would be no argument that this is a valuable service provided through the School, the benefits of which would extend throughout the broader community, it is difficult to substantiate such a financial commitment due to:

- a) Council's current financial position and the need to focus on eliminating budget deficit;
- b) Funding a service at one school only (and not the remaining schools within the Council area); and

- c) Any contribution would only provide for the remainder of the 2013 school year, with no indication as to the long term future or sustainability of the service.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – No current budget allocation for this purpose.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – To be considered.

Policy Implications – Policy position.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council decline the request for a financial contribution to support the school chaplaincy program at the Bagdad Primary School.

DECISION

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	

16 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 RETENTION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29	
5.1.1	Maintain and strengthen communities in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

18th December 2012

Mrs C Knight
PO Box 564
BAGDAD 7030

General Manager
Southern Midlands Council
OATLANDS 7120

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

Rec'd 20 DEC 2012

File no

Doc. No

Dear Tim,

The Federal Government continues to be committed to chaplaincy in 2013 and 2014 through funding the National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP). As a School Chaplain I run a variety of programs including an Annual Advent Pageant, SUPA Club (an opt-in Christian class), Breakfast Club, Gardening and Cooking with fresh fruit and vegetables and Recycling activities. I support young people through the challenging school years, provide a role model for young people and facilitate pastoral care, guide students on matters of faith, values and ethics, and am a listening ear and caring presence for young people who need a kind supportive adult.

As you may be aware, there has been no increase in the \$20,000 Commonwealth contribution per school in the five years since the program began, nor will there be in the next two years. The budget to cover the costs for this service, including a pay rise for chaplains in line with the CPI in 2013 is \$23700. This leaves a shortfall of \$3700 per school. The Commonwealth contribution will fund the service in each school until the end of October in 2013. For this important service to continue for two days a week for the whole year, I am seeking the support of my Local Parishes & School and Council to contribute \$700 each, so that I can continue in my role as School Chaplain of Bagdad Primary for the whole year.

I hope you will consider my request favourably to sponsor me in my role. I have enclosed a form which can be returned to Scripture Union should you consider my request favourably.

Kind Regards



Christine Knight

16.2 CAPACITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29

5.2.1 Build the capacity of the Community to help itself and embrace the framework and strategies articulated by the Social Inclusion Commissioner to achieve sustainability.

16.2.1 Colebrook Online Access Centre Incorporated – Draft Lease – 22 Richmond Street, Colebrook (PID 7194354)

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER (T KIRKWOOD)
DATE 15th JANUARY 2013

ATTACHMENT: Draft Lease

ISSUE

Council to endorse the draft Lease for the premises at 22 Richmond Street, Colebrook for use as the Colebrook Online Access Centre.

BACKGROUND

Following transfer of ownership of this property from the Department of Health and Human Services, Council at its meeting held in December 2012, resolved as follows;

“THAT Council enter into a basic rental agreement with the Colebrook Progress Association Incorporated, which is to include the following terms and conditions:

- a) An annual rental amount of \$10.00 per year (if demanded);*
- b) Colebrook Progress Association to be responsible for all operational and minor maintenance costs associated with the premises (e.g. Aurora, Telstra, cleaning etc.); and*
- c) Council is responsible for annual rates and charges; Southern Water connection fees (but not consumption costs); land tax and any other statutory charges payable.”*

DETAIL

The previous report indicated that a copy of the draft rental agreement would be submitted for final approval.

The attached draft has been prepared and referred to the Secretary of the Colebrook Online Access Centre for review and comment. It is confirmed that the proposed terms and conditions have been acknowledged and are acceptable.

The draft Lease is submitted for approval.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Council has previously acknowledged the costs associated with taking ownership of the property and its ongoing obligations.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Draft Lease has been referred to the Lessee for comment and approval.

Policy Implications – Policy Position.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Lease is for an initial period of five (5) years with a renewal/extension option. It is to commence from 1st January 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the draft Lease and the terms and conditions contained within.

DECISION

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	

THIS LEASE is made the 1st day of January 2013.

BETWEEN: Southern Midlands Council of 71 High Street, Oatlands in Tasmania (“the Landlord”)

AND: Colebrook Online Access Centre Incorporated of 22 Richmond Street, Colebrook (“the Tenant”)

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this lease:

- (a) words expressed in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) words of any gender include any other gender;
- (c) the words “person”, “Landlord”, and “Tenant” include a corporation;
- (d) the words “Landlord” and “Tenant” include the personal representatives and assigns of the Landlord and the Tenant;
- (e) where more than one person accepts liability under any term each of those persons is liable severally as well as jointly.

2. AGREEMENT TO LEASE AND LICENCE

2.1 The Landlord leases to the Tenant and the Tenant agrees to take a lease of the Premises described in the Schedule (“the Premises”) for a term of 5 years commencing on 1st January 2013 and ending on 31st December 2017.

2.2 The Tenant must pay to the Landlord annual rental of \$10.00 (if demanded) during the term, such rent to be paid without deduction to the Landlord or as the Landlord may from time to time direct.

2.3 The Landlord grants to the Tenant and every person authorised by the Tenant, in common with the Landlord and persons authorised by the Landlord, the right to hold and enjoy the Demised Premises during the said term without any interruption by the Landlord, provided that such right is restricted to purposes connected with the use of the Premises.

3. TENANTS COVENANTS

The Tenant covenants with the Landlord as follows:

3.1 Rental

To pay the rent at the times and in the manner provided for in Clause 2.

3.2 Goods and services tax

If any goods and services, value added or other similar tax (“GST”) is payable by the Landlord in respect of:

- (a) any rent or other moneys payable by the Tenant under this Lease; or
- (b) any goods or services supplied to the Tenant,

to pay to the Landlord an amount equal to the applicable GST at the time of payment (in the case of rent or if otherwise included in the supply) or within 14 days of the Landlord making written demand for payment (if invoiced separately to the supply).

3.3 Other outgoings

To pay all charges for gas, telephone installation, use and rental, electricity, cleaning, rubbish removal, water consumption, and costs associated with minor maintenance of the building, including responsibility for repair of broken windows.

3.4 Good and Tenatable Repair

To keep the interior and doors windows internal pipes and Landlord’s fixtures and fittings in such good and tenatable repair as they are now in (fair wear and tear excepted and damage by fire storm and tempest excepted).

3.5 Use of the Premises

- (a) To use the Premises for activities which are consistent with the Aims and Objectives of the Colebrook Online Access Centre Incorporated, as documented in it’s Constitution, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Landlord.
- (b) Not to store or permit to be stored in the Premises any inflammable or dangerous liquids gas or solids in excess of that permitted to be held on the Premises by the insurers of the Premises.

- (c) Not to do or permit to be done upon the Premises anything which in the opinion of the Landlord would cause damage, nuisance or annoyance to the Landlord or the occupiers of adjoining properties.
- (d) Not to do or permit to be done anything by which any insurance on the Premises against damage by fire or otherwise may become void or voidable or whereby any insurance premium may be increased.

3.6 Removal of Dirt and Rubbish

To keep the Premises clean and free from dirt and rubbish and to ensure that all trade waste, trash and garbage is stored and kept in proper receptacles and that such receptacles are regularly emptied.

3.7 Signs

Not to affix or exhibit or permit to be affixed or exhibited to or upon any part of the exterior of the Premises any placard poster signboard or other advertisement except such as the Landlord has consented to in writing.

3.8 Inspection and Repair

To permit the Landlord or its agent or agents at all reasonable times to enter upon the Premises to inspect their condition and in the case of want of repair being found then upon notice in writing being given to the Tenant or left on the Premises, the Tenant must within 14 days after receiving such notice well and sufficiently repair and make good the same and failing that to permit the Landlord to enter the Premises to repair and make good the want of repair and the Tenant just promptly pay the costs of such repairs to the Landlord.

3.9 Assignment, Underletting and Possession

Not to assign sublet or part with possession of the Premises or any part of them without the prior written consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

3.10 Electrical and Plumbing Systems

Not to alter remove or add to the Landlord's electrical or plumbing systems without the prior consent in writing of the Landlord and not to use the lavatories sinks drainage and plumbing in the Premises for any purpose other than that for which they were designed.

3.11 Compliance with Laws

To comply at its own cost and expense with all requirements of or notices issued by any government authority, industry authority, or any like authority and any relevant statute or regulation to the extent that such compliance does not necessitate structural alterations to the Premises, and the Tenant indemnifies the Landlord against any claim or demand made in relation to any such requirement or notice.

3.12 Yielding Up

To yield up the Premises (together with all the Landlord's fixtures) at the expiration of the term or of any extension of the term in good and tenantable repair and condition in accordance with the Tenant's covenants and to make good at the sole cost of the Tenant any damage caused in removing the Tenant's fittings.

3.13 Insurance - occupiers liability and public risk

To effect and maintain an insurance policy with an Insurance Company approved by the Landlord, for the sum of \$5 million, in the name of the Landlord and the Tenant against loss or personal injury or damage to property to any persons entering the Premises. The Tenant is to provide on demand a copy of the policy to the Landlord and such evidence of currency as the Landlord may reasonably require.

3.14 Alterations

Not to erect or make or permit to be erected or made any alterations or additions to the construction or arrangement of the Premises, nor alter nor injure any of the walls, timbers or floors of the Premises without the previous consent in writing of the Landlord and the Tenant agrees that all expenses for or in connection with any alterations so required will be borne by the Tenant.

3.15 Removal of fittings

At the request of the Landlord to remove any Tenant's fittings on the Premises at the expiration of the term or any authorised extension of it and to make good any resulting damage to walls floors ceilings or any other part of the Premises.

4. LANDLORD'S COVENANTS

The Landlord covenants with the Tenant as follows:

4.1 Repair

To keep the outer walls roof main timbers and main drains of the Premises in good and substantial repair but limited to the extent that the Landlord is not responsible for clearing drains or sinks which may have become blocked through any act omission neglect or default of the Tenant or other occupants of the Premises.

4.2 Undisturbed Possession

That the Tenant paying the rent reserved by this agreement and observing and performing the covenants and stipulations on their part may peaceably hold and enjoy the Premises during the term or any extension of the term without any interruption by the Landlord or any person lawfully claiming under or in trust for them.

4.3 Fire Insurance

To insure the Premises against risks of fire storm and tempest lightning riot civil commotion explosion and flood.

4.4 Land Tax

To pay all land tax on the Premises.

4.5 Rates

To pay the municipal rates charged on the Premises and the quarterly connection fees payable for the provision of water and sewerage (not consumption charges).

5. PROVISOS

The Lease will contain the following provisos and covenants:

5.1 Non Payment of Rent and other Default

If:

- (a) the rent or any part of the rent is at any time be unpaid for 21 days after becoming payable whether formally demanded or not;
- (b) the Tenant has at any time failed or neglected to perform or observe any of the terms of this lease or goes into liquidation or becomes bankrupt or make an assignment for the

benefit of creditors or enters into an agreement with creditors for the liquidation of its or their debts by composition or otherwise;

- (c) the Tenant suffers any distress or process of execution to be levied upon its goods;

then it is lawful for the Landlord or its authorised agent at any time to re-enter the Premises and thereupon the term created by this lease will absolutely determine but without prejudice to the right of action of the Landlord for any antecedent breach of covenant.

5.2 Rights of Landlord on Re-entry

Upon re-entry being lawfully made by the Landlord under clause 5.1 the Landlord is entitled to recover from the Tenant (in addition to any other amounts for which the Tenant may be liable to the Landlord) damages for the loss of the benefit of performance of all of the Tenant's covenants for the term of the lease.

5.3 Holding Over

Should the Tenant with the consent of the Landlord remain in occupation of the Premises at or after the expiration of the term then in the absence of any express written agreement to the contrary the Tenant is a monthly tenant of the Premises and such monthly tenancy may be determined by either party upon the expiration of a notice in writing given to the other and expiring on any day of the month.

5.4 Destruction of Premises

If the Premises or any part of the Premises is destroyed or damaged during the term of the lease as to render them unfit for use or occupation by the Tenant the rent or a fair and just proportion of it according to the nature and extent of the damage sustained will be suspended until the Premises so destroyed or damaged are repaired but nothing in this clause or the lease is to be construed as rendering it obligatory on the Landlord to rebuild or reinstate the Premises and if the Landlord elects not to rebuild or reinstate or the Tenant decides to terminate the lease as the result of the burning down destruction or damage of the Premises then this lease will immediately cease and determine and each party will be relieved as from that date of all its further obligations but without prejudice to the rights of either party for any antecedent breach of an obligation under this lease.

5.5 Essential terms

Each of the covenants contained in clauses 2.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.9, 3.14 and 3.15, is agreed to be a fundamental and essential term of this lease, breach of which will give rise to a right for the Landlord to terminate the lease and recover damages from the Tenant for either:

- (a) the loss of the benefit of performance of all of the Tenant's covenants for the term of the lease; or
- (b) where a further or extended term has commenced or been granted, loss of the benefit of performance of all the Tenant's covenants for the further and extended term of the lease.

5.6 Notices - Address

- (a) Any notice to be given under this agreement including a Notice to Quit is sufficiently given to the Tenant if signed by the Landlord or its solicitor and posted to the Tenant by post in an envelope addressed to the Tenant at the Premises.
- (b) Any notice is sufficiently given to the Landlord if addressed to the Landlord and left at or forwarded by post to the Landlord at the address of the Landlord shown in this agreement.

5.7 Notices - due course of post

Any notice sent by post is taken to be given at the time when in due course of post it would be delivered at the address to which it is sent.

5.8 Arbitration

If any difference arises between the Landlord and the Tenant relating to this lease or the rights duties or liabilities of either party in relation to the Premises the matter in dispute will be referred to arbitration in accordance with provisions of the *Commercial Arbitration Act 1986*.

6. RENT REVIEW

6.1 Formula for review

The rental is to be reviewed on each anniversary of the commencement date of the term ("the review date"), providing that the rental is not to be reduced below the annual rental payable under this lease, by reference of the Consumer Price Index as determined by the following formula:

$$A = B \times \frac{C}{D}$$

Where:

A = the annual rental for the 12 months period following the review date.

B = the annual rental payable for the last 12 month period of this lease.

C = the index number last published for the quarter prior to the review date.

D = the index number last published prior to the 12 month period ending on the review date.

6.2 Index number

In this clause “index number” means the Consumer Price Index Number for Hobart (all groups) released from time to time in the Commonwealth Statistician’s Summary of Australian Statistics together with any supplemental summary. If there is any suspension or discontinuance of the Consumer Price Index by the Commonwealth Authorities then “index number” is to mean such Index published at the relevant dates in the said Commonwealth Statistician’s Summary of Australian Statistics which reflects fluctuations of the cost of living in Hobart and upon which the parties mutually agree.

6.3 Adjustment of rent

Until the reviewed annual rental is determined, the Tenant shall continue to pay, on account, the annual rental payable immediately prior to the relevant review date, and, upon the reviewed annual rental being determined, any necessary retrospective adjustment is to be made forthwith.

7. FURTHER TERM

7.1 Option for a further term

The Landlord shall advise the Tenant, not later than 1 month prior to the end of the term of this lease, by notice in writing given by the Landlord to the Tenant, of its intentions regarding future use of the building and the option for a further term.

THE SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PART of the Premises known as the Colebrook Online Access Centre, 22 Richmond Street, Colebrook and contained in PID 7194354 - Title Reference (to be issued).

IN WITNESS the hands of the parties this day.

SIGNED for and on behalf of **SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS COUNCIL**

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(Witness)

SIGNED for and on behalf of **COLEBROOK
ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE INC.**

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(Witness)

16.3 SAFETY

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 30

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 30

5.4.1 Improve the effectiveness of consultation with the Community.

Nil.

16.5 COMMUNICATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 30

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 31

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 Develop an overall Continuous Improvement Strategy and framework

Nil.

17.2 SUSTAINABILITY**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 32 & 33**

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 Association of Tasmania – Planning Course for Elected Members

File Ref: Governance / Councillors

AUTHOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (K BRAZENDALE)

DATE 15TH JANUARY 2013

ATTACHMENTS: Planning Course Registration Form

ISSUE

To seek Councillors interested in attending the upcoming Planning Course for Councillors

DETAIL

This course will give Councillors, acting as members of a Planning Authority, a better understanding of Tasmania's Planning System (the Resource Management Planning System – RMPS), its legal framework, purposes, powers, and procedures and the responsibilities of different individuals and groups within the system.

The procedures under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act (LUPAA) will be a particular focus.

Attendance is required by participants on two Saturdays, four weeks apart with approximately 8 hours of exercises to be undertaken between the class sessions.

Arrangements are currently being finalised but to allow you to diarise this event, we can advise the following -

Day 1 Saturday 16 February, 2013 & Day 2 Saturday 16 March,
2013

Venue Launceston - UTAS Newnham Campus

RECOMMENDATION

For Discussion

DECISION

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	

17.2.2 Local Government Association of Tasmania – Annual General Meeting & General Meeting (24th July 2013)

File Ref: 29/005

AUTHOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (K BRAZENDALE)
DATE 15TH JANUARY 2013

ATTACHMENTS: Correspondence for the LGAT in regard to the meetings and a call for submission of motions

ISSUE

Council to consider the issues for inclusion on the agenda as motions at the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting to be held 24th July 2013.

DETAIL

The Local Government Association of Tasmania has advised Council that it's Annual General Meeting and General Meeting will be held at the Wrest Point Casino on 24th July 2013, motions will need to be received at the Association offices by no later than close of business, Friday 22nd March 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council determine if there are any issues for inclusion on the agenda as motions.

DECISION

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	



Local Government Association Tasmania

SCANNED X

10 January 2013

Our Ref: AG:CA
File No.:

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

Mr Tim Kirkwood
Southern Midlands Council
PO Box 21
OATLANDS TAS 7120

Rec'd 11 JAN 2013
File no.
Doc. Id. 91233

Dear Tim

**Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
24 July 2013**

In accordance with the Rules of the Association, I give formal notice of the General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at Wrest Point Casino, commencing at 11.00am on Wednesday 24 July, 2013.

Councils are invited to submit motions on matters connected with the objectives of the Association or of common concern to members for inclusion in the agenda of the General Meeting.

It is planned to distribute the agenda on Wednesday 26 June, 2013 and motions will need to be received at the Association's offices by no later than close of business, Friday 22 March, 2013. This lead time will ensure relevant matters can be forwarded to the State Government for comment in accordance with the Communication and Consultation Protocol Agreement. The responses from State Government will then be included with the agenda to provide councils with a full briefing of the issues to be considered.

A standard template is attached but electronic versions are available on our website or will be forwarded by email upon request.

Please note, the Rules of the Association do not provide for the preparation of a Supplemental Agenda.

Should you require any assistance or advice on the background to issues concerning your Council, the procedures to bring them forward or the wording of motions, Association staff would be only too pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely


Allan Garcia
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

17.3 FINANCES

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 33 & 34

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| 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 (December 2012)

File Ref: 3/024

AUTHOR FINANCE OFFICER
DATE 22nd NOVEMBER 2012

Refer enclosed Report incorporating the following: -

- a) Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1st July 2012 to 31st December 2012 (including Notes)
- b) Current Expenditure Estimates
- c) Capital Expenditure Estimates

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

- d) Rates & Charges Summary – as at 14th January 2013
- e) Cash Flow Statement - July to December 2012.

Note: Expenditure figures provided are for the period 1st July to 31st December 2012 – approximately 50% of the period.

Comments

A. Current Expenditure Estimates (Operating Budget)

Strategic Theme – Infrastructure

- **Sub-Program – Drainage** - expenditure to date (\$25,545 – 77.11%). General maintenance of drainage systems across various towns in municipal area. Budget to be monitored.

Strategic Theme – Community

- **Sub-Program – Consultation** - expenditure to date (\$4,947 – 97.57%). Includes approx. \$3,000 of Aurora expenses associated with the operation of the Radio Station. Part-reimbursement from Management Committee. The Station is awaiting an electrician to investigate and confirm separate metered connection.

B. Capital Expenditure Estimates (Capital Budget)

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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	

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD
1st JULY 2012 to 31st DECEMBER 2012**

	Annual Budget	Year to Date as at 31st December	%	To Date	Comments
Income					
General rates	\$ 3,992,510	\$ 3,975,488	99.6%		Budget includes Interest & Penalties to be imposed to end of June 2013
User Fees (refer Note 1)	\$ 728,389	\$ 310,860	42.7%		
Interest	\$ 260,000	\$ 127,342	49.0%		
Government Subsidies	\$ 31,700	\$ 24,744	78.1%		Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees & Road Rescue MAIB reimbursements
Contract Income	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%		
Other (refer Note 2)	\$ 85,188	\$ 24,857	29.2%		
Sub-Total	\$ 5,097,787	\$ 4,463,291	87.6%		
Grants - Operating	\$ 1,527,825	\$ 787,182	51.5%		FAGS Grant Only
Total Income	\$ 6,625,612	\$ 5,250,473	79.2%		
Expenses					
Employee benefits	\$ 3,608,779	\$ 1,633,572	45.3%		
Materials and contracts	\$ 2,595,324	\$ 1,516,297	58.4%		
Depreciation and amortisation	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 1,560,000	50.0%		Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	\$ 58,800	\$ 30,904	52.6%		
Contributions	\$ 163,329	\$ 81,665	50.0%		Fire Service Levies
Other	\$ 244,908	\$ 133,640	54.6%		
Total expenses	\$ 9,791,140	\$ 4,956,077	50.6%		
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-\$ 3,165,528	\$ 294,396	-9.3%		
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	\$ 619,292	\$ 98,550	15.9%		
Donations	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.0%		
Net gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	\$ 240,000	\$ -	0.0%		Budget Amount - Sale of Lots - Kandara Court
Surplus / (Deficit)	-\$ 2,302,736	\$ 392,946	-17.1%		

NOTES

1. Income - User Fees (Budget \$728,389) includes:

- All other Programs	\$ 288,889	\$ 168,285	58.3%
- Callington Mill	\$ 439,500	\$ 147,620	33.6%
	<u>\$ 728,389</u>	<u>\$ 315,905</u>	Actual Income Received (i.e. excluding Debtors)

2. Income - Other (Budget \$85,188) includes:

- Income (Private Works)	\$ 76,188	\$ 24,470	32.1%
- Southern Water (Tax Equivalents)	\$ 5,000	-	0.0%
- Public Open Space Contributions	\$ 4,000	-	0.0%
	<u>\$ 85,188</u>	<u>\$ 24,470</u>	

3. Grant - Capital (Budget \$619,292) includes:

- Roads To Recovery Grant	\$ 441,001	\$ -	0.0%	To be claimed in March 2013
- Community Heritage Grants (rec'd in 2011/12)	\$ 144,550	\$ -	0.0%	
- Cricket Nets (Campania) (rec'd in 2011/12)	\$ 24,430	\$ -	0.0%	
- Community Centre (Interest Grant)	\$ 9,311	\$ -	0.0%	To be claimed in June 2013
- Court House (TCF Grant)	\$ -	\$ 35,900		
- Gaol (TCF Grant)	\$ -	\$ 57,100		
- Climate Change Grant	\$ -	\$ 3,000		
- Mens Shed Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,550		
	<u>\$ 619,292</u>	<u>\$ 98,550</u>		

SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED, REMITTED AND COLLECTED

	14/01/2013	14/01/2012
Arrears Brought Forward	\$251,900.24	\$212,537.06
ADD Current Rates and Charges Levied	\$3,939,158.58	\$3,749,418.21
ADD Current Interest	\$36,453.09	\$30,316.21
TOTAL Rates and Charges Demanded	\$4,227,511.91	\$3,992,271.48
LESS Rates and Charges Collected	\$2,335,418.52	\$2,350,276.19
LESS Pensioner Remissions	\$200,515.45	\$184,642.82
LESS Other Remissions	-\$3,743.42	-\$7,749.05
LESS Discounts	\$13,102.39	\$13,009.28
TOTAL Rates and Charges Collected and Remitted	\$2,545,292.94	\$2,540,179.24
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES	\$1,682,218.97	\$1,452,092.24
	39.79%	36.37%

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : CURRENT EXPENDITURE 2012/13

SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	TOTAL	REVISED BUDGET (GRANTS & OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	ACTUAL AS AT 31 DEC 2012 50%	VARIANCE (+/-)	% BASED ON REVISED BUDGET 100%
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	1291666	1291666	711872	579794	55.11%
Bridges	81313	81313	11185	70128	13.76%
Walkways	167192	167192	82020	85172	49.06%
Lighting	82035	82035	21361	60674	26.04%
Irrigation	2450	2450	0	2450	0.00%
Drainage	33128	33128	25545	7583	77.11%
Waste	507046	507046	226744	280302	44.72%
Public Toilets	49580	49580	27619	21961	55.71%
Communications	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Signage	12300	12300	6643	5657	54.01%
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	2226710	2226710	1112990	1113720	49.98%
GROWTH					
Residential	2900	2900	0	2900	0.00%
Mill Operations	759628	759628	346214	413414	45.58%
Tourism	34110	34110	18194	15916	53.34%
Business	66250	66250	30827	35423	46.53%
Agriculture	5256	5256	108	5148	2.06%
Integration	27800	27800	0	27800	0.00%
GROWTH TOTAL:	895744	895744	395343	500401	44.14%
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	293347	293347	128710	164637	43.88%
Natural	132062	132062	72540	59522	54.93%
Cultural	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Regulatory	759930	759930	327555	432375	43.10%
Climate Change	39418	39418	11983	27435	30.40%
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	1224757	1224757	540788	683969	44.15%
LIFESTYLE					
Youth	177469	177469	63368	114101	35.71%
Aged	1500	1500	717	783	47.83%
Childcare	16535	16535	5261	11274	31.82%
Volunteers	41311	41311	16671	24640	40.36%
Access	6405	6405	0	6405	0.00%
Public Health	7665	7665	1350	6315	17.61%
Recreation	348300	348300	246239	102061	70.70%
Animals	67690	67690	35392	32298	52.29%
Education	0	0	0	0	0.00%
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	666875	666875	368998	297877	55.33%
COMMUNITY					
Retention	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Capacity	26025	26025	11985	14040	46.05%
Safety	51400	51400	21684	29716	42.19%
Consultation	5070	5070	4947	123	97.57%
Communication	15125	15125	3563	11562	23.56%
COMMUNITY TOTAL:	97620	97620	42179	55441	43.21%
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	5850	5850	392	5458	6.70%
Sustainability	1326000	1326000	731890	594110	55.20%
Finances	227585	227585	108082	119503	47.49%
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	1559435	1559435	840364	719071	53.89%
TOTALS	6671141	6671141	3300662	3370479	49.48%

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INFRASTRUCTURE	ROAD ASSETS	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	Resheeting Program	\$ 700,000	\$ 354,813	\$ 345,187	
	Reseal Program	\$ 350,000	\$ 17,406	\$ 332,594	
	Reconstruct & Seal	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
	Bagdad	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	R2R
	Green Valley Road - from Kenners to Bridge (approx. 100m)	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	R2R
	Dysart	\$ 80,000	\$ 52,919	\$ 27,081	
	Cliftonvale Road	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	R2R
	Mangalore	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	
	Ballynoy Road - Road Improvements	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	R2R
	Ostlands	\$ 80,000	\$ 52,919	\$ 27,081	
	Inglewood Road	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	R2R
	Stanley Street (William St i.e. Thunderstone to Nelson - 380 metres x 6 metres)	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	
	Minor Seals (New)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	Hasting Street Junction	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	Peiham Road (end of Elderstile Rd)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	Tunbridge Main Road Verge (part - vicinity of Lodge)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Unsealed - Road Widening	\$ 20,000	\$ 3,653	\$ 16,437	
	Church Road (Corner widening)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	Estate Road (Survey Investigation Only - \$5,000)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Green Valley Road - Vicinity of Erosion Gully (Survey Investigation)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	Hall Lane, Bagdad - widening	\$ 6,637	\$ -	\$ 6,637	
	Nichols Road, Elderstile (Widen & Realign)	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,413	\$ 29,587	R2R
	Rhyndaston Road (vicinity of Bevens)	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	
	Other:	\$ 25,600	\$ -	\$ 25,600	
	Church Road (Intersection with Elderstile Road) - Survey only	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
	Campagna - Reeve St / Clime Street	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	Campagna - Reeve St / Hall Street	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
	Green Valley Road - complete Guard Rail	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
	Huntington Tiar (Road to Tip - Guard Rail)	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
	Inglewood Road - Slight Improvements	\$ 5,200	\$ -	\$ 5,200	50% Balance - Property Owner
	Native Corners Road / Armistongs Rd - Drainage (Budget - 50% Project Cost)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
	Woodsdale Road - Landslip Area(s) - Engineering Assessment	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	Woodsdale Road - Landslip Area (vicinity Scotts Quarry)	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
	Development Infrastructure Roads	\$ 35,000	\$ 12,546	\$ 22,354	
	Works in Progress (30/6/12):	\$ 110,000	\$ 32,061	\$ 77,939	
	Eldon Road - Slip Repairs (incl. Guard Rail)	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,710	\$ 710	
	Inglewood Road (Reconstruct & Seal)	\$ 10,000	\$ 300	\$ 9,700	
	Nichols Road (Realignment)	\$ 1,799,437	\$ 554,832	\$ 1,244,605	
	Woodsdale Rd & Stonehenge Road (Junction)				
		\$ 1,799,437	\$ 554,832	\$ 1,244,605	

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
BRIDGE ASSETS				
Chauncy Vale Road (Browns Cawe Creek B3763)	\$ 51,220	\$ 115	\$ 51,205	R2R
Daniels Road - Marshalls Crk	\$ 26,440	\$ -	\$ 26,440	
Swanston Road - Little Swanport Rv (B 1716)	\$ 40,000	\$ 480	\$ 39,540	Design Only
Eldon Road - Burns Creek (B436)	\$ 87,340	\$ 82,351	\$ 4,989	
Sheane Road (B 4636)	\$ -	\$ 126	\$ -	126
Works In Progress (30/6/12):				
Elderslie Rd (Grahams Creek Bridge)	\$ -	\$ 1,231	\$ -	1,231
Elderslie Rd (Jordan River Bridge)	\$ 804,160	\$ 859,130	\$ -	64,970
Falcks Road (No. 1851)	\$ -	\$ 1,469	\$ -	1,469
Rotherwood Road Bridge (No. 1137)	\$ 57,000	\$ 1,653	\$ -	55,347
	\$ 1,066,260	\$ 956,536	\$ 109,724	
WALKWAYS				
Footpaths - General (Program to be confirmed)	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000	
Bagdad Township	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- East Bagdad Road (Le Complete to Highway)	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,969	\$ 45,031	
- Swan Street	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
Campania Township	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- Reeve Street (Vicinity of Store)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
- Review Management Plan (Site Plan) / Walking Tracks (Bush Reserve)	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
Kempston Township	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- Huntingground Road (to School)	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ 5,500	
- Kempston Hill (rear of Hall)	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
- Main Street - Elizabeth St to Shop (excl front of Hotel)	\$ 14,445	\$ -	\$ 14,445	
Mangalore Township	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- Blackbrush Road (Mountford Drive down - 300 mm pipe - 110 metres)	\$ 16,500	\$ -	\$ 16,500	
Oatlands Township	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- High Street (Tree Planting)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
Tunnack Township	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- Various (to be confirmed)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
	\$ 274,445	\$ 4,969	\$ 269,476	
Nil Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
LIGHTING				
DRAINAGE				
Bagdad	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- Hall Lane (opp Community Club)	\$ 18,000	\$ 6,899	\$ 11,101	Carry Forward
- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter (eastern side - 250 metres)	\$ 21,882	\$ -	\$ 21,882	
- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter (western side - 400 metres)	\$ 39,388	\$ -	\$ 39,388	
- North of Le Complete Place Subdivision	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Kempston	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- Louisa Street	\$ 21,740	\$ -	\$ 21,740	
Oatlands	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- High SW/Wellington Street Junction	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Works In Progress (30/6/12):				
Reeve St (Open Drain - north of Telephone Box)	\$ 28,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 24,250	
Stanley Street, Oatlands (Albert Terrace)	\$ 6,140	\$ 5,312	\$ 828	
	\$ 150,150	\$ 15,961	\$ 134,189	
WASTE				
Whorelle Bins & Crates	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Rubbish Receiptables (Heritage) - 15 @ \$700	\$ 10,500	\$ 5,061	\$ 5,439	
	\$ 15,500	\$ 5,061	\$ 10,439	

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
PUBLIC TOILETS				
Colebrook - Power Connection & Lighting	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
SIGNAGE				
Oatlands Signage	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	
RESIDENTIAL				
Nil Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
TOURISM				
Avenues of Honour	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
HERITAGE				
Court House (Restoration - Toilet & Kitchentite Fac's)	\$ 22,767	\$ 3,435	\$ 19,332	
Kempton Watch House (Fitout)	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,865	\$ 4,135	
Callington Mill (Master Precinct Plan)	\$ 22,000	\$ 6,976	\$ 15,024	
Goal (Community Heritage Program)	\$ 96,000	\$ 60,013	\$ 35,987	Grant Funded
Gaol (Furnishings & Fitout)	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,856	\$ 6,144	
Purchase - 79 High Street Oatlands (Purchase & \$40K)	\$ 166,000	\$ -	\$ 166,000	Loan Funded
	<u>\$ 329,767</u>	<u>\$ 83,144</u>	<u>\$ 246,623</u>	
LANDSCAPES				
Jericho Trees	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
REGULATORY				
Kempton Council Chambers - Building & Office Improvements	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,486	\$ 12,514	
Kempton Council Chambers - Office Equipment	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,467	\$ 2,033	
	<u>\$ 23,500</u>	<u>\$ 8,954</u>	<u>\$ 14,546</u>	

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LIFESTYLE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
RECREATION				
Recreation Committee	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,402	\$ 20,598	
Bagdad Iden Park - Table / Chairs	\$ 2,500	-	\$ 2,500	
Kernipon Memorial Hall	\$ 10,000	-	\$ 10,000	
Campania Recreation Ground - Cricket Nets	\$ 36,430	\$ 32,212	\$ 4,218	
Campania Hall - Footpath (adjacent to Hall)	\$ 3,900	-	\$ 3,900	
Campania Hall - Car Park Imp's (incl. part seal)	\$ 35,000	-	\$ 35,000	
Colebrook Recreation Ground (Amenities)	\$ 16,367	\$ 3,057	\$ 13,310	
Midlands Aquatic & Recreation Centre	\$ 75,000	\$ 204,461	\$ (129,461)	
Paratath Recreation Ground	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,272	\$ 328	
Healthy Communities Projects	-	\$ 15,912	\$ (15,912)	Grant Funded
	\$ 211,797	\$ 267,316	\$ (55,519)	
COMMUNITY				
Road Accident Rescue Unit	\$ 3,000	-	\$ 3,000	
	\$ 3,000	-	\$ 3,000	
ORGANISATION				
SUSTAINABILITY ADMINISTRATION				
Council Chambers - Building Improvements (\$ for \$)	\$ 15,000	-	\$ 15,000	
Council Chambers - Damp Issues & Stonemasonry	\$ 15,000	-	\$ 15,000	
Council Chambers (External Windows - Repaint)	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	Carry Forward
Computer System (Hardware / Software)	\$ 22,000	\$ 23,892	\$ (1,892)	
Town Hall (Chairs)	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	
Paintings (ref Mayor)	\$ 2,000	-	\$ 2,000	
Town Hall (General)	\$ 8,286	\$ 289	\$ 7,987	
Town Hall (Upstairs) - Rewiring	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,823	\$ 177	
Asset Management - Computer Software	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	
Web Site - Capital Development	-	\$ 9,664	\$ (9,664)	
Minor Plant Purchases	\$ 13,500	\$ 860	\$ 12,610	
Radio System	\$ 2,000	-	\$ 2,000	
Security Key System	\$ 6,000	-	\$ 6,000	
Depot - Glenelg Street (Security Fencing)	\$ 3,000	-	\$ 3,000	
Plant Replacement Program	\$ 494,152	\$ 68,536	\$ 425,616	
Refer separate Schedule (Net Changeover)	\$ 144,000	\$ 114,775	\$ 29,225	
Light Vehicles	\$ 60,000	-	\$ 60,000	
(Trade Allowance - \$240K)				
Excavator (Approx. 2.70 tonne)				
	\$ 804,938	\$ 222,860	\$ 582,058	
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 4,716,794	\$ 2,119,653	\$ 2,597,140	

	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (July 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (August 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Sept 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Oct 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Nov 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Dec 2012)	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Year to Date)
Cash flows from operating activities							
Payments	- 357,728.80	- 242,200.74	- 257,614.56	- 246,751.72	- 231,493.35	- 346,632.81	- 1,682,421.98
Employee costs	- 360,058.18	- 351,467.48	- 261,700.30	- 212,622.44	- 185,339.65	- 271,145.43	- 1,185,848.40
Materials and contracts	- 888.14	-	-	-	-	-	- 888.14
Interest	- 25,513.82	- 16,720.50	- 64,977.79	- 21,855.49	- 17,415.26	- 68,821.15	- 129,067.60
Other	- 744,188.94	- 610,388.72	- 584,292.65	- 481,229.65	- 444,699.98	- 706,163.89	- 2,998,226.12
Receipts							
Rates	57,360.96	246,084.53	1,433,837.32	181,502.52	409,682.30	162,681.78	1,918,785.33
User charges	91,304.92	96,850.99	60,105.73	53,106.70	126,823.66	49,438.68	301,368.34
Interest received	19,147.65	25,894.70	19,528.76	23,108.70	20,609.80	19,052.26	127,341.87
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	19,699.00	-	-
Other revenue grants	-	-	450,690.86	38,900.00	396,140.86	-	885,731.72
GST Refunds from ATO	99,110.53	59,116.17	59,946.42	144,137.47	59,849.44	8,332.20	133,885.09
Other	266,924.06	427,946.39	2,024,109.09	152,480.45	1,032,805.06	222,840.52	3,367,112.35
Net cash from operating activities	- 477,264.88	- 182,442.33	1,439,816.44	- 328,749.20	588,105.08	- 483,323.37	368,886.23
Cash flows from investing activities							
Payments for property, plant & equipment	- 49,423.63	- 142,126.33	- 247,901.17	- 137,389.88	- 121,959.38	- 217,708.36	- 916,508.75
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	12,357.27	-	-	10,630.00	29,078.18	41,070.75	93,136.20
Proceeds from Capital grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment for Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash used in investing activities	- 37,066.36	- 142,126.33	- 247,901.17	- 126,759.88	- 92,881.20	- 176,637.61	- 823,372.55
Cash flows from financing activities							
Repayment of borrowings	- 4,443.64	-	-	-	8,973.21	- 47,162.91	- 4,443.64
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	- 4,443.64	-	-	-	8,973.21	- 47,162.91	- 4,443.64
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	- 518,774.88	- 324,568.66	1,191,915.27	- 455,509.08	486,250.67	- 707,123.89	- 106,937.35
Cash at beginning of reporting year	7,993,200.13	7,474,425.25	7,149,856.59	8,341,771.86	7,886,262.78	8,372,513.45	8,457,080.00
Cash at end of reporting year	<u>7,474,425.25</u>	<u>7,149,856.59</u>	<u>8,341,771.86</u>	<u>7,886,262.78</u>	<u>8,372,513.45</u>	<u>7,665,389.56</u>	<u>8,350,142.65</u>

18. INFORMATION BULLETINS

Refer enclosed Bulletin dated 18th January 2013.

Information Bulletin dated 24th December 2012 circulated since previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Information Bulletins dated 24th December 2012 and 18th January 2013 be received and the contents noted.

DECISION

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.

2.

3.

4.

19. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

20. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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 AGENDA

21. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION “

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

**T F KIRKWOOD
GENERAL MANAGER**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

DECISION

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	

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

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	

22. CLOSURE