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16th May 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**Municipal Offices
71 High Street Oatlands
Wednesday 22nd May 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 24th April 2013, 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 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Nil.

5.3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MINUTES

5.3.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

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

- Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee – Meeting held 13th May 2013

Note: The Action Plan (Draft) is not included in the minutes as this will be referred to Council for endorsement at a later stage following amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the above Special Committee of Council 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	

5.3.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

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

- Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee – Meeting held 13th May 2013

RECOMMENDATION

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

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	

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

5.4.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

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

- **Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority** – Minutes of the Meeting held 18th April 2013
- **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 meeting 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	

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

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

36A. Annual reports of authorities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36B. Quarterly reports of authorities

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

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

(a) a statement of its general performance; and

(b) a statement of its financial performance.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports received from the Joint Authorities be received.

DECISION

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

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	
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	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.*

At the time of issuing the Agenda, correspondence had been received from Mr D Griggs, being a property owner from Lee's Road, Rhyndaston (refer attached – comment provided below).

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

Mr D Griggs - Refer letter dated 15th April 2013 (attached)

Mr Griggs raises three issues:

1. Rates and Charges – information for noting
2. Council Minutes (Website) – Minutes are placed on the Council Website following confirmation at the next meeting. It is therefore a one month delay. It is an option to place the Minutes prior to confirmation, and a ‘water mark’ indicating draft could be displayed on each page. This can be trialled and the aim would be to place the draft Minutes on the site within two weeks of the Meeting.
3. Ryhindaston Road – Corner realignment and widening – to be considered as part of the 2013/14 Capital Works Program

TO:

15/4/2013

Mayor Tony Bisdee
 Deputy Mayor Mark Jones
 Cllr Tony Bantick
 Cllr Colin Bevan
 Cllr Bob Campbell
 Cllr Marie Connors
 Cllr Don Fish
 Cllr Alex Green
 Cllr John Jones
 + General Manager

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

Rec'd 10 APR 2013

File no

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Dear Sir,

I have some questions I would like to be put the council meeting on 24th April or if not on 22nd May 2013

- 1) I wish to thank council for the setting of rates + charges 2012 - 2013 for minimising the rate increases.

Can you please again consider the ability of ratepayers to absorb increases when setting councils budget.

As economic conditions have not improved, ~~with~~ with large increases in electricity + water + sewage + insurance charges for ratepayers -

- 2) This matter refers to the councils website - we keep in touch with issues + council decisions in this way.
 We are finding it is at least (2) months or more in time that minutes of council meetings are put onto the councils website.

Continue Question(2)

Can these timeframes be reduced so rate-payers can keep better up to date?

This has been happening for quite a period of time.

3) This relates to some roadworks done on Rhyndaston Road near Bevans property in recent times for which £50,000-00 was allocated in 2012-2013 budget.

About half this small section has been widened and a safety barrier has been installed.

As the remaining section left is still very dangerous can this section be finished in the 2013-2014 year.

Hoping for a positive outcome to these issues.

The services provided by council and its employees are greatly appreciated, also please resist any moves on council amalgamation as we can see no advantage to present ratepayers.

All the best for the future

9.1 PERMISSION TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

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

- 11.00 a.m. – Mr Paul Ellery (Project Manager - South East Irrigation Scheme) will attend the meeting to provide Council with an overview and update in respect to this Scheme.

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

Clr B Campbell has submitted the following motion

10.1 AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Agriculture and Food Security are of great importance to our municipality (and the rest of Tasmania) so to have a better understanding.

“THAT Council invite one or all of the following: Jan Davis – TFGA, Leah Galvin – Food Consultant, Mike Badcock representing the Vegetable Industry Northwest Coast and Tasmania, to come and speak to Council. Councillors to make a decision whether it be at a Council meeting or Council workshop.”

Comment (as provided by Clr B Campbell)

When we look at Tasmanian agriculture, the food industry, shipping, etc. there are many farmers with concerns in relation to cropping, production, marketing, shipping, food security and food labelling etc. With the Australian dollar being overvalued how do we trade so those on the land remain viable and can increase sustainable production in Tasmania. There are many areas that need addressing and if we get it right there will be beneficial spin off including better health, better economy, better way of life and as councillors we get a better understanding as to where council fits into the picture and we can plan accordingly.

Food is an important part of life, many schools across Tasmania are teaching our young to grow food and to prepare food with the importance of good wholesome food has in keeping us healthy. Ask yourself do you have a health problem are you eating healthy (Tasmanian grown) food?

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	

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

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

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Nil.

11.2 SUBDIVISIONS

Nil.

11.3 MUNICIPAL SEAL (PLANNING AUTHORITY)

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

File Ref: (Refer PID numbers in table below)

AUTHOR PLANNING OFFICER (David Cundall)

DATE 15TH MAY 2013

APPLICATION OF MUNICIPAL SEAL

The following final plans and related documents, pertaining to subdivisions, boundary adjustments and adhesion orders, etc. within Southern Midlands have had the Municipal Seal applied by the Manager Development & Environmental Services in the period 28th November 2012 to the 15th May 2013.

Owner	PID	Address	Description	Date
Higgins W P	7203003	74 Main St Kempton	Subdivision	31 st January 2013
Geard P & E	7590007	1330 Elderslie Rd, Broadmarsh	Boundary Adjustment	14 th March 2013
Geard P & E	7590007	1330 Elderslie Rd, Broadmarsh	Boundary Adjustment – surveyor was required to amend/resubmit plan to titles off	29 th April 2013

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	

11.4 PLANNING (OTHER)

11.4.1 Progression Toward a New Southern Midlands Planning Scheme - (Informal) Public Consultation

File Ref: 9/084

AUTHOR MANAGER STRATEGIC PROJECTS (D MACKEY)
DATE 17TH MAY 2013

**PREVIOUSLY
DISTRIBUTED**

1. Preliminary Draft Southern Midlands Planning Scheme

ENCLOSURE:

1. Communications Plan-Public Consultation
2. Planning Scheme Pathways Comparison

1. INTRODUCTION

Council officers have prepared a new draft planning scheme for the municipality and endorsement is being sought to invite input from the community.

The last Councillor workshop on the draft planning scheme, held on 17 April, resulted in the majority of content of the draft scheme being endorsed for community consultation. A number of issues remained outstanding. These were as follows.

- (i) The spatial extent of the heritage precincts.
- (ii) The area covered by the biodiversity code overlay.
- (iii) The treatment of the land at Tea Tree Road proposed to accommodate the Buddhist Cultural Park.

A workshop will be held on 20 May to resolve these matters, with a view to the Council endorsing the entire scheme for consultation at the meeting on 22 May.

The draft scheme has been prepared largely through collaboration with the other eleven Councils in the Southern region through the Southern Tasmania Regional Planning Project. The majority of provisions in the scheme are the intended ‘regional model planning scheme’ provisions.

The format and structure of the planning scheme, as well as most definitions and the ‘mechanical provisions’, have been set by the State through its new standard Template for Planning Schemes. These aspects of the scheme are mandatory.

2. BACKGROUND

The Regional Planning Project concluded the first major phase of its work in October 2011, being the delivery of a draft Southern Regional Land Use Strategy to the Minister for Planning. The Minister subsequently formally declared it to be a statutory *Regional Strategy*. (This followed its endorsement by all twelve Southern Tasmanian Councils.)

The key impact of the declared Regional Land Use Strategy is that new planning schemes must be consistent with it.

The second major output of the Southern Tasmania Regional Planning Project is the suite of contemporary and consistent planning schemes, one for each of the twelve Planning Authorities in Southern Tasmania. The Regional Project has been working with each Council to achieve this.

All new planning schemes in the State will have to be based on the State's Planning Scheme Template for Tasmania. The Template only provides the 'bare bones' of planning schemes – mechanical provisions, standard layout, structure and definitions and common zone names and zone purpose statements. It does not provide the development and use standards that are the key provisions in terms of day-to-day development control. The majority of these have been drafted by Councils acting collectively within the region - to create the regional model planning scheme provisions - and individual Councils in drafting specific local provisions to take account of unique aspects within each local area.

A large portion of future consistency and commonality between planning schemes will come from the regional model planning scheme.

The local provisions recognise that there are genuine differences and peculiarities between Council areas across the region. Each planning scheme will therefore contain planning scheme provisions particular to it. It is intended that the amount of local provisions in each scheme will be minimal so that the proportion of consistent provisions is maximised. The philosophy is: "be the same unless there is a reason to be different."

Therefore, the new draft Southern Midlands Planning Schemes will include content provided from three sources:

- The State - the Planning Scheme Template for Tasmania (plus any State-wide development and use standards that the State might develop).
- The Region - the great majority of Zone provisions and most Codes).
- The Council - local provisions necessary to reflect specific local circumstances or protect important local values. For Southern Midlands, the key 'local provisions' are the Heritage Precinct provisions.

3. COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP – 20 MAY 2013

On 20 May 2013 a Councillor workshop was held at Council's Kempton offices to consider the unresolved issues left from the 17 April workshop. Workshop outcomes will be presented at the meeting for endorsement.

4. COUNCILS GOING FORWARD TOGETHER

It is important that each Council within the region keeps in step with the others in the scheme drafting process. All schemes should be drafted contemporaneously, lodged with the Minister at the same time and proceed through the statutory public exhibition, assessment, and approval process together - with common issues being dealt with in common TPC hearings.

It is intended that all Councils will be able to consider their draft schemes at their April or May Council meetings to determine if they consider them suitable to be subject to public consultation.

The informal (non-statutory) public consultation process would then be able to commence in June. All Councils have previously endorsed the principle that the draft schemes should be subject to **informal** consultation prior to finalising them and sending them into the statutory process at the Tasmanian Planning Commission. There are two reasons for this:

- Once a draft is submitted into the statutory process there are limitations on the extent of change possible without repeating statutory consultation (in order to afford the public 'due process').
- The informal consultation process will enable many desirable changes to the draft schemes to be identified and implemented easily and quickly, outside of the more cumbersome and bureaucratic statutory process.

The June 2013 public consultation process will be a coordinated effort between all Southern Councils.

It is noted that Kingborough and Huon Valley had early drafts of their schemes out for public consultation in November 2012. These Councils will nevertheless participate in the joint process in June. One reason they undertook a 'preliminary' consultation process is they have more local issues to sort out than most other councils. This is because:

- Kingborough is moving from a very high performance-based scheme with only six zones into a new Template scheme in which there will be around 20 zones. Much of the Kingborough will therefore have to be 'rezoned'. Most other Councils in Southern Tasmania have a similar division of zones to the Template, and therefore most of their properties will be moving to a Template zone that more or less resembles the previous zone.

- Huon Valley is merging three old different schemes into one Template based scheme. Again, this will likely raise a larger number of ‘local issues’ that it will need to sort out with its local communities, that most other Council areas.

5. OUTLINE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The (informal) consultation period will commence on the first weekend of June and run for six weeks. It will be the first time the public will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed regional model provisions. It is important that all members of the public in Southern Tasmania can provide comment on the intended regional provisions through one coordinated process, regardless of which municipality they live in.

At the same time they will be able to see their own Council’s proposed local level provisions and will be able to provide comment on them also. Understanding the local level provisions and the regional provisions in the context of each other and the State Template will be an important aspect of this process, and is a key reason why a draft of the regional model planning scheme has not already been exposed to the general public for comment. It can only be understood in the context of state and local planning scheme content - and the planning scheme maps.

Comments received during public consultation will relate to text from all three sources, and submissions will be treated differently accordingly. It will be important that members of the public can distinguish the source of the content that they wish to comment on. Therefore, the text in the draft schemes will be colour-coded.

Following the conclusion of the advertising period:

- Submissions pertaining to local provisions will be considered and resolved by the relevant Council.
- Submissions pertaining to intended regional provisions will be collated by the Regional Planning Project and considered collectively through a regional process involving all Southern Councils, with some input from the Tasmanian Planning Commission.
- Submissions pertaining to the State-mandated text will not be able to be considered by Councils or the Regional Project at all. These submissions will be passed on to the State for their records. This informal public consultation process does not have any ability whatsoever to amend State text.

The timeframe for considering and resolving the issues raised by the public will take several months. It is not possible to foreshadow exactly how long as it will depend, in part, and the number and nature of the submissions received, particularly in respect of the

regional provisions, and the ease in reaching agreement amongst the 12 Southern Councils in their resolution.

Once all public consultation issues have been resolved, the Councils will then be able to amend their draft of their planning schemes for formal submission to the Minister.

The text in the draft planning schemes will be colour-coded so that members of the community can easily distinguish between the state, regional and local provisions. This will also provide for a level of openness, transparency and political accountability that has been a significant deficiency of Tasmania's planning system in the past.

The Regional Project is currently preparing a regional public consultation plan – refer draft in enclosures (Communications Plan-Public Consultation).

The Regional Planning Project will generate regional publicity through media advertisements and media releases. These will direct interested members of the public to access the draft schemes via:

- the 12-scheme home page on the internet.
- front counter displays at each Council office.
- a series of Council information sessions held around the region during June

The Regional Project will produce a series of Information Sheets about the consultation, and a series of Fact Sheets regarding each zone and each code.

Each Council will also have its own information on its web site. Interested members of the public wishing to view a draft scheme will be automatically directed to the 12-scheme home page. Both the ordinance and the maps will be available on-line from this web page. It is envisaged the front counter displays and the information session arranged by Councils will have hard copy maps and ordinance for the public to inspect.

The key aspects of the consultation process for Southern Midlands Council to consider, therefore, are:

- Confirm that, for the duration of the public consultation period, hard copies of the maps and the ordinance will be available for inspection at the Kempton and Oatlands offices.
- The date and time of the information sessions. These are intended to be 'drop-in sessions' which run for around 5 hours and enable any interested member of the public to call in and discuss the draft planning scheme one-on-one with Council's planners. Suggested times and venues are:
 - Oatlands, Council Offices, Monday 24 June, 2 pm to 7 pm.
 - Kempton, Council Offices, Wednesday 26 June, 3 pm to 7 pm (running after the Council meeting)
 - Campania, Campania Hall, Thursday 27 June, 2 pm to 7 pm.
- Content of Council media release. (Draft to be provided).

- Content of web site information. (Draft to be provided).
- Content of Southern Midlands Council fact sheets(s) (Draft to be provided).

6. THE PATHWAY FORWARD AFTER (INFORMAL) PUBLIC CONSULTATION: ‘INTERIM SCHEME’ OR ‘DRAFT SCHEME’?

Two years ago the State amended the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 to re-introduce the concept of interim planning schemes, which had been eliminated in 1993 when the legislation was overhauled. The Regional Project MoU between the State and the 12 Southern Councils sets down the State’s expectation that the new planning schemes will be submitted to the State by Councils as ‘draft interim planning schemes’.

It is noted that the ‘traditional’ (post-1993) draft planning scheme approval pathway remains in the Act. Therefore, Councils technically have the option of submitting their draft planning schemes to the State as either draft interim planning schemes or as ‘traditional’ draft schemes.

As Councillors are aware, the key difference is that interim planning schemes come into effect prior to the statutory public consultation and formal hearings process, whilst in the traditional pathway new schemes coming into effect at the end of that process.

The Solicitor General has provided advice to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that highlights some potential issues that arise through the use of the Interim Planning Scheme mechanism. These revolve around potential impacts on property rights that an Interim Planning Scheme may have due to ‘due process’ not being afforded to landowners by the statutory public consultation and hearings process prior to the scheme coming into effect at law.

Whilst this was initially identified by the STCA as a potential risk prior to the signing of the MoU, the legislation had not been written and the detailed process of creating an interim planning scheme was therefore not known at the time.

The real impact of the Solicitor General’s advice is that Interim Planning Schemes are significantly limited in terms of the extent of change that can be brought in by them. This means that Interim Planning Schemes will not be ‘the best schemes’.

The southern Councils are all committed to the introduction of new planning schemes and have invested a considerably amount in preparing their new schemes. It is anticipated that the Councils will wish to implement their new planning schemes as ‘the best schemes’. That is: in the most effective and efficient manner, providing contemporary land use management while ensuring that the outcomes for the community are fair and equitable and that the new planning schemes are legally robust and will not be subject to future legal challenge.

It should be noted that, in order to achieve the objectives of the Regional Planning Project’s MoU, we would need to make a collective decision - so that all 12 Councils

adopt the same pathway. Regional consistency would likely be severely diminished through the statutory process if, for example, some Councils choose the interim scheme pathway and others the traditional pathway.

In the coming months, the 12 Councils will need to collectively choose which pathway to pursue. Planning Scheme Pathways Comparison (enclosures) provides a summary of the possible ‘pros and cons’ of each pathway.

7. PLANNING SCHEMES ONLINE AND THE CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Tasmanian Planning Commission is implementing an IT solution to assist the drafting, assessing, managing and accessing of all planning scheme provisions across the State.

From the Regional Planning Project’s point of view, this is most welcome and timely. The solution will have the following characteristics:

- Reduced cost in drafting planning schemes:
 - Allow the collective drafting of planning scheme documents into which text from multiple sources must appear.
 - Enable specified text to be automatically common to various schemes on a state wide or region-wide basis.
 - Allow for common provisions to be drafted and amended at one source, regardless of how many schemes they are common to.
 - Provide surety that intended common provisions are accurately portrayed in final scheme documents.
- More manageable public consultation processes:
 - Provide a single website where all draft schemes are available.
 - Enable on-line comments to be lodged by members of the public against specific provisions, thereby automating a significant component of the public notification process.
- More effective assessment of comments and the schemes:
 - Enable statutory reviewers of draft scheme provisions to view public comments, lodge their own comments, see the comments made by their fellow reviewers and suggest amended wording.
 - Provide for multiple levels of access and authority, in terms of reviewing,

commenting, drafting, approving and publishing changes.

- An easily understandable end user interface:
 - Access to all planning scheme ordinances being via a single website, which holds the current and correct version of all schemes.
 - Enquiries regarding a particular property and a particular proposed use identify only those parts of the planning scheme that are relevant.
 - Minimise the need for hard copies of entire planning schemes to be printed.
 - Provide for a simple public user interface.
- Clearly portraying to the public that the State has a single, coordinated system of planning schemes.

The public consultation process in June will enable the public to view the planning schemes easily and efficiently on-line.

This will be a very timely improvement to the system and will speed up the drafting of our planning schemes.

Hard copies will also be available for viewing at Council offices.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- A. Council endorse the first draft of the new Southern Midlands Planning Scheme to be put out for (informal) public consultation in June, for six weeks, noting the outcomes of the 20 May Councillor workshop.**

DECISION

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
	Clr A R Bantick	
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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.

12.1.1 **Petition Received from Residents of the Broadmarsh Area in Respect of the Junction of Elderslie Road and Church Road, Broadmarsh**

AUTHOR MANAGER DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (Andrew Benson)

DATE 19th FEBRUARY 2013

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Report from Engineer Ross Cumming

ISSUE

Junction alterations to address community safety concerns which were raised through a petition from the residents of Broadmarsh

BACKGROUND

As reported in the February 2013 Council meeting.

The Petition received from the residents of Broadmarsh stated the following;

“Dear Sir, the residents of the Broadmarsh end of Church Road are extremely aware of the dangerous intersection of Broadmarsh [should read Church] and Elderslie Roads. Traffic travelling towards the trouble spot has little time to avoid vehicles entering from Church Road and speed limits, unless rigidly enforced, cannot guarantee collisions will not occur.

Human error will always account for deaths on the road but to allow a Black Spot to exist in this modern age is criminally negligent of our regional council and road safety authorities. We the residents, together in resolve, implore the Southern Midlands Council to address this problem as quickly as possible before the inevitable happens and one of us loses [loses] our lives.

The Petition was signed by 58 people. This number is made up of residents as well as people who either work or provide services in/to the area. The document was received by Council and tabled during the 2012/13 budget session workshops.

Council officers have been mindful of this dangerous junction at Broadmarsh at the intersection of Elderslie Road and Church Road referred to in the Petition and prior to the receipt of the Petition the author of this report and the Manager Works & Technical Services have discussed with the General Manager a desire to undertake some investigative works with an aim of improving the geometry of the junction.

Following receipt of the Petition the Manager Development & Environmental Services was asked to progress the matter and report back to Council.

A site meeting was convened with Mr McShane as a representative of the Petitioners along Council officers. This discussion was meaningful given that any changes to the junction would have to be made on the land owned by Mr McShane. A range of options were discussed.

It was noted that the Southern Midlands Planning Scheme 1998 requires that any changes to the junction, or indeed the creation of a new junction require approval by DIER, given that Elderslie Road is a Category 3 Road. This would require a Traffic Impact Assessment to be undertaken by a Traffic Engineer as part of the approval process required by the SMPS 1998 and DIER.

Civil Engineer, Ross Cumming was contracted to undertake the design analysis of a range of concepts to provide an acceptable solution in accordance with Austroads Design Guidelines as well as meeting Council's affordable best practice framework. Surveyor, Peter Binny was engaged to undertake the engineering survey and Traffic Engineer, Milan Prodanovic was engaged to undertake a traffic management analysis.

Further site meetings were held and finally four design options along with cost estimates were prepared for consideration. It should be noted that these estimates are based on tender preparation and contracting out of the works. If the works are undertaken by Council's field workforce with some hiring in of equipment, the estimates could be reduced by between 10% to 15 % of the estimated value of works. Acquisition costs and related fees have not been included in the estimate, which is why the land areas are shown against each Alternative.

Alternative A

Use existing access and excavate bench back for sight distance

Estimate **\$260,000** (rounded to the closest \$10,000)
Acquisition **3,500m²** (estimate only)

Alternative B New junction approx. 50m south of the existing junction, including excavation and benching for sight distance

Estimate **\$200,000** (rounded to the closest \$10,000)
Acquisition **2,500m²** (estimate only)

Alternative C New junction approx. 150m to the north of the existing junction, with no benching

Estimate **\$190,000** (rounded to the closest \$10,000)
Acquisition **4,000m²** (estimate only)

Alternative D New junction approx. 300m south of the existing junction with no benching

Estimate **\$303,000** (rounded to the closest \$10,000)
Acquisition **8,000m²** (estimate only)

The best case scenario would select Alternative B, for the following reasons even though it is marginally the second lowest value of works;

1. The amount of estimated bulk excavation for the benching could well be a lesser value based (estimate value based on 80% sandstone/rock). Site inspections with the Manager Works & Technical Services indicate that the estimate is a conservative one and based on the worst case scenario. In comparing this Alternative (B) with Alternative C (lowest value of works of the four alternatives), it should be noted that there is no benching required for Alternative C and therefore no direct correlation between the two Alternatives in the way of cost saving in respect to benching;
2. The acquisition required for Alternative B at 2,500m² is the smallest acquisition area for all of the Alternatives with the acquisition for Alternative C being 4,000m². The Alternative B acquisition would be the least intrusive for the land owner, whilst Alternative C would present a challenge for the land owner with the proposed road dissecting land that is of potentially more productive value.
3. Alternative C was discussed at an early stage with the land owner and he felt that the new junction being very close to his horse training track could prove to be a significant OH&S problem in respect of trainers/jockeys as well as possible injuries for the horses. This relates to sudden movements from the junction onto Elderslie Road and the associated change in noise levels

A public consultation was held during the February 2013 Council meeting, with all Petitioners being invited to attend a presentation from Civil Engineer Ross Cumming.

DETAIL

Following the Public consultation session Engineer Ross Cumming, Traffic Engineer Milan Prodanovic, and Surveyor Peter Binny undertook additional work to develop the proposal further to accommodate the matters raised at the Public consultation. The attached Report from Ross Cumming reflects those changes. Following receipt of that report the Acting General Manager wrote to all of the Petitioners as well as all property owners in Church Road with the information to hand

Dear ##

PETITION – JUNCTION OF ELDERSLIE ROAD & CHURCH ROAD BROADMARSH

I write in respect of the petition that was received by Council in the middle of last year. The petition detailed the issues of the junction of Elderslie Road & Church Road, Broadmarsh and the Community's concern with the geometry of the junction, along with the lack of sight distance when exiting Church Road.

Following receipt of the petition, Council asked that I investigate the matter. To that end over the ensuing period, I had detailed discussions with Civil Engineer Ross Cumming, Traffic Engineer, Milan Prodanovic and Surveyor Peter Binny. Council contracted these three professionals to provide their services in the development of a range of proposals for Council to consider in addressing the Community concerns. A number of site meetings were also conducted. You may have witnessed some of those activities over the period.

With all of the relevant information to hand, Ross Cumming prepared preliminary designs and their associated costings for consideration. Council was very interested to hear the Community's view in respect of the design solutions, and as such arranged for the February Council meeting to be held at the Broadmarsh Hall to enable interested Community members to attend a briefing along with a question & answer session with Engineer Ross Cumming. Quite a number of Community members attended and provided valuable feedback during the session. Ross Cumming was asked to take into consideration all of the matters raised by the Community and come back to Council with his considered view.

The attached report from Ross has been received and the Mayor has asked that I circulate it to the people who signed the original petition as well as the residents of Church Road. For those who were unable to attend the Council meeting Community consultation session in February, I have included a copy of the plan showing option B as referred to in Ross' report.

Whilst at the Council meeting the Mayor mentioned that there could be another Community consultation session, he is mindful that everyone is extremely busy and may not be able to make it to another formal session. As such he has asked me to suggest, that given the Community concerns have been taken into account and that they will be included in the final design as discussed in the report, that if anyone has further concerns in respect of the way forward then Council at its meeting on the 22nd of May 2013 in the Oatlands Council Chambers would be pleased to take on board any additional matters in relation to the junction design. Of course any written comments would also be taken into consideration.

The degree of urgency for this matter now is based on trying to include it in the budget considerations for the 2013/2014 financial year, which will be part of the discussions undertaken at the May Council meeting.

Council looks forward, with your assistance, to remedying this long standing issue.

Yours sincerely

*Andrew Benson
Acting General Manager*

At the time of the writing of this report no comments have been received from the residents of Church Road and any that are received before the Council meeting, will be tabled for consideration.

This process has been rigorous, along with comprehensive engagement with the Community and the project is commended to Council for budget consideration

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. **Receive and note the report;**
2. **Consider the concerns raised through the extended Community consultation process (if any);**
3. **Select alternative B (including B2 in the Cummings Report), as the preferred alternative;**
4. **Seek approval from DIER of the agreed design;**
5. **Authorise the completion of the design works and negotiations with the land owners;**
6. **Establish the junction works (Elderslie Road – Church Road) as the highest priority for Southern Midlands, under the Australian Governments Black Spot Funding Program and/or other appropriate funding programs; and**
7. **Table the project for consideration as part of the 2013/14 Budget process.**

DECISION

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
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ATTENTION : Andrew Benson

Dear Andrew,

CHURCH ROAD – ELDERSLIE ROAD, JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS
REPORT ON ROAD OPTIONS TABLED AT PUBLIC MEETING ON 26 FEB 2013
AND FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS OF ROAD GRADES FOR OPTION B

BACKGROUND

As a result of community representations to Council, advice was sought by Council from Traffic Engineer Milan Prodanovic regarding the requirements for provision of adequate sight distance at Church Road/Elderslie Road junction near Broadmarsh.

Based on these requirements Consulting Engineer Ross Cumming was engaged by Council to investigate options for modifications/relocation of the junction to improve sight distance. Four options were investigated including the preparation of preliminary designs for two of these and cost estimates for all four to enable Council to assess of the possibility of undertaking improvements to the junction.

OPTIONS INVESTIGATED AND PRESENTED AT PUBLIC MEETING 26 FEB 2013

The options presented at the Council meeting on 26 February 2013 with reference maps and plans are summarised as follows (more comprehensive information is included in SMC Council minutes):

A: Bench from exist junction:	\$260,000 + GST Acquisition area estimate 3,500m ²
B: Move junction 50m to the south:	\$200,000 + GST Acquisition area estimate 2,500m ²
C: Move junction 150m to north:	\$190,000 + GST Acquisition area estimate 4,000m ²
D: Move junction 400m to south:	\$330,000 + GST Acquisition area 8,000m ² .

LIMITATIONS ON ACCURACY OF ESTIMATES AND ACQUISITION AREAS

- The accuracy of the cost estimates is +/- 15% they are preliminary estimates.
- Preliminary design only for Options A & B, unit rates were used for estimating Options C & D.
- Rock is sandstone assumed at 80% of bulk volumes.
- Acquisition areas are estimates only and subject to final design & survey
- Estimates include a provisional allowance of 10% for engineering & survey fees.

Subject to community acceptance, Option B appeared to offer the optimum solution of cost effectiveness, minimal acquisition. To achieve the safety outcomes required.

ISSUES RAISED AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

The key issues raised at the public meeting that are relevant to the design of the junction improvements were:

1. Option B was not favoured due to the increased grade on the new alignment of Church Road that may not be acceptable for the safe transport of heavy vehicles including a horse float
2. Turning movements off Elderslie Road into Church Road were considered unsafe due to the speed of traffic on Elderslie Road.
3. Bus stopping arrangements at the Elderslie Road/Church Road junction were considered unsafe due to the blocking effect of stopped busses on sight distance.

FINAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERS REPORT

Following the public meeting at which concerns were raised regarding the junction turning and bus stop safety, the Traffic report was extended by Milan Prodanovic to include assessment of these items. The final Traffic report was expanded to include these issues and the final version was issued dated 20 March 2013.

REVIEW OF THE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING**1. ROAD GRADE AND ACTUAL GRADE OF STOPPED TRUCK AT JUNCTION**

Additional detailed design has been undertaken on the Church Road alignment using the truck geometry provided by Council. This truck is understood to represent horse float for which concern was raised regarding the approach grade on Church Road to the junction. This truck was superimposed onto the Church Road junction approach longitudinal profile to determine the actual grade that the truck would be at when stopped temporarily before turning onto Elderslie Road. This was done for the existing Church Road situation and the longitudinal profile that would be in place for the Option B Church Road re-alignment.

The drawing on Page 4 shows the two situations. For the existing situation (the drawing on the RHS) the truck grade is 8.6% and for the proposed Option B road realignment the truck grade would be 4.1%. The reason for this is that it is proposed to construct a flatter entry onto Elderslie Road for Option B.

2. MAXIMUM ROAD GRADE

The maximum grade of Church Road at present between the junction and the private access approximately 60m from the junction is 12.5%. For proposed Option B the maximum grade would be 15.6% for a distance of approximately 20 metres. In an urban situation road grades of up to 16.7% are acceptable.

3. GRADE AT PRIVATE ACCESS

The grade coming off Church Road into the private access at present is approximately 5.5%. For proposed Option B this would increase to 9%. For comparison purposes, in an urban situation, a private access grade of up to 20% would comply with council standards.

4. ADDITIONAL OPTION REVIEWED

To assess the possibility of reducing the maximum grade of Church Road from 15.6% to 12% a sub-option has been preliminary designed. This is Option B2. With this option the maximum grade of Church Road reduces to 12% but because the road is lowered further back from the junction the access grade into the private access would increase from 9% (Option B) to 12% (Option B2) with the depth of cut at the access increasing from approximately 300mm to 800mm. Cost estimate for B2 would be as for Option B, no significant change.

5. SUMMARY OF ROAD & ACCESS GRADES

LOCATION	EXISTING	OPTION B	OPTION B2	URBAN STANDARD
Truck at stopping point at junction	8.6%	4.1%	6.1%	10%
Max on Church Rd up to private access	12.5%	15.6%	12.0%	16.7%
Private access off Church Road	5.5%	9.0%	12.0%	20.0%

6. TURNING FROM JUNCTION INTO CHURCH ROAD

The Traffic Engineer undertook a peak hour turning survey at the junction and the report reviews the junction type on the basis of traffic turning. The report concludes that the existing arrangement with no right hand turn passing lane (from north) and no left hand turning lane or taper (from south) is adequate for the amount of traffic turning at the junction.

7. BUS STOP LOCATION

The Traffic Engineer made comment that the existing bus stop locations are not acceptable. It is proposed that if Option B is proceeded with, the existing junction area off to the side of Elderslie Road be used as a bus stop area. Preliminary sight line layout on the design plan for the proposed new junction location for Option B indicates that providing that the bus pulls off Elderslie Road edge of seal, then the sight line from the proposed new junction location looking to the north will be clear of a stopped bus. The site level survey would need to be extended to the north to pick up Elderslie Road and to the east of the junction area in the Elderslie Road Reserve so that sight lines can be verified and the possibility of providing a suitable pull off area to the eastern side of Elderslie Road be included in the junction design if feasible.

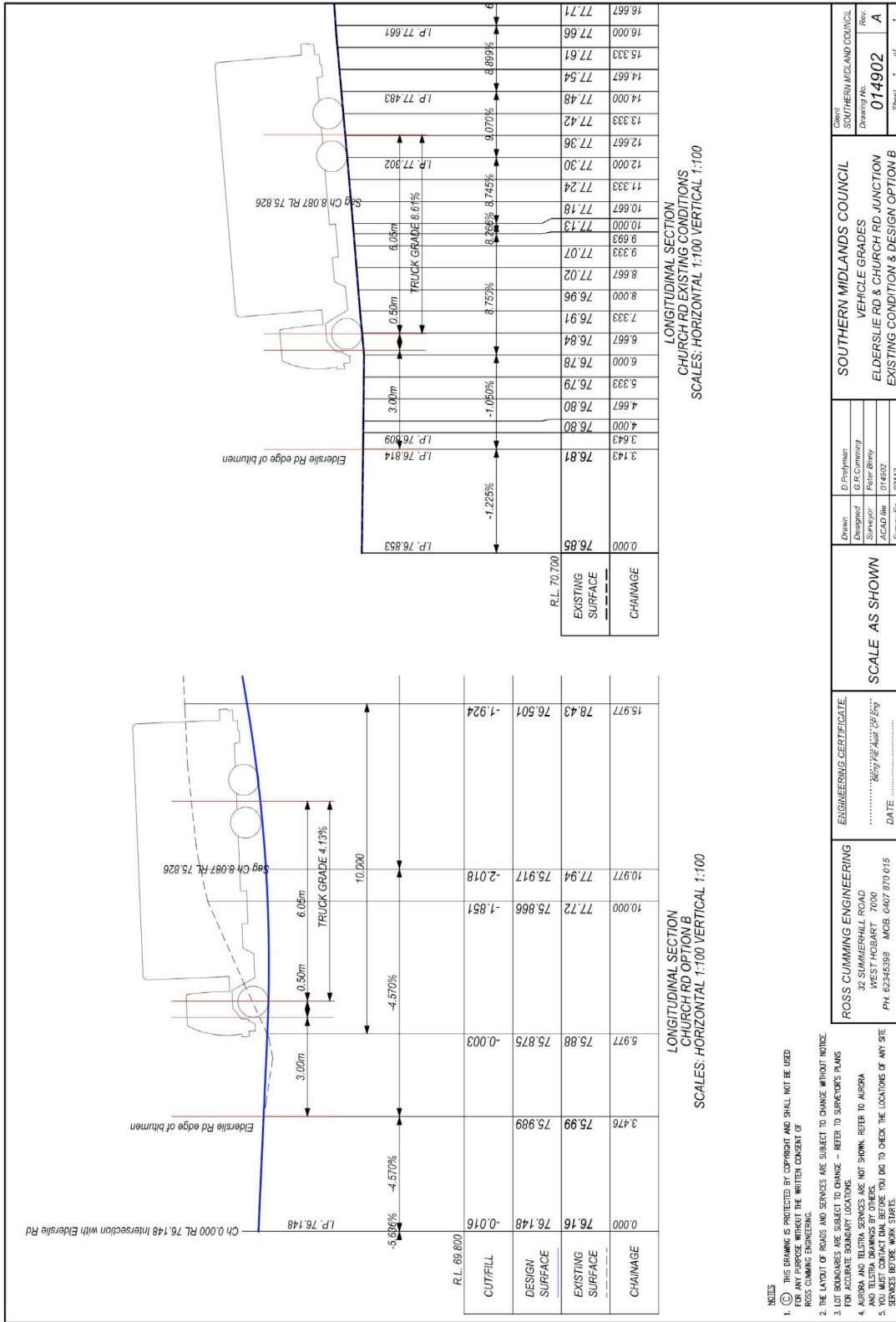
CONCLUSION

The issues raised at the public meeting on 26 February 2013 have been considered and the design of Option B has been reviewed in the light of these issues. An additional option for Church Road vertical alignment (Option B2) has been designed to review possible improvements. It is concluded that Option B as previously designed (preliminary design only) remains the preferred option for construction and that the issues raised do not provide grounds to change. The issue of the school bus stops have been taken on board and can be included in the final design process.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G.R. Cumming', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

G.R. Cumming B Eng FIEAust CPEng



NOTES

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SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
 VEHICLE GRADES
 ELSTERSLIE RD & CHURCH RD JUNCTION
 EXISTING CONDITION & DESIGN OPTION B

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 MANAGER – WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES
DATE 16TH MAY 2013

ROADS PROGRAM

Maintenance grading being undertaken in Tunnack and Dysart areas.

Roadside drainage works - Woodsdale Road, Woodsdale; Culvert cleaning - Swanston, Tea Tree & Inglewood areas.

Road reconstruction and seal Projects - Stonor Road, Stonor and Stanley Street, Oatlands are being undertaken.

Further comment will be provided at the meeting in relation to the reseal program.

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Shene Road, Pontville - Bridge scheduled to be installed 18th June 2013.

Chauncy Vale Road, Bagdad - Bridge installed and guard rail to be erected.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

All sites operating well. Additional empties are being scheduled as necessary at the Oatlands and Campania Waste Transfer Stations.

TOWN FACILITIES PROGRAM

Works being undertaken as required

WORKS SERVICES PROGRAM

Staff Leave/Resignations/Appointments

- Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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	Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	
	Dep. Mayor M Jones OAM	
	Clr A R Bantick	
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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.

Nil.

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.

Nil.

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 (BRAD WILLIAMS)

DATE 16TH MAY 2013

ISSUE

Southern Midlands Heritage Projects – report from Manager Heritage Projects

DETAIL

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

- Further work on the commissariat CMP.
- Finalisation of landscaping and other works to the Kempton Watch House (and installation of hanging systems into the council chambers hallway).
- Rowena and Alan completed the installation of the Community Heritage Archive Project installations, with well attended opening events at Oatlands and Kempton.
- Successful delivery of two HESC courses at Roche Hall (archaeological survey and Burra Charter). Further development of course material being undertaken.
- Providing support to HBS on several projects.
- Alan has continued a series of U3A heritage courses in conjunction with Clarence Council.

- Support being provided to four university students who are undertaking heritage projects on Southern Midlands topics.
- Preparation of budget submissions for 20013/14.
- Alan has completed the research for the Southern Midlands Convict Sites project.
- Brad has been on leave for part of the month.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

Vote For	Councillor	Vote Against
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14.2 NATURAL**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 23**

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

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

AUTHORS NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER – M WEEDING

DATE 14TH MAY 2013**ISSUE**

Southern Midlands Landcare Unit and GIS Monthly Report

DETAIL

- Work on the Bushlinks 500 project continues. The two properties participating in Round 1 have now sown their areas with the native pasture seed. Fencing of copse planting areas has commenced. The Understory Network will be providing the plants for the copse areas and plan to plant them out in July. Site visits and evaluations for the Round 2 properties have been undertaken.
- The CEEP (Community Energy Efficiency Program) Project to retrofit the Town Hall for energy efficiency is progressing. Insulation has now been placed in the area of the Town Hall immediately above the Works & Services Dept. The balance work of retrofitting an insulating skylight polycarbonate sheet is expected to be undertaken in the next week or so. This will be one of the final tasks before bringing this project to a conclusion.
- Graham Green and Damian Mackey have finalised the GIS matters regarding the new format and content for the Planning Scheme overlays. A Biodiversity overlay relevant to Southern Midlands is being worked on to present to Council for consideration at a workshop on Monday 20th May. Graham Green and Maria Weeding will attend the workshop.
- As per the actions that came out of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park management Committee minutes (15th April 2013) Maria Weeding and Helen Geard have been busy drafting a revised the Lake Dulverton Action Plan that also incorporates the Dulverton Walkway. A draft plan for the Callington Park area has also been produced that incorporated the Pat Barwick elements that were endorsed by Council, elements of a concept plan provided by G Raphael plus ideas from the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee. The two plans were tabled at the last meeting of the above committee. The Council will be asked to consider the

draft plans at the June Council meeting – seeking endorsement for the plans to go out for public comment.

- Some cumbungi weed was found in Lake Dulverton. Helen Geard and Maria Weeding have removed the weed, which included collection and burning of the seed heads. It is very important that this weed stay out of lake Dulverton. It was also found in a nearby dam on private property. The seed heads were collected and burnt, but the landowner will need to be contacted to ensure that the plant is dealt with so that it may be eliminated.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Landcare Unit Report be received and the information 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	

14.2.2 Regional Biodiversity Offsets Guidelines – Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority.

AUTHOR MANAGER STRATEGIC PROJECTS (D MACKEY)

DATE 17TH MAY 2013

- ENCLOSURES:**
1. Guidelines for the Use of Biodiversity Offsets – Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority, 2013.
 2. Implementing Biodiversity Offsets under the land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993. (Flowchart)

ISSUE

Response to the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) regarding the final Biodiversity Offsets Guidelines document.

DETAIL

Councillors are aware that the STCA has been preparing *Guidelines for the Use of Biodiversity Offsets*. The STCA has now finalised the document and it has been referred to Councils by the STCA Board for consideration and potential endorsement. (It is noted that this Board decision was no unanimous).

The STCA referral notes that not all Councils will use the guidelines, as they will only be used by those Councils that choose to include the biodiversity offsets mechanism within their new planning schemes.

This matter has been before Council a number of times over the last few years. At the April 2012 meeting Council endorsed a submission to the STCA project charged with developing the guidelines.

The submission was prepared by a staff/councillor working group. It made it clear that Southern Midlands Council does not support the concept of local government involvement in regulating for biodiversity offsets within the planning system generally, nor the detail of the proposed guidelines in particular. Council's submission included suggestions for two alternative options to address biodiversity conservation matters.

The following points are noted:

- On the whole, Council's views and suggestions have not been incorporated within the final guidelines document.

- Council has resolved not to include the biodiversity offsets mechanism within its new draft planning scheme. Therefore the guidelines document will have no bearing on Council.
- It is questionable whether Council should “endorse” a document for other Councils to use, but not itself.

Given the above, it is recommended that Council

1. Receive the document, and
2. Recognise that some Councils in the region will use the document to guide them in the management options for dealing with biodiversity under their planning scheme provisions

Human Resources & Financial Implications

- There are no human resource or financial implications.
- This assumes the inclusion of biodiversity offset regulations with Council planning schemes remains optional.
- If this were not the case in the future, significant impacts would result in additional regulatory burden in development control and a substantive on-going management burden for what would eventually be many small isolated biodiversity offset sites for which Council has ultimate responsibility.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications

- The issue of biodiversity conservation is a deeply divisive issue in Tasmania.
- There are community members with strong views on both sides of the debate.
- Opinion is generally divided along urban/rural lines, with the urban areas appearing to contain more people with a view that there is insufficient protection, whilst in rural areas more people tend to the view that existing State and Federal measures are sufficient. The view of Council, as expressed in the April 2012 submission, can therefore be assumed to represent a reasonable reflection of the views of the bulk of Southern Midlands citizens.

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

Policy Implications – N/A

- Southern Midlands Council does not have a formal ‘policy’ on this matter, but its policy position is set out in its April 2012 submission.
- In summary, this is:
 - Tasmania is one of the most heavily conserved jurisdictions in the World, due to the actions of State and Federal levels of Government.
 - Biodiversity is therefore adequately protected already and Local Government does not need to take a heavy-handed approach to further regulation of biodiversity conservation.

- Even if local government wished to instigate biodiversity offsets, there is no specific legal mechanism for this to be implemented and significant questions exist regarding the legal robustness of currently proposed means.
- Any biodiversity offsets approach should be strategic. The scatter-gun approach embodied in the guidelines document will produce highly questionable biodiversity outcomes for too high an impact on economic sustainability.
- This decision of Council is consistent with its past policy approach.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council receive the document, *Guidelines for the Use of Biodiversity Offsets – Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority, 2013*,

and

2. Council recognise that some other Councils in the region will use the document to guide them in the management options for dealing with biodiversity under their specific planning scheme provisions.

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

14.3 CULTURAL

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 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 Letter of request for Council support in the operations of the soon to be formed Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre

AUTHOR MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT
(A BENSON)

DATE 15TH MAY 2013

- ATTACHMENTS:
1. Letter from Sherrie Jewson
 2. Concept Proposal – SM Arts Learning Centre

ISSUE

Sherrie Jewson has written to Council requesting support in the operations for her soon to be established Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre

BACKGROUND

Sherrie was a contributor to the very successful Creative Communities form in October last year, which was the Community engagement process that Council embarked upon to enable the establishment of the Southern Midlands Arts Strategy.

Sherrie developed the concept for her SM Arts Learning Centre and presented it to the Arts Strategy Working Group in February 2013 where it received unanimous support.

Sherrie also submitted an application to be a member of the SM Arts Advisory Committee and was success in her endeavours.

DETAIL

Sherrie’s letter is requesting support for her not for profit Community organisation and activities, in the following form;

1. Seeking 50% contribution from Council to the electricity usage for the proposed centre at 114 Main Street Kempton (the old video shop)
2. Utilising the Kempton Memorial Hall on a no cost basis to her organisation

In relation to item two, the following extract from the approved Fee Schedule provides a notion of the extent of the request

[Extract from SMC Fee Schedule]

Kempton Memorial Hall

<i>Bond</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Bond Forfeited GST applies</i>	
<i>Whole Complex Casual Users</i>	
<i>Non-residents or Organisations</i>	<i>\$132.00 plus bond</i>
<i>Whole Complex</i>	
<i>Residents/Local Community</i>	
<i>Organizations</i>	<i>\$ 88.00 plus bond</i>
<i>Main Hall only</i>	
<i>Casual Users Non-residents or</i>	
<i>Organisations</i>	<i>\$ 88.00 plus bond</i>
<i>Main Hall only</i>	
<i>Local/Local Community Organisations</i>	<i>\$ 55.00 plus bond</i>
<i>Supper Room only</i>	
<i>Casual Users Non-residents or</i>	
<i>Organisations</i>	<i>\$ 44.00 plus bond</i>
<i>Supper Room only</i>	
<i>Local/Local Community Organisations</i>	<i>\$ 33.00 plus bond</i>
<i>Supper Room & Kitchen</i>	
<i>Casual Users Non-residents or</i>	
<i>Organisations</i>	<i>\$ 66.00 plus bond</i>
<i>Supper Room & Kitchen</i>	
<i>Local/Local Community Organizations</i>	<i>\$ 44.00 plus bond</i>

The letter and requests are submitted to Council for consideration and discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Submitted for discussion and direction.

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	

Sherrie T Jewson
Coordinator
SMALC
114 Main St
Kempton 7030
0408317664

To Tony Bisbee

Mayor Southern Midlands Council

26 March 2013

Subject: Support for the SMALC

The Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre will be opening on 6 May with the following sessions:

- Monday - Learn and Grow session with knitting and crochet.
- Wednesday - Learn and Grow session with sewing, patchwork.
- Friday – Learn and grow session with textile art.

A hand - made – home grown market will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month, starting 19 May.

The ladies at the Blue place are happy that the new market will be happening and there has been support from Julie and Bob Cooke to open their respective businesses on the day. The RSL is going to open and I will be talking with Fran at Frantiques and Una and Anthony for plant sales and odds and ends.

We will be putting out a flyer to encourage garage sales to happen on the 3rd Sunday to make Kempton a more vibrant happening town.

While the council has given the SMALC support through Andrew Benson's assistance, I believe the SMALC will be an asset to the Southern Midlands Community and the council.

The Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre (SMALC) is directed to members of isolated communities with a view to developing skills and knowledge that will create opportunities to develop sustainable home based businesses. The monthly market will also provide a forum for Southern Midlands' community members to display and sell their craft.

The potential for social development as a result of this project is immense. We
Kempton already had interest from community members all over the Southern

28 MAR 2013

Midlands who wish to participate in this program, whereby expanding social networks and interactions.

- The Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre is aimed at isolated community members with a view to bringing like-minded people together to learn, increase social opportunities, share information, and to broaden networks and partnerships.

The Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre is on the Main Street of Kempton. The space allows visual access to workshops and group meetings that are in progress, whereby creating a vibrant atmosphere with the hope of encouraging increased participation and interest from locals and visitors alike.

Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre will communicate all activities and projects to isolated community members through the extensive networks of the Southern Midlands Council, the Central Midlands Council and the Southern Midlands Rural Primary Health Service.

Introduce the Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre to communities through social media networks such as Facebook and creating a blog page.

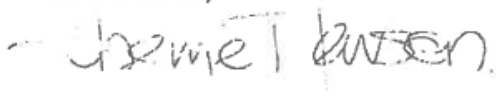
A monthly professional development function will be offered to provide the opportunity for artists to network in the region.

This project was designed directly in line with the Southern Midlands Council Art Strategy and it is hoped that the Southern Midlands Council will recognise the impact that this project will have on the community of the Southern Midlands. In light of this we are asking for your support to SMALC in kind with 50% of the electricity usage and the use of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hall at no cost for workshops and exhibitions. SMALC is a not for profit centre and would appreciate in kind support for the fees of planning approval funds.

It is also hoped that all of the events and upcoming workshops and exhibitions be publicised through the council's networks and publications.

- I look forward to creating a strong partnership in the future.

Yours sincerely



Sherrie T Jewson

CONCEPT PROPOSAL

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS ARTS LEARNING CENTRE

114 MAIN STREET KEMPTON



Presentation by
Sherrie Jewson
February 2013

The Idea

- ▣ *The idea for the Arts Learning Centre came about from talking to some of the residents of Kempton. The discussions focused about what workshops and classes I was offering and how good it had been in the past when there was lots happening in the Kempton Community Hall and the Community facility known as the “Blue Place”.*
- ▣ *Being involved with the Creative Communities workshop at Oatlands for the Southern Midlands Council Arts Strategy sprouted some of the seeds I have been thinking about for some time.*

Proposed Arts Learning Centre



I have been able to obtain 12 months' rent free from Suzanne Jackson. The buildings include a shop front, storage area, toilet, a shed with wood heater and a large back yard.

*Location Plan – Kempton
Proposed Arts Learning Centre*



Day to Day at the Arts Learning Centre

- The learning centre will be for groups and individuals to have a social environment to learn new skills and have a place to meet with like - minded people.
- Delivering a calendar of activities that will encompass skills, knowledge and experience the variety of these offers will ensure that members of the community and individuals will benefit.
- Operating hours are seen as being demand driven as well as linked to the activities in the calendar. The calendar will certainly offer daytime deliverables with evening and weekend presentations available.
- Programs will be a combination of membership and fee for service. Members (paying a token annual membership of say \$50) would be entitled to participate in those calendar activities as offered.

Day to Day at the Arts Learning Centre (cont'd)

- ▣ Fee for service activities would allow visiting tutors and experts to be promoted to the membership and others to expand the Southern Midlands Arts Learning Centre (SMALC) horizon. Obviously the more participants in each of these deliverables will reduce the participating cost.
- ▣ Being a community based centre it is hoped that the more senior members of the community will join so that their skills and knowledge can be passed on. While not a direct relationship the offering of school holiday style program of parent and child will enrich the learning centre profile and value as well.
- ▣ Demand will dictate delivery location and while the proposed location for the learning centre as a base is well suited, if capacity is an issue for particular events then the use of the Blue Place or RSL hall is an option available.
- ▣ A hand made and home grown market will generate support and interest around the SMALC encouraging members to present their wares in a business-like manner. The market will be a working market where demonstrations will give potential students a good understanding of future workshops and classes.

Support to date

- ▣ The SMALC has an organising committee from the Southern Midlands area. I look forward to working with these people to create an exciting Arts Learning Centre.
- ▣ Kylie Eastley (TRA) has given me lots of advice and guidance regarding this project and I look forward to working with her in the future.
- ▣ Andrew Benson has enthusiastically guided me with advice and meetings with others that will help the SMALC find its' direction.
- ▣ Preliminary meetings have been held with Lana & Kristina from the SM Rural Primary Health Service as well as Kelly from the SM Communities for Children project to scope potential client group participation.
- ▣ I look forward to working with the Greater Green Ponds TRA group who have a collective of knowledge that will be of great help to SMALC.

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.

15.2.1 April/May 2013 School Holiday Program - Summary

AUTHOR COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – (G HUNT)

DATE 14TH MAY 2013

DETAIL

The following summary is a breakdown of the School Holiday program for April / May 2013.

Day 1

Social Circus Tasmania
 Movies, popcorn and fruit
 Lunch in the school grounds
 Held at Bagdad Primary School

Day 2

Mawson Skate Park – City
 MONA ROMA – Derwent River ferry cruise
 Lunch on Parliament House lawns
 Held at Hobart waterfront

STATISTICS

Day 1

<i>Attendees</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Townships</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Average age</i>	<i>10.8 years</i>

Risk: Minimal risk with either activity – and no damage or injury to person or property encountered on the day.

Day 2

<i>Attendees</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>Townships</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Average age</i>	<i>11.5 years</i>

Risk: Risk free for planned excursions – the odd bruise at the Skating but nothing untoward. Impromptu leaf ‘fight’ on Parliament House lawns was a lot of fun – but had some risk. Two pieces of glass were found amongst the leaves – but no injury occurred. Numerous positive responses from passers-by about the kids having good old fashioned clean fun.

BUDGET

Budget estimates proved quite accurate and were within planned expenditure levels for all concerned.

OVERVIEW

Another successful two day holiday program was held for the young people in our municipality. The partnerships between Council, Rural Primary Health Services Oatlands and SM Communities for Children continue to work very effectively with each contributing in several meaningful ways. A full review between each of the partner groups plus a preview of the July 2013 program will be held on Thursday 9th May.

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	

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.

Nil.

15.5 VOLUNTEERS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 26

4.5.1 Encourage community members to volunteer.

Nil.

15.6 ACCESS

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27

4.6.1a Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands Community.

4.6.1b Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Nil.

15.7 PUBLIC HEALTH

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 27

4.7.1 Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

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.

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 Animal Control Officers Report

File Ref: 3/027

AUTHOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (G DENNE)

DATE 15TH MAY 2013

ISSUE

Consideration of Animal Control Officer’s monthly report.

DETAIL

Refer Monthly Statement on Animal Control for period ending 30th April 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Animal Control Officer’s Monthly report 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	
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	Clr J L Jones OAM	

**SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
MONTHLY STATEMENT ON ANIMAL CONTROL
FOR PERIOD ENDING 30/04/2013**

Total of Dogs Impounded: 3
Dogs still in the Pound: -

Breakdown Being:

ADOPTED	RECLAIMED	LETHALISED	ESCAPED
	3		

MONEY RECEIVED

Being For:

Pound	
Reclaims	
Dog Registrations	\$27.28
Kennel Licence Fee	
Infringement Notices	
Complaint Lodgement Fee	
TOTAL	\$27.28

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FOR PERIOD ENDING 30/04/2013

Dog at Large: 4
Dog Attacks: 0
Request Pick-ups: 1
After Hours Calls: 5
TOTAL 10

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

Animal Control Officer: **Garth Denne**

15.10 EDUCATION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 28

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

Nil.

16 OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 RETENTION

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 29

5.1.1 Maintain and strengthen communities in the Southern Midlands.

Nil.

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 Tunbridge Community Hall – Request for Financial Assistance

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER

DATE 16th May 2013

ATTACHMENT: Letter dated 29th April 2013- Secretary, Tunbridge Hall Committee (R Hazelwood)
Extract from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 27th March 2013

ISSUE

Council to further consider a request for funding from the Tunbridge Hall Management Committee (to be funded from the net sale proceeds of the Tunbridge Fire Station property).

BACKGROUND

This issue was considered by Council, at its meeting held 27th March 2013, and the following decision was reached:

“THAT:

- 1. Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Tunbridge Hall Management Committee;*
- 2. Council write and seek specific advice in relation to the amount of funding sought and an itemised list of works;*
- 3. Council foreshadow that the provision of any funding will include a requirement that the existing toilet facilities (at the rear of the Hall) continue to be made available as public facilities, therefore alleviating the need to construct separate stand-alone toilets.”*

A copy of the report provided to that meeting is included as an attachment.

DETAIL

A request was subsequently forwarded to the Hall Management Committee, and the attached reply has been received.

Firstly, it is noted that the monies will be used for on-going improvements at the Hall, with the priority being kitchen improvements and window furnishings.

The Committee has indicated that it is unable to provide a firm quotation or price, as it is intended that some of the works will be undertaken on a voluntary basis. The Committee will however provide receipts for purchases when the work is completed.

It is also noted that the Committee has confirmed that the existing toilets (at the rear of the Hall) will continue to be made available as public toilets under the present terms.

Note: At present, Council pays a contractor \$50 per month (plus provides consumables) to maintain the toilets at the rear of the Community Hall.

Whilst the response does not provide specific quotes (recognising the voluntary component), it does give an assurance to Council that the funds will be expended on improvements to the Hall. An option does exist for Council to allocate part-funding and monitor progress through staged inspections and/or submission of receipts for materials purchased. This option does not however enable the Committee with any assurance as to total funding available.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – As mentioned in previous reports, a \$10,000 contribution would effectively commit the balance of funds.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Comment to be provided.

Council Web Site Implications: N/A

Policy Implications – N/A.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. THAT Council acknowledge the Committee's confirmation regarding on-going use of the Toilets for public purposes; and**
- 2. THAT Council endorse total funding of \$10,000, which is to be paid in two instalments (i.e. \$5,000 up-front; and the balance of \$5,000 following lodgement of receipts for materials purchased, and an inspection of works completed to date).**

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	

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

Recd 29 APR 2013 5 John Street
Tunbridge Wells
29th April 2013

Mr. Tim Kirkwood
General Manager
Southern Midlands Council

Dear Tim

Thank you for your letter dated 10-4-2013 referring to the application to Council for money from the sale of property of the Tunbridge Fire Station.

As the new Committee had just been selected prior to that letter being written and nothing agreed on by new Committee members, it was not appropriate to make suggestions as to what the money was going to be used for or the amount required.

We now have held a Committee Meeting and it was agreed to request the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to finish the exterior of the kitchen which needs some new weather –boards replacing prior to completing the painting, there is also the need to purchase suitable materials to enclose an exposed area of the foundations.

It was also agreed on, that there is an urgent requirement for window furnishings, possibly vertical blinds as the hall has no privacy due to windows that were painted being replaced by clear glass (this work was done by previous committee members)

The Hot –Water supply in the kitchen urgently needs to be up-graded, the present supply is very inadequate.

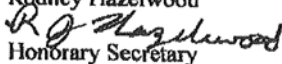
The method of heating water is an Electric Copper, Urn or Kettle.
There is also a need for a new sink and cupboards in the kitchen.

It was also suggested the Porch floor could have suitable covering applied to make it level to be more Wheel-Chair accessible.

As the Committee will be available to offer assistance on a voluntary basis it is difficult to estimate the cost of each project ,but will supply to Council receipts if required when work is completed.

All the work may not get done with the money from Council as the cost of the projects may exceed the amount available, but the committee will work towards raising funds to eventually complete the above projects.

The Committee are all in agreement to Council retaining the present terms of the Public-Toilets to remain at the rear of the Hall

With Thanks
Rodney Hazelwood

Honorary Secretary
Tunbridge Town Hall

EXTRACT FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD 27TH MARCH 2013

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 Tunbridge Community Hall – Request for Financial Assistance

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER
DATE 22nd MARCH 2013

ATTACHMENT: Letter dated 18th March 2013 – Secretary Hall Committee
Letter received 12th February 2013 – President Hall Committee
(Note: Person appointed to the position of President has since changed subsequent to Annual General Meeting held 15th March 2013)

ENCLOSURE: Nil

ISSUE

Council to consider a request for funding from the Tunbridge Hall Management Committee (to be funded from the net sale proceeds of the Tunbridge Fire Station property).

BACKGROUND

The Tunbridge Hall is a community owned facility and managed by a local Management Committee.

At the previous Council meeting, Council received a request (letter dated 12th February 2013) for an amount of \$10,000 to be funded from the net sale proceeds from the Tunbridge Fire Station property – refer copy attached.

The Tunbridge Fire Station property was sold to the State Fire Commission in early 2011 and the net proceeds, after legal and survey costs was \$22,594.

Council has previously committed an amount of \$11,000 (i.e. 50%) to the Tunbridge Community Club in support of its application for grant funding to construction an extension to the Club to include upgraded kitchen and toilet facilities.

Note: It is my understanding that the Club's initial application to the Tasmanian Community Fund was unsuccessful and they are currently revising Plans to reduce the overall capital cost – with the intention of progressing without grant funding, but still requiring Council's contribution.

DETAIL

Whilst the initial letter requested an amount of \$10,000 to continue with the refurbishment of the Hall, the follow-up letter is not specific in terms of an amount or purpose.

It is important to note that following consultation with the Tunbridge community in March 2011, the following feedback was received:

- Toilets should be built in Tunbridge Park to cater for users and visitors;
- Inappropriate to have public toilets as part of a licenced facility – linked to the proposal of incorporating the public toilets in the Community Club's extension; and
- Some of the funds should be used to install culverts at the front the of the Tunbridge Fire Station property (previously to be undertaken on a voluntary basis – Council has previously provided used pipes at no cost); and
- seal part of Thomas Street which provides access to the Station.

Should Council entertain the request for funding, it is suggested that approval may be contingent upon the Toilets at the rear of the Hall being recognised and provided as public toilets (i.e. in lieu of constructing new facilities).

Note: At present, Council pays a contractor \$50 per month (plus provides consumables) to maintain the toilets at the rear of the Community Hall – on the basis that they can be used as public facilities.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – A \$10,000 contribution would effectively commit the balance of funds.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Comment to be provided.

Council Web Site Implications: N/A

Policy Implications – N/A.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Immediate.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **THAT Council consider the request for funding; and**
2. **If approved, it be conditional upon the Tunbridge Hall Committee continuing to recognise and make available the Toilets at the rear of the Hall as public facilities (under the existing terms and conditions).**

C/13/03/057/19278 DECISION

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

THAT:

1. Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Tunbridge Hall Management Committee;
2. Council write and seek specific advice in relation to the amount of funding sought and an itemised list of works;
3. Council foreshadow that the provision of any funding will include a requirement that the existing toilet facilities (at the rear of the Hall) continue to be made available as public facilities, therefore alleviating the need to construct separate stand-alone toilets.

CARRIED.

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

5 John Street
Tunbridge Tas
18-3-13

General Manager
Mr. T.Kirkwood
Southern Midlands Council

I am writing on behalf of the Committee of the Tunbridge Town Hall to request to be considered for Funding from the money held by Council from proceeds of the sale of property to the Fire – Brigade. We would appreciate this to be included in the Agenda for the Meeting to be held at the Tunbridge Town Hall on the 27th March.

With Thanks

Rodney Hazelwood (Secretary)



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 – 2013 Local Government Conference**AUTHOR** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (K BRAZENDALE)**DATE** 7th MAY 2013**ISSUE**

To confirm attendance at the Local Government Association of Tasmania 2013 Local Government Conference to be held at Wrest Point from 24th – 26th July 2013.

DETAIL

The Conference Program and Registration Form has previously been provided to Councillors.

The full registration fee for the Conference is \$750.00. This fee does not include accommodation or travel.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Registration fees will be funded from the 2012/13 Budget and other conference costs will be incurred in 2013/14 (e.g. accommodation).

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – attendance at the conference assists Council in being proactive and having input into the planning and direction of local government for the future.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Delegates registration must be lodged prior to the 1st July 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council confirm those attending the 2013 Local Government Conference.

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 Amendment (Elections) Bill 2013 – Update (Information Only)*

File Ref:

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER
DATE 13th MAY 2013

ATTACHMENT: Nil
ENCLOSURE: Nil

ISSUE

Update in relation to the progress of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Bill 2013*.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

The *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Bill 2013* as passed by the House of Assembly on 16th April 2013 and is due to be debated in the Legislative Council at the end of May 2013.

The Bill contains provisions to:

- Prevent dual representation (i.e. State and Local representation simultaneously);
- Compulsory voting for all Councils;
- Provides for all-in, all-out four-year local government elections for councillors, deputy mayors and mayors.

As part of the reform package, the local government elections due in October 2013 will be held in October 2014 to allow for a transition period so the whole package can be commenced at the same time.

The Minister for Local Government (Hon Bryan Green MP), in order not to pre-empt a decision of Parliament, will be asking the Governor-in- Council to make an order under the existing *Local Government Act* to postpone the elections for one year should the Bill be endorsed by the Legislative Council.

However, if the Bill fails to pass the Upper House, local government elections will proceed in 2013, with a slight delay to allow for the Commonwealth election.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – For budgeting purposes, it is anticipated that a decision will be made prior to finalising the 2013/14 Budget.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The State government has gone through a fairly broad consultation process.

Policy Implications – In terms of Policy, Council’s preferred position was as follows:

- a) Opt-in compulsory voting – oppose compulsory voting, however should legislative change be made, then it should be full compulsory voting and not an ‘opt-in’ ‘opt-out’ system;
- b) Dual representation – Council and State Parliament – Council does not support a person being able to hold a seat on Council and in State Parliament at the same time;
- c) All-in, all-out council elections every four years – Council supports retention of the current system; and
- d) Election of Deputy Mayor around Council table – Council supports retention of the current system whereby the Deputy Mayor is elected by popular vote.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Refer detail provided.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

DECISION

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

17.2.3 Local Government Association of Tasmania – State Election Submission

AUTHOR GENERAL MANAGER

DATE 14th MAY 2013**ISSUE**

Council to consider and provide input into the type of issues and initiatives that the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) may include in an election submission.

BACKGROUND

Nil.

DETAIL

The LGAT is to develop a detailed election submission seeking the commitment of the various political parties to the identified needs of the sector.

It is intended that it be a strategic document seeking to focus on those matters that will improve governance, efficiency and effectiveness of Local Government. Whilst the Association has acknowledged that financial matters are always important, it is considered that the document should not be just a call for additional funds.

The Association is also seeking to focus on broad issues affecting local government, and not necessarily ‘local’ or interest groups within any particular community.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – N/A.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – To be considered.

Policy Implications – Issues should possibly be focussed around Council policy.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – The LGAT is seeking input by 31st May 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

Submitted for discussion.

DECISION

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

17.3 FINANCES**Strategic Plan Reference – Page 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 (April 2013)*File Ref: 3/024*

AUTHOR FINANCE OFFICER
DATE 15th MAY 2013

Refer enclosed Report incorporating the following: -

- a) Statement of Comprehensive Income – 1st July 2012 to 30th April 2013 (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 13th November 2012
- e) Cash Flow Statement - July 2012 to April 2013.

Note: Expenditure figures provided are for the period 1st July to 30th April 2013 – approximately 83% of the period.

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

- **Sub-Program – Drainage** - expenditure to date (\$31,606 – 95.41%). General maintenance of drainage systems across various towns in municipal area. Budget to be monitored.

- **Sub-Program – Public Toilets** - expenditure to date (\$46,954 – 94.70%). Increased maintenance costs due to weekend servicing. Will reduce following peak visitation period.
- **Sub-Program – Signage** - expenditure to date (\$11,518 – 93.645%). Majority of signs purchased for financial year. Budget to be monitored.

Strategic Theme – Growth

- **Sub-Program – Business** - expenditure to date (\$107,656 – 162.50%). Works undertaken on a recharge basis. A significant amount of expenditure relates to the cost associated with sale of gravel to Fulton Hogan (associated with Midlands Water Scheme pipeline project). Expenditure will be offset by income received.

Strategic Theme – Lifestyle

- **Sub-Program – Recreation** - expenditure to date (\$362,767 – 104.15%). The total Budget for the Recreation Program is \$348,300 of which the Swimming Pool represents 30.50% (i.e. \$106,550). Total expenditure for the Swimming Pool was \$108,311.

Costs allocated to this Program will now reduce significantly following closure of the Swimming Pool. Budget to be monitored.

Strategic Theme – Community

- **Sub-Program – Safety** - expenditure to date (\$48,101 – 93.58%). Mainly relates to increased vehicle costs for the Road Rescue Vehicle(s) due to number of road crash call-outs. Will be offset by additional MAIB reimbursements.
- **Sub-Program – Consultation** - expenditure to date (\$9,165 – 180.78%). Includes approx. \$8,200 of Aurora expenses associated with the operation of the Radio Station. Part-reimbursement from Management Committee.

B. Capital Expenditure Estimates (Capital Budget)

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

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	
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	Clr A O Green	
	Clr J L Jones OAM	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD
1st JULY 2012 to 30th April 2013

	Annual Budget	Year to Date as at 30th April	% To Date	Comments
Income				
General rates	\$ 3,992,510	\$ 4,017,447	100.6%	Budget includes Interest & Penalties to be imposed to end of June 2013
User Fees (refer Note 1)	\$ 728,389	\$ 520,394	71.4%	
Interest	\$ 260,000	\$ 221,165	85.1%	
Government Subsidies	\$ 31,700	\$ 27,994	88.3%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees & Road Rescue MAIB reimbursements
Contract Income	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	
Other (refer Note 2)	\$ 85,188	\$ 95,174	111.7%	
Sub-Total	\$ 5,097,787	\$ 4,882,175	95.8%	
Grants - Operating	\$ 1,527,825	\$ 1,236,101	80.9%	FAGS Grant Only
Total Income	\$ 6,625,612	\$ 6,118,276	92.3%	
Expenses				
Employee benefits	\$ 3,608,779	\$ 2,606,896	72.2%	
Materials and contracts	\$ 2,595,324	\$ 2,180,955	84.0%	
Depreciation and amortisation	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 2,589,600	83.0%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
Finance costs	\$ 58,800	\$ 30,904	52.6%	
Contributions	\$ 163,329	\$ 122,497	75.0%	Fire Service Levies
Other	\$ 244,908	\$ 215,596	88.0%	
Total expenses	\$ 9,791,140	\$ 7,746,448	79.1%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-\$ 3,165,528	\$ 1,628,172	51.4%	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	\$ 619,292	\$ 468,559	75.7%	
Donations	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.0%	
Sale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	\$ -	\$ 123,162	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	\$ 1,036,450	45.0%	

NOTES

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

- All other Programs	\$ 288,889	\$	236,866	82.0%
- Callington Mill	\$ 439,500	\$	283,528	64.5%
	\$ 728,389	\$	520,394	Actual Income Received (i.e. excluding Debtors)

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

- Income (Private Works)	\$ 76,188	\$	87,249	114.5%
- Southern Water (Tax Equivalents)	\$ 5,000	\$	-	0.0%
- Public Open Space Contributions	\$ 4,000	\$	-	0.0%
	\$ 85,188	\$	87,249	

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

- Roads To Recovery Grant	\$ 441,001	\$	360,000	81.6%	To be claimed in March 2013
- Community Heritage Grants (rec'd in 2011/12)	\$ 144,550	\$	20,000	13.8%	
- 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)	\$ -	\$	47,100		
- Climate Change Grant	\$ -	\$	3,000		
- Mens Shed Grant	\$ -	\$	2,550		
	\$ 619,292	\$	468,550		

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : CURRENT EXPENDITURE 2012/13

SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM	TOTAL	REVISED BUDGET (GRANTS & OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS)	ACTUAL AS AT 30 APRIL 2013 83%	VARIANCE (+/-)	% BASED ON REVISED BUDGET 100%
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	1291666	1291666	1065438	226228	82.49%
Bridges	81313	81313	38006	43307	46.74%
Walkways	167192	167192	143068	24124	85.57%
Lighting	82035	82035	63995	18040	78.01%
Irrigation	2450	2450	0	2450	0.00%
Drainage	33128	33128	31606	1522	95.41%
Waste	507046	507046	392936	114110	77.50%
Public Toilets	49580	49580	46954	2626	94.70%
Communications	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Signage	12300	12300	11518	782	93.64%
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	2226710	2226710	1793521	433189	80.55%
GROWTH					
Residential	2900	2900	0	2900	0.00%
Mill Operations	759628	759628	561628	198000	73.93%
Tourism	34110	34110	21081	13029	61.80%
Business	66250	66250	107656	-41406	162.50%
Agriculture	5256	5256	108	5148	2.06%
Integration	27600	27600	0	27600	0.00%
GROWTH TOTAL:	895744	895744	690473	205271	77.08%
LANDSCAPES					
Heritage	293347	293347	216393	76954	73.77%
Natural	132062	170597	138929	31668	81.44%
Cultural	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Regulatory	759930	759930	521678	238252	68.65%
Climate Change	39418	39418	15928	23490	40.41%
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	1224757	1263292	892928	370364	70.68%
LIFESTYLE					
Youth	177469	177469	93230	84239	52.53%
Aged	1500	1500	835	665	55.70%
Childcare	16535	16535	5284	11251	31.96%
Volunteers	41311	41311	19967	21344	48.33%
Access	6405	6405	0	6405	0.00%
Public Health	7665	7665	1666	5999	21.74%
Recreation	348300	348300	362767	-14467	104.15%
Animals	67690	67690	44761	22929	66.13%
Education	0	0	0	0	0.00%
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	666875	666875	528510	138365	79.25%
COMMUNITY					
Retention	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Capacity	26025	26025	22750	3275	87.42%
Safety	51400	51400	48101	3299	93.58%
Consultation	5070	5070	9165	-4095	180.78%
Communication	15125	15125	7453	7672	49.28%
COMMUNITY TOTAL:	97620	97620	87469	10151	89.60%
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	5850	5850	392	5458	6.70%
Sustainability	1326000	1326000	1078561	247439	81.34%
Finances	227585	227585	161317	66268	70.88%
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	1559435	1559435	1240270	319165	79.53%
TOTALS	6671141	6709676	5233171	1476505	77.99%

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2012-13
AS AT 30 APRIL 2013

INFRASTRUCTURE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
ROAD ASSETS				
Resheeting Program	\$ 700,000	\$ 389,837	\$ 310,163	
Reseal Program	\$ 350,000	\$ 20,843	\$ 329,157	Stonor Road
Reconstruct & Seal				
Bagdad				
Green Valley Road - from Kenners to Bridge (approx. 100m)	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,640	\$ 6,360	
Dysart				
Cliftonvale Road	\$ 80,000	\$ 5,200	\$ 74,800	R2R
Mangalore				
Billyhooby Road - Road Improvements	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	R2R
Oatlands				
Inglewood Road	\$ 80,000	\$ 52,919	\$ 27,081	
Stanley Street (William St i.e. Thunderstone to Nelson - 380 metres x 6 metres)	\$ 45,000	\$ 1,735	\$ 43,265	R2R
Minor Seats (New)				
Church Road	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Hasting Street Junction	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
Pelham Road (end of Elderslie Rd)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Turnbridge Main Road Verges (part - vicinity of Lodge)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Unsealed - Road Widening				
Church Road (Corner widening)	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
Estate Road (Survey Investigation Only - \$5,000)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
Green Valley Road - Vicinity of Erosion Gully (Survey Investigation)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Hall Lane, Bagdad - widening	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
Nichols Road, Elderslie (Widen & Realign)	\$ 6,637	\$ -	\$ 6,637	
Rhyndaston Road (vicinity of Bevens)	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,651	\$ 19,349	R2R
Other:				
Church Road (Intersection with Elderslie Road) - Survey only	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,744	\$ 256	
Campania - Reeve St / Clime Street	\$ 25,600	\$ -	\$ 25,600	
Campania - Reeve St / Hall Street	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Green Valley Road - complete Guard Rail				
Huntington Tier (Road to Tip - Guard Rail)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Inglewood Road - Sight Improvements	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
Native Corners Road / Armstrongs Rd - Drainage (Budget - 50% Project Cost)	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
	\$ 5,200	\$ -	\$ 5,200	50% Balance - Property Owner
Woodsdale Road - Landslip Area(s) - Engineering Assessment				
Woodsdale Road - Landslip Area (vicinity Scotts Quarry)	\$ 9,700	\$ -	\$ 9,700	
Development Infrastructure Roads	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
Works In Progress (30/6/12):				
Eldon Road - Slip Repairs (incl. Guard Rail)	\$ 35,000	\$ 24,448	\$ 10,552	
Inglewood Road (Reconstruct & Seal)	\$ 110,000	\$ 32,061	\$ 77,939	
Nichols Road (Realignment)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,710	\$ 710	
Woodsdale Rd & Stonehenge Road (Junction)	\$ 10,000	\$ 300	\$ 9,700	
	\$ 1,795,137	\$ 638,090	\$ 1,161,047	

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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
BRIDGE ASSETS				
Chaunoy Vale Road (Browns Cave Creek B3763)	\$ 51,320	\$ 2,740	\$ 48,580	R2R
Daniells Road - Marshalls Crk	\$ 28,440	\$ -	\$ 28,440	
Swanston Road - Little Swanport Rv (B 1716)	\$ 40,000	\$ 460	\$ 39,540	Design Only
Eldon Road - Burns Creek (B436)	\$ 87,340	\$ 83,261	\$ 4,079	
Sheine Road (B 4636)	\$ -	\$ 3,092	\$ 3,092	
Works in Progress (30/6/12):				
Elderslie Rd (Grahams Creek Bridge)	\$ -	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,231	
Elderslie Rd (Jordan River Bridge)	\$ 804,160	\$ 871,522	\$ 67,362	
Fields Road (No. 1851)	\$ -	\$ 1,469	\$ 1,469	
Rotherwood Road Bridge (No. 1137)	\$ 57,000	\$ 2,536	\$ 54,464	
	\$ 1,065,260	\$ 965,312	\$ 99,948	
WALKWAYS				
Footpaths - General (Program to be confirmed)	\$ 130,000	\$ 180	\$ 129,820	
Bagdad Township	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,969	\$ 45,031	
- East Bagdad Road (Le Compté to Highway)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
- Swan Street	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Campania Township	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
- Reeve Street (Vicinity of Store)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
- Review Management Plan (Site Plan) / Walking Tracks (Bush Reserve)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Kempton Township	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ 5,500	
- Huntinground Road (to School)	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
- Kempton Hall (rear of Hall)	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
- Main Street - Elizabeth St to Shop (excl front of Hotel)	\$ 14,445	\$ -	\$ 14,445	
Mangalore Township	\$ 16,500	\$ 1,266	\$ 15,234	
- Blackburn Road (Mountford Drive down - 300 mm pipe - 110 metres)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
Oatlands Township	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
- High Street (Tree Planting)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
Turnack Township	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
- Various (to be confirmed)	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	
	\$ 274,445	\$ 6,415	\$ 268,030	
Nili Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
DRAINAGE				
Bagdad	\$ 18,000	\$ 6,899	\$ 11,101	Carry Forward
- Hall Lane (opp Community Club)	\$ 21,882	\$ -	\$ 21,882	
- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter (eastern side - 250 metres)	\$ 39,388	\$ -	\$ 39,388	
- Swan Street - Kerb & Gutter (western side - 400 metres)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
- North of Le Compté Place Subdivision	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Kempton	\$ 21,740	\$ -	\$ 21,740	
- Louisa Street	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Oatlands	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
- High St/Wellington Street Junction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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	\$ 12,786	\$ (6,646)	
	\$ 150,150	\$ 23,435	\$ 126,715	
WASTE				
Wheeler Bins & Crates	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,061	\$ (61)	
Rubbish Receptacles (Heritage) - 15 @ \$700	\$ 10,500	\$ 8,815	\$ 1,685	
	\$ 15,500	\$ 13,876	\$ 1,624	

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2012-13
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	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
PUBLIC TOILETS				
	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
SIGNAGE				
	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	
RESIDENTIAL				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
TOURISM				
	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
HERITAGE				
	\$ 22,767	\$ 13,435	\$ 9,332	
	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,865	\$ 4,135	
	\$ 22,000	\$ 14,797	\$ 7,203	
	\$ 96,000	\$ 112,378	\$ (16,378)	Grant Funded
	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
	\$ 166,000	\$ 248	\$ 165,752	Loan Funded
	<u>\$ 329,767</u>	<u>\$ 151,722</u>	<u>\$ 178,045</u>	
LANDSCAPES				
	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	Carry Forward
	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
REGULATORY				
	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,777	\$ 11,223	
	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,467	\$ 2,033	
	<u>\$ 23,500</u>	<u>\$ 10,245</u>	<u>\$ 13,255</u>	

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 2012-13
AS AT 30 APRIL 2013

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
LIFESTYLE				
RECREATION				
Recreation Committee	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,024	\$ (24)	
Bagdad Iden Park - Table / Chairs	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	
Kempton Memorial Hall	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Campania Recreation Ground - Cricket Nets	\$ 36,430	\$ 35,853	\$ 577	
Campania Recreation Ground - Storage Garage	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ (2,400)	Funded - Sale Proceeds
Campania Hall - Footpath (adjacent to Hall)	\$ 3,900	\$ -	\$ 3,900	
Campania Hall - Car Park Imp's (incl. part seal)	\$ 35,000	\$ 15,917	\$ 19,083	
Colebrook Recreation Ground (Amenities)	\$ 16,367	\$ 9,281	\$ 7,086	
Midlands Aquatic & Recreation Centre	\$ 75,000	\$ 52,269	\$ 22,731	
Paratiah Recreation Ground	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,272	\$ 328	
Healthy Communities Projects	\$ -	\$ 15,912	\$ (15,912)	Grant Funded
	\$ 211,797	\$ 163,928	\$ 47,869	
COMMUNITY				
Road Accident Rescue Unit	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
ORGANISATION				
SUSTAINABILITY ADMINISTRATION				
Council Chambers - Building Improvements (\$ for \$)	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,586	\$ 12,414	
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	\$ 26,969	\$ (4,969)	
Town Hall (Chairs)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Paintings (ref Mayor)	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
Town Hall (General)	\$ 8,286	\$ 10,162	\$ (1,876)	
Town Hall (Upstairs) - Rewiring	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Asset Management - Computer Software	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Web Site - Capital Development	\$ -	\$ 9,664	\$ (9,664)	
History of Southern Midlands Book	\$ -	\$ 28,350	\$ (28,350)	Offset by Book Sales
70 High Street - Property Purchase	\$ -	\$ 166,908	\$ (166,908)	
Minor Plant Purchases	\$ 13,500	\$ 1,694	\$ 11,806	
Radio System	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
Security Key System	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	
Depot - Cleneig Street (Security Fencing)	\$ 3,000	\$ 11,438	\$ (8,438)	
Plant Replacement Program	\$ 494,152	\$ 79,803	\$ 414,349	
Refer separate Schedule (Net Changeover)	\$ 144,000	\$ 149,992	\$ (5,992)	
Light Vehicles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
(Trade Allowance - \$240K)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Excavator (Approx. 2.70 tonne)	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 804,938	\$ 487,565	\$ 317,373	
	\$ 4,716,494	\$ 2,461,587	\$ 2,254,907	

SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED, REMITTED AND COLLECTED

	12/05/2013	12/05/2012
Arrears Brought Forward	\$251,900.24	\$212,537.06
ADD Current Rates and Charges Levied	\$3,944,658.09	\$3,747,728.05
ADD Current Interest	\$72,930.83	\$58,291.91
TOTAL Rates and Charges Demanded	\$4,269,489.16	\$4,018,557.02
LESS Rates and Charges Collected	\$3,513,032.11	\$3,457,777.95
LESS Pensioner Remissions	\$201,677.68	\$185,871.41
LESS Other Remissions	-\$2,702.23	-\$9,636.81
LESS Discounts	\$13,102.39	\$13,009.28
TOTAL Rates and Charges Collected and Remitted	\$3,725,109.95	\$3,647,021.83
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES	\$544,379.21	\$371,535.19
	12.75%	9.25%
	100%	100%

	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (July 2012)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (August 2012)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Sept. 2012)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Oct 2012)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Nov 2012)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Dec 2012)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Jan 2013)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Feb 2013)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Mar 2013)	INFLWS (OUTFLOWS) (Apr 2013)	INFLWS (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	- 201,189.66	- 220,929.21	- 237,116.70	- 204,751.59	- 2,546,409.14
Employee costs	- 360,058.18	- 351,467.48	- 261,700.30	- 212,622.44	- 185,339.65	- 271,145.43	- 280,263.89	- 269,400.23	- 173,257.72	- 274,757.48	- 2,640,012.80
Materials and contracts	- 888.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 30,904.36
Interest	- 25,513.82	- 16,720.50	- 64,977.79	- 21,855.49	- 17,415.26	- 68,821.15	- 22,360.25	- 11,504.64	- 66,271.57	- 52,202.58	- 367,643.05
Other	- 744,188.94	- 610,388.72	- 584,292.65	- 481,229.65	- 444,699.98	- 706,163.89	- 503,813.80	- 501,834.08	- 476,645.99	- 531,711.65	- 5,584,969.35
Receipts											
Rates	57,360.96	246,084.53	1,433,837.32	181,502.52	409,682.30	162,681.78	413,250.17	189,782.14	362,574.46	227,162.91	3,683,919.09
User charges	91,304.92	96,850.99	60,105.73	53,106.70	126,823.66	49,438.68	65,247.01	37,511.59	60,168.85	77,754.62	718,312.75
Interest received	19,147.65	25,894.70	19,528.76	23,108.70	20,609.80	19,052.26	26,068.20	22,532.45	21,185.30	24,037.27	221,165.09
Subsidies	-	-	-	-	19,699.00	-	-	-	-	-	19,699.00
Other revenue grants	-	-	450,690.86	38,900.00	396,140.86	-	9.09	410,384.77	98,559.09	-	1,197,566.49
GST Refunds from ATO	99,110.53	59,116.17	59,946.42	144,137.47	59,849.44	- 8,332.20	93,974.01	16,647.69	27,907.45	- 55,242.13	12,403.49
Other	266,924.06	427,946.39	2,024,109.09	152,480.45	1,032,805.06	222,840.52	410,600.46	643,563.26	373,276.97	273,712.67	5,828,258.93
Net cash from operating activities	- 477,264.88	- 182,442.33	1,439,816.44	- 328,749.20	588,105.08	- 483,323.37	93,213.34	141,729.18	- 103,369.02	- 257,998.98	243,289.58
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	- 25,397.60	- 107,420.84	- 92,860.47	- 54,188.66	- 1,196,376.32
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	12,357.27	-	-	10,630.00	29,078.18	41,070.75	10,539.09	2,356.91	17,130.00	-	123,162.20
Proceeds from Capital grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	468,559.09	38,535.00	507,094.09
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	- 14,858.51	- 105,063.93	392,828.62	- 15,653.66	- 566,120.03
Cash flows from financing activities											
Repayment of borrowings	- 4,443.64	-	-	-	-	47,162.91	-	-	-	-	60,579.76
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-	8,973.21	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	- 4,443.64	-	-	-	8,973.21	47,162.91	-	-	-	-	60,579.76
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	- 108,071.85	36,665.25	289,459.60	- 273,652.64	- 383,410.21
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	7,665,389.56	7,557,317.71	7,593,982.96	7,883,442.56	7,993,200.13
Cash at end of reporting year	7,474,425.25	7,149,856.59	8,341,771.86	7,886,262.78	8,372,513.45	7,665,389.56	7,557,317.71	7,593,982.96	7,883,442.56	7,609,789.92	7,609,789.92

18. INFORMATION BULLETINS

Refer enclosed Bulletin dated 16th May 2013.

Information Bulletin dated 1st and 10th May 2013 circulated since previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Information Bulletins dated 1st, 10th and 16th May 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. 2013/14 Budget Timetable – Council to confirm proposed schedule
- 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 “

Nil.

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	
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22. CLOSURE